

# skydive

*The Mag*

August 2006



The British Parachute  
Association Magazine



[www.bpa.org.uk](http://www.bpa.org.uk)  
[www.skydivemag.com](http://www.skydivemag.com)

[www.bpa.org.uk](http://www.bpa.org.uk)  
[www.skydivemag.com](http://www.skydivemag.com)

# Come skydive in Central Spain -

## Beginner and intermediate courses available

**The Freefall University** is an independent skydiving school based in Ocaña 20 minutes south of Madrid. We are located minutes away from the modern city of Aranjuez which has all the nightlife you can handle. We have our own equipment, qualified rigger, British Instructors, facilities and professional ethic.

We cater for holiday makers who wish to do an AFF course and also have BPA coaches full time for FS1 and FF1, FF2 and CH1. Remember we have a vibrant mid week dropzone so getting the jump numbers you want on holidays is not a problem.



### One Instructor, One Student.

We provide you with your own exclusive UK AFF Instructor to personally see you through your course from ground school to completing your level 8. This means no waiting for 'your turn', leaving you free to focus on skydiving.



### Good Links with UK dropzones.

We are an established school and graduates who have completed our course have been well received on UK dropzones. We offer an unparalleled level of after course support which is why many of our students choose to return for a second holiday in the sun.



### Package Deal. What you want, when you want.

Talk to David or Lola in customer service about what type of package you would like. Whilst many things are included free such as video of all your skydives there are many options. For example you might want a car to visit Madrid or prefer to have your own hotel room. We can mix and match based on your requirements, and you can have your holiday at a time that suits you!

### Jump all day and don't get bored in the evening!

The FFU Ocaña is the home of the Madrid Skydivers. It is also host to turbine aircraft, the Swiss national teams and some of the best facilities a skydiving centre can offer, of note is a 30km<sup>2</sup> landing area, swimming pool, onsite hotel and bar/restaurant.

Aranjuez where we 'hang out' in the evenings is a modern city of 100,000 Spanish city workers who make the short daily commute to Madrid, European city of culture for 2005. Alternate activities, restaurants, music bars, clubs and skydivers bars number in the hundreds!

### Sample Package available.

**Silver Package Budget £1249**

- Return flights LGW, Luton, Lypool.\*
- Transfers / Car Hire 7 days
- 7 days 2\*\* private hotel room
- 8 Level **AFF Course** with British Instructor

✓ **Recomended Upgrades** **Prices**

- 10 solo jumps **£235**

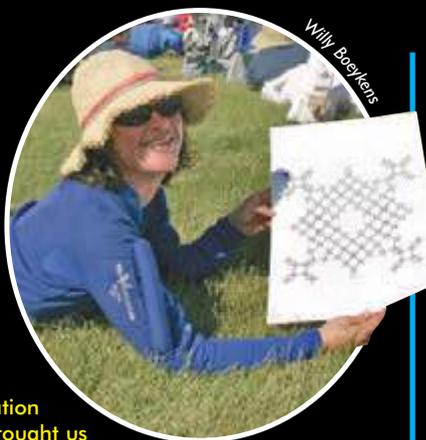
- **Group Discount** **£call**
- **Military Discount** **£call**

**Call our London office on 0207 0600 174**  
7 days a week, 9am-8pm or contact us  
online at [www.freefalluniversity.co.uk](http://www.freefalluniversity.co.uk)

# FREEFALL UNIVERSITY

\* The FFU does not book your flights, when you book with us, we will advise of the flight cost and our ATOL protected travel agent will call you to make the flight reservation.

# skydive *The Mag*



## EDITORIAL

The Mag, 5 Station Road, Ailsworth, Peterborough, PE5 7AH United Kingdom  
Tel/Fax: **01733 380 568**  
editor@skydivemag.com  
www.skydivemag.com

## EDITOR

Lesley Gale

## EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

Lucie Fenton

## DESIGN

Andy Vernum

## ADVERTISING

Cheryl Allen  
Warners Group Publications  
West Street  
Bourne, Lincs PE10 9PH  
adverts@skydivemag.com

Ad Manager  
Cheryl Allen  
**01778 391 158**

Ad Production  
Natalie Reynolds  
**01778 392 052**  
Fax: **01778 394 748**

We have some really current reports this Mag. The Grand Prix run-down includes the Target 4-way meet which finished on 23 July just two days before we went to press; Hib's 28-way competition on 8-9 July (overleaf); and the huge flock at Cochstedt which graces the cover and centrespread. This last is a fine example of how to work with us. The winning combination of Mark Harris and Duncan Wright, who brought us *Mountains of Adrenaline* last December, contacted me beforehand so I could plan for the article. Their trip finished on 17 July. The next day Mark came to the office with a shortlist of 25 photos from over 300. Duncan swiftly emailed his story, so by 20 July we had a smashing article of this ground-breaking spectacular. (Copy date was 27 June.)

The first time we've run a Grand Prix article reflects the huge interest this year, with record entrants and high standard. BPA FS rep Andy Scott is ultra-enthusiastic, apparently tireless and keenly worked with me. Target Skysports downloaded all the images from lots of photographers on Sunday night which meant I went away with a DVD of everything.

Key points if you want to be in the Mag - work with us! We'll take material after copy date if there's a reason (not just because you can't be bothered to do it earlier!). Contact us before the event. If you're a photographer, shortlisting rather than burning a CD of everything hugely improves the chances of any being printed. Make it easy for us to find your best photos. If you're a drop zone, use the technology available and collect digital images from the photographers at the end. Have the material to us as quickly as possible. If writing, it helps if you're still fresh and excited. When it's published you'll see it was worth a bit of extra effort. I'm sure Mark Harris will be happy when he gets his Mag!

Right, I'm off to Sibson to jump now... Funny, I'll see Mark, I know his photo's on the cover and I'm not saying a word....

*Lesley*

Issue	To Reader	Copy Deadline
October 06	Sat 7 October	Thurs 31 August
December 06	Sat 2 December	Tues 24 October

subscribe to:  
**skydive**  
*The Mag*  
www.skydivemag.com

We have lots of overseas subscribers, non BPA members who get The Mag because they like it.

If you're interested in skydiving, whatever nation you're from whether a first jump student, an adventure sports enthusiast, or you jump abroad, you'll enjoy The Mag.

If you subsequently join the BPA as a full member (after six jumps or when you progress to freefall) your magazine subscription amount is deducted from your BPA membership fee so, in all, **you don't pay any extra.**

**One Year**  
**UK £22 Overseas (Air) Europe € 33 USA \$36 Other £30**

Please send me a copy of Skydive mag on each of the next six bimonthly publication dates:  
I enclose a cheque/PO to the value required payable to 'BPA Limited' (UK subscriptions only) OR:  
please debit my Mastercard/Visa as follows:

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp date: \_\_ / \_\_

Name: ..... Date: .....

Signature: .....

Address: .....

.....Postcode .....

Email: .....Phone: .....

BPA Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester LE2 9TF  
Tel 0116 278 5271 Fax 0116 247 7662



# British Parachute Association

Patron: His Royal Highness  
The Prince of Wales

BPA, Wharf Way,  
Glen Parva,  
Leicester LE2 9TF

Tel: 0116 278 5271  
Fax: 0116 247 7662

skydive@bpa.org.uk  
www.bpa.org.uk



## BPA Staff

Technical Officer	Tony Butler
National Safety Officer	John Hitchen
PA to above officers	Trudy Kemp
Financial Administrator	Jon Gretton
Secretary-General	Martin Shuttleworth
Administration Secretary	Liz Astill
Membership Services	Karey Goodwin
Membership Services	Sue Allen
Stock Controller	David Lucas

## BPA Council

BPA Chairman	Chris Allen	chairman@bpa.org.uk
Vice Chairman & Competitions Chairman	John Smyth	smuffy@aol.com
Development Chairman	Kieran Brady	kbrady@fsbdial.co.uk
Communications Chairman	Eddie Jones	eddie@skydivecamera.freeserve.co.uk

## Council Members

Paul Applegate	paul.applegate@tesco.net
Ian Marshall	marshall@aol.com
Weed Stoodley	weed@stoodley.co.uk
Andy Scott	andrew.scott@orange.co.uk
Tony Goodman	tonygskydives@aol.com
John 'Geordie' Page	geordiepage@tesco.net
John Home	johnatjpc@aol.com
Mark Maynard	mark@adrenaline-adventures.co.uk
Paul Moore	jspcl.comdt@atgg.mod.uk
Grant Richards	gr90degrees@mac.com
Mike Rust	mike@ukskydiving.com

## BPA Officers & Representatives

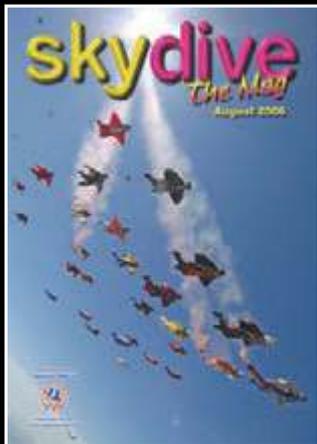
STC Chairman	John Hitchen	john@bpa.org.uk
Riggers Chairman	Paul Applegate	01869 277 469 paul.applegate@tesco.net
BPA Vice Presidents	Jim Crocker, John Lines & Bob Card	
Treasurer	Debbie Carter	
Pilots Committee Chairman	Tony Knight	
Royal Aero Club Delegate	John Smyth	
CAA Liaison Officer	Tony Knight	
BPA Gasco Representative	Angela Hickling	
IPC Delegate	John Hitchen	



Taz Causer, sparkling with delight at the controls of a Royal Thai Air Force Hercules at World Team '06

**Cover**

Wingsuit flock over Cochstedt by Sibson jumper Mark Harris



SUPPORTED BY





## features

- |  |           |
|--|-----------|
| <b>28-ways at Target</b>                             | <b>4</b>  |
| <i>Skyvan and G92 in formation</i>                   |           |
| <b>Go Vertical</b>                                   | <b>8</b>  |
| <i>Life's a Beech – and then you jump one!</i>       |           |
| <b>Grand Prix</b>                                    | <b>19</b> |
| <i>League tables and the story so far</i>            |           |
| <b>European Swoop Tour</b>                           | <b>28</b> |
| <i>Al Macartney describes the Voss leg</i>           |           |
| <b>Arizona Challenge</b>                             | <b>32</b> |
| <i>Chris Hollis goes large</i>                       |           |
| <b>Over the Top?</b>                                 | <b>36</b> |
| <i>Gary Beyer argues vertical is not always best</i> |           |
| <b>70 Wingsuits over Germany</b>                     | <b>40</b> |
| <i>More of Mark Harris's amazing flock photos</i>    |           |
| <b>Taz</b>   | <b>50</b> |
| <i>Tamsin Causer remembered for her love of life</i> |           |
| <b>Boogie on the Beach</b>                           | <b>54</b> |
| <i>Stunning views of the Jersey coastline</i>        |           |

## regulars

- |                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Subscribe to The Mag</b>         | <b>1</b>  |
| <b>JM's Newsround</b>               | <b>17</b> |
| <b>Letters</b>                      | <b>35</b> |
| <b>BPA Matters</b>                  | <b>49</b> |
| <b>Kit News</b>                     | <b>57</b> |
| <b>Classified Adverts</b>           | <b>61</b> |
| <b>Puzzle</b>                       | <b>61</b> |
| <b>Club News</b>                    | <b>62</b> |
| <b>BPA Affiliated Drop Zones</b>    | <b>80</b> |
| <b>BPA Associated Organisations</b> | <b>83</b> |
| <b>Diary</b>                        | <b>87</b> |
| <b>Advertisers Index</b>            | <b>88</b> |

**NOTE:** Some of the photos in this magazine may show skydivers without helmets or altimeters, or otherwise not obeying the BPA Operations Manual, in which case they were taken abroad. In the UK it is mandatory to wear a helmet and alti for obvious safety reasons. Students within The Mag are complying with BPA regulations.

Skydiving training and systems vary in different countries. If you are considering taking a skydiving course or qualification abroad, we recommend you first establish its relevance in the UK, through your CCI.

### © The Mag

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form; electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, without prior permission of the Editor.

The views expressed in **The Mag** are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the BPA. Opinions in the editorial are those of the Editor, not of the BPA. The Editor retains the right to withdraw any advertisement at her discretion and does not accept liability for delay in publication or for errors, although every effort is taken to avoid mistakes.

The information in this magazine was, to the best of our ability, correct at the time of going to press. Reproduction, printing and mailing take a total of ten days so some information may be out of date, or superseded.



# TARGET 28-way COMPETITION

John Williamson

As is usual, Target Skysports pulled out all the stops to support what is becoming a very popular annual event. A Skyvan was hired in to fly in formation alongside one of Hib's G92s.

### Friday evening

There were a lot of Skyvan virgins waiting with eager anticipation for its arrival on the evening of Friday 7 July. Tony, the pilot, hardly had time to stop before the first load were on board, hot to jump the 'van for the first time. Many smiles were seen around the DZ that evening as the bar filled up with members of the three 28-way teams 'preparing' for the competition. There were three teams; *Hibnosis* from Hibaldstow, *Herding Cats* from Langar and a mixed team, *28 Hour Party People*, with jumpers from a few different drop zones.

### Crowd

Competition briefing started on Saturday at 8.30 and the first team were in the air by 9.15am. A crowd of people were on hand, looking up to watch the two aircraft running in together above Hibaldstow and the first formation being built over the DZ, accompanied by cries of "Go on, get in" by the 'experts' on the ground!

### Formation flying

The formation flying by the pilots, Tony De Bruyn and James Swallow, looked awesome from the ground and even better from the aircraft. From the G92 the Skyvan exits looked amazing and watching the G92 from the tail of the Skyvan was impressive too. A lot of people doing their first 28-way were amazed at the skill of the pilots flying in formation.

### Team captains

The team leaders, Simon Cathrine (*Hibnosis*), Simon Brentford (*28 Hour Party People*) and Dave Lewis (*Herding Cats*), were excellent in keeping their teams



Freefall photos: *Hibnosis* by David Butterell







John Williamson

focussed and motivated throughout the day and were really impressive with the way they worked on big-way skills and safety with all team members.

*Herding Cats* took an early lead, which they maintained throughout the meet, although both *Hibnosis* and *28 Hour Party People* looked like a threat on some of the rounds. *Hibnosis* managed all six rounds by Saturday night, despite several 'guest' appearances from various members of the Hib staff. *Herding Cats* and *28 Hour Party People* completed five rounds by close of play on Saturday.

**Entertainment**

Target Skysports provided an excellent range of food during the day, from both their internal caff and the Cut Away Café outside, leading to a superb barbecue for everyone's evening enjoyment. The bar soon became boisterously busy, nicely assisted by DJ Gregster. Sadly, by the end of the night there was quite a bit of 'Dad' dancing going on!

**Sunday morning**

Unfortunately, Sunday started with poor weather which gradually got worse. Team captains decided to call the competition on five rounds. *Herding Cats* successfully retained the trophy from last year's competition.

**Results**

1	<i>Herding Cats</i>	664
2	<i>Hibnosis</i>	319
3	<i>28 Hour Party People</i>	275

**Thank yous**

A big thank you goes to Dave Lewis who organised the event, to all those who competed and all the hard-working staff who enabled the competition to run as effectively as we have come to expect from Target Skysports.

**Watch this space**

Looking forward to 2007, a wash-up and brainstorming meeting was held to debrief this year's competition and to look at how Target can make it an even bigger and better event for next year.

Mike Colthart



Freefall photos: Hibnosis by David Butterell

Winners: Herding Cats, by Noel Purcell





**Don't Miss**  
**50-ways at Hib**  
**2-3 September**



Second: Hibnosis, by Noel Purcell



Third: 28 Hour Party People, by Noel Purcell

# GO

# VERTICAL

The sun shone on Langar at the UK's first Go Vertical. Willing freeflyers filled the sleek sexy Beech every load, with not a sausage-grabber in sight! The take-off was so smooth you hardly felt it and the flight so comfy that many of the extreme partyers found it difficult to stay awake.

Pilot Jan whisked you up to 15k in less than 10 minutes, so quickly even George didn't have time to get scared! Extra altitude and flying the angle meant that freeflyers savoured as much freefall time as their sausage-swapping friends. Life's a Beech!



Jan Wildgruber

Tim Porter

The beginning of June saw Skydive Langar play host to Jan Wildgruber's fantastic touring freefly boogie. Martin Kristensen, Tim Porter and Bullet Freefly provided organising on every load for 76 super-cool freeflyers who'd signed up for what proved to be a sensation beyond all expectation.

The boogie was blessed with four and a half days of warm sunshine and in this time Jan and his super-fast rocket ship X-ray Echo, the Beech 99 managed an impressive 105 loads with 1,837 Go Vertical descents, and an average of approximately 22 jumps each. The registered freeflyer doing the most jumps was Pixie with 43 followed closely by Keith 'Pikey' Rouse (41) and Jo 'Atmo' Merry (39) – not bad for Jo as her freefall time equalled her sleeping time!

We saw some great skydives with amazing video and stills from Martin, Tim and some of the locals. Mikey and Fog the video editors from Empuria flew over specially with Jan to put the images together for the evening viewing entertainment. They really caught the atmosphere, the day being re-lived by everyone on the big screen each night.

Although all disciplines of freefly were covered there was a heavy tracking and angled flight influence with some incredible speeds and distances; hence a few 'out' landings. The furthest were Tim, Leigh, Pixie and Al on a track-till-ya-can't-get-back flight! This ended up three miles off the landing area, lesson learnt; have a better flight plan!





Bones



Chris Smith

Main Image by Chris Smith

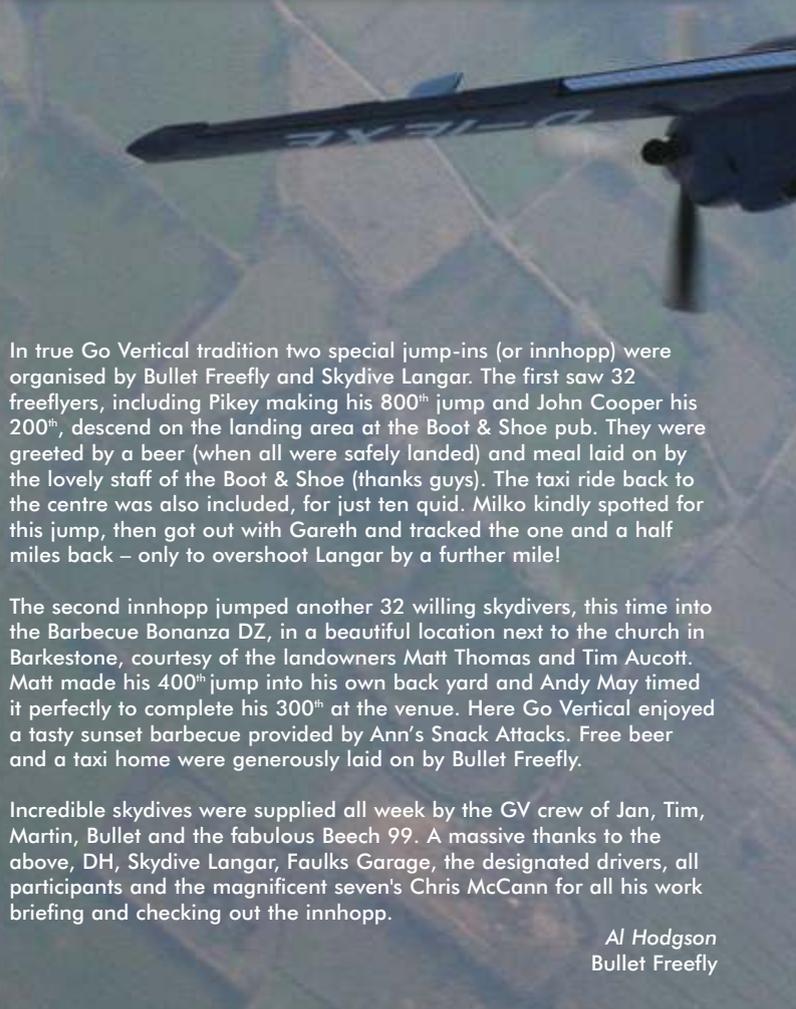


Pylon Race



Al Hodgson & Pixie

Chris Smith



In true Go Vertical tradition two special jump-ins (or innhopp) were organised by Bullet Freefly and Skydive Langar. The first saw 32 freeflyers, including Pikey making his 800<sup>th</sup> jump and John Cooper his 200<sup>th</sup>, descend on the landing area at the Boot & Shoe pub. They were greeted by a beer (when all were safely landed) and meal laid on by the lovely staff of the Boot & Shoe (thanks guys). The taxi ride back to the centre was also included, for just ten quid. Milko kindly spotted for this jump, then got out with Gareth and tracked the one and a half miles back – only to overshoot Langar by a further mile!

The second innhopp jumped another 32 willing skydivers, this time into the Barbecue Bonanza DZ, in a beautiful location next to the church in Barkestone, courtesy of the landowners Matt Thomas and Tim Aucott. Matt made his 400<sup>th</sup> jump into his own back yard and Andy May timed it perfectly to complete his 300<sup>th</sup> at the venue. Here Go Vertical enjoyed a tasty sunset barbecue provided by Ann's Snack Attacks. Free beer and a taxi home were generously laid on by Bullet Freefly.

Incredible skydives were supplied all week by the GV crew of Jan, Tim, Martin, Bullet and the fabulous Beech 99. A massive thanks to the above, DH, Skydive Langar, Faulks Garage, the designated drivers, all participants and the magnificent seven's Chris McCann for all his work briefing and checking out the innhopp.

Al Hodgson  
Bullet Freefly



Amanda Higgins

Chris Smith



Rick Kent & Andy Brass

Gary Mannwright



Tim Porter

Kurt Kuratle

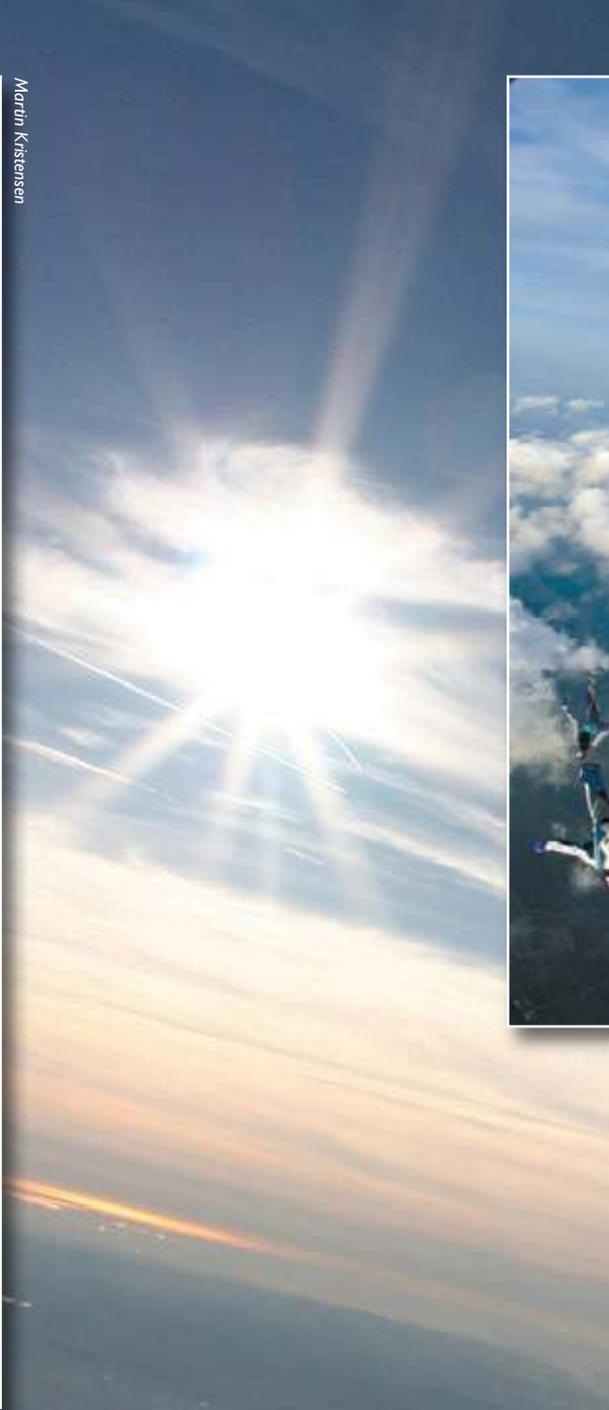


Al Hodgson & Steve Newman

Chris Smith



Martin Kristensen



Tim Porter



Tim Porter



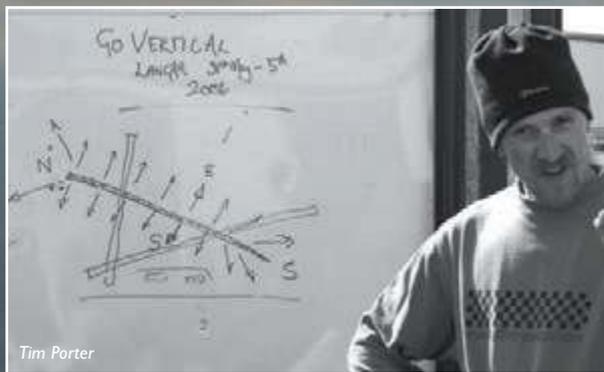
Main Image by Gary Wainwright



Martin Kristensen



Martin Kristensen



Tim Porter



Martin Kristensen



Al Hodgson and Steve Newman

Bones

Tim Porter

Bones

## GO VERTICAL MEMORABILIA

Event DVD, order from [freefallfog@hotmail.com](mailto:freefallfog@hotmail.com) & [birdy@downunder.co.uk](mailto:birdy@downunder.co.uk)

An amazing stills slideshow capturing the atmosphere of the down time can be ordered from [barebones@mac.com](mailto:barebones@mac.com)

**Don't Miss**  
**GO VERTICAL 2**  
**13-17 Sept, Langar**

EXIT

# Aerodyne

is owned by skydivers  
run by skydivers  
for skydivers!

Man, I love this job!

Edward Anderson

"Bushman"

Isabella



Check out our new website  
[www.flyaerodyne.com](http://www.flyaerodyne.com)

Icon  
Mamba  
Smart  
Pilot

At Aerodyne, we love this sport as much as you do. We still get that sensational rush every time we jump, whether it's on a World Record, competing at a World Meet, organizing loads at boogies or just going out for that weekend sunset load.

Our team has over 144 years of skydiving experience with a total of 35,432 jumps and we expect the same from our gear and equipment as you do. We design our products, test our products and jump our products virtually everyday.

Being skydivers ourselves, we appreciate the soft openings, landings and great flight characteristics that our mains are becoming known for. From the high performance flight of the Mamba™ to the forgiving openings and landings of the Pilot. We're sure you'll appreciate them too.

Our Smart reserve, one of the first reserves to meet the TSO C23d specifications, is hands down the best reserve you can get. It is built super tough. Some jumpers who experience their first Smart ride compare the light and landings to that of their Pilot main.

The Icon harness and container is truly fantastic. Over 700 Icons were sold in its debut year. Due to its fit, form and function, the Icon is fast becoming the choice of skydivers and instructors world wide.

So, next time you see one of our guys or girls out at the drop zone, come over and say hi. We might be doing customer service related jumps, or just having a good time. We could even be testing a new design ... whatever it is, we'd be happy to meet you and maybe do a skydive with you as well.

Until then, blue skies!

*Bushman*

Edward Anderson  
President & CEO  
Aerodyne Research

Aerodyne Research  
[www.flyaerodyne.com](http://www.flyaerodyne.com)  
13649 State Road 201  
Jumpa, FL 33423 USA  
phone +1 407 891 6300

[www.flyaerodyne.com](http://www.flyaerodyne.com)



sibson events

5th and 6th August  
Flytrix Progression Weekend

23rd and 24th September  
8 Way FS Speed Nationals

14th and 15th October  
Flytrix Fun Weekend

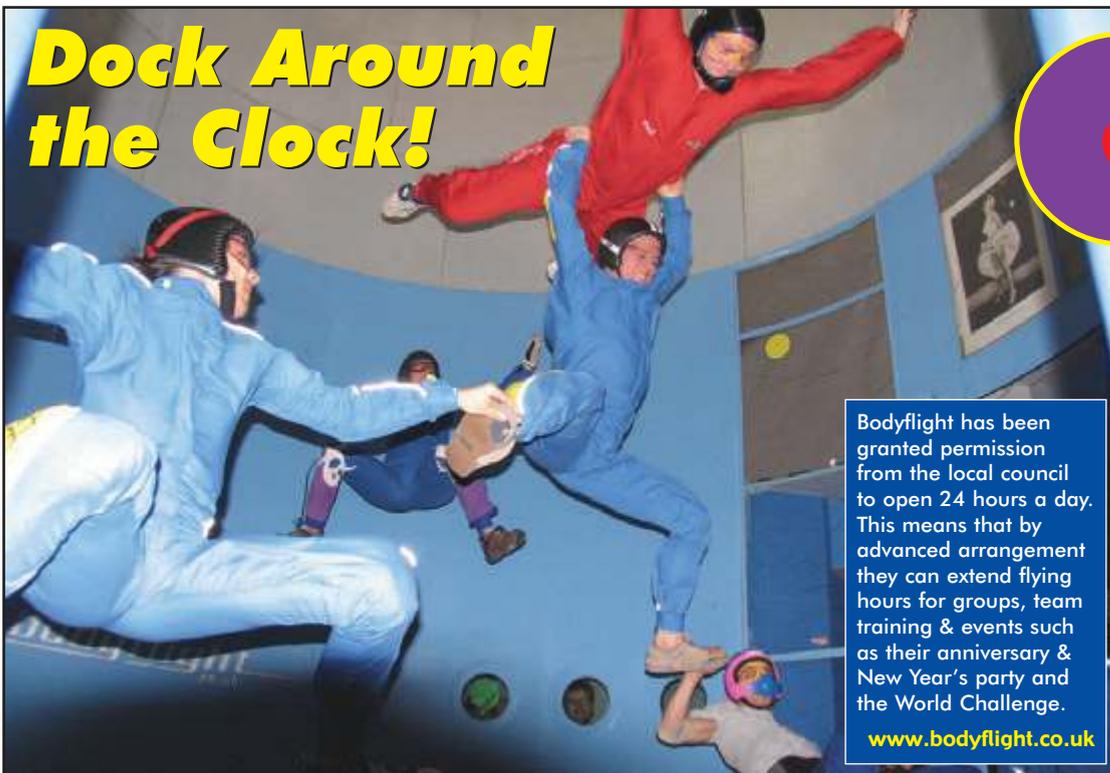
FF, FS and Wingsuit load organising  
and coaching available on request  
most weekends.

Open Tuesday to Sunday flying to 13000ft.  
01832 280490  
[www.skydivesibson.com](http://www.skydivesibson.com)

Skydive Sibson. . . . quality not quantity.



# Dock Around the Clock!



Bodyflight

Bodyflight has been granted permission from the local council to open 24 hours a day. This means that by advanced arrangement they can extend flying hours for groups, team training & events such as their anniversary & New Year's party and the World Challenge.

[www.bodyflight.co.uk](http://www.bodyflight.co.uk)

# JM's Newsround

## UK Skydiver Forum

UK Skydiver (UKS) has become the most popular UK skydiving forum. Over 10,000 posts have been made since the site's incarnation a year ago – more than five times that of the leading UK skydiving group. The interactive website targeted towards experienced skydivers was set up by Peterlee jumper Stu Ferguson, with help from their own Paul McCormick as administrator and Lee Saunders as forum modifier. It includes news, articles, educational areas, interviews, sky logs, events calendar, polls, and links to DZs, retailers and weather forecasts.

[www.ukskydiver.co.uk](http://www.ukskydiver.co.uk)

## Coupe Icare

The 33<sup>rd</sup> 'Coupe Icare' or Icarus Cup will be held, during 21-24 September, on the combined sites of St Hilaire du Touvet and Lumbin in France. Loïc Jean-Albert will demonstrate his wingsuit aerobatics. The event will also include a free flight film festival; an air sports trade show; a masquerade contest; live music; Christian Moullec flying with his flock of geese; Jean Marc Mouligné as cannonball man, the ornithopter (a revolutionary aircraft with bird-like wings that flap); and a world record attempt of 2,000 hot air balloons released simultaneously.

[www.coupe-icare.org](http://www.coupe-icare.org)

## 50-ways at Hib

Simon Cathrine and Dave Lewis are organising 50-ways at Target Skysports on 2-3 September. If interested contact Simon.

[simon@cathrine.fsbusiness.co.uk](mailto:simon@cathrine.fsbusiness.co.uk)

## Royan Boogie

Royan DZ, on the beautiful south-west coast of France, are hosting their third annual Beach Boogie 19-26 August, set to be their biggest yet. Boogie aircraft will be a Skyvan, Caravan and Porter. FF, FS and wingsuit coaching, along with AFF and RAPS progression will be available.

[www.aiskydive.com](http://www.aiskydive.com)

## Big-Way Camp

P3 (Perris Performance Plus) are organising a big-way camp, 5-8 October, at Perris. Dan BC, Kate Cooper, Tony Domenico and Larry Henderson will cover techniques for diving, floating and base work; exits from both left and right trail aircraft; tracking; and canopy control in large groups. Some jumps will be formation loads, some with oxygen, from 16,000 ft. They will have a 'no faults' approach where you are encouraged to push your limits. The event will be used as a try-out for the 200-way sequential record planned at Perris in 2007. Minimum experience is 250 jumps (50 jumps in the last year) and have the ability to consistently close 12<sup>th</sup> or later.

[www.perrisperformanceplus.com](http://www.perrisperformanceplus.com)

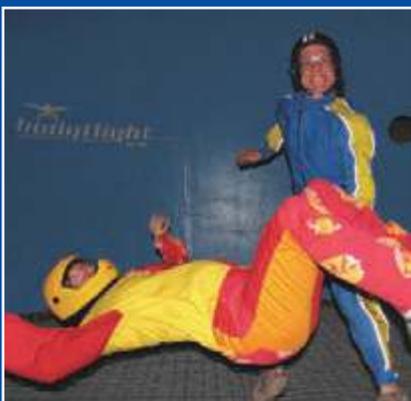


JFTC over Perris by Michael McCowan

## Monster Tunnel Coaching

Rob Silver is on the loose! Our National Freely Champion is now available for private coaching at the world's biggest skydiving wind tunnel, Bodyflight Bedford. Tunnel camps are being organised for all levels and needs, including midweek, evening and weekend sessions.

[info@monstertunnel.co.uk](mailto:info@monstertunnel.co.uk)  
[www.monstertunnel.co.uk](http://www.monstertunnel.co.uk)



Rob Silver coaching by Bodyflight

## Taz Foundation



In memory of Taz Causer, a fund has been set up by her family, which will be used to assist skydivers with talent and aspirations but lacking the wherewithall to carry them out. This is fitting, as Taz (Tamsin) holds four world skydiving records – for the largest drop (960); formation (400); female formation (151); and canopy formation (85). The fund is flourishing as many people donated in lieu of sending flowers to Tammy's memorial service. Contributions are welcome. More details next issue.

[gavin.macleod@gmail.com](mailto:gavin.macleod@gmail.com)

Bank: Barclays  
Sort Code: 20-42-58

Name: Taz Foundation  
Account No: 203 823 02

# FAST DELIVERY TIMES!

# Para Gear

Serving The World For Over 46 Years!



**NEW GEAR FOR SUMMER!**  
**ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.PARAGEAR.COM**

**NEW ITEMS!**



PARA-GEAR carries all major brands of skydiving equipment and rigging materials.

## NEW TEES & APPAREL



Tons of new designs available for men & women. See them all at [www.ParaGear.com](http://www.ParaGear.com)



**GREAT NEW ITEMS @ PARA GEAR!**  
 See these and all the new apparel from Jumper, Go Wear and More!



**THE NEW 2006-2007 CATALOG IS HERE!**

**120¢**



**LOOK!**

Gift Certificates Available for All Occasions!

FREE Catalog with Purchase of a Gift Certificate.  
 FREE Catalog with Any Order Upon Request

## Videos, DVDs & Books



More videos, VHS, and DVDs ONLINE at [www.ParaGear.com](http://www.ParaGear.com).  
 PARAGEAR has a wide selection of other accessories for headgear too! Visit us online at [PARAGEAR.COM](http://PARAGEAR.COM)

## Headgear



**BH MAMBA**  
 Full-Face Headgear  
 Flip-Up Lens - Sleek Design  
 #15163

**PARASPORT Z1**  
 Full-Face Headgear  
 Visit our website for info & pricing on IAS and Soft-Touch Models  
 Standard #15100  
 NEVI IAS #15195  
 Soft-Touch #15101

**MINDWARP**  
 Freely Headgear  
 Various Colors Available  
 #15125

**OPTIK**  
 Camera Headgear  
 Various Colors Available  
 #15150

**GUNER**  
 Freely Headgear  
 Various Colors Available  
 #15158

## Instruments

## Accessories & More

## Goggles & Sunglasses



**SORZ**  
 Goggles  
 Clear, Amber, Smoke, Mirror or Mirror Blue  
 \$18.50 #61147

**CRUISER**  
 Goggles  
 Comes with interchangeable lenses and carrying case. Comes with Clear, Smoke AND Amber lenses.  
 \$28.00 #611075

**GX**  
 Goggles  
 Eyeglass style earpieces w/ safety strap.  
 Specify Clear, Smoke, or Amber Lenses  
 \$17.99 #611035

**ALTI III GALAXY**  
 Visual Altimeter  
 Blue, Black, Purple, Red, Yellow, Orange, Turquoise, Neon Green, Green, Silver  
 #111915

**ALITRACK**  
 Visual Altimeter & Freefall Computer  
 #110510

**NEPTUNE**  
 Audible & Visual Altimeter  
 #11405

**PRO-TRACK**  
 Audible Altimeter & Freefall Computer  
 Accessories Available  
 #111440

**CAPTAIN HOOK KNIVES**  
 Nylon Safety Knives  
 Orange, Black, Blue or Blue  
 Comes with Sheath  
 #K15560

**AKANDO GLOVES**  
 Great new skydiving gloves from Akando  
 Specify S-M-L  
 #G1112

**BH D-Box**  
 Protective Box  
 Press-Switch Camera  
 Visit our website for listing of models and sizes to fit most cameras  
 PC Style TV Style  
 #L51101 #L51101TV

See a full selection of goggles and sunglasses online **STYLISH on the GROUND or in the AIR!**

**PHONE: 847-679-5905 - FAX: 847-679-8644**  
**Serving The World For Over 46 Years!**

SECURE ONLINE ORDERING  
[WWW.PARAGEAR.COM](http://WWW.PARAGEAR.COM)

**SUMMER GEAR UP!**

Para Gear has 1000's of Canopies, Containers, Jumpsuits, Accessories, Books and much, much MORE!

[www.ParaGear.com](http://www.ParaGear.com)

All Major Credit Cards Accepted.

**Para Gear**  
**EQUIPMENT COMPANY**

Check out our print catalog or order items online! All prices listed are subject to change and do not include shipping or custom options.  
 3839 West Oakton Street - Skokie, Illinois 60076 USA



# GRAND Prix



The Grand Prix season has seen a bumper turnout with record attendance. Plenty of free support has been given out from BPA event coaches and our top flight competitors. We have linked with both ESL, the European Skydiving League and NSL, the National Skydiving League [of America], comparing scores to teams in other countries who competed at the same time with an identical draw. This provides a superb benchmark for our teams.

NSL coverage so far has been excellent, with Kurt of Skyleague posting the pictures and stories we send across – hopefully more video will be added to this in future too. The tables tell the scores on the doors across the board, keep your eyes peeled on BPA and NSL websites for the latest updates.



Photos: John Williamson

## 4-way FS

### Langar 10-11 June

Rookie gold: 100%



AAA bronze: Bodyflight Havoc

A record 23 teams registered with a good spread across the new four categories. The judges had received the draw in co-operation with Kurt from NSL. This weekend event was set to pitch British teams against those from Ohio league, USA. The draw was dished out to the teams in plenty of time to see frantic walking and creeping of rounds wherever you looked – of course this was mostly in true Brit style, with beer in hand. With teams from Bedford and Milton Keynes tunnels on hand, the event looked good to offer some serious competition. Saturday saw blue skies and, after a swift brief from host Dave Hickling, the meet was under way.

burning, so progress to complete round 2 was fairly swift. There was some concern about missing the footie but, after some odd weather dances, dreams came true and the wind picked up just long enough to see the complete match before resuming for round 3!

Saturday night saw a great evening barbecue laid on and a long night ending at the fire pit. Sunday, we jumped hard and completed all rounds but not without some last minute activity between judges and teams to confirm reviews, scores and rationale. Skill level was supported by our BPA event coach Chris 'The Vicar' Hollis, heard preaching the virtues of the in-place turn, swing move and exit with such immortal phrases as – "Fear ye not the swing, for more confidence and points

shall it yield". Chris had great support from other expert competitors on site – thanks everyone!

By close of play, in AAA category *Perris Airkix* won, narrowly ahead of *Bodyflight Rage* and *Bodyflight Havoc*. In AA, *Bodyflight Storm* took gold ahead of *Damn Zebra* with *Ballistic* in bronze. A category saw *Escondido* ahead of *4Fit* with silver and *Wingnuts* bronze. 100% won in rookies, followed by *JCB* then *Phobia*. It was a great weekend for UK skydiving. Well done to everybody involved – Langar, judges, organisers and competitors – for a superb meet.

Andy Scott, Weston Airbrix



A silver: 4Fit

# 4-way FS



## Sibson 1-2 July

What a difference a year makes! Sibson Grand Prix '05 – a very wet affair with torrential rain all weekend; the only FS was done in Bodyflight! Sibson '06 – wall to wall blue; perfect skydiving weather with 14 teams eager to make the most of it.

Slick organisation, manifesting and flying completed four rounds by 3:30pm on Saturday, when a team captains' meeting was called. Ten teams voted to put the meet on hold for the England football match and two wished to stop due to the scorching heat. Even though two teams were eager to continue, democracy prevailed and the competition was deferred for two hours so we could witness England leave the World Cup via the

all-too-familiar agonising penalty shoot-out. The decision is a fine example of running the meet for the competitors. Even the teams that wanted to keep jumping understood that the decision had been democratic. Those who wanted to resume jumping on Saturday night completed their rounds. A really nice barbecue was laid on. Sibson has a very relaxed atmosphere and most competitors enjoyed a cold beer sat on the grass or on the picnic benches until late into the night.

Sunday saw another gorgeous day and the meet soon completed with some very respectable results. Rookies were dominated by *Phobia* who scored an impressive 10 average, and a 16 in round six! In A category *Escondido* and *Wingnuts* were neck and neck until the fifth round where *Wingnuts* had a belting jump, stealing the gold and beating all

the AA teams who coincidentally had the same draw in round 6! (C-B-2)

Once the medals had been presented teams joined together for 8-way under the guidance of Andy Scott. Chris Hollis organised a 14-way for Catherine Harrison's 500<sup>th</sup> jump – great fun, impressive donut piece flying and a memorable geek by Henry. Big shout out to the judges Karla, Penny and Ruth, coaches Claire Scott and Chris Hollis who did an excellent job and to all Sibson staff for the smooth running of a successful meet.

**Calvin Blacker**  
*Vertically Challenged*



Team captains' meeting



AA silver: Vertically Challenged



A gold: Wingnuts

Photos: Sarah Hill and Olympus



### 4-way Events to Come:

Nationals @ Hib, 19-21 Aug  
Grand Prix @ Cark, 16-17 Sep



Maelstrom by John Williamson

and Havoc taking gold and silver in AAA, Storm winning the AA category and Frenzy taking silver in rookie. Bodyflight Rage in particular are moving beautifully as a team and posted a 16.7 average.

Impressively scoring the same average were the winning rookies, 100%. Silver medallists Bodyflight Frenzy had improved their average from 9 at Langar to 13.8, nice one guys. Rookie bronze medallists Phobia averaged 13.3 and sit at the top of the league table. In A category, the now familiar battle between Wingnuts, Qi and Escondido at the top finished in that order. In AA, Damn Zebra took silver ahead of Vertically Challenged who were delighted to score their first double figure average, holding off 2 Dead Sluts who were chomping at their heels all the way. In AAA, Fusion deservedly won bronze, overtaking Touch Me on the burner round 4 (K-B-9-O) with a nice 18 and never looking back.

Target Skysports ran the event with the impeccable efficiency, excellent communication and the high standard of customer service we've now become used to, showing why most of these teams choose to be based at Hibaldstow. The close battles for scores, promises a well contested and exciting Nationals, which is just around the corner.



AAA gold: Bodyflight Rage



Rookie bronze: Phobia



A bronze: Escondido

Photos: John Williamson

## Hibaldstow 22-23 July

Another record attendance of 23 teams, spread evenly across the categories confirmed 4-way FS as the most popular event. The meet ran like a dress rehearsal for the Nationals, being at the same venue, having a similar vibe, and with an incredibly high standard across all levels, most notably in rookie. Most teams had been training hard with a happily increased average to show for it.

Karla Cole singlehandedly judged 140 rounds with tremendous efficiency and showed great approachability by offering to debrief teams on their judging should they have a query. Scores were quickly posted to much oohing and aahing, keeping interest keen. Teams were interacting well with friendly banter as the icing on the underlying cake of competitive rivalry – all in the best British spirit of sportsmanship. All the top competitors really helped out and looked after the newbies.

The Bodyflight/Hibaldstow sponsored teams put up a great showing with their teams Rage

### 4-way FS League Table

#### AAA Class

	Total Points	Lang	Sib	Hib
Weston Airbrix	19	5	10	4
Bodyflight Rage	18	8	-	10
Bodyflight Havoc	14	6	-	8
Touch Me	13	-	8	5
Perris Airkix	10	10	-	-
Fusion	6	-	-	6

#### AA Class

Damn Zebra	26	8	10	8
Bodyflight Storm	20	10	-	10
Vertically Challenged	14	-	8	6
Ballistic	6	6	-	-
People's Front of Judea	6	-	6	-
2 Dead Sluts	5	-	-	5
Cuidado	4	-	-	4
Hg	3	-	-	3

#### A Class

Wingnuts	26	6	10	10
Escondido	24	10	8	6
Qi	19	5	6	8
Maelstrom	8	4	-	4
4-Fit	8	8	-	-
eXile	5	-	-	5
Valkyrie	3	-	-	3
Fend 4 Yourself	3	3	-	-
Stupid Gravity	2	2	-	-

#### Rookie

Phobia	22	6	10	6
100%	20	10	-	10
Shaven Haven	13	2	6	5
Bodyflight Frenzy	13	5	-	8
Murphy's Law	12	-	8	4
JCB	8	8	-	-
Flying Squad	7	-	4	3
Aether	5	-	5	-
Y Not	4	4	-	-
LU:ST	3	3	-	-
Contact	3	-	3	-
Skydivs	1	1	-	-





**ALL DISCIPLINES**

**ALL ABILITIES**

**STUDENTS**

**EXPERIENCED**



**OPEN EVERY DAY**

**TURBINE NOMAD**

**ALL SEASON**

**BUNK HOUSE**

**NOW OPEN**

## **UK PARACHUTING**

**OLD BUCKENHAM AIRFIELD, ATTLEBOROUGH  
NORFOLK, NR17 1PU**

**01953 861030 [www.ukparachuting.co.uk](http://www.ukparachuting.co.uk)**



**11 - 15 SEPT  
PROGRESSION WEEK**



**16 - 17 SEPT  
BPA CANOPY  
PILOTING  
ROADSHOW**



**6-9 NOVEMBER  
ADVANCED  
PACKING  
COURSE**



**THE  
JUMPSHOP**

**The Jump Shop**

**online sales:**

**[www.thejumpshop.co.uk](http://www.thejumpshop.co.uk)**

**phone:**

**07789 433440**



**Alti-2**

**NEUMANN**



**JAVELIN  
Odyssey**



# 8-way FS



Freefall photos: Box of Frogs by Brian Knight



Senior silver: Sounds Grrr8

## Hibaldstow 17-18 June

This was really a case of the new and the old – in some cases, the very old! The ‘new’ was a shiny upgraded version of *Sounds Grrr8* competing for the first time in senior category and *Pack Yer Bags*, a fun scratch team in intermediate. The ‘old’ were a revamped *Box of Frogs* and *VOM* (bits of *VNE*, *VMax* & *Om*) in the senior and *Fun Unlimited* in the intermediate divisions.

*Grrr8* looked the business! Despite their coach they put in some great scores finishing with a 7.5 average. However age does sometimes count for something and *VOM*'s combined wealth of experience started to show. Despite some scrappy flying and a few busts, *VOM* eased into an unassailable lead.

*Box of Frogs*, who stopped competing a while back, are having a comeback tour and put a very nice 7 on the board for round 4 with *Grrr8* putting an 8 up. *VOM* suffering from a now traditional rough start on the first jump on Sunday only managed a 7 – though the judges liked it because they put a kiss by the score! In the intermediate division *Fun Unlimited* showed their experience and won comfortably, *Pack Yer Bags* also did some nice flying and earned their medal.

As usual Hibble laid on a great meet and the combination of 8-way and Freely Grand Prix did not cause any problems even with the weather trying to upset things. Special mention to Kate and Liz the judges, as friendly and approachable as ever.



Martin Soulsby, VOM

Photos: John Williamson

### 8-way FS League Table

	Total	Hib	Lang
<b>Senior</b>			
VOM	20	10	10
Sounds Grrr8	16	8	8
Box Of Frogs	12	6	6
<b>Intermediate</b>			
Fun Unlimited	10	10	-
Purple Dome	10	-	10
Pack Yer Bags	8	8	-

## Langar 15-16 July

Wall to wall blue skies set the scene for a fab meet. Each team had a goal, whether to achieve an average, gain competition experience, steal or draw a round, or simply to have fun doing something different. After some friendly banter over a few beers on Friday evening, tactics were deployed including buying a very large drink for someone who didn't need it! However it was the saboteur's team which suffered from 'altitude sickness' the next day. (Note: stick head out at the **back** edge of the door to avoid causing your teammates discomfort!)

Langar DZ was busy but the judges were very efficient, posting scores quickly and we completed round 6 on Sunday morning. In senior, *VOM* won with 53 points, having generously provided free advice to any team who needed help puzzling dives. *Sounds Grrr8* took silver with 43, scored consistently throughout and managed to steal one round from *VOM* by 2 points! *Box of Frogs* took bronze with 34, improved on their average from Hib GP and drew one round with *VOM*.

In intermediate, the only team, *Purple Dome* (aka *Lust*) from Langar, took gold with zero points and threw their FAI licences into a rubbish sack at the prizegiving! They nearly scored twice but had an incorrect formation and another out of time. These lower experienced jumpers attempted some very challenging dives, learnt a lot, gained competition experience and had a whole lot of fun. They deserved their medals and rightly got their FAI licences back – top marks guys!

Caroline Allen, Sounds Grrr8

### 8-way Nationals @ Hibaldstow, come on down!

Come and join us at the 8-way Nationals, 26-28 August! If you're doing the 4-way Nationals, you need to be available for that weekend anyway – a bank holiday so you don't need any time off work. There will be a BPA coach on hand to help you out. The 8-way dive pool makes for some really fun jumps. If you want to learn more about 8-way beforehand, see the Skydive Mag website, click on April 05 for a great article.



Senior gold: VOM



Intermediate silver: Pack Yer Bags

WHAT AN UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL SKYDIVER LOOKS LIKE:

912 DAYS OR 21,888 HOURS

VARIATIONS ON LARGE KATANA CANOPIES: 233

TOTAL NUMBER OF TEST JUMPS: 2036

TIME IN THE AIR FLYING THE KATANAS: 79.8 HOURS

\$124,196 SPENT ON TEST JUMPS

LINE SET CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS: 101

FORMAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT MEETINGS: 38

HALLWAY MEETINGS AND BITCH SESSIONS: 52

SECRET MEETINGS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS (NOT TO BE REVEALED): 16

HEATED ARGUMENTS: 8

RESIGNATION ULTIMATUMS TO GET THEIR OWN WAY: 3

RESIGNATION ULTIMATUMS THAT WORKED: 0

NUMBER OF LARGE KATANA POSTINGS ON DROPZONE.COM: 297

NUMBER OF GIGS OF VIDEO FOOTAGE FROM TEST JUMPERS: 100

SLIDERS BUILT, TESTED AND MODIFIED: 23

KATANA EMAILS TO PD SUPPORT: 254

IT WAS WORTH IT. NEW PD KATANAS 135, 150, 170 - NOW AVAILABLE.



CONTACT YOUR PD DEALER TODAY

## CORNISH PARACHUTE CLUB

Perranporth Airfield



### STUDENT COURSES AVAILABLE IN CORNWALL

The Cornish Parachute Club can now offer RAPS Courses. AFF Courses, and 'A' License holders a chance to parachute again in Cornwall. The PLA is a short plane ride from Perranporth Airfield.

Courses available from August 06.

W: [www.cornishparachuteclub.co.uk](http://www.cornishparachuteclub.co.uk)

E: [cornishparachuteclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cornishparachuteclub@hotmail.co.uk)

## SYNCHRO

TOP PERFORMANCE JUMPSUITS



Developed with best competitors in the World, it's the most awarded jumpsuit in competitions since years. Contact your dealer to place your order, or log on our website to order direct through the new on-line coloring system and full details about options available.



Manufactured by   
**PARASPORT**  
www.parasport.it

www.parasport.it

# Freefly

## Hibaldstow 17-18 June

Beautiful weather greeted freefly competitors for their first Grand Prix, hosted by Target Skysports, alongside 8-way FS. Our world championship teams *Outbreak* and *Avalore* took advantage of the chance to jump under full competition conditions; improving, improvising and tweaking their routines, working alongside BPA artistics and trainee international judge Sue Skull. For them the event was invaluable.

The trained team *Outbreak* were already producing outstanding flying. The *Avalore* boys were only recently informed of their World Meet entry and had only one training jump. They worked hard and their free routine elements began to gel, showing great promise and some nice team flying.

Disappointingly, a medley of prizes for the B group to hopefully increase participation failed to do the job. But young Amelia Walters with just over 200 jumps was determined to compete, so a hurriedly-made scratch team emerged with Robin Harwood – yes Louis's dad! – and Dan Parker on video. Team *Avalaf* was born – and 'ave a laugh they did! Improving their routine each round, the judge and her able helpers were introduced to some interesting new docking techniques and intriguing moves! *Avalaf* even gave the compulsories their own style.

All rounds completed on Sunday in a fantastic vibe, great weather, and with excellent hosts. Deservedly, Freefly A gold medals went to *Outbreak* who scored a winning 52.10 from the ever-improving silver medallists *Avalore* on 27.90. *Avalaf* proudly accepted their Freefly B gold medals, Bodyflight tunnel time, and coaching from *Avalore* and Bullet Freefly. The free prize draw for all artistic competitors saw no-one went home empty-handed thanks to Bodyflight, Boogieman and Airtec. All in all it was a great event, I just wish a few more teams had been there to enjoy it.

## Black Knights 8-9 July

Arriving at this friendly, scenic Lancashire DZ, the eager freefly competitors were greeted with plummeting mercury and rising winds. In a race with the weather, A team *Outbreak* spectacularly managed to hammer through five rounds (helped by the speed of the resident Porter, Godzilla) before the elements stopped all jumping. Unfortunately, due to sharing of cameramen and a busy DZ, *Avalore* and *Avalaf* managed only two rounds, and newly formed B team 3TRY just three. Again, our World Meet contenders were working hard on their routines with judge Sue Skull, taking advice and trying new elements in their ever-improving routines. In Freefly B, *Avalaf* improved on their exit and early part of their routine. A strong start from 3TRY showed the competitive streak emerging: both teams were determined to take gold! A difficult exit random (reverse totem) for this group's compulsories saw very interesting dirtdiving from the mock-up and some even more novel exit positions!

The evening hangar 'beach party' was a riot, including Amelia 'aving a laugh and arriving with her own canoe! We awoke to grey skies and howling winds so the meet was called on two rounds. *Outbreak* took gold with 11.6 from *Avalore*'s 7.9. In Freefly B, local team 3TRY stole gold from *Avalaf* with 4.2 from 3.0. Again, Freefly B competitors won tunnel time generously donated by Bodyflight Bedford and coaching from *Avalore* and Bullet. The prize draw, including Bodyflight tunnel time, Boogieman freefly wear, Airtec goodies and T-shirts galore, meant everyone went home smiling.

### Freefly League Table

Freefly A	Total	Hib	BKPC
Outbreak	40	20	20
Avalore	30	15	15
Freefly B			
Avalaf	35	20	15
3 TRY	20	-	20

**Freefly Events to Come:**  
Nationals @ Hib, 26-28 August



Freefly A silver: Avalore



Freefly A gold: Outbreak



Weed Stoodley

Weed Stoodley



Freefly B gold: 3 TRY



Freefly B silver: Avalaf

# Canopy Formation

## Black Knights 17-18 June

*Focus*, *Outcasts* and *Mini-bites* were competing in senior 2-way sequential with father and son team *Farmers R Us* (aka *Looda Twits*) in the intermediate 2-way event for the first time. Another year was another chance to see the PD Lightnings of *Outcasts* against the Aerodyne Triathlons of team *Focus*. With two rounds completed, *Focus* lead the 2-way by just 1 point.

Consistent scores of 7 in rounds 3 & 4 pulled *Outcasts* back to level-pegging. *Mini-bites* utilised the opportunity to practice their skills in an event away from their normal 8-way, and soldiered on. With everything tied team *Focus* managed to squeeze a final round in before jumping finished, but the judging had also stopped for the evening, so no scores were posted. *Outcasts* with their last round still to jump didn't know what score they were chasing.

Team *Focus* established a team record hitting 7 points on two rounds and exceeding last year's average by 2 clear points! But it wasn't enough to win. *Outcasts* displayed an impressive last round of 5 points, 2 more than *Focus*, winning the first leg, 29 points to 27. Local team *Farmers R Us* struggled on the large Fury canopies they had only acquired the day before, showing that practice is needed.

Credit must go to Black Knights management and judges for the organisation of the event, excellent recently refurbished facilities, a well-hosted competition and a great advert for skydiving. With the Langar leg still to be competed, the opportunity is there for even more teams to come and join in. Good fun, good practice and a chance to make and meet new friends. Why don't you give it a go?

Biff Thornton



CF Team Focus

Main photo: Outbreak by Jay Southall

### CF League Table

#### 2-way Sequential

Senior	Total	BKPC
Outcasts	10	10
Focus	8	8
Mini-bites	6	6
Intermediate		
Farmers R Us	10	10
Intermediate		
Looda Twits	10	10

#### CF Events to Come:

Grand Prix @ Langar, 30 Sep – 1 Oct

Photos: John Williamson

Photos: Louis Harwood



Ordering is simple - Call us on 01295 812101/Post your order form/  
Email your order & payment details to sales@dzsports.com

## COMPLETE CUSTOM RIGS - CALL FOR DETAILS



<b>ALTIMETERS</b>	
FT50 Wrist mount	£95.00
Altimaster II	£140.00
Altimaster III Galaxy	£90.00
NEW Alti-track - gold or black	£ 220.00
Alti Kit-bag	£10.00
Altimaster Neptune visual/audible altimeter	£190.00

<b>AUDIBLE ALTIMETERS</b>	
Pro-Dytter	£86.00
Solo	£100.00
Optima	£122.00
Pro-Track	£165.00
Jumptrack CD and Interface	£65.00
Skytronic GFX	£200.00
Neptune Wave	£150.00
Time-Out/Pro-Track/Pro-Dytter batteries	£5.50

<b>CAMERA GEAR</b>	
Cameye II	£33.00
Step Ring - Lens converter	£19.00
Newton Ringsight	£99.00
Newton Sight Holder	£25.00
Cookie Liquid Lens - 0.29x or 0.45x	£110.00
Bite Switch	£35.00
Tongue Switch	£35.00

<b>LOGGING</b>	
2 jumps/page hardback logbook	£10.00
10 jumps/page softback logbook	£7.50
Deluxe Logbook Holder - Choose custom colours	£16.50

<b>BOOKS</b>	
The Parachute and its Pilot - Brian Germain	£27.50
Eyes in the Sky - Patrick Passe & Wendy Smith	£32.00
Skydiver's Survival Guide -2nd Edition	£17.95
The Endless Fall - True Story Mike Swain	£12.95

<b>GLOVES</b>	
Warm winter gloves - Thermal lined leather, black or white	£16.50
DZ Sports - tackified leather palm, black or white	£16.00
Thermal silk liners - navy blue	£12.00

<b>HEAD GEAR</b>	
<i>Call for current stock and custom finish details</i>	
<b>2K Composites</b>	
FF1 open face helmet	£136.00
FF2 camera helmet	£288.00
Azimuth Professional Camera Helmet	£500.00
Kryten	£220.00
FFX	£253.00
Side-FX	£182.13
<b>Skysystems</b>	
Nvertigo X	£185.00
Hurricane freefly helmet	£160.00
Factory Diver - Full face helmet, fixed visor	£195.00
Oxygn - Full face helmet, flip-up visor	£215.00
Oxygn A3 - with external audible port	£225.00
<b>Parasportitalia</b>	
Z1HP - Full face, flip-up visor	£210.00
Z1 Evo - Open face	£135.00
<b>Bonehead</b>	
Mamba Helmet - Full face	£250.00
Pimp Daddy - openface helmet	£165.00
Gunner - openface helmet	£165.00
All Bonehead products available on request	
<b>Cookie Composites</b>	
MXV - carbon fibre camera helmet	£240.00
MI - carbon fibre freefly helmet	£165.00
Blackbox- camera box	£140.00
<b>Others</b>	
Gath - with Pro-Track mount	£79.00
Frappe Hat - soft black leather	£55.00
Padded Helmet bag	£35.00

<b>REPLACEMENT VISORS</b>	
Clear	£25.00
Tinted	£30.00

<b>CLOTHING</b>	
Go Fast!	
Groundrush	
FS & FF Jumpsuits	
Sonic Fly Wear	
Matter Clothing	
Boogie Man Freely Fly Wear	
Call for details and prices or check out <a href="http://www.dzsports.com">www.dzsports.com</a>	

<b>GOGGLES</b>	
£8.00	Flexvision clear
£10.00	Flexvision tinted
£11.00	Flexvision overglasses
£15.00	Flex-Z - clear or tinted
£8.50	Kroop
£12.50	Sky Eyes
£19.50	Sorz - clear, mirror, tinted, amber,
£16.50	Blaze/Peerser - clear or tinted
£25.00	Curv-Z Sunglasses - includes pouch and drawcord
Other goggles available on request	

<b>VIDEOS</b>	
£39.95	Anti Gravity - Swooping, skysurfing, cool video!
£42.50	Basic Canopy Flight - Sky-U
£19.50	Breakaway - The most thought provoking video out - Buy it!!!
£19.50	Fly Like a Pro - For every canopy pilot
£17.50	Ground Rush - Malfunctions - how would you react?
£19.50	Pack Like a Pro - Flat packing and pro packing
£23.95	Swoop Two - Pondswooping
£15.00	Trouble Free Zero-P - Packing tips
£30.00	Willing to Fly Video - Norman Kent
£35.00	Willing to Fly Book/Video package

<b>DVDS</b>	
£39.95	CrossWind - Patrick Passe
£28.00	Flyboyz Film Festival
£22.50	The Good Stuff - Just when you think you've seen it all!
£21.00	Time Flyz - Tim Porter, limited edition
£21.00	Time Flyz - Volume 2
£23.00	Out of the Blue - Team Extreme - Awesome Canopy Swooping
£23.95	Soul Flyers
£23.95	Soul Flyers 2 - NEW - by Loic Jean-Albert
£23.95	Swoop Two - Pondswooping
£36.95	Willing to Fly - NEW from Norman Kent
£45.00	Survival Series - Pack like a Pro, Breakaway, Fly like a pro etc.
£25.50	Hookin' it - Where it all began
£27.00	Gravity Pilots - Canopy piloting revolution
£30.00	Learning to Backfly
£30.00	Learning to Sit Fly
£23.50	The Falcon That Flew with Man

<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
£7.50	Strong Plastic Hook Knife - (small) and black pouch
£6.99	Zak Knife & pouch - Small orange knife, choose pouch colour
£13.50	Jack Knife & pouch - Large knife, black pouch
£7.50	Alti-2 Velcro Wrist Mount
£9.00	Alti-2 'U' Bars
£7.50	Alti-2 Chest Pad
£10.00	Neckwarmer
£5.00	Altimeter Coffee Mug
£8.00	Leather necklace with deployment pin
£10.00	Pack Boy - Packing tool
£8.00	Tube Stoes - microline/dacron/tandem
£3.50	Bungees - microline/dacron - bag of 50
£10.00	Parasport Silibands
£775.00	Cypres 2 AAD- NEW! - NO battery changes ever required!
£50.00	Cypres 1 Batteries
£775.00	Vigil AAD
£615.00	NEW Argus AAD
£10.00	Silver Skydiver Charm - ideal gift

**ALL PRICES INCLUDE 17.5% VAT**  
**OTHER PRODUCTS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST...CALL US NOW**

DZ Sports Ltd., Hinton Airfield, Steane, Brackley, Northants NN13 5NS • Web: [www.dzsports.com](http://www.dzsports.com)



# EUROPEAN Swooping Tour VOSS

**Every summer thrill-seekers from around the globe make the annual pilgrimage to Voss for Extreme Week. If a sport involves high adrenaline then it's included: paragliding, kayaking, skydiving, mountain biking, hang gliding, long boarding, base jumping and climbing.**

This is brought together with a massive festival, concerts and as many celebrations as they can cram into the hectic schedule. And when Norwegians talk extreme or speak of parties, they really know what they're talking about!

This huge fiesta included the first stop of the 2006 European Swooping Tour. With 19 competitors from nine nations and \$10,000 in prize money this promised to be an impressive start to the EST and set the standard for 2006. Jonathan Tagle, Jay Moledzki and their new cameraflyer JC Colclasure, all from the PD team, were in town fresh from filming some spectacular mountain flying scenes. Also present was the recent winner of the Mile Hi Canopy Cup, Jeffro Provenzano, as well as British jumpers Brian Vacher and Alastair Macartney.

A number of competitors had turned up early for on-site training. With cloud and sporadic rain, there wasn't much available. However, this being Norway, there was always a party somewhere and the uninitiated were introduced to the local tradition of 'innhopp'; literally 'jump-ins'. Somewhere nearby there is always a social gathering, so the plane is filled for an impromptu demo, jumping in before dancing the night away. Things don't happen by halves and the Norwegians party hard. This being Extreme Week everything was pushed to the max – including the bus crashing on the way back to the drop zone, sliding off the road and ending up at almost a 45° angle, sideways on, on the edge of a steep hill – how it didn't roll I don't know!

The competition kicked off with a briefing for competitors at the site, a golf course with the entry gates set over a small pond and the landing area on the green. Competitors made a practice run before the crowd formed and the speed started. All events were run in accordance with IPC rules with minor exceptions to take local conditions into account; speed was to be a straight course over 60m, all gates were approximately 6 feet high and the fourth water gate in zone accuracy was on land and just required competitors to fly through

it. The competition was to consist of two rounds each of speed, distance and zone accuracy. The top six competitors would then move on to the final, one round of each event, filmed live on TV. With beautiful blue skies, nil winds, a crowd forming and a top DJ kicking out sounds, the commentator put the first load on a twenty minute call.

## Speed

Round one literally got off to a fast start with the sirens on the electronic entry and exit gates constantly warbling. Jonathan Tagle was the first jumper out and set the pace with his Velocity 79 at a 2.62 wing loading coming out of his 630° turn to post an impressive 2.38 seconds over the course, winning the round. Team mate Jay Moledzki was just behind with 2.61 seconds from his powerful 450° turn. Jeffro scored an impressive 2.65, making it look so easy with a calm 270°, yet scoring so well. In the second round of speed there were nine competitors posting sub 3-second runs, highlighting the calibre of the entrants – this was not going to be easy for anyone. There were a few rejumps granted; with the entry gates at 6ft a few competitors were actually flying under the sensors!

## Distance

The organisers didn't muck around, the course shift was quick and competitors were soon back in the air. Conditions were still good and the only problems encountered were separation issues between the jumpers. Only two scores were posted into three digits with Jonathan setting 111.49m on the first round and Jay laying down 104.34m in round 2. Jeffro scored in the high 90s with Australian Shea Convery scoring 92.87m.

## Zone Accuracy

Zone accuracy is probably the hardest of the events requiring precision, accuracy, speed, distance and yet maintaining stopping power at the end. It is also the most dramatic with competitors trailing their feet through the water gates before lifting up and shutting down their canopies, trying to land in the higher scoring zones but before the stringent penalty zones. New rules include a penalty for not standing up on landing.

A touch of turbulence started to emerge yet many had not noticed it. Scores for the event were lower than expected and the breadth of the results widened. We might have expected to see a perfect score of 100 points, or close to it. In fact the top scores were posted by Shea Convery and Jay Moledzki both with 76 points and a number of people taking zeros.



**Voss, Norway 26-27 June 2006**



PD's cameraman, JC Colclasure, swoops the course for the TV crews to practice filming (Helmets are mandatory for competition) Photo by Trond Bolstad



Brian Vacher in zone accuracy by JC Colclasure



Jay Moledzki in the accuracy event, by JC Colclasure

Main photo: Opening ceremony by JC Colclasure

## The Brits

So how did the Brits get on? Well this was the first meet of the season and so used as a 'training' competition. Both had been learning new turns with Brian laying down impressive 450° rotations, following in-depth coaching from Jay, translating across the ground and generating significant power. Alastair stepped from his traditional 270 straight to a 630 progressive turn. These new approaches were still being perfected and so were not consistent. Brian ended up taking a zero score on a speed round and a zone accuracy round which was enough to squeeze him out of the competition. Alastair was looking clean until the last zone accuracy round, when he fell short and took a zero, but was lucky enough to hold sufficiently high scores to take him through to the finals.

## The Finals

The finals were held the following day. The top six went through, jumping in reverse order, with all scores reset. The event was being run to a tight schedule dictated by the top Norwegian national sports channel that was covering the event. They had cameramen in the helicopter and around the course to catch the competition from all angles. The TV covered it in a professional fashion, similar to an athletics championship, screening the live runs and following it with slow motion and interviews. This was about bringing the competition to the public and it certainly worked.

The conditions had changed from the previous day with a slight headwind. The competition got off to a solid start in the speed event with just 0.01 of a second separating Jonathan and Jay, with the others slightly more drawn out. In distance, the headwind knocked everyone down with no-one scoring in triple figures. With the scores reset and only three rounds in the final it would all rest on the zone accuracy – nobody's position was safe.

As the competitors were boarding the helicopter the breeze switched from being gentle and into wind, to a 14 knot downwind, so a short hold ensued. Ten minutes later it had dropped off a bit but competitors would still be flying downwind through the course while still being required to stop accurately. With these changed conditions the competitors had to mentally readjust their game, working out the new flight pattern, approach and some even ditching weight to change their wing loading. Even the best change their mind with Jonathan taking his weight off in the aircraft and making an approach

he hadn't practised – yet hitting all the water gates and landing in zone 3. All took a 10 point penalty for not standing up, choosing to slide it out to stop.

## Results

Shea Convery, having laid down a solid performance throughout and going into the final in fourth place, touched down in the zero zone on the last round giving him a zero in accuracy. This mistake cost him two positions and dropped him to sixth. Alastair went into the finals in fifth place. Despite doing well the previous day, he unfortunately didn't show consistency, having set-up problems and was unable to post the scores needed to move up the rankings, finishing in fifth. Hans Christian Amlie, local jumper and Chairman of the Norwegian Parachute Association, taught the rest of us a lesson and showed us that consistency was key. While none of his scores were anything to shout about he put up a good performance on every round. As others made a mistake he advanced up the rankings to make it into the final and to then finish fourth. Jeffro showed his natural talent with a solid third place slightly behind Jay's second. Jonathan Tagle was crowned the winner, with the top score in each round, and took home about \$5,000 in prize money.

## Prizegiving

The prizegiving kicked off with a parachute display into the festival arena. JC Colclasure stole the show, breaking 3 lines and cutting away over the lake with Jay swooping down and catching his freebag. Everyone then moved into the carnival tent for the live TV broadcast to the nation, which included 25 minutes of coverage on the EST rounds, put together extremely professionally. The finalists were called out to receive their cheques before videos of the day's events, in all sports, were screened. After that it was back to the drop zone to get the party going...

## Public Exposure

Early the next morning I got into a taxi to head to the station on my trip home. The driver said to me "Are you Alastair? You're a swooper, right? I saw you on TV last night." Taking our sport to the public is the future if we want to develop it further. The bigger the audience, the larger the sponsorship and the bigger and better the competitions will become. If you're an up and coming canopy pilot then put the EST in your calendar for 2007. Voss was just amazing this year and they plan to make it even better.

Alastair Macartney  
alastair@macartney.co.uk



Prizewinners: Al, Shea, Hans, Jeffro, Jay, Jonathan, with course director Bjarn Magne Bryn



Coming in to land in the distance event, photos by Tutti Neubauer



Brian Vacher



Al Macartney



Martin Backlin



Jeffro Provenzano





Trond Bolstad



Shea Convery



## Secrets of Successful Swoops

### Consistency

Hans Christian took fourth place with his consistency. You would not have thought it by looking at his score in a single round in isolation. Putting in a solid performance every time means you need just one mistake from the other competitors for you to move up.

### Hit the Gate

If you don't make the entry gate you get a zero. It is not like in FS where you lose one point for a bust. In Canopy Piloting you forfeit the score for that round. If it means you need to go slightly too far back to guarantee the gate then so be it.

### Coaching

If you want to fly at this level then get some Canopy Piloting coaching. Everyone in the competition had been coached themselves. It doesn't matter how good you are; don't be too proud to admit you can still learn more.

Jonathan Tagle in zone accuracy, by Trond Bolstad

Main photo: Al Macartney in the distance event, by Trond Bolstad

# ARIZONA Challenge

In late May, Craig Girard of Airspeed invites jumpers from around the world to take part in the Arizona Challenge. The idea is to build a big-way but every year the dives get more intricate and become more difficult to build and fly – hence the name! This year the plan was for a 102-way with over half the jumpers outfacing, joined onto a large, open base that had very little in the way of cross-grips for support and strength.

Now, I'm no big-way aficionado but, having used Eloy for 4-way training, I was pleasantly surprised to receive an invite. My big-way practice consisted of one weekend of 60-ways with Milko at Langar so, despite my experience level, I was apprehensive about my ability and the added considerations of over 100 other skydivers around me. The organisation soon put my mind at rest; the four day event starts off with 16-ways and moves progressively up in size and complexity. Day one (Friday) was interesting as jumpers dusted off cobwebs and started to realise how tricky some of the outfacing slots were – especially in my group! Safety-wise things were very good. Discipline at break-off was excellent. Although fairly busy under canopy, there were no great traffic problems – two dedicated landing areas and 100 acres of desert gives you lots of options!

With coaching offered from world champions and a (relatively small) on-site wind tunnel, it would have been positively rude not to partake, so three of us did some 4-way with Craig Girard. There is now a live big screen tunnelcam in the Bent Prop, so nothing goes unnoticed by your buddies propping up the bar as you tear up the tunnel!

Blustery conditions grounded us on Saturday. Sunday saw four 40-ways and two 60-ways! If you've never participated in formation loads, the sight of other aircraft in close proximity during the climb is breathtaking, only beaten by the vision of streams of skydivers pouring from each aircraft towards the base. This may not have been World Team but it was spectacular from my viewpoint, floating out of a trail plane.

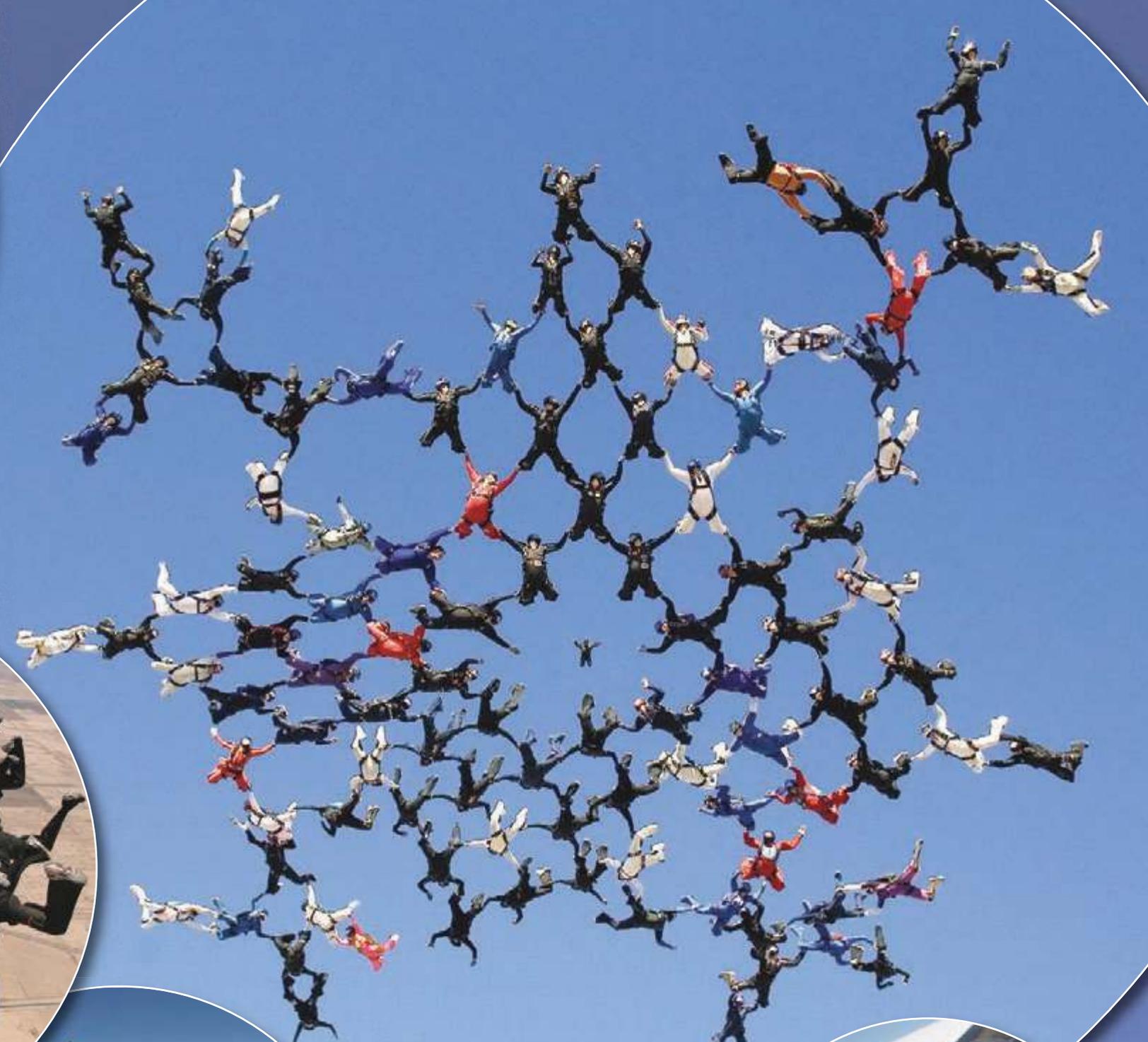
On Monday, for the first time everyone would be on the same skydive. Six jumps to try for the 102-way. The apparent effortlessness with which Eloy organises a day full of five-aircraft formation loads going to 16,000ft in and around other lifts is awe-inspiring. Jump 1 was a great first attempt. The second was disastrous as hard docks and waves blew the

formation apart! The outfacing slots proved equally hard to fly on jumps 3 & 4.

Dive 5 was close but no cigar. Craig tried to fire people up telling them to think of it as the "last round of the World Meet as you're about to retire from jumping". Although, human nature being what it is, everybody nodded but still it came down to the actual last jump to prove we could do what we came here for! Dive 6 then became "Round 11 jump-off at the same World Meet" as the three Skyvans and two Otters sparked up their turbines one last time. We needed just one skydive where everybody did their job and, as break-off came, there was a tangible feeling we'd done it. As we watched the video, a huge cheer went up as the last guy docked! Brilliant. A difficult big-way built and held with photos to prove it – mission accomplished! A huge thank you to Craig Girard and all Airspeed team captains for running things so smoothly, the cameraflyers for the awesome video and stills and all at Eloy for their usual impeccable organisation.

If this inspires you to try something similar, great! As I said, I'm no big-way specialist but, faced with something that takes you out of your comfort zone, what are you going to do? The very fact we skydive surely means we're people who embrace change and accept challenges head-on. If you stay within your own self-imposed limits you never know what's out there. My advice is: never say no, and appreciate all the different areas that being a skydiver opens up to you. That's what the Arizona Challenge is all about: pushing the limits, making new friends and having fun. And not just the Challenge – that's skydiving in a nutshell!

Chris Hollis  
hollisc@ttint.com



Photos by Willy Boeykens & Will Pesek

**Brit Participants:**  
Thomas Hughes (pictured), Simon Cathrine,  
Chris Hollis, Dougie McLelland,  
Derek Thomas, Lesley Gale, Scott Stainforth

**WINTER 2006 - 2007 at Skydive City!**  
**We are planning the best season yet!**

photo by Joao



### Upcoming Events

**Labor Day Weekend**  
**September 2 - 4**

**Halloween Boogie**  
**October 28 - 31**

**Thanksgiving Boogie & Turkey Meet**  
**November 18 - 26**

**Christmas/New Year's Boogie**  
**December 16 - January 1**  
**Pirate Day - December 31st...**



...visit [skydivecity.com](http://skydivecity.com) for more details

### New Facilities

**New City Hall - Big Screen TVs - Game Rooms**  
**Internet Cafe - Free Wireless Internet - ATM**  
**Bathrooms/Showers - RV Park - Bar - Snack Bar**



It's all herel



TUNNELCORCH.COM



Skydive City Inc. | 4241 Skydive Lane, Zephyrhills, FL 33542 | 800-888-JUMP | [info@skydivecity.com](mailto:info@skydivecity.com)

# Letters

## THUMBS UP!

### Medical Adviser

I am writing to compliment you upon your excellent BPA Medical Certificate. I have been asked to sign one of these for a patient who wants to do a charity jump. The information on the back of the form regarding medical cautions and contraindications is first class. We are often regularly asked to sign medical 'release' forms to allow people to partake in certain activities, often without having any real knowledge as to what the activity involves and what medical issues may be at stake. Many GPs are uneasy and unwilling to sign in these circumstances but your form is a marvellous exception. Congratulations to your medical adviser or whoever has designed the form, it's an example of great practice.

Dr Tim Scott

### The Real Artist

Congratulations on the April Mag. The artwork and layout are super on the World Team article. I see the names of the photographers and writers of the article but I don't see the name of the true artist, the one who did the fantastic work in mixing all the pictures seamlessly! This proves that you don't need a pencil to be an artist, you can be one with PhotoShop as well. As a fanatic (not expert) of PhotoShop, I really like this stuff. My compliments!

Willy Boeykens, photographer

*The 'real artist' is unsung hero Andy Vernum, our brilliantly talented, incredibly hard-working designer for the last seven years, whose commitment to your Mag is outstanding.*

### Coaching Roadshow

BKPC had the pleasure of welcoming back the BPA FS Coaching Roadshow. My utmost thanks to Liz Matthews, she made an excellent mentor, telling me exactly what I was doing wrong and how to fix it, with instant results: my FS1! Thank you VNE & VMMax for your commitment to develop British FS through sharing skills. I hope that more newly qualified skydivers give themselves the chance to jump with these world level jumpers. There will always be a cool beer waiting for you guys at Black Knights. Thanks! :)

Mark McCurrie

## THUMBS DOWN!

### Stolen Kit

I had my trolley full of parachuting kit stolen at Heathrow Airport on Sunday 23 July. If anyone comes across any of this gear please get in touch with me or contact the police directly. I'm gutted!

The police said that this happens on a regular basis at the airport, so please everyone, keep your eyes on your gear when travelling.

Alastair Macartney  
alastair@macartney.co.uk

### STOLEN:

PD Velocity 84, Velocity 90, PD113R  
Both Velocities are yellow with a black end cell with Performance Designs in black on the bottom skin. I don't think

### RAPA Meet

On behalf of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines skydiving team, I'd like to extend my warmest thanks to the Joint Service Parachute Centre at Lipp Springs (JSPC(L)). This year's RAPA meet in Germany was a huge success; staff worked through record temperatures to ensure the best use of the glorious weather. A record number of jumps were made, mini-meets were convened after the main competitions, and sunset big-ways ensured that even the most enthusiastic, demanding jumpers were thoroughly satisfied. Thanks to the judges who ensured a fair, trouble-free competition and were a big part of the meet. With a visiting G92, cheap jumps, a fast turnaround and Brian Vacher on hand for canopy instruction, RAPA was the best place to be mid July.

Not the best known DZ within the BPA, I encourage others to consider this meet and enjoy a new DZ; military and civilians alike. RAPA is, despite its obvious foreign location, thoroughly British – not to mention the only BPA drop zone with a sloop pond. With flights at low prices RAPA is well worth the trip. The week ticked all the right boxes and had everything we skydive for: I won't even mention how cheap a crate of beer is! Thanks to all who made it happen, see you next year.

Dain Thorne, Skydive Navy

anyone else has this colour scheme with a black end cell although there are quite a few canopies out there with a dark blue end cell. **Javelin Odyssey**, navy blue with silver on the pilot chute and B & D flaps, with white pin stripe, Performance Designs written on one of the sides. **Argus AAD**. Two Alti-2 **Neptunes**: one black, the other is black, blue & white. ¾ length **Bev Suits** black and blue sloop pants with Bev Suits embroidered on one side and Performance Designs on the other. **Bonehead helmet** with stickers on including old PD Factory Team sticker with a 4-way FS picture. (See page 49! for a photo of all of the above). **Black weight belt, logbook, FAI, BPA membership, list of serial numbers.**

WE PROUDLY PRESENT  
THE ALL NEW  
**RAPTOR X**

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
ASK YOUR  
LOCAL DEALER  
OR CONTACT  
DIRECTLY!

rainbow design gmbh  
TEL. +49 (0) 33932-72461  
FAX +49 (0) 33932-72463  
Flugplatzstr. 3 | D-16833 Fehrbellin  
Germany | e-mail: info@rainbowsuits.com  
www.rainbowsuits.com

rainbow DESIGN

RW, Freely, Camera, Warm, Suits, Freely, Swoop, Base, Pants, Special, Ops, Suits

## THUMBS DOWN!

### Beware Overseas

I'd just like to advise people to be careful when training abroad, because my experience has been very negative. Make very sure that all of the instructors at the company you choose to train with are BPA certified and are able to sign all of the relevant documentation. Be careful they follow the exact letter of all BPA docs. Find out if they are able to issue an A licence. If not, you could find that you have the hassle of convincing a UK DZ to sign you off for your FAI A certificate. This can cost a lot in travel and time. Make sure all of their advertising is true. Do some checking if needed. Try to pay with a credit card. Then, if you are not provided with the certifications that are advertised, you at least have some legal recourse.

It's even more important to make sure you're dealing with a reputable company when going abroad than when training at home because, once you're out there, you're at their mercy until it's time for your flight home. It's better to find out if they are lying while you're still in the UK than when you're sat on the ground on a beautiful day because the plane is broken and the second one they've been advertising for the past six months doesn't actually exist yet... but it's coming real soon, we promise!

Wayne Pascoe

*We'll post you a Starter Mag, as it seems to me that most of the advice you give is in one of the articles: AFF – The Whole Story.*

Lesley Gale, Editor

The AFF article in the Starter Mag was fantastic! Had I read that before going out, I would have known exactly what to look for and what to expect. In hindsight, my letter states a lot of things that I should have already known.

Wayne Pascoe

*Note: If you did your first jump in this country you're entitled to a free copy of the Starter Mag, aimed to introduce you to the sport of skydiving. If you were not given one by the DZ you trained with, call the BPA, who will post you a copy.*

# OVER The Top?



To be vertical or not to be vertical?  
That **SHOULD** be the question

Deland Fire by Michael McCowan

Most recreational 4-way teams should ask themselves the question of whether to perform blocks vertically or not. Yet this seems to be one that many don't even consider when they first start to train together. In my observations as a coach I have found that very few teams doing less than around a 13 average are actually capable of doing most blocks vertically with any kind of real consistency. They often take this inconsistency into various meets (including Nationals) and generally either perform the block really slowly due to being over-cautious, or over-amp it completely, even having a funnel. Doing a block confidently on level is usually much more effective and faster overall than doing it vertically with what could be a 50-75% success rate at most. Hoping for the best with potentially unreliable vertical blocks during a meet won't help any team's confidence or level of calm!

## Vertical frenzy

The FS population today seems to have gone into a sort of 'vertical frenzy', with many teams getting very frustrated and even hurting team members while trying to achieve vertical status. One of the big mistakes that can be made by less trained teams is to watch teams like *Airspeed*, *Sinapsi PD* or *Deland Fire* and decide to copy **everything**

that they do, from key speed and engineering to vertical transitions, hoping this will produce a great average. This rarely works; teams need to utilise methods appropriate to their own level. Their average will naturally increase through building a solid base of skills. In skydiving, as in any sport, it makes sense to walk before you run; trying to copy the top teams too soon can actually hinder performance.

## Flat may be where it's at

The first 4-way team to achieve a 21 average (*Arizona Airspeed* in the mid-90s) did not do most of their blocks vertically at the time, so it stands to reason that teams don't **need** to do all their blocks vertical to achieve a good average. However, the option of training a block 2-dimensionally seems to be something that many teams have either never heard of, or have forgotten completely.

Some teams are better off not doing verticals at all as they will achieve a higher and more consistent average through keeping their blocks 'flat'. The A class blocks 2, 4, 6, 19 and 21 can be done quite well with no need for any verticals; these should only be attempted if individual and team skills allow it. Most of the AA class blocks such as 11, 18, 20 and 22, as well as blocks 3, 5, 10 and 17 (AAA) can also

## Block 17: Danish Tee - Murphy

Airspeed by Wendy Smith



This is how Airspeed do it. They average around 800 training jumps and 50 hours tunnel time a year

South Parc by Michael McGowan



This is how easy it is to overdo the move if your team does not have the training time to achieve consistency

## Block 6: Stardian - Stardian

Perris Airkix by Andy Wright



Vertical transitions for block 6 are a good choice if you have the skills and tunnel time to ensure consistency

Amy 4 by Michael McGowan



Teams should be wary of getting too much separation between pieces

## Block 5: Opal - Opal

Airspeed by Michael McGowan



For trained teams, the less height difference in the vertical the better

Bodyflight Storm by John Baggaley



Starting off flat for less trained teams ensures a good close

## Block 11: Photon - Photon

be done quite quickly and with a high degree of consistency without any vertical at all. As the saying goes: "Consistency WINS!" For the majority of teams, consistency and confidence will be of more benefit to their performance than being able to pull off a sketchy vertical transition.

This is not to say that **all** teams should do **all** blocks on the flat and never go vertical until achieving a 21 average. But there is a time and a place for verticals and getting into vertical frenzy too soon could actually stall out a team's progression and lead to many other issues. Even if a team can perform the actual vertical transitions well, often the close can be unpredictable and the team wastes valuable time handling a lock-down, or takes the resulting sense of panic or frustration into the next random or block. The saved time in running some blocks vertically is not always worth it.

### To vertical or not to vertical?

So, how could a team work out if verticals should or shouldn't feature in their continuity plan?

You first need to ascertain whether the team members have the individual skills to make verticals even an option. This can be tested in a tunnel simply by starting off doing vertical transitions with two members.

If an individual cannot perform a good vertical in a tunnel then that person probably will not do very well in freefall wearing a rig. This skill can be built on later as a 4-way by attempting some of the vertical-friendly blocks such as 5, 6 and 21.

For teams deciding to take the vertical route for the first time, coaching on technique is essential. I strongly advise getting hands-on coaching, with one or even two coaches flying with you as piece partners, until the individuals gain confidence in verticals. This approach can fast-forward a person's, and hence the team's, path to vertical success.

Teams who decide to avoid many of the possible vertical transitions entirely may well find they end up with a better average come the meet, even against teams who are performing verticals. Confidence in predictable, solid blocks makes a big difference to most teams' performance under pressure, where it really counts. Running most of the blocks flat was good enough for Airspeed's 21 average not so long ago – don't let pride get into the way of putting up really good scores!

Gary Beyer  
gary@onthelineskydiving.com  
www.onthelineskydiving.com



5000 sold world wide

# Speed 2000 Reserve



**And you thought,  
Germany only built  
quality cars!**



PARATEC GMBH - Weingartstr. 12 - D 66798 Wallerfangen  
Tel.: +49 (0) 6837/7375 - email: info@paratec.de  
www.pاراتec.de

**aerograd kolonna**

**Stop dreaming,  
go skydive!**

*...every day, from April till October.*

<http://www.aerograd.ru>

*Is this  
the place for me?*

**Wingsuits**  
**FLY**

**Loïc JEAN-ALBERT**  
**Overall Champion**  
**Stupino 2006**

[www.flyyourbody.com](http://www.flyyourbody.com)

Copyright: www.wingsuitfestival.com

# Faster, Smoother, Better!

## AND it's all On-Line

Visit the website and click on **BUY FLIGHTS**  
follow the links and here's some of the things you can do:

- ▶ Buy and schedule tunnel time
- ▶ Check for availability
- ▶ Book Multi-Sessions
- ▶ Open and manage your account
- ▶ Buy gift vouchers
- ▶ Shop On-Line
- ▶ Check last minute offers
- ▶ Book Free Tuesday Night Coaching Sessions



## tra Reasons to book at Airkix

**Once you've flown, why go home? We're the most exciting leisure venue in the UK!**

At the awesome, centrally located, Xscape leisure and entertainment centre, where you'll find:

- ▶ Indoor real snow and climbing
- ▶ Multi screen cinema
- ▶ Cool brand shops
- ▶ Wide selection of Restaurants
- ▶ Ten pin bowling
- ▶ Nightclubs and bars
- ▶ Virgin Active™ Fitness
- ▶ Coffee shops & Internet Cafe
- ▶ Amusement arcade

Not to mention; it's just a minute's walk from superb accommodation and **thecentre:mk** – one of Europe's longest and largest indoor shopping complexes plus it's just a few minutes from J14 M1 and close to Milton Keynes rail and bus stations.

For more information check out: [www.xscape.co.uk](http://www.xscape.co.uk) [www.mkweb.co.uk](http://www.mkweb.co.uk)

Bookings & more information

[www.airkix.com](http://www.airkix.com)

E: [skydive@airkix.com](mailto:skydive@airkix.com)

T: 0845 331 6549 or +44 1908 247770

**airkix**  
the home of indoor skydiving

# 70 Wingsuits

## Over Germany

# Ja Flokkers!!!

***“So you're telling me that we can do a 70 wingsuit flock from 18,500ft out of a jet with a tailgate that will lift us there in under ten minutes... and all we have to do is book a 99 pence flight to Germany?”***

My heart always skips a beat when Mark phones and I hear the words “I have a great idea” ... invariably it is ridiculous, scary and turns out to be utterly awesome. Last time it was flying down the side of the Eiger in Switzerland and this time it was a wingsuit big-way record attempt in Germany.

### ***Cochstedt Airport***

We flew to Altenburg in Germany and then drove to Cochstedt to find an international sized airport in the middle of the German countryside, which was easily twice the size of the airport at Altenburg. We later discovered that Cochstedt airport used to be a Russian military base and was redeveloped for international freight but for unknown reasons has stood empty and unused – unused that is until the skydivers turned up.

### ***Huge Drop Zone***

This was the second boogie held at this location, and what a DZ it makes with a 4km long runway, incredibly large landing zones (four of them) and just the largest selection of off-landing areas to choose from should you need them. Some of the jump runs were quite long – it was a jet after all. There were mixed feelings about the site set-up but it had pretty much all we needed and had the most important of requirements – the bar! – where we enjoyed a whole host of entertainment most of which you **really** needed to be there for (or you can just ask Steve 'The Shark' Such).







### **Antonov 72**

The AN72 is an awesome jumpship! The flights to altitude can only be described as short – less than 10 minutes to 18,000 feet. Although it's a jet, the run-in speed was not an issue for the exiting wingsuits, in fact 'maxing out' your suit on exit could send you up for a quick inspection of the top of the AN72's wings! Initially it was a bit of a shock to the system to wait for 50 people to manifest for the load to take off but we soon grew used to it.

### **The Beginning: 8-way Flocks**

We kicked the week off with an 8-way flock – and pretty impressed we were too – but this was to turn out to be nothing compared to what we achieved in the next few days. As more people arrived, the number of wingsuits being rigged up started to really create an air of excitement amongst us flyers and a great deal of interest from the many local spectators, especially during some dirtdives when there were 45+ wingsuits all moving in formation on the tarmac, with a couple of bemused German whuffos engulfed within the flock.





## 20-way Flocks

We were soon building 20+ ways with Scott Campos, Rolf Brombach and Jari Kuosma organising the rapidly increasing number of wingsuits. Their aim was progression and safety with heaps of fun. We were flying faster, slower, tighter, longer, and bigger jumps than we thought possible: 45-way flocks, in close proximity, averaging 65mph vertical speed for 170 seconds! Man, it was amazing... and incredibly tiring. Doing this and flying on your back throughout to capture the whole event on stills and film was even more impressive, so hats off to our own Mark 'The Flump' Harris who was definitely the star flyer and the 'totally awesome cameraman dude'!

## Record 70-way Flock

Included in the amazing flocking dives there was a record attempt for the largest wingsuit mass exit from a single aircraft. Sounds simple but it took some discussion and organising in order to do it safely – 70 flyers in four groups each organised by a BirdMan Chief Instructor (Scott, Rolf, Jari and Mark) alternating the direction of flight paths from exit, each group base wearing smoke. The leading group was proudly headed by Sibson flyers, with our own Jules Holts giving the exit count for the record flight to begin.

## BirdMan Factory Team

The level of flying achieved at this event lead Jari to invite some of the Sibson flyers to join the newly created BirdMan Factory Team – a proud moment indeed!

## In Summary

This was an awesome boogie where levels were pushed, standards raised, new friends made and wingsuiting kicked ass!

## What's Next?

Look out for Cochstedt 2007 and the Antonov boogie and the 140-way... Ja Fookjal!

Duncan Wright





All photos: Mark Harris

ENJOY THE 2006 SEASON WITH

www.skydiving.co.uk  
info@skydiving.co.uk



**CRW AT HIB...!!!**

Due to the huge success of the CRW Roadshow in July - we will be organising CRW events regularly in the future. Watch this space..



Photo: Jason Snailham

**HOME OF THE NATIONALS**



Photo: Jonno Home



Photo: Jay Southall

**Competitive Team Training Rates**

**HIBALDSTOW DIARY DATES**

**Aug 19 - 21** British Open Nationals 2006 - Formation Skydiving 4-way

**Aug 26 - 28** British Open Nationals 2006 - Formation Skydiving 4-way & 8-way

**Aug 26 - 28** British Open Nationals 2006 - Artistic & Speed

**Sept 30 - Oct 1** FS 4-way Scrambles Meet

**Oct 28 - 29** Halloween 10-way Speed - The Frostbite Friendly

**DZ: 01652 648 837**

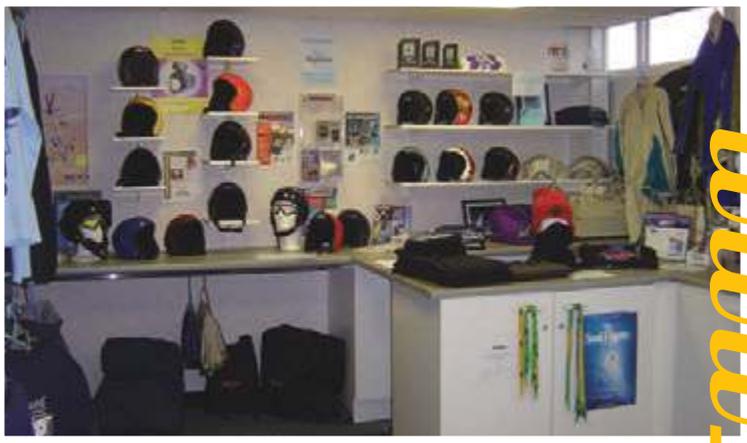
**Office: 0113 250 5600**

**THE UK'S MOST PROGRESSIVE DZ**

## **EXTENSIVE DZ SHOP**

Walk-in and mail order

Call for info on products  
from goggles to  
complete kit



## **Skydive Spain**

- Open 365 days a year
- Competitive team training rates
- Cheap flights to Seville



Photo: Mike Carpenter

**HUGE STUDENT FRIENDLY LANDING AREA**

**CHRISTMAS  
BOOGIE  
20 DEC -  
10 JAN**

Check flight prices  
with the airlines then  
call us to book your  
accommodation.

Photo: Sarah Hall

- **AFF Courses by BPA Instructors on a British owned DZ**  
External instructors encouraged to bring own students
- **Turbines flying to 15,000ft**
- **FS and FF Organisers & Coaches**
- **Birdman Instruction**
- **Nils Pedstrup from FunkFlyz**  
27 Dec - 10 Jan

**DZ: +34 687 726 303 UK Office: 0113 250 5600**

**www.skydivespain.com**  
**info@skydivespain.com**



**£18 for  
14,000 feet in  
12 minutes!**

**The Porter Powered DropZone...**

Open every Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday

### 2006 Events

Visit [www.bkpc.co.uk](http://www.bkpc.co.uk) for the latest details

#### August

5-13 **Black Knights Summer Boogie**  
FS coaching by WARP coaches,  
FF Coaching from Team Avalore.  
Instructors for RAPS Student Progression  
BBQ & Parties, everyone welcome!

19-20 **Flocking Weekend** - Grab those wing suits!

28-1 **Open Week** - Student Progression,  
CF Training Camp. Come and grab some  
mid-week summer skydives at Cockerham.

#### September

16-17 **Avalore Freestyle Skills Weekend**  
Freestyle coaching from our favourite FF team.

- New Tarmac Runway
- New Packing Room
- Free Wireless Internet
- Avalore Freestyle School
- Awesome Aircraft!
- Awesome Vibes!
- Awesome Prices!

### Wanted!

- Additional Manifester
- Extra Camera Flyers

[info@bkpc.co.uk](mailto:info@bkpc.co.uk)

01772 717624

[www.bkpc.co.uk](http://www.bkpc.co.uk)

Hanson Safety AB  
Box 108, 23623 Hollviken Sweden  
Phone +46-709797978  
Fax +46-40450260

[kitekniife.com](http://kitekniife.com)

**kitekniife** 

Cutting edge hook knives. Hanson Safety

**ORIGINAL LIZARD**  


**Performance Skydive Clothing**

Fast threads - Fast turnaround!

Tel: +44 (0) 1482 635483

[www.original-lizard.com](http://www.original-lizard.com)

**jump**  
start your  
**career...**

with a DIPLOMA in  
**COMMERCIAL SKYDIVING**

- 32 week course
- Includes 200 skydives
- Current employment rate exceeds 95%

**\*Work Placements available in Spain,  
USA, Australia & New Zealand\***

*"Check out this exciting new career option  
in New Zealand, the Adventure capital of  
the Southern Hemisphere"*



For more information or a Diploma course prospectus visit:  
[www.skydivingnz.com](http://www.skydivingnz.com)

t: +64 3343 5542 or e: [info@skydivingnz.com](mailto:info@skydivingnz.com)

[nzskydivingschool.com](http://nzskydivingschool.com)

## World Championships

Good luck to our teams at the World Parachute Championships (WPC) 2006. The British delegation was chosen at the Selection Nationals 2005. For the first time, the FS World Meet will not be covered by Omnikore as the Wagners have now sold the facility to Larry Hill of Skydive Arizona. You can follow the results and daily happenings on the event websites. Good luck messages to teams or individuals can be passed either via the BPA or the host websites. Delegation Managers from the BPA will ensure they are passed on.

## FS and Artistic

### Gera, Germany

6-11 August

#### 4-way Open, Army 4

Dave Tyler, Alastair Macartney, Dane Kenny, Aaron Faith, Spencer Hogg (camera), Andy Goodall (alternate).

#### 4-way Female, Airkix

Claire 'Sparky' Scott, Amanda Kemp, Emma Beyer, Julia Foxwell, Andy Wright (camera)

#### 8-way, Connexion

Ian 'Milko' Hodgkinson, Phil Curtis, Marcus Beck, Andy Ibbetson, Derek Thomas, Dave Ruffell, Rob Stevenson, Andy Pook, Gary Wainwright (camera)

#### Female Freestyle, Tumbleweed

Deb Clarke, Jim Weir (camera)

#### Male Skysurf, Insanely Board

Rohan Beal, Richard Wiggins (camera)

#### Freestyle, Outbreak

Jim Harris, Mike Carpenter, Andy Newell (camera);

Avalore – Louis Harwood, David Downham, Rob McVey (camera)

**Officials:** Head of Delegation – John Smyth;

Delegation Manager – Andy Scott;

Invited FS judges – Bob Charters,

Karla Cole, Ruth Cooper

[www.worldmeet2006.com](http://www.worldmeet2006.com) &  
[www.skyleague.com](http://www.skyleague.com)

## CF and Classics

### Stupino, Russia

12-20 August

**Classics** – Jeff Chandler, Nick Johnston, Stuart Morris, Esther Reynolds, Pete Sizer, Glenn Stephenson

#### 4-way Rotations, CFUK

Colin Dickson, Paul Speller, Adam Johnson, Eugene Brennan, Pat Hammond (camera), Paul Yeoman (alternate)

#### 2 way Sequential, Outcasts

Steve Saunders, Paul Yeoman, Ian Marshall (camera), Jason Snailham (alternate)

#### 4-way Sequential, Outcasts

Steve Saunders, Paul Yeoman, Ray Brewer, Eugene Brennan, Ian Marshall (camera), Jason Snailham (alternate)

#### 8-way Speed, Outcasts

Steve Saunders, Paul Yeoman, Eugene Brennan, Ray Brewer, Ian Marshall, Colin Dickson, Paul Speller, Adam Johnson, Pat Hammond (camera), Jason Snailham (alternate)

**Officials:** Head of Delegation – John Hitchen;

Delegation Manager – John Page;

Invited Judge – Bob King

[www.malevskycup.ru](http://www.malevskycup.ru)

## Canopy Piloting

### Vienna, Austria

23-27 August

**British Team** – Brian Vacher, Paul Rossouw, Michael Holmes, Alastair Macartney, Mark Bayada

**Officials:** Head of Delegation – John Smyth;

Delegation Manager – Grant Richards; Trainee

International Canopy Piloting Judge – Kate Charters

[www.skyday.net](http://www.skyday.net)

# BPA Matters

## NEW RATINGS

### Advanced Packers

Maggie Penny (S & T)

Judith Lees (S & T)

Geraldine McGuinness (T)

Matthew Holford

Richard Johnson

Paul Yeoman

### Tandem Instructor

Dave Haygarth

Colin May

Lee Read

Dave Clarke

Andrew Halloway

Simon Hopkins

### TBI

Karen Bain

Unai Fernandez

Peter Lehane

### CSBI

Gerry Cepelak

Graham Dobson

Jason Webster

Kris Sheppard

Julie Terry

Grahame Meggison

Lee Read

John Dunn

Joyce Carter

Vernon Metcalfe

### AFF Instructor

Lee Pugh

Alex Wilson

Liz Ashley

Rich Bishop

Jerry Greeves

### Advanced Instructor

Richard (Reg) Green

### Instructor Examiner

Andy Goodall

### CSI

Paul Dobson

Tim Denson

Rob Millin

## Artistic Roadshow - Catch it while you can!

It's not too late to take advantage of the BPA Artistics Roadshows, one left, 12-13 August, at Cark with Al Hodgson & Steve Newman of Bullet Freely, before the Nationals. Teams can get some last minute help putting the finishing touches to those routines. Free advice and coaching. Everyone welcome, whatever your level.

## FS & Artistics Nationals

Register on line at Target's website

[www.skydiving.co.uk](http://www.skydiving.co.uk) If you haven't got a team but would like one, why not try the team contact page on the BPA website?

[www.bpa.org.uk/teamadverts.php](http://www.bpa.org.uk/teamadverts.php)

## European Skydiving League

The ESL finals in Spa, Belgium will be held 6-8 September 06. British teams have excelled at this event in the last two years. A registration form and information about the meet are available on the BPA website. As well as the medal list in the each category (AAA, AA, A & rookie) there is an award for the best videographer, plus 'The Spirit' trophy which goes to the best nation. Let's go and get it!

## Ask Airkix!

FS women's 4-way British team and world record holders Perris Airkix are the guest coaches on the interactive coaching page on the BPA website. Log on to ask the expert jumpers in Airkix your coaching question, then come back later for their reply.

Photo, by Trond Bolstad, shows Alastair Macartney, British Canopy Piloting team member, competing in Voss, Norway

## Starter Mag 2006

A new updated and revised Starter Mag has been published, now the fourth version. Starter Mags are given to everyone in the UK after making their first jump. Drop zones order them (free) with their P6 memberships.



# Taz

**Short in stature  
Tall in power  
Narrow of purpose  
And wide of vision**

Tamsin Causer was 100% pure living energy, an incredibly special (gorgeous looking) little cutie, who never failed to brighten up the room when she walked in. It would be no surprise to see her with different parts of her body covered with multi-coloured bruises, limping, rearranging her male underpants (*"They fit a whole lot better than women's knickers you know!?"*); while at the same time wearing the hugest grin on her face, a mad giggle just waiting to be released and with the threat looming of an all-encompassing hug that you never wanted to end. She was constantly looking for challenges, new thrills and spills which she could pack into the next 24 hours. My wonderful sister was the friend who everyone knows as



'someone who did everything' and who made everyone smile with her incredible energy for life – even those that knew her well were often surprised at just how much she managed to cram in.

She was naturally gifted at everything she had a go at (of course not including such mundane things as cooking and cleaning – that's what others were for!). There were so many activities that she not only did, but did so well that she usually left her conspirators in her wake and her teachers impressed beyond words. She loved kick-boxing (being so close to achieving her black belt), horse riding (winning a number of trophies and rosettes with Blackie – the other male in her life), motorcycling (every man's dream in leathers), skiing (especially the holiday where she skied with Martin Bell – yes she did race him!), scuba diving, and many, many more – but above all Taz loved skydiving.

She so very dearly loved the many friends she made at Langar – every one of them so special in her heart for one reason or another; she loved the time she spent doing formations – whether it was with the CRW team, Brit Chicks, or everyone out in Thailand for the 400-way. She especially loved the fact that she was the only person to hold four skydiving world records at one time – and to achieve them all in the space of 20 weeks is just so typically Taz! She loved Bridge Day. (Post-trip, I was so nervous watching the video footage of her doing a somersault off the bridge – even though she was sat watching it right next to me, with her big, beautiful grin and twinkling eyes!) Most importantly of all though she loved Gavin, her skydiving co-conspirator, and all the blue skies they leapt into together.

Despite her fantastic achievements in so many areas of her life, Tam was incredibly humble. She always played down how exceptional she was (although part of this was her mischievous side, waiting to catch any unsuspecting victim out – as anyone taking her on in Tekken would give testament to) and was always quick to make sure everyone else was involved



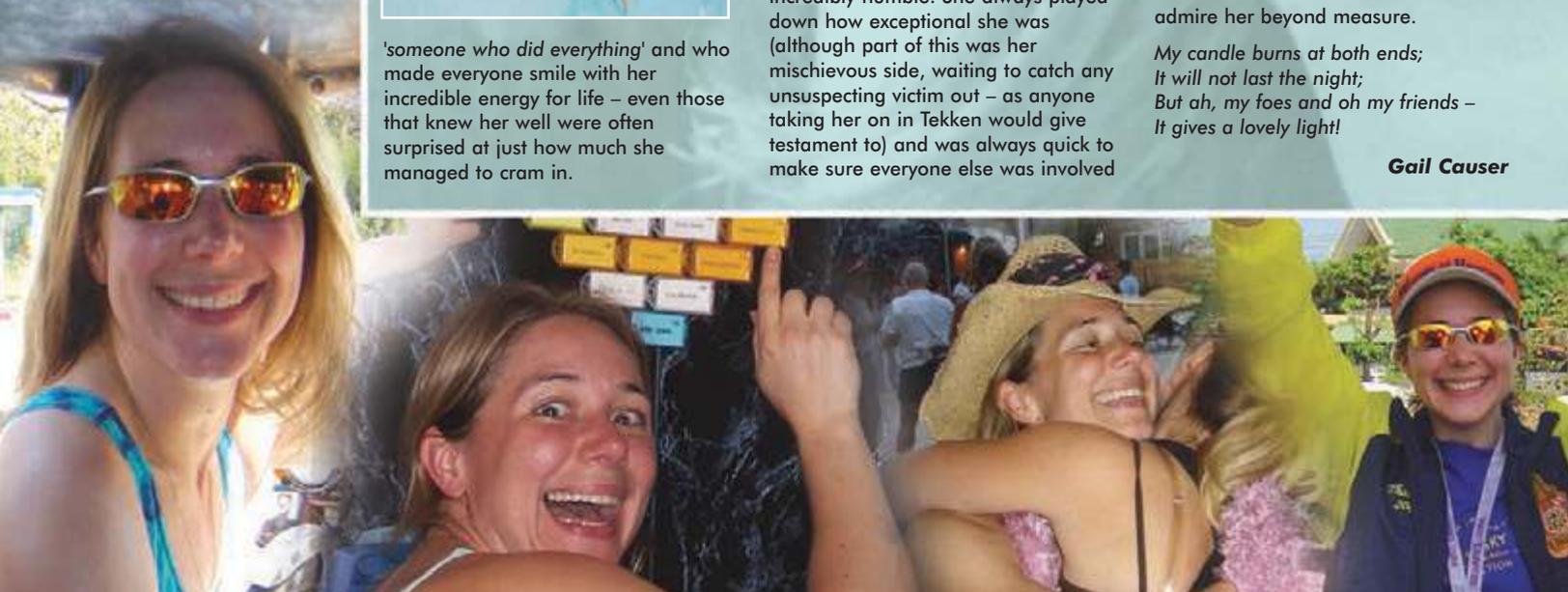
and no-one was left out. She loved to talk, (often into the wee hours of the morning, when everyone else was flaking fast), would often ask a million and one questions (a childhood trait she never grew out of), gossip endlessly (usually with a cup of tea and a biscuit in her hands), act as confidante, and provide the advice and endless encouragement that only someone who cares deeply can do.

Of course, she had her vulnerable moments too, just like anyone else. She was an incredibly honest person, who couldn't help but wear her heart on her sleeve – what you saw really was what you got. She was so utterly natural and totally endearing, that you would end up doing anything for her once she touched your heart – and so many of us did!

Taz will be terribly missed by so many of those whose hearts she did touch, but has left us with the finest example of how to grab life with both hands and 'live it to the max'. She is utterly irreplaceable, but will live on in the memories of all of us who love and admire her beyond measure.

*My candle burns at both ends;  
It will not last the night;  
But ah, my foes and oh my friends –  
It gives a lovely light!*

**Gail Causer**





Here are just a few insights into her life away from the drop zone, as Tamsin, instead of Taz. Her ultimate goal was to get onto the UK Stunt Register. If she managed to get stunt work that would be a bonus – just getting onto the register seemed an insurmountable task in itself, one that she almost gave up, as the requirements always seemed to be changing – but she pushed on regardless with more determination! This goal was the driving force behind many of the pursuits we both did – I usually got involved because I wanted to do the activity, it was fun doing it with her and she liked having a partner in crime!

Mundane running of home life wasn't on her agenda; she couldn't cook or operate a washing machine. I came back once from a four-day trip to St Andrews, tired from the journey and the intensity of the Advanced Packers course, to find a big smile and a bigger hug awaiting me – plus large pile of dirty washing and a request for something nice to eat! If domesticity was a requirement for the stunt register, it would have been a different story!

When we were looking for a new house we spent ten months without one, living on the charity of friends and parents with spare rooms. During this 'homeless' time, the stables where we took riding lessons offered to sell us the horse we were riding for a good price. Tamsin came back and talked to me about the idea of buying Blackie, expecting me to impose common sense; we didn't have a house, how could we find time for a horse, etc. I said 'Yes!'

Tamsin would take lessons bareback, including jumping, practice at sword fighting (which Blackie was not impressed with!), and threw herself into the deep end at horse jumping competitions. At weekends, we'd take him out hacking – then we hit on the

idea that I could ride my mountain bike alongside, happy family together! Blackie took to it incredibly – if I fell behind, he would slow down until I caught up; if I got in front he would speed up to walk alongside; then on long straights, Tamsin would give me a head start, I'd pedal like mad and seconds later have a snorting horse appear next to me in a canter, a madly grinning Tamsin holding on tight, hoping I didn't get trampled in the excitement!

We did regular kick-boxing classes for the last two years, and in that time she advanced rapidly to brown belt. She would always work herself harder than most in the classes, earning the respect of our instructor and fellow classmates. In sparring sessions where she sometimes had to pair against 6ft men, she'd employ her flexibility and size to stay close and aim fast, furious kicks, often getting the better! Countless bruises and bloody noses never deterred her! To anyone at Langar who saw us sometimes rolling around the floor on bad weather days, punching, kicking and gouging each other – we weren't having an argument, we were practising!

Her approach to fencing was much the same as kick-boxing – the only way to win, due to her stature and generally shorter arm reach, was all-out aggression! Most of the fights I watched (or even fought her, to my crushing defeat), her plan was simple. All-out attack, take no prisoners! After a trampolining injury to her lower back, she wasn't able to fence while it recovered but still every Friday she'd go to the club and help teach the juniors, leaving a lasting mark on all of them.

Yet another passion was snow skiing. She was gutted that she had missed two years of skiing because of all the skydiving commitments she/we had. She excelled in this also, always impressing guides and instructors – she

had three offers to become an instructor! In St Anton in Austria, we both realised the guide had a crush on her, after constantly talking to her about considering becoming an instructor/guide with his ski school. On the coach back he asked me what I would do if she moved out to Austria. I looked at her, then at him, smiled, and said it would be cool – I'd come out every weekend and go skiing! I don't think that was the answer he was hoping for! She was so impressed that I'd let him down gently and almost felt sorry for him.

I think that is why we worked so well. I didn't try and stop her doing what she wanted, or being who she was. Why would you? If you love someone, you should let them go, and be what they want to be, stand by them and support them. If they love you too, they will always come back. She always did.

I thought of a small poem I remember reading, by Spike Milligan (showing my age!), it's a parody of the first few lines of William Blake's *The Tiger*;

*Tiger, tiger, burning bright  
Look out! You'll set the jungle alight!*

She burned very bright. And the jungle she left behind is still on fire...

**Gavin McLeod**



A memorial website has been set up, containing many pages of beautiful tributes, memories and thoughts of Taz

[www.crwdiva.org/taz-memorial](http://www.crwdiva.org/taz-memorial)



# SKYDIVE Langar

Langar Airfield, Langar  
Nottingham NG13 9HY  
Telephone: 01949 860878  
Email: info@bpslangar.co.uk  
Web: www.bpslangar.co.uk

## British Parachute Schools 9th - 17th September

# Langar Boogie 2 2006

8th - 11th LARGE CANOPY FORMATIONS

9th-10th 16-way FS Competition

9th-10th POPS RECORD

11th - 15th FREELY SKILLS WEEK

16th - 17th British Freely Records

15th - 17th BIG-WAY SEQUENTIAL

Two Skyvans, Two Caravans, Beech 99

- 280 jumpers per hour!

Jumping for everyone - come and join us!

### OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

**TURBINE AIRCRAFT & UNLIMITED ALTITUDE**

Two 16-place Cessna Grand Caravans always available plus visiting aircraft for Boogies and Records

### RAPS & AFF STUDENTS!

Struggling to progress? Try us out!

First class instruction 7 days a week

Trained abroad?

Looking for a helpful UK Drop Zone? Call us!

### WALK-UP LOAD ORGANISING

for flat and freely every weekend

### COACHING AVAILABLE!

by National Competitors, British Team members and World Record holders!

We coach 4 and 8-way Formation Skydiving, Freely,

Altmonout, Wingsuit, Skysurf, Canopy Formations,

Canopy Swooping - you name it!

Call us for competitive Team Rates

### BRITISH RECORDS

We hold the records for both Women's and Open Formation Skydiving, for Sequential Formation Skydiving and for Women's Canopy Formations

### Canopy School

3-Day Courses - Learn:

- ◆ Your Canopy's Full Potential
- ◆ Advanced Techniques

Safe flight  
school  
colour school

Contact: Mike Gorman

☎ 07966 450960

Mike@SafeFlightSchool.com

Practise at Safe Flight School, Empingham

### Elaine & Phil Curtis

# Air Supply

☎ 07787 555496

On site for all your gear!

Wireless Internet Massive indoor Packing and Creeper space Huge Landing area  
Fantastic Showers Free camping Bunkhouse Team Rooms Canteen Bar

**SONIC**  
ADVANCED FLYING PRODUCTS



✓ 100% Made to Measure  
INDIVIDUALLY CUSTOM MADE JUMPSUITS, PANTS & TOPS

✓ From our Stock  
PANTS, SWOOP SHORTS, HOODIES, T-SHIRTS AND MORE

>>> CHECK OUR ON-LINE SHOP

[WWW.SONICFLYWEAR.COM](http://WWW.SONICFLYWEAR.COM)

©2006 Sonic Flywear Empuñabruva Spain | photo: Babylon & Arto

Accessories

Camera Jackets

The original Multi-Fly

Zips closed : Fast Fall  
Zips open : Slow Fall  
This is the only suit you'll need. Alter the suits fit to change your fall rate

Tailor-Made Gents Jump-Suits

Tailor-Made Ladies Jump-Suits

Zero-Porosity Tunnel Suits

tel: 0800 288 90 63  
[www.02xs.com](http://www.02xs.com)

*Flight Performance*<sup>SM</sup>

**OPTIMA**



*"Optima is more than just an audible."*

*Optima's precise canopy warnings assist in making extremely accurate calculations for canopy approaches for landing... not only for swoopers but it is a useful tool for all skydivers.*

*After all, the jump isn't done until you land safely."*

**Jeff Provenzano**

- Swoop Competitor  
- L&B Test Jumper  
- FlightClub.tv

Optima LED, LED-XL & LCD visual warning accessories are also available.

MOSEVJ 3 - KIRKE HYLLINGE - DENMARK - +45 46 48 24 80 - FAX +45 46 48 24 90

LEARN MORE ONLINE AT: [WWW.L-AND-B.DK](http://WWW.L-AND-B.DK)



# BOOGIE

## on the BEACH

For most in Jersey, the Boogie on the Beach was the first time they had seen the streamlined, sexy PAC 750XL, let alone jumped one. The 'plane had flown over from Hinton, complete with skydivers!

These welcome visitors were to be introduced to our scenic split drop zone. The aircraft takes off from St Peter and you climb to altitude enjoying panoramic views of every coastline. Jumping out at 13,000 ft, the stunning vision of the whole island laid out below you, framed in a sparkling turquoise sea, can be a little distracting in freefall.

Jersey measures just nine by five miles, big enough for safety and small enough for amazing beauty. Under canopy your mind is sharply focussed on setting up and landing on the wide sandy beach which is St Aubin's Bay.

### Sunday 11 June: The Beginning

We had a brief on the PAC; it even has seats, how cool is that?! The first day was easy-going with everyone getting to know each other. The tide made for a short one, covering the beach landing zone for half the day. At high tide Jersey is 45 square miles but the daily 40-foot tidal rise and fall means the area doubles in size at low tide.

Andy from Firebird (previously Performance Variable) was on hand to show the new Cayenne and Contrail canopies. He also displayed some interesting containers with lots of good design features. The evening's main attraction was a spit-roasted pig at the Airport Social Club: not for the squeamish as our resident club 'animals' finished off the tongue, eyeballs and anything which counted as protein. You know who you are!

### Monday: Channel TV

A Channel TV crew filmed presenter Rebecca Huggler doing a tandem. All the stops were pulled out for such honoured guests, even parts of the cabins were cleaned out (only parts!). One of the best quotes of the week has to be from Rebecca; "I don't mind breaking my legs but not my nose". She enjoyed the jump and might even take up the sport.

Channel TV also filmed skydiving celebrity Dario Jotti who'd come over to coach. Our club goal was to beat the current formation record over Jersey, a 12-way. Dario's first load went as expected – the '8-way' turned into a 5-and-a-bit-way. His debrief was very good and everyone found useful points to try on future jumps.

### Tuesday: Sightseeing

The day started really well but, as the tide went out, the clouds came in. Some watched skydiving videos in the Social Club while others took the opportunity to explore. Most DZs have very little to do if you're not skydiving – well, the beauty of Jersey (literally) is that it's a tourist destination in its own right. It's a kind of mini-England, with tiny winding roads, quaint thatched cottages, smugglers' coves, waterfalls, caves, cliffs and lush green fields of Jersey cattle. It's so small that when you hire a car they only give you half a tank of petrol!



### Wednesday: Tales of the Uninhibited

Same weather as Tuesday. The tales of last night's drinking session are recounted many times. Key points; it's quite a swim across the harbour; some of the police don't have a sense of humour; but others offer free lifts home. Second quote, from a police officer to three dripping-wet drunken revellers standing on a quay beside their sodden clothes: "For the last time, have you or have you not been swimming in the harbour?!"

This was closely followed up with:  
"You're not taking this seriously"  
"Well, it's not very serious is it?!"

Some spent more time sightseeing. Jersey War Tunnels is an interactive exhibition in an underground kilometre of tunnel, providing a fascinating insight into the German Occupation of the Channel Islands in World War II. Jersey has a rich colourful history, well-illustrated by many ancient buildings such as Mont Orgueil Castle, Seymour Tower and Elizabeth Castle, reached by a causeway from St Helier.

### Thursday: Sunshine!

The weather finally cleared and everyone was well fired up! Dario had made the groups smaller, so people could practice what he had taught. This made a big difference in honing people's ability. Steve Newman showed off his camera skills while videoing a tandem: very impressive. Some discovered the wisdom of never going downwind of the target area while on a demo jump: others refused to learn.

### Friday: The Finale

Thankfully, our usual glorious weather returned. All jumpers had made a marked improvement; by now there were several 8-ways that were significantly better than Monday's. It was sadly too late to attempt the 12-way record, the lost days to weather made it impossible. Next year, this is definitely achievable, given the groundwork laid this time.

Jumpers from nearby Guernsey also hoped to break a record, as there is no existing figure for the number of donkeys in a formation. Currently there are five Guernsey jumpers with experience ranging from just off AFF to over 1,000 jumps. The PAC united Jersey and Guernsey in a way that no Cessna 206 ever could. It was a great opportunity to meet up with Channel Islanders and those from far far away. The week climaxed with a buffet in town while we watched the week's videos. Most then boogied off to the nightclub with glass floors to check out the latest Brazilian fashions.

### 2007 Boogie on the Beach

Come to next year's boogie and help set a new Channel Island record. We guarantee you a spanking good time, a wonderfully scenic trip and a holiday to boot.

Stephen Mauger & friends





[www.skydivejersey.net](http://www.skydivejersey.net)

Aerial photos by Steve Newman  
Ground photos by Mally Richardson & Olympus

# bodyflight

Whats comming up at the World's No' 1 tunnel? **B E D F O R D**

## Our 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday!

23<sup>rd</sup> Sept



- Disco and tunnel time
- At least 15 mins of flying per person
- Food & Drink (Bring your own too)
- Flyer tickets £150. Non flyers £20
- Limited places available. Book now!
- Contact [bryony@bodyflight.co.uk](mailto:bryony@bodyflight.co.uk) for tickets

## New Years Party

31<sup>st</sup> Dec



- DJ Richie
- Fireworks
- Food & drink
- Scrambles competition, tunnel twister and play time
- Flyer tickets £150. Non flyers £20
- Limited tickets available, book early
- Contact [bryony@bodyflight.co.uk](mailto:bryony@bodyflight.co.uk) for tickets

## World Challenge 2007

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
April



- Entry now available
- Huge cash prizes!!
- 2006 DVD out soon
- Visit [www.worldchallenge.info](http://www.worldchallenge.info) or e-mail [bev@bodyflight.co.uk](mailto:bev@bodyflight.co.uk) for an entry form



Photos: James Boole

## Transylvanian Flocking

To add to the now bewildering list of wingsuits on the market, Phoenix-Fly have recently released their *Vampire 2*. The new suit retains many features of the company's original *Vampire* – CAD-designed 3D arm wing; semi-rigid plastic ribs inside arm and leg wings; an integrated arm wing/sleeve design; rigid wingtip grippers; low drag Dacron fabric on the arm wing's leading edge; deep booties; and 1.9oz balloon zero porosity material.

Added to all this the *Vampire 2* features new shoulder 'inlet technology' that affords faster and better inflation and pressurisation of the arm wings; a larger, wider leg wing to provide stable flight with more speed and lift; and an improved back deflector design which the company claims will produce a cleaner airflow over the back of the suit. They have also refined the arm wing and rib layout to produce a cleaner surface and tailored the leg sleeve to improve fit and comfort.

The guys from Phoenix-Fly have aimed their new baby at both skydivers and BASE jumpers and they of course claim that their new bloodsucker will fly further, faster and generate more lift than any other wingsuit that's ever been built – where have I heard that before? The V2 cannot be purchased off the shelf but is a tailor-made suit designed to fit the exact measurements of the 'pilot'.

[www.phoenix-fly.com](http://www.phoenix-fly.com)



The *Vampire 2* from Phoenix-Fly

## Beefed Up Neptune

Is there such a word as 'ruggedized'? I don't think so... but anyway the Alti-2 company of the USA tell us their engineers have developed a 'ruggedized' version of their popular *Neptune* audible/visual altimeter. The *Ruggedized Neptune* has all the features of the regular *Neptune* – plus an 'aluminum' case (I'm sure that should be aluminium!) in place of the usual plastic, a shatter and scratch resistant glass lens and a heater for operation below -20°C. The ruggedized version of *Neptune* is available with or without a speaker for alarm operations.

[www.alti-2.com](http://www.alti-2.com)



The *Ruggedized Neptune*

## Argus Setback

The newest boy on the AAD block – the Argus company of Belgium – have issued a service bulletin recalling a batch of its units manufactured in May this year. According to the bulletin an Argus fired on the ground after it had been shipped to a dealer. The company subsequently found a bug in the system which was caused, in their words, "by a last minute software update that obviously went wrong".

Karel Goorts, the Managing Director of Argus, stated that they preferred to err on the side of caution, and therefore stopped shipping right away and the 40 units of the May batch that had already been shipped were recalled on 27 May. The recalled units were shipped to USA, Japan, UK, Hungary, Poland and the Netherlands. All concerned dealers and skydivers were informed by phone and/or email. By 12 July all recalled units had been inspected and shipped back to their owners, after intensive testing. Regular shipping of production Argus has resumed.

The Evaluation units and the April production batch are not concerned by this service bulletin. Goorts went on to say that "we may be overreacting, but we will not compromise the safety of skydivers".

[www.argus-aad.com](http://www.argus-aad.com)  
0032 2 785 02 80

## A Quick Reminder

Parachutes de France felt the need recently to issue a reminder to reserve packers that when they are closing an *Atom* reserve container, the mesh on the *Quick 3* pilot chute should be dealt with in a particular way. What prompted this 'reminder notice' they don't say but the instruction is to make sure that the mesh is pulled up towards the middle coils of the long spring and the nylon fabric area pulled between the upper coils. During compression of the spring they say that the pilot chute should be firmly held, ensuring not to allow coils to slip. One must assume that inadequate performance of *Quick 3s* have been experienced due to other methods of packing the pilot chute's mesh and fabric.

PdEF – [pscholtes@zodiac.com](mailto:pscholtes@zodiac.com)  
0033 1 34 32 77 57

# Sharp Software!

Those ever inventive Vikings over there in Denmark have released the latest all-singing, all-dancing version of their popular *Jump-Track* software. *Jump-Track* is the software needed in order to

download all the data from either the *Pro-Track* audible alti or the new *Alti-Track* visual alti. Called *Jump-Track 3.0*, the new software reportedly features better performance, better compatibility, more customisation choices and more display modes! Plus jump statistics displays, better photo/video integration and more printing/publishing options – phew!

The software's *Rig-Track* option, now a separate programme, allows you to log the details of an unlimited number of rigs! *Jump-Track 3.0* features a new personal information page – a place to record your personal skydiving info such as licences, awards, ratings, club membership, numbers and a personal photo. Larsen and Brusgaard claim that compatibility is also improved now using Microsoft Access database. The *Logbook* database interoperates with Microsoft Office applications and many more. Support for a Pocket PC synchronisation is coming soon. It has lots of included SQL for use in customisation, exporting and report creation. It also features a search facility which allows you to search any data field (column) in a logbook for any value, or view only jumps meeting that criteria. It will print or export the selected jump records. Also incorporated is improved photo & video integration, thumbnail views of photos and video along with dive profile, one-click insertion of photo & video files, and easy capture of any video frame to use as a jpeg logbook image. And if you speak to it nicely it'll manifest you for the first load of the weekend and book you a B&B!



[www.l-and-b.dk](http://www.l-and-b.dk)

# On (Alti) Track at Last

If you've been waiting in anticipation for the long promised *Alti-Track* from Larsen and Brusgaard it is now finally on the market – although due to very heavy demand it is still very difficult to get your hands on one.

The *Alti-Track*, at first glance, looks like any of the more common analogue back-of-the-hand-mounted altimeters but on closer inspection you will find a device which is more accurate than every other mechanical altimeter currently available, as it utilises hi-tech digital components behind the analogue face. Turn the *Alti-Track* over and you will find all the features of a *Pro-Track* digital data recorder plus a bunch of new ones thrown in.

The *Alti-Track* is a visual altimeter that records your jump information from exit to landing and has the ability to download jump information to a computer via USB and *Jump-Track* software. In addition to all this the *Alti-Track* has an ergonomic fit to the back of the hand/wrist with a 45° offset scale for easier line of sight viewing, and has an electroluminescent backlight for night jumping. It is of course shock and water resistant with a scratch proof lens made from high-impact etched glass.

The data-processing side of the *Alti-Track* will store up to 15 minutes' data on each jump with a total of 6.5 hours recording (eg 400 jumps with profiles), including jump details from exit to landing, date, jump number, exit altitude, opening altitude, freefall time and speed statistics for maximum and average speeds in TAS or SAS. It will accumulate the total number of jumps up to 19,999.

[www.l-and-b.dk](http://www.l-and-b.dk)



The *Alti-Track* has an analogue-faced altimeter on one side and a *Pro-Track* style data recorder on the other



# Power Hungry

Larsen and Brusgaard have issued a service bulletin relating to their *Solo* and *Optima* audible altis which were released last year. The notice states that "after shipping a recent production series of *Solos* and *Optimas* we found that a number of components in one batch did not meet our tight specifications. This may result in a higher power consumption and draining the batteries in less than one year". If a user experiences a shorter than expected battery life, the unit will either be replaced from stock free of charge or, after return to L&B, the unit will receive an immediate upgrade.

The innovative Danish company, known for its excellent after-sales service, said it deeply regrets any inconvenience caused. The out of tolerance component does not affect the overall functioning or accuracy of the *Solo* and *Optima*.

[www.l-and-b.dk](http://www.l-and-b.dk)



We have a Cessna 182 which can carry four parachutists for hire



THE RATES ARE £165 + VAT PER TACHO HOUR WITH PILOT (we have a contact who is experienced in this work that we could put you in touch with) or £130 + VAT per tacho hour dry

Also aerial advertising from as little as £320 per hour (Banner construction from £70 extra.) We operate throughout the UK seven days a week. Positioning charge where applicable.

For details on aerial photography and surveys please contact:

Sky Ads - Netherthorpe Airfield, Thorpe Salvin, Worksop  
Tel: 01909 482981 • Fax: 01909 532413 • Mobile 07889 883906  
Email: skyads1@tiscali.co.uk

# AIRSPORTS

Fast, reliable and friendly advice for skydiving, air/activity sports and domestic insurance needs.

can you afford to be without it?

- Capital sum in the event of death, loss of limb/eye (or use thereof) or total disablement
- Weekly benefit up to a maximum of 104 weeks (exc. first 14 days) so long as doctor certifies totally unable to follow normal occupation.
- 10% No Claims Bonus on renewal.
- Activity sports equipment worldwide
- Personal baggage for travel insurance (excludes kit whilst out of UK)
- Medical expenses covering medical or surgical treatment following skydiving, air/activity accident
- Air transport for repatriation, including medical attendants for seriously ill or injured insured person.
- Costs of recovery to hospital following a parachuting accident
- Buildings/contents insurance
- Car insurance

Contact Yvonne Jukes Tel/Fax 01983 298480 (24 hours)  
Email: yvonneairsports@aol.com  
48 Alexandra Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight. PO31 7JT

# Philosophy of Reliability

In an attempt to answer the question which many skydivers are asking – “Why does the Cypres system require two ‘return to manufacture’ maintenance events in its lifetime when its main competitor, the Vigil, demands none?”, Cypres manufacturer Airtec, concerned that their customers might think they are just ‘cashing in’ with a maintenance requirement, has written a four-page paper entitled *The Philosophy of Reliability*.

In this paper the German company, which first released the Cypres onto the market 15 years ago, goes to great pains to explain the philosophy behind its product, which revolutionised the AAD world when it first appeared. At the heart of the argument is a belief that, in order to produce an AAD that would, over time, prove so reliable that the then sceptical skydiving public would be won over and widespread AAD use would become the norm, it was necessary to leave behind the usual commercial equipment manufacturing and quality systems that treat reliability in terms of ‘acceptable failure rate’, and to set aside the usual manner of making repairs only after it is determined that something is wrong.

Airtec believes that there should be **no** ‘acceptable failure’, and therefore decided that it is necessary to take care of potential problems **before** they are detected or occur. The company believes that this goal mandates a scheduled maintenance programme as well as a finite lifetime – often found with lifesaving equipment but generally unheard of with commercial electronics. Airtec personnel believe that they have achieved their original goal and that skydivers have become so accustomed to the level of reliability they’ve achieved that they now take it for granted.

The company goes on to say that its maintenance is a powerful tool in keeping the reliability of Cypres in place and that removing this tool would result in a decrease in safety. It would mean that all units would



Testing at Airtec

have to rely on the technical standard they had at the moment they were manufactured. “We would have no further influence or possibility to adjust or update them, or to take care of them in any way. We would not be able to act in a pro-active manner – only reacting when something failed or went wrong. We would not even know the technical condition of the various generations of devices in the field with any statistical significance, because we would only see the units that someone thought had a problem of some sort. If something happened, we could only react and hope that it was a single isolated case.”

Airtec contends that electronics have a limited lifetime, referred to as MTBF (Mean Time Between Failure), and is much shorter than most electronics consumers expect. The fact is: electronics are less reliable and more likely to quit working with age. Not all at the same time, or under identical conditions, but they will fail. How would customers decide? Airtec argues that they “could decide it is time to take it out of service when it does not start up or it reports that there is a problem during self-test (best case), when it quits working while operating (not so good), or when the device makes a completely wrong decision (worst case). But this means that customers would continue to use the device until it fails in some manner (depending on the failure mode, this might not be a desirable manner to determine lifetime). And there is another big hitch: if the self-test erroneously reports a positive result, how would your customer know that it should be serviced or replaced (before discovering it was not functioning during the worst of circumstances that is)?” The full paper is on the website at:

[www.cypres.cc](http://www.cypres.cc)

# KiNews by Rob



The Stinger

## Sleek and Sexy

Wingsuit manufacturer Phoenix-Fly have launched a very worthy contender into the full-face helmet ring with the release of the *Stinger*. With its sleek and sexy aerodynamic shape which helps to improve airflow over the jumper’s shoulders and back by increasing lift and reducing drag, the *Stinger* is marketed as an ideal helmet for the hard core wingsuit flyer, although is suitable for any type of skydiving.

Developed with Nolan, the Italian motorbike company, the *Stinger* is made from super strong glass fibre and offers excellent protection for the head and face.

*Stinger* differs from most other skydiver-designed full-faces by featuring a shaped, curved, anti-fog visor, which fits very flush with the body of the helmet and is opened by two springloaded buttons. Because of the outward curve of the visor, spectacles may be worn without them touching the visor.

The helmet also features a removable foam liner, adjustable collar band and chin strap, and two internal audible altimeter pockets. *Stinger* is available in six solid colours, or the same six colours with a carbon fibre finish.

[www.phoenix-fly.com](http://www.phoenix-fly.com)

## Arni-2



Alti-2 of sunny Florida have come up with a visual altimeter that will still be functioning after mankind has destroyed the planet! The new MA10 whose weight and dimensions are smaller than the original MA2-30 military Altimaster design, features a robust aluminum frame, is waterproof down to 6 feet, has a robust stepper motor mechanism, 100 hrs+ battery life (L91 AA Lithium) and an electroluminescent dial face.

The MA10 is designed for high altitude (40,000ft) military operations. The single revolution dial face eliminates altitude confusion while maintaining the traditional Altimaster face below 8,000ft. This is one tough cookie of an instrument – Alti-2 have subjected the MA10 to the most rigorous testing regime which included operation below -40°C, and 30 minutes of tumbling in sand and fine dust. It was drop-tested onto hard surfaces and run over by a truck. Maybe it should have been named the Arni-2?

The MA10’s weight and dimensions are smaller than the original MA2-30 military Altimaster design, and it comes with a one-piece wrist strap which no tools are required to change. There are no knobs or protrusions on the case and large, flush function buttons are designed for use with cold weather gloves. For training purposes the instrument has a simple zero function. For operational use the DZ altitude and barometric pressure may be pre-set; the MA10 will display the correct AGL altitude above the DZ. The embedded software is updatable.

[www.alti-2.com/Military/ma10.htm](http://www.alti-2.com/Military/ma10.htm)



The MA10 still works after being run over by a truck



Large buttons are designed for use with thick gloves in cold temperatures

**LEARN FROM THE BEST !**  
**WWW.SKYDIVEPERRIS.COM**



SEP 19th - 23rd  
**FLYBOYZ**  
 FILM FESTIVAL

**Don't miss these other exciting events!**

<p><b>SEP 14 - 17</b></p>  <p><b>CF BIG WAY CAMP</b></p>	<p><b>SEP 21 - 24</b></p>  <p><b>100 WAY Sequential</b></p>	 <p><b>FREEFLY MEGA CENTER</b></p> <p><b>COACHING FOR ALL LEVELS</b></p>	 <p><b>WIND TUNNEL</b></p>	 <p><b>P<sup>3</sup> FS COACHING FOR ALL LEVELS</b></p>	<p><b>OCT 5 - 8</b></p>  <p><b>BIG WAY CAMP</b></p>	<p><b>DEC 21 - JAN 1</b></p>  <p><b>HOLIDAY BOOGIE</b></p>
--	--	---	---	---	--	---

Photos By: Tom Simmonds & Craig O'Brien

**Ph: 951-657-3904 Email: manifest@skydiveperris.com**

## CLASSIFIED ADS

£15 per issue (max 35 words)  
£10 extra for a boxed ad  
£10 to also go on the BPA website  
Closing date for October issue – 14 Sept  
Telephone your advert and credit card details to  
**Cheryl on 01778 391 158** or email:  
[cheryla@warnersgroup.co.uk](mailto:cheryla@warnersgroup.co.uk)

**COMPLETE RIG** Cruiselite main, 30 jumps, red/blue/silver, Invader container navy/grey with white trim. Invader round reserve – unused. Paragab, alti and jumpsuit. Very good condition. Cost: £700 (offers). Location: Sheffield/Lichfield Contact: Mark Hatley. Tel: 01543 518933 Email: [mark.hatley@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:mark.hatley@networkrail.co.uk)

MAHA.6

**SABRE 2 135** 19 jumps, as new, purple/blue/white. Email for picture. Cost: £875. Location: North Yorkshire Contact: David. Tel: 07971 873019 Email: [dmk55@fsmail.net](mailto:dmk55@fsmail.net)

DAK1.1

**COMPLETE RIG** Container: Atom Millennium, orange/white. Main: Siletto 135, 350 jumps orange/white. Reserve: Techno 128 never used. AAD Cypres expert DOM June – Aug 99. Cost: £1,800 (offers). Location: Suffolk UK Parachuting Contact: Roy McKernan. Tel: 07910989934 Email: [roycmkernan@hotmail.com](mailto:roycmkernan@hotmail.com)

DADA.2

**CROSSFIRE 2-119** 160 jumps. Primary colour royal blue/secondary colour lime green. Cost: £800. Location: Netheravon/London Contact: Ed. Tel: 07866 461495 Email: [Edpaxton@dropzone.com](mailto:Edpaxton@dropzone.com)

EDPA.1

**BLACK 1 PIN TEARDROP** Classic design. Small harness. Sabre 150 main, approx 500 jumps. Swift plus 145 reserve, used once. Cypres battery due 2007.

Cost: £650 ono. Location: Warwickshire Contact: Claire. Tel: 07973 365054 Email: [firefly1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:firefly1@hotmail.co.uk)

CLMU

**COMPLETE RIG** 1 Pin Teardrop. Black/pink, medium harness. Sabre 150, 800 jumps. Swift reserve. Cypres ready. £800. Also container – 1 Pin Teardrop, pink/green £150. £900 for both, ono. Cost: see above. Location: Bristol Contact: Sue. Tel: 0117 918 8834 (9.30-6.30) Mobile: 07711 356443 Email: [skully70@yahoo.com](mailto:skully70@yahoo.com)

SUSK.1

**COMPLETE RIG** Teardrop Superfly, Sabre 2 170, 25 jumps, black/red. Smart 150 reserve (unused) Cypres 2. Excellent condition. All new 2003. Cost: £2,300 ono. Location: Bexley, Kent Contact: Mick. Tel: 07877 495234 Email: [popslarkin@hotmail.com](mailto:popslarkin@hotmail.com)

MILA.1

**NEW AERODYNE AFF RIGS** Icon containers, black with red trim, Solo mains. Smart reserves. Vigil AAD. Priced to sell quickly. No time wasters please, call for details. Cost: £2,500 ono. Location: Warrington Contact: Mike. Tel: 07813 339045 or 01925 229303

MIHO.7

**JAVELIN ODYSSEY** with PD126R reserve, unused. Cypres, service due Jan 09. Harness size TJN. Includes Fandango 135. Approx 720 jumps. All in very good condition. Cost: £1,350. Location: Notts Contact: Chris. Tel: 0785 4470604

CHRI.3

**COMPLETE RIG** Yellow/purple Wings container, stainless steel deluxe, articulated harness, cut-in-laterals, hacky handle, Sabre 2 210, 110 jumps, PD reserve 218, 0 jumps Cypres 2. All new 8/2004. Fits medium size 5ft 8". Cost: £2,600. Location: Surrey Contact: Tony Davies. Tel: 07946 838889 Email: [tonydavies4@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonydavies4@yahoo.co.uk)

TODA

**SPECTRE 150** Less than 100 jumps. Royal blue with one white and one black cell offset from centre. Cost: £700 (offers). Location: Oxford Contact: Mick Murphy. Tel: 0787 9844219 Email: [micksmurphy@hotmail.com](mailto:micksmurphy@hotmail.com)

MIMU.2

**COMPLETE RIG** Spectre 150, PD 143 reserve. Javelin J1, navy blue/silver. Cypres, BOC, microlines. Suit medium build 5ft 11". All bought new 09/2000, 200 jumps, very good condition. Cost: £2,500 ono. Location: Cambridgeshire Contact: Nick Wharton. Tel: 07989 560157 Email: [nick.wharton@separa.com](mailto:nick.wharton@separa.com)

NIWH

**COMPLETE RIG** Javelin 150 Spectre, PD 126 Reserve. Javelin TJN, Royal blue/grey with Hawaiian pattern on the reserve pop top. Cypres, BOC, microlines, only 50 jumps. Suit medium build 5ft 5". Mint condition. Baby forces sale. Cost: £2,500 (no offers). Location: Cambridgeshire Contact: Nick Wharton. Tel: 07989 560157 Email: [nick.wharton@separa.com](mailto:nick.wharton@separa.com)

NIWH

**COMPLETE RIG** Javelin J3, blue/purple, Cypres ready, PD170, 95 jumps, rainbow colour scheme. Raven 150 reserve. All documentation. Last reserve pack 23/10/03 JD Prince, has not been jumped since. Matching FS suit fit, 6ft, 13 stone. Alti, open-face helmet, goggles, pack mat. Cost: £1,500 (offers). Location: Chester Contact: Matthew Hughes. Tel: 01244 659901 Email: [lambychops@welshboyo22.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:lambychops@welshboyo22.fsnet.co.uk)

MAHU.2

**COMPLETE RIG** Javelin Odyssey, Sabre 135 and PD126 reserve. Only 80 jumps. Container, medium size, FF friendly, pud and low profile handles. Royal blue/black/white pin striping. Cypres and full documents. Cost: £3,100 (no offers). Location: Somerset Contact: Daniel. Tel: 07738 000028 Email: [dan100980@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dan100980@yahoo.co.uk)

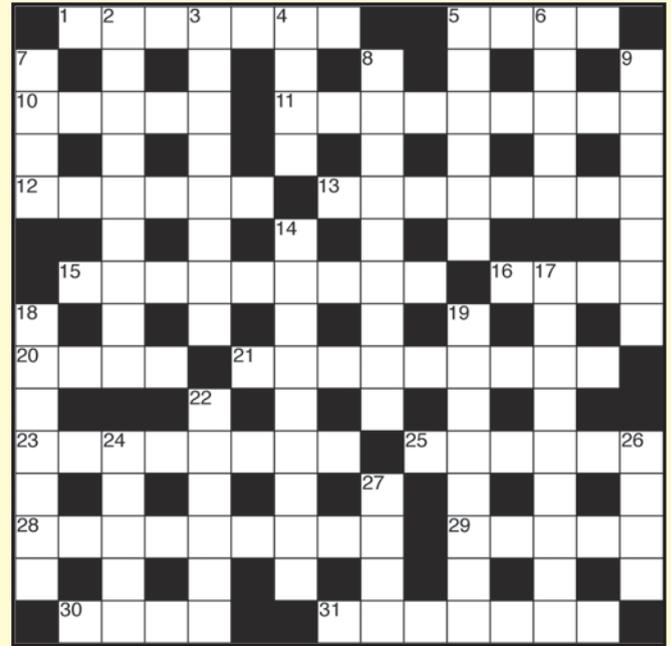
DABA.3

**COMPLETE RIG** Single Pin Teardrop. Sabre 150, 450 jumps. TSE Micro 150 reserve, unused. Advanced rigger serviced (Malcolm Knox). 6 month repack (August). Cypres set-up, hard housings. Also packing mat, altimeter, knife, kit bag. Cost: £950 the lot. Location: Worcester Contact: Andy Fair. Tel: 07737 924225

ANFA.1

# Puzzle

by Paul Boorer



## Main (Cryptic)

### Across

- Be wrong about motorway hazard (7)
- Half of sweet end of bread stick (4)
- I harshly criticise faith (5)
- Bog goddess, Nike's half twin (4-5)
- Focus of recent outburst (6)
- Intrigue, lunatic enters into it (8)
- European misses translation of 6 and 16 (9)
- Most Araldite contains lead (4)
- Throw out throw-outs (4)
- See 3
- Style of seance not starting without stage (8)
- Cleared politician and editor after first half of July (6)
- Shepherd Sue, or mist leads astray (9)
- Wrote about tug (5)
- Favourite game of 5 across? (1-3)
- Assault including raining down realms of parachutists initially (3-4)

### Down

- One runs down aircraft (9)
- Verdi's women err too erratically for 5 across (8,5,4)
- See 14
- Bakers kneaded dampers (6)
- Japanese drama is held up by electronic din (5)
- Princess's high-speed record (4)
- 5 across's jumping cow's udder? (9)
- Carriers strove at sea to round cape (7)
- Butcher's leave 5 across (7,2,4)
- 5 across spelling out how my votes helped (3,3,3,5,2)
- Acclimatised as one cleaned around 1st of June (8)
- Cover, made in part, of Formica? No. Pyrex (6)
- Turns 90,157.5 and 180 degrees (5)
- Read about challenge (4)
- Eric's bikini exhibits a certain qualification (inits)

## Reserve

### Across

- Error
- The hero of a series of action films (Titles of 4 films appear at 3,8,14 & 17)
- Muslim religion
- Doppelganger (4-5)
- Middle; exit position
- Hobby
- Young ladies from Spain
- Circular formation
- Throw out; depose
- See 3
- Style; chic
- Skydived; sprang
- Sends by the wrong path
- Airport control building
- Children's game (1-3)
- Parachute assault (3-4)

### Down

- Aircraft; eg Manxmen
- FILM with HALO jump into China Sea (8,5,4)
- See 14
- Toggles
- Raucous sound
- Circle; target
- FILM with midair fight for rig (9)
- Relative Workshop's containers; maths quantities
- FILM with jump into wedding (7,2,4)
- FILM with skiing/BASE jump (3,3,3,5,2)
- Altered
- Parachute
- Linked turns; letters
- Challenge
- Lowliest instructor (inits)



[www.skywalkerinc.com](http://www.skywalkerinc.com)

ACROSS  
1. Mistake; 5. Bond; 10. Islam; 11. Look-alike; 12. Centre; 13. Interest; 15. Senoritas; 16. Star; 20. Oust; 21. Never dies; 23. Elegance; 25. Jumped; 28. Mistroutes; 29. Tower; 30. 1-9; 31. Air-drop.  
DOWN  
2. Islanders; 3. Tomorrow; 4. Kill; 5. Brakes; 6. Noise; 7. Disc; 8. Moonraker; 9. Vectors; 14. Licence to; 17. The spy who; 18. Loved me; 19. Adjusted; 22. Canopy; 24. Dare; 26. Dare; 27. CSBL

# Club News

Bob & Duncan by Matt Abram



It's fantastic that we've had such great weather in the UK this summer; there have been many superb events, well-attended competitions and student progression happening at DZs all over the country. The Grand Prix were all especially popular this year, congratulations to all medal winners.

We have a few celebrities in this issue of Club News, look out for the Osbourne kids, Zoe from Blue Peter and the gorgeous Richard Hammond from Top Gear.

Good luck to all the teams who are entering the Nationals and the UK competitors going to the World Meet. Let's hope we do better than in the football!

*Lucie*

## Hinton



### Achievements

#### Cat 8

Michael Brodbin

#### FS1

Nick Johnson

Martin Lee

Gary Aldwinkle

Drew Ricketts

#### 50 Jumps

Nick Johnson

#### 100 Jumps

Martin Lee

Martin Heywood-Wakeman

#### 400 Jumps

Steve Baldwin

#### 1 Hour Freefall

Adam Searle

Goodbye and good luck to Dave Emerson



June saw the departure of Dave Emerson as CCI after seven years. The role is now covered by Doug Peacock, we're sure he will maintain the same high standards. We wish Dave well in the future. Duncan Humphreys is leaving to pursue his career as a teacher. Duncan joined Hinton straight from college, clocked up 1,400 jumps, an instructor rating, a place on the camera team and gazillions of pack jobs. He's tireless, always helping others and has the patience of a saint. Duncan, we'll miss you.

Silverstone weekend saw some heading off to the Jersey Boogie and others to Mr Tigs' party in Cornwall, a fantastic weekend.

Luigi Cani, pilot of the smallest canopy ever, arrived on 23 June (half a day late) but proved himself to be a true professional, working through his jet lag by launching himself into the canopy piloting course within minutes of arriving. Despite the late start, all of Friday's 12 participants were delighted to receive free coaching. Luigi demonstrated his awesome skills, jumping his 39 sqft canopy.

Mike Carpenter and Andy Newell were also here to provide world class freely coaching. Hinton's own Wildboyz gave the pair some coaching tips of their own, they wish them well for the forthcoming championships. We also thank Mike & Andy for christening our plane with its first sticker, Mike & Geoff will be pleased! Saturday night food was provided by Con, Caroline & Mike at the outdoor barbecue pit. Film shows continued into the early hours. Over 200 coached jumps were made on this fabulous weekend.



Luigi Cani



George Wood

Ground photos: Helen Carroll

George Wood

# Sibson

Fingers crossed that summer is finally here to stay! Due to the bad weather, the Flytrix tube weekend turned into 'make your own tube weekend' (we're still waiting Mikel!) and for the first time ever we did very few jumps during the Babylon Boogie. It wasn't meant to be a holiday Nimmo!

Thanks to all on our hybrid weekend. Jude, Vicky and Sarah each took low experienced small groups. We made some fun dives and many did their first hybrid. Congratulations to Leah Frost who hung underneath a 2-way for her first time on her 200<sup>th</sup>.

The Fly Your Reserve weekend was a storming success. PD kindly lent us four reserves in various sizes. There were a few hard openings but everyone's pleased they tried it in a less frightening situation than a real malfunction.

David Haygarth did his 500<sup>th</sup> wingsuit jump, Mark Harris & Jules Hoult their 300<sup>th</sup> and Steve Such his 100<sup>th</sup> (not naked though – spoilsport!). Liam Finch did his first wingsuit, he's truly hooked! Speaking of nakedness, Martin Cole did his 100<sup>th</sup> jump in the traditional way, braving the cold. The jump was filmed so copies are available!

Steve Such ditched his wingsuit for his 600<sup>th</sup> jump to attempt a 13-way flat formation. Due to the mixed experience levels (and freeflyers!) a secret sweepstake was made on how big the formation would actually be. Thinking the whole load was involved there was an unsuccessful guess of 14! Lesley successfully guessed 10, having a lot more confidence than CCI Stuart who guessed 3!

Congratulations Renata Heranova, now an FS coach who successfully coaxed Katya Kichigina into getting her FS1. Well done to David Haygarth for his tandem rating (or was that Mark Harris?!).

We strongly recommend you remove your seatbelt before exiting the aircraft! Our list of seatbelt shames keeps growing (one member of staff is on the list twice!). If you don't know how to use a Pro-Track, ask Caroline Allen who's now an expert. Plans are finalising for our fantastic new bar and canteen so look out for the opening party!

Sarah Hall



Leah's 200<sup>th</sup> by Sarah Hall



Sarah Hall under a reserve by Mark Harris



Macca by Mark Harris

## Achievements

### FF1

Jon Fox

### FS1

Chris Dodds  
Katya Kichigina

## Jump Numbers

### 100

Martin Cole

### 200

Leah Frost  
Jo Hawley

### 600

Steve Such

### 1000

Mike Evans  
Jude Goodman



PARACHUTES DE FRANCE  
MASTERS OF THE AIR

**LEGEND**

**LIKE A SECOND SKIN**

infopdf@zodiac.com • www.parachutes-de-france.com

PARACHUTES DE FRANCE  
MASTERING THE AIR

ELVI

ZODIAC

Non contractual representation - Realised with special effects - WWW.CHEESECAKE-AGENCY.COM - CHEESECAKE

# Strathallan

Congratulations to Joyce, Julie & Vernon on their CSBIs and Unai on his TBI, we know they'll do us proud. Well done Ralph & Steve for a bronze at the Sibson 4-way GP.

The club had a fly-in; a great success with over 80 aircraft from all over Scotland and beyond. A good time was had on the safety day, we held a parachute demo and aerobatic flights, thanks to everyone.

It was great to host the BCPA Nationals and, although the weather was a let-down, it didn't stop a great weekend. We all had fun with Giant Twister – although I was robbed of the title by Rupert. There were more antics with fan trainer accuracy jumps, Xbox on a giant screen and many dressing up in kilts for the ceilidh. This was so much fun that after the band had finished they got back on stage and entertained us some more. We danced and drank our way into the early hours.

Sunday's school disco saw everyone in school uniform enjoying the superbly cooked barbeque and getting up to mischief, I wonder if the people standing too close ever got the microwaved coke out their clothes? Thanks all for a wild and wonderful weekend.

We miss Mr R, suffering an arm injury; get better soon. A big welcome to Lorena Fernandez, your packing is greatly appreciated, we hope you feel at home. As student progression week approaches (14-18 August) we're looking forward to the return of F-GODZ, the monster Porter.

Adelle Collins

## Achievements

### First Freefall

Caroline Shepard  
Peter Stakhouse

### Cat 8, CH1

Craig Carbis  
Stewart Lawson

### CH2

Steve Kiniston

### 100 Jumps

Ali Pringle

### 300 Jumps

Ralph Davidson

### 400 Jumps

Gary McDonald



## Achievements

### Cat 8, CH1

Kim Read  
Nadine Hall

### 100 Jumps

Mark O'Reilly

### 200 Jumps

Becky Austin

### 400 Jumps

Flying Buddha

### 600 Jumps

Tilly Attewell

Tim Bittleston

### 700 Jumps

Mark Longhurst

### 1800 Jumps

Baz Smith

### 6000 Jumps

Clem Quinn

# Headcorn

Woodmouse Speed 7 hybrid team Half A Dozen by Nigel Rowlan

We've had a fabulous time with non-stop excellent jumping. We've got a permanent tuffet so, if you want to practice accuracy, come and play. We're helping keep local landfill down by recycling everything now – the local bottle bank is having to be emptied more often as a result! Welcome to new club members Noah Woodman, Wendy Foster and Nick Helm who trained in Spain. Judy Walker is seeing light at the end of the AFF-qualifying tunnel. She took to AFF like a duck to water, after battling with RAPS. Jim's been doing his best to keep the Islander busy, even phoning round RAPS students to make sure they turn up when the weather's good! That's dedication. He's working his way through AFF too. Jim's level 5 was from 14K – our jumpers were so tired at the end of the day, we had to bribe them with extra altitude. Wiggy and Rohan, our Brit skysurf champs, had just said "Please don't make us jump again" (the wusses) but 14k was too tempting! Polly's taken up flying – well done on his first solo.

Ruth Cooper

## Andy Kelly 4-way

This year's annual Andy Kelly comp seemed the most exciting and hardest fought. A handicap meet where juniors score twice their actual score, intermediates have 1.5 x their score and seniors are credited with only what they score, it generally favours the less experienced. The lead changed every round and the weather also kept the suspense high, reducing working time in the first two rounds to only 30 seconds. The final scores were very close, with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> decided by a tie break. Results were: gold to S-sense (seniors) with 45 points; silver to Misfits (juniors) on 42 points and bronze to Squarkbox (inter) with 42. All categories were in the medals – a great result! S-sense, as the first senior team to win using this handicap, were very pleased. Special mention was made for LARD and Misfits for excellent spirit and determination. Becky Austin (Misfits) did her 200<sup>th</sup> jump in her first competition and won her first medal!

Chris Shaw

## Woodmouse Speed 7

Pete organised the 12 teams, Simon organised the cameramen, Ruth organised the judging and Jane says she organised the weather so we

S-sense – winners of the Andy Kelly meet by Nigel Rowlan



nearly got the whole thing done in one day, just half of the final round to finish on Sunday. Intermediates *Lazy Bastards* made full use of the handicap to beat the very senior *Why Us?* to gold. Junior team *Two Balls Short* took bronze. To round off Saturday we had a great party in Wings (thank you Vicky), with Al Redler's band doing us proud – a really good night. It was brilliant to see so many new faces amongst the ever-welcome regular competitors, hope you all return for the LAC in September.

Pete Sizer

Speed 7 winners *Lazy Bastards* (missing a few) by Simon Hughes



# Bridlington

## Achievements

### First Freefall

Gary Collins  
Steve Luke  
Ade Green

### AFF Graduate

Andrea Tyreman  
Vicky Wardle  
David McGuinness

### Cat 8

Graham Rymer  
Polish Tom

### JM1, CH1, CH2

Marcus Wray  
Andy Harris  
Dave Foster

### 50 Jumps

Marcus Wray

### 100 Jumps

Jason Sambrook  
Andy Harris  
Dave Foster

### 200 Jumps

Keith Brooksbank

### 700 Jumps

Blair Stent

### 1900 Jumps

Dave Walker

### 5500 Jumps

George McGuinness



Jason Sambrook celebrates his 100<sup>th</sup> jump

Blair Stent



George McGuinness and his teddy bear

Brid had yet another massive fundraising drive with several major charities attending, including St Catherine's Hospice who raised £4,000 in just a few hours!

Brid has several CRW kits on hand

now, sparking some major interest with coach George McGuinness leading the way and a new canopy formation team formed. The kit is FREE to hire, as we are encouraging people to try other aspects of skydiving such as CRW for the first time.

We welcome Brid's newest member of staff, Gareth Thomas, formerly of Langar. We know he's settled in as he's adopted Geraldine's comfy office chair!

Blair Stent

# Chatteris

## Achievements

### First Freefall

Arnel Rocky Collard

### Cat 8

Donna Jenkins  
Mark Ridpath  
Dan Locke  
Marcus Wallen

### FF2

Chris Bowley

### 300 Jumps

Lorraine Dixcey

### 1000 Jumps

Rich Parker

### 2000 Jumps

Bryn Chaffe

Lloyd Quenby

### 6000 Jumps

Mike Rust

Gary Small

### 24 Hrs Freefall

Bryn Chaffe

### 72 Hrs Freefall

Mike Rust



Marcus checks out the new swimming pool by Steve Wilkins

At last the season has taken off! With summer finally here lots of students are qualifying, meaning lots of beer. Rocky is progressing quickly through RAPS, thanks to musical support from the back of the aircraft. Congratulations to Rich Parker on the birth of his son, Lewis.

The new canteen is finished. You may be forgiven for thinking you've wandered into Chatteris Starbucks but, alas, no frappuccino machine yet (despite my tireless campaigning). Come check it out on Saturday 26 August at the 70s-disco-themed summer party. You will not be disappointed, and it's an opportunity to hunt out those old platforms and flares!

Fiona Law



Bobby and Alice by Chik Adams

# Paragon

We send get well wishes to Tom Boyle, our pilot, who's had surgery and is recuperating with his daughter in Ayr. All the best to you Tom. Hurry back. While Tom and his aircraft are out of action we're jumping temporarily at Strathallan. Many thanks to all there for their hospitality. We can say, even at this early stage, that Chik's T-shirt for the bum spot of the year has been won - by Alice! She went to visit Tom in hospital in Perth and somehow ended up in Dundee! 22 miles out!

Bob Henderson

# Black Knights



Marc Ket



Jo Middleton



Duncan Aspinall exits the monster Porter

Photos: Mark Walton

## Achievements

### First Freefall

Scott Jones  
Zoe Rivers  
Wayne Roberts  
Keith Bee  
Kevin Quayle

### Cat 8

David Argent  
Emma Kirkman  
Peter Rhodes

### FS1

Mark McCurrie

### FF1

Simon Watkinson  
Dave Carr

### Jump Numbers

#### 100

Neil Robinson  
Karen Scott

#### 200

Greg Taylor

Alex McMullen

Bob Parker

#### 500

Danny Rowlands

#### 3000

Jimmy Swan

Danny Smith

### 1 Hour Freefall

Andy Haines

### 36 Hours Freefall

Danny Smith

It's a great summer with some excellent weather and skydiving to match, a record number of lifts and an ever-growing crowd of regulars making Black Knights home. Marcus is doing a stunning job of working the Porter; 59 lifts over two days being this year's high score. Also doing fantabulously is Sam, fresh back from Canada, who's organised sumptuous barbecues and bonkers parties. Graham Kirkman frightens everyone with his rides down to the aircraft in the recently upgraded 9-seater people-carrier! Congratulations to Paul Dobson for qualifying as a CSI. Mag 7 have made regular visits and even offered to take over as Club Reps!

Alex, Mark, John & Danny all scooped medals at the Accuracy GP, well done lads! B Team Avalaf took gold at the Freefly GP; well done Amelia & Robin, who also invented the bum-to-head dock, much to the amusement of the judges! Cheers to George Pilkington for organising a tremendous Atmonauti weekend with some cracking dives.

Phil Cavanagh discovered you can pursue two weekend

hobbies at once: swooping and gardening! Whilst Phil's gardening is coming along nicely (his hedge pruning in particular) his swooping leaves a lot to be desired! Check the website for events, news and Phil's swooping! The BPA FS and FF Roadshows provided much appreciated free coaching for all. Thanks to everyone involved including Liz Matthews, Stumpy, Kev Sargent, Tim Porter and Chris Lynch. Chris brought Wing Tips for some super canopy coaching.

Summer Boogie kicks off 5 August for a week of sky revelry, load organising and coaching, along with plenty of evening entertainment. The Porter will be flying hard. Take advantage of the buy-10-get-1-free offer on jumps, it's the cheapest altitude going.

Rob McVey

Liz, Mark, Laura & Kev by Alan Holmes



Sigma 5



We now have a nice new brick barbecue outside the clubhouse, expertly crafted by Robbie, in preparation for the three-day Scottish summer. Its inaugural use was an excellent feast prepared by Alan Wilkinson to give our beloved canteen lady, Jackie, the night off for her birthday. This was followed by a rowdy

Oscars-themed party with some humorous semi-skydiving related awards handed out. The night kicked off with the compulsory male stripper for the birthday girl, who gave her a special birthday message, then music was provided by resident DJ-wannabe Graeme, with Darren and Andy doing an impressive Macarena!

We'd like to thank all the people who work so hard at St Andrews keeping the party going late into the night, then organising fun skydives the next day; special mention to the outgoing rep, Tom. This comes to you from the sunny terrace at the bar in Empuriabrava where 4-way team Sigma 5 are training. It's horrible, with all the sunshine, hot Spanish girls and an Otter to make 10 jumps a day out of, but someone's got to do it! :-)

We're looking forward to lots of good skydiving and some fun formation loads out of our two Cessnas, many barbecues and a good share of late parties.

Graeme Mackay

St Andrews photos: Graeme Mackay

# St Andrews

## Achievements

### First Freefall

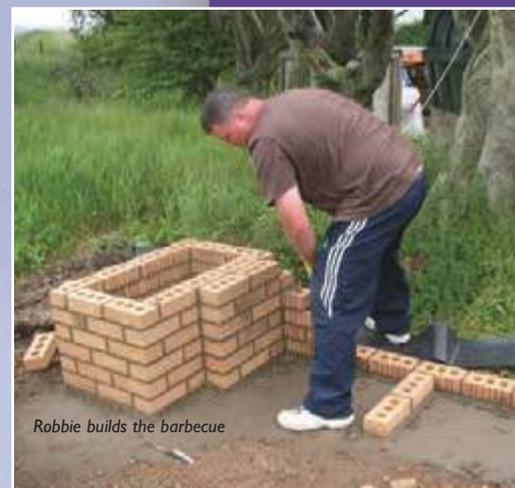
Neil Whitehead  
Tommy Miller

### 7000 Jumps

Sandy McRobbie

### 1 Hour Freefall

Louise Runciman



Robbie builds the barbecue

# CYPRES 2



Everything else is fun.

**"I love skydiving.**

**In order to fly without hesitation,  
I need to use equipment that  
I trust completely. This is why I build  
my own parachutes.**

**For my AAD, however,  
I trust my CYPRES 2."**

**Brian Germain,  
20 years in the sport,  
10000+ jumps**

[www.BrianGermain.com](http://www.BrianGermain.com)

**AIRTEC**

Mittelstrasse 69  
D-33181 Wünnenberg

Tel +49 2953 9899 0  
Fax +49 2953 1293  
[www.cypres.cc](http://www.cypres.cc)

# Wild Geese

Photos by Mike Murphy



Ralph playing with his tuba

As the new club rep I'd like to thank John McCourt for his sterling work and commitment over the last 3 years. John's a tough act to follow but I'll give it a go...

With the Geese getting ever busier and regular Friday jumping, the need for more pilots has been addressed with Alex Brand getting his rating on the Caravan and Chris Doherty the 206 – congratulations! The club is moving forward with lots of progressing students, the life-blood to a thriving club, so let's give them the support and encouragement they need.

The BBC descended with two camera crews on the same day. Local presenter Christine Bleakley did a tandem for the regional current affairs series *Summer Season*. The second crew were filming for a separate programme about young farmers; very good publicity for the club and the sport.

14 of the Queens University Parachute Club departed to Gap in sunny France to jump their Twin Otter and Porter. 450 jumps were made! Everyone progressed well with no incidents and a new club record of a 5-way to boot – no thanks to Connor 'Bowling Ball' Campbell!

Peter Lehane completed his 1,000<sup>th</sup> jump and passed his tandem BI in the same week. Well done Pete. Our

oldest jumper Gerry Gettinby retired from the sport at 70, after 20 years and 700 jumps. This makes Mick Gook our oldest and boldest.

Congratulations to Drew and Beverly on their wedding. Drew is our regular Caravan pilot so with Alex getting his rating, Beverly gets her man! We wish them all the best for the future.

Mike Murphy

## Achievements

### First Freefall, Cat 8

Paul Brennan  
Fionnuala McCloskey  
Catherine McGinnity  
David Scott  
Neal Fitzpatrick

### FS1

Jade Allister  
Alison Owen  
Graham Stewart  
Connor Campbell

### 50 Jumps

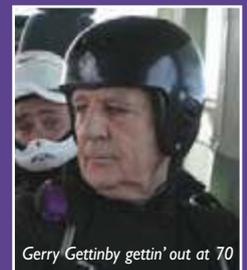
Alison Owen

### 100 Jumps

Jade Allister  
Connor Campbell  
Martin McLaughlin

### 1000 Jumps

Peter Lehane



Gerry Gettinby gettin' out at 70



Jim Hunter and friends in the Algarve



Kenny, Francis, Sean, Robert, Garth, Steven & Peter over Garvagh



Steve Wickham's FS1 by Grant Richards



Jess Day

Norman's 50<sup>th</sup>, a tandem 25 years after his 49<sup>th</sup>



Jess Day

Tomo's 6,000<sup>th</sup> with tandem student Trudi Hooper

The highlight of our first progression week was our return to Bodyflight at Bedford where Tomo, Grant and Alf were unceremoniously grounded when the fan was switched off following Susie's dramatic exit! All three floundered on the net like fishes out of water and, yes, we have it on DVD! The trip was well timed for new AFF student Andy and provided a great opportunity for Ed & Warren to work towards their FS rating.

Instructor Vicki Garland has left us to return to Yorkshire, thanks Vicki for your help, we wish you & Simon all the best. We've been joined by a new instructor, Stu, our very own South African Geordie.

Despite poor weather we had a fantastic turnout for our first 4-way round of dirtdiving, we progressed to indoor football, a memorable 7-way volleyball competition over the picnic tables, and finally the indoor barbeque – with not a single lift! Nevertheless a great time was had and we will have rerun the comp by the time you read this (fingers crossed!).

PD kindly lent us a selection of reserve canopies for our Fly Your Reserve weekend. Connected to main risers, this gave club members a valuable opportunity to experience a reserve ride under controlled conditions.

AFF student, Tim, deserves a special mention for his stand-up landing on the edge of Banham Zoo, following an emergency exit on his AFF level 1!

Come along for the BPA canopy piloting roadshow, 16-17 September, or our advanced packing course, 6-9 November. Call for details, very reasonably priced bunkhouse accommodation is available.

Vikki Forrest

# UK Para

## Achievements

### Cat 8

Nigel Highfield  
Phil Canning  
Spencer Hardy King

### CH1

Ian Newland  
FS1, 100 Jumps  
Karen McGuigan  
Steve Wickham

### CH2, JM1, 50 Jumps

Vikki Forrest  
FF1, 6000 Jumps

### FF1

Grant Richards  
Tjebbe Roestenburg

### FF2

Chris Hines  
Emily Horwich  
50 Jumps  
Norman Nichols  
200 Jumps  
Mile Pollard

# London Para

Jack Osbourne takes to the skies for his new TV show, photo by Martin Harris



Jack Osbourne by Martin Harris



## Achievements

### First Freefall

Tim Jones

### Cat 8

Emma Lane

### Cat 8, CH1

Terry Purcell

### CH1, 50 Jumps

James Mundy

### Cat 8, CH1,

50 Jumps

Tracy Curling

### 1 Hour Freefall

Rachel Hinde

### 100 Jumps

Tim Lawson

### 300 Jumps

Mark Stone

Things at LPS have taken off, especially now the Airvan is here. We were privileged to be asked by Ginger Productions to organise the finale to *Jack Osbourne Around The World The Hard Way*, to be aired in the UK in September. We sought assistance from our associated organisations, FFU in Spain for AFF and Skydive Weston for the final jump. Time limits were tight, but the crew were outstanding. LPS would especially like to thank Skydive Weston for their help. Good job as always – well done guys.

Celeb Katie Melua returned to retrain and jump again, not put off by her first visit to LPS. Nadja Stansall, our chief pilot's better half, came to launch the new British Heart Foundation fundraising campaign and to experience herself what she was getting others into. We've had some phenomenal fundraisers, 3 people with over £11,000 each – if we keep on at this rate then we'll break all records!

It was a dark day and a horrifying sight when James and Terry agreed to do a bikini jump for a charity donation made by LPS. What really concerned us was just how comfortable they looked in bikinis and that they even wore them home!

Keep your eye on the August bank holiday for some surprise aircraft!

Martin Harris



Tim Lawson by Mark Stone

# Cark

## Achievements

### First Freefall

Katie Hayes

### Cat 8

Sarah Garrett

Vicki Harding

Kat Lawlor

### AFF Graduate

Kat Lawlor

Bev Giles

Jean Christoph

Saint-Genies

### FS1

Karen Pickering

Joe Aldridge

### CH1

Sarah Garrett

Vicki Harding

Kat Lawlor

Denis (The Frog)

### Jump Numbers

50

Simon Whittle

100

Cliff Wilson

300

Ana Budjelan

600

Les Nixon

2700

Steve Nolan

With a turnout of 16 teams bad weather stopped play at 2006's first 4-way Grand Prix. The rescheduled dates are 16-17 September, we look forward to seeing you all again. Other GP events saw Cark team 100% take rookie 4-way gold and *Fun Unlimited* intermediate 8-way gold, see page 19. Well done guys and girls.

Basking in sunshine, we've seen many skydivers progressing, with assistance from John McIver who ran a FS skills camp, Brian Vacher with his Safe Flight School, plus Al Hodgson & Pixie (Bullet Freefly) who provided seminars and top skydives for budding freeflyers.

Congratulations to Karen Pickering who achieved FS1 with an excellent 14-point skydive. Nice one! Kids enjoyed themselves with a bouncy castle supplied by Ray Armstrong of O2XS – it was difficult to identify who actually were the children!

The Kone Lifts and Rosemere Cancer Foundation skydive weekend was a success; all 51 tandems completed on the Saturday, with only a handful of

Pete, Ana & Stuart coach Karen to her FS1 by Neil Maclaren



instructors. Over £15,000 was raised; huge thanks to Mike, John, Pete, Dick & Nicky for your hard work.

With many universities finishing exams, party time was on us and a graduation bash was organised by Karen, Sarah &

Vicki (crossed fingers for results and legs for Gary Yerrill). This was followed by the British Collegiate Nationals, supported by major sponsors, a great match of experience with just a few drinking games.

Stuart Morris



Fun Unlimited take gold by John Williamson



Spot the kids! Gareth & Rob captured by Neil Maclaren

# Weston



Zoe Salmon from Blue Peter on her AFF level 1 by Alf Batchelor

## Achievements

AFF Graduates  
Bex Hebert  
Ollie Dhejik  
John Coleman  
Amy Huxstable

## Cat 8

Georgie Humberston  
Charlotte Slaney  
Ged Parker  
Charlotte Slaney

## CP1

Steve Hogan  
FS1  
Si Citra  
Charlotte Slaney

## Jump Numbers

### 600

Nigel Holland

### 800

Steve Hogan

### 900

Anna Palmer

### 1200

Phil Hartree

### 2000

Amanda Kemp

Julia Foxwell

Emma Beyer

## 12 Hours Freefall

Steve Hogan

Free team FS coaching by world champions Mark Kirkby and Gary Beyer was a storming success. I got my first beer fine for over-surfing and leaving my canopy decorating the crowd line side of the fence! 46 lifts over that weekend saw old faces Martin Soulsby, Darren Birkin and Chris Mizzi making a welcome return and throwing in a nice 4 point 15-way for good measure. Si Citra, winner of the Aerodyne rig in last year's Brit Chick JFTC raffle returned from sunnier climes and, after cracking in some tunnel time, got FS1 – next it's the sound barrier for the sonic boom boy!

Andy Scott

Weston has had a nice share of celebs literally dropping in. Zoe from Blue Peter did her AFF level 1. Jack & Kelly Osbourne also made an appearance, Jack completed his AFF in Spain for his new TV programme and visited Weston while he was in the UK. Our own Katie and Ricky Butcher have had a baby.

We'd like to welcome all the new jumpers here. The attraction of the Nationals aircraft, 13,000ft and some of the UK's best skydivers is obviously hard to resist! We have started

Friday jumping. Special mention to dancing boy Ged from the Bodyflight tunnel who has gained his Cat 8 – well done mate!

Weston teams had a great result at the various Grand Prix, nice one Airkix, Bodyflight Rage, Airbrix, Damn Zebra and 4Fit, see page 19.

14-18 August sees Gary Beyer offering free coaching for teams going to the Nationals. To register contact us or visit our website.

Nigel Holland



Charlotte's first 4-way with Chris C, Chris L & Josh by Jon Trevor



Kelly Osbourne with Steve & Ash by Jane Bembridge

The tempo has really started to pick up and, due to increasing demand, we're now open 7 days a week. In an attempt to increase freefall time, two of the three tandem instructors have been keeping current not only on their freefall drills but also their reserve rides. (Get your brakes off boys!) We had the pleasure of Pete Marsden's Airvan for two weekends and look forward to further guest aircraft throughout the year.

We'd like to thank Ann & Jamie Fowler and Derek Keverne (Smokie) for organising charity tandems to raise over £1,100 for the surgery at Constantine. It's been nice to see Andy Hart finally landing on the cross, much to Tammy's amazement! Well done to Paul Yeoman for his CSI.

At the end of a hard day's work, it's reassuring to see that Dave Wood knows how to unwind and debrief the staff at the local watering hole. (Some things never change.) Big thanks to Bob Hazel for his special home brew – an instant cure for my husband's insomnia!

The August bank holiday holds opportunities for sunset beach loads with awesome views outside the only bar in the UK completely surrounded by sand. Come along for jumps, barbecues and sundowners!

Lucy Wood

## Achievements

50 Jumps, CH2, JM1  
Ross Houlston

# Cornish



Cornish beach debrief by Sharron Davey



Andy Hart finally gets the cross! Photo: Ben Wood



**ROYAN BEACH**

**BOOGIE**

& Progression week  
19th August -  
26th August  
Skyvan and Porters  
Load organising for  
FF and FS.

**FULL TIME BRITISH SKYDIVING SCHOOL**  
**ROYAN** South West Coast of France **APRIL-OCTOBER**  
**LAKE WALES FLORIDA** November - April  
**AFF FF FS RAPS PROGRESSION & Tandem**

*OVER 27 YEARS OF OF SKYDIVING EXPERIENCE*  
*FAST AFF & RAPS PROGRESSION for any level.*  
*ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!*  
*TUNNEL COACHING for*  
*pre AFF & Progression Courses.*  
*GREAT SKYDIVING ATMOSPHERE.*  
*GOOD WEATHER.*  
*VIDEO ON ALL JUMPS.*  
*PERSONALISED COACHING.*  
*LARGE STUDENT FRIENDLY DZ'S.*  
*ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS TO SUIT.*  
*BEST SURF BEACHES IN EUROPE.*  
*MANY NON-SKYDIVING ACTIVITIES.*  
*IDEAL FAMILY HOLIDAY VENUES.*  
*UK DROP ZONES TO WELCOME*  
*YOU ON YOUR RETURN.*

EASY, CHEAP AND QUICK FLIGHTS TO  
BORDEAUX & LA ROCHELLE  
AIRPORT PICK-UP AVAILABLE

LEAVE UK IN THE MORNING AND BE  
JUMPING IN THE AFTERNOON!



**TEL 07802 472566**  
**mail@aiskydive.com**  
**www.aiskydive.com**

# Peterlee

Photos: Paul McCormick

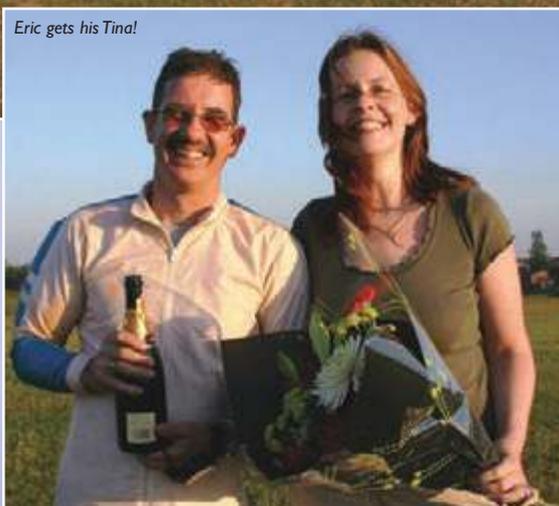


Dave Mitchell



Eric Hall

Eric gets his Tina!



his first jumps after a year's lay-off, good to see you back in the air mate. XPO saw 16 year old Michael Mitchell progressing well on AFF. Allan Adams headed off to the USA for six months to work on his packing skills and not, as rumours suggested, that the Mancunian (Soz AI, couldn't resist!) is on the run.

Eric surprised Tina with a flag jump to better all others, aided and carefully masterminded by Dave Mitchell. With plenty of flapping like a budgie (Eric not Dave), the pair jumped with flags: the first (Dave's) reading "Tina Will You" and the second (Eric's) reading "Marry Me?".

Long-time regular Janet Willcox sobbed "It was like a fairy tale and so romantic". Eric did have some explaining to do when several TinAs turned up from the local village to accept his kind offer!

The Peterlee 3-way open competition is nearing its climax. Into its second year it should prove to be a tight finish, and bring on the skills of the new Cat 8s. More in the next Mag.

Paul McCormick

Macmillan's Mexicano Boogie by Sam Del Greco



The Macmillan's Mexicano Boogie was fantastic! All credit to the organisation of Stu 'The Tank - Retired' Ferguson. Sadly Stu will be stepping down now (hopefully not forever), a great loss. We raised £2,587, beating last year. Big thanks to everyone involved especially 2K Composites, Performance Designs, Sunpath, Avalore Freefly, Aerodyne and Alti-2 for supplying raffle prizes. The Jet Ranger flown by Nicky Johnston was a huge success. The piñata proved a talking point; the home-made device turned out to be almost bomb-proof and took a severe bashing before giving up any goodies.

There has been a lot of progression, with the summer finally arriving. NUPC headed off to Empuria for their yearly trip, producing Cat 8s and FS1s. Stu Ferguson did

Due to the lack of the Let 410s and ensuing dramas we've been jumping different aircraft; a Caravan, Beaver and piston Islander and have settled on the turbine Islander. It's heartbreaking to see the Lets sat there doing nothing but we hope to have them back in the air soon. Thanks to all club members who are sticking with us, in spite of the reduced operation.

We had a smashing 'first' tandem day at South Cerney doing 64 tandems and raising £15,000 for Speak Easier. Well done to all the cameraflyers, instructors and manifest for a top team effort. The demo season has kicked off to a great start, most notably with a fantastic jump into the RLC Corp Day. We managed to 'borrow' smoke from the Freds which really makes a difference to the aerial display.

A big welcome to Mandy from the Black Horse in Cirencester. Mandy has offered mates-rates B&B to our jumpers for a while; now she's finally taken the plunge and completed AFF! It's great to have another Cirencester local on board, especially as most of us have known Mandy as the landlady of our local for years!

Welcome back to George (again) from his sickbed. He broke his back last year during the Nationals but recovered well, only to break it again falling down the stairs! George swears blind he was sober!

Rachel Organ

Landlady Mandy's AFF by Big AI



## Silver Stars

### Achievements

**First Freefall**  
Mandy Huckle  
**FS1**  
Darcy Parry  
Jody Vernon  
**FF1**  
Mike Parry  
**50 Jumps**  
Darcy Parry  
**200 Jumps**  
Joggie Batma  
**300 Jumps**  
George Clack

## Achievements

### First Freefall

Melvin Hall  
Cara Finn

### CH1

James Barber  
Martin McShane  
Sam Bemment

### CH2

Donna Williams

### FS1

Stephen Weekes  
Shona Blainey  
James Barber

### FF1

Paul Fletcher

## Jump Numbers

**50**  
Shona Blainey  
Stephen Weekes  
Darren Wood

### 100

Felix Dieckmann

### 200

Tom Woods

### 300

Andy May

### 400

Tina Wiseman

Andy Pike

Guy Vickers

Neil Doar

Chris Smith

Pete Bacon

### 500

Tim Aucott

### 600

Paul Lomax

### 800

Pikey

### 1000

Tom Hartland

### 1200

Pixie

Stan Hopkins

### 1700

Craig Poxon

### 1800

Charlie Bazley

### 4000

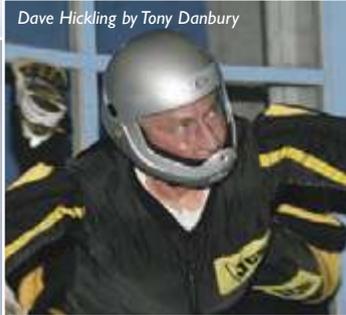
Marcus Beck

### 10000

Dave Morris



Septuagenarians Dilys Price & Stan Hopkins by Marcus Beck



Dave Hickling by Tony Danbury



Billy Payn by Tony Danbury

After months on the ground, CCI Dave Hickling is now back in the air where he belongs! Our events have been blessed with great weather and excellent attendance – a record 23 teams at the 4-way FS Grand Prix. Langar jumpers made a good showing, particularly *Bodyflight Storm*, *Wingnutz* (pipped at the post!) and *JCB* who tied for gold and were awarded silver on a countback, see page 19. *Bodyflight Storm* were the only team with no video busts – top camera Swoop!

The UK's very first Go Vertical had 76 registered, Jan's Beech 99 did

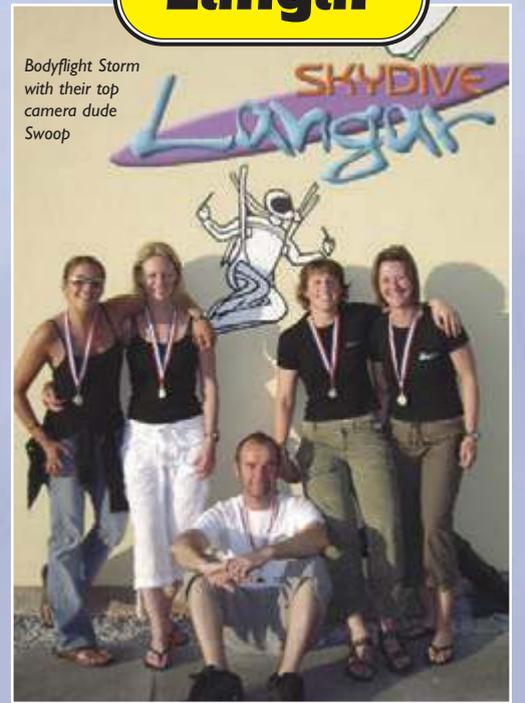
105 lifts. 39 Caravan lifts mean we cleared 2,300 jumps over 5 days, see page 8. Dave Lewis's 28-way group had a good weekend in June, jumping from the two Caravans in formation. Dave and Billy Payn are ramping up the load organising, if interested email [info@bpslangar.co.uk](mailto:info@bpslangar.co.uk)

After the loss of Taz Causer in Spain, all of our thoughts are with her partner, Gavin McLeod, and Taz's friends & family. Langar will be not be the same without her smile.

Milko

## Langar

*Bodyflight Storm* with their top camera dude Swoop



PAC 750XL with pilot Catherine Glenister

## Achievements

**CH1, CH2, JM1, FS1, 50 Jumps**

Wayne Branquet

### JM1

Stuart McDermott

### 100 Jumps

James Tomkinson

### 400 Jumps

Lee Coote

Photos: Steve Newman

## Jersey

June was busy with the long-awaited and welcome return of a turbine for the first time in over 3 years. Unfortunately it brought clouds with it, which stayed from Sunday through to Thursday afternoon of our boogie week. The party continued unabated, with plenty of sacrifices to the weather gods and the offering of one or two mobile phones to the harbour. Dario & Conny Jotti from Switzerland led the organising but the weather meant there wasn't enough time to progress the group towards an island formation record. Something for next time then!

The week saw our local TV presenter Rebecca Huggler down for a tandem. Looking to camera and a number of unpleasantly hairy bared backsides all at the same time was probably unanticipated but she's signed up for AFF so must have enjoyed it (the tandem, not the bottoms!).

The next big event is 13-16 August – four days with a helicopter going all the way to 10,000ft! Check out [www.skydivejersey.net](http://www.skydivejersey.net)

Alun Griffiths

# Netheravon

Visitors to Nethers will see some changes. The APA is now housed in spandangly new Portakabins with a new huge reception area and a separate tandem reception. Manifest are driving us mad – er – getting everyone's attention with their new 'Bing-bong' button! We are trialling a period of pre-manifesting for jumphogs as and when we have enough aircraft capacity available, see website.

Robin has been on a shopping spree, a new Caravan is on order! This is due next summer. If anyone has any fundraising ideas to pay for it, let Robin know – he didn't seem impressed with the idea of sponsored purple hair!

Thanks to Solly Williams and Shannon Pilcher for the FS and canopy coaching weekends in May. The British weather didn't play fair but, despite this, everyone learnt loads and had a good time. In true Nethers style, we threw a Hillbillies & Rednecks party. This featured the return of Speedo Man – funny how you never see Speedo Man and Rick Boardman in the room at the same time! The prize for scariest trailer trash most definitely goes to Mike 'Loser' Lewis, nice fishnets mate!

Load organising under the expert eyes of Caroline Hughes is going well, despite occasional aircraft problems. The 'All About Smiles' weekend certainly was, with mystery and ribbon dives bringing about puzzled looks as well as cheesy grins. High hopping 'n' popping is gaining an avid following with the camera room wolfpack boys, keep an eye on the website for our end of the day mini cross country events.

Good luck to Paul Adams on his forthcoming marriage – bringing 11 of your mates for a static line course may not be everyone's idea of a great stag do! Everyone jumped safely. The groom was found asleep in a canoe outside the bunkhouse the following morning.

Thanks to Russ George who graciously provided an excellent hog roast for everyone on his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. Congrats to Maya & Baggers who have recently tied the knot. And well done to rigger John for inventing a new martial art – chai tea!

Kath Salisbury



Graham Harrison

Any fundraising ideas for Robin?



Ant & Robin in Eloy by Ash White



Mike, Krzystztof, Wes, Tony, Kath, Russ, Trevor, Caroline & Dean by Ryan Mancey



Coached 4-way with Shannon Pilcher by Ryan Mancey

## Achievements

### Cat 8

Adam Austin  
Philip Skelland  
Mark Miskelly  
Jamie Duckett  
Sarah Churchill  
Ian McAuliffe  
James Deverell

### FS1

Rob Haggerty  
Jamie Brittain  
Sarah Churchill  
Ed Bowyer

### CF1

Chas Lawson

### CP1

Simon Bristow

### Jump Numbers

#### 50

Vince Blandford  
Anna Endicott  
Melissa George  
Martin Preston

#### 100

Andy Braye

#### 200

Ian McAuliffe  
Will Thomas

#### 300

Graham Jolliffe

#### 500

Jason Legg

#### 800

Andy Edmonds

#### 1000

Rick Boardman  
Mike Ehlis

#### 1100

Phill Elston

#### 1200

Mike Lewis

#### 1400

Bish

#### 2000

Ryan Mancey

*EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS  
Its PIA's 30th Anniversary*

# International Parachute Symposium 2007

**February 5th - 9th**  
*(regular meeting - February 2nd - 4th)*  
**Reno, Nevada USA**

**RENO HAS EVERYTHING:**  
*Silver Legacy Resort  
and Casino  
(1700 rooms,  
22 restaurants)  
Casinos  
Restaurants  
Shopping  
Pools  
Skiing  
Hot Tubs  
Snowmobiling  
Lake Tahoe  
Reno / Sparks  
Sight-seeing  
Sierra Nevada Mountains*

**GET DETAILS @ [www.pia.com](http://www.pia.com)**

*Like to talk ? Get a Speaker Application*

*New product ? Get an Exhibit Application*

*Like to show off ? Get a Hospitality Suite*

*Register on-line ! Go to [www.pia.com](http://www.pia.com)*

*Reserve NOW ! Register Early !*



[www.pia.com](http://www.pia.com)  
3833 W. Oakton Street  
Skokie, IL 60076 USA  
Tel 847-674-9742  
Fax 847-674-9743

Photography by Mike McGowan, [www.funairphotos.com](http://www.funairphotos.com)

# Target



Outbreak, winners of the Freefly Grand Prix, by Jay Southall



Pack Yer Bags by JohnWilliamson

Sounds Grrr8, senior 8-way silver

Summer has arrived! It started with nostalgia at the annual reunion of the personnel who served at RAF Hibaldstow. Target regulars put on a bit of a show for them. The day's highlight was the flypast of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight's Spitfire and Hurricane, a very moving sight.

Chris Lynch returned with Wingtips; all 3 days of the course were well attended and the weather allowed everyone to try out some of the things they learnt. The BPA Freefly Coaching Roadshow, well organised by Weed, saw Chris Lynch & Mike Carpenter providing free coaching for anyone interested. Our Grand Prix was a great competition, see page 21.

Our packing courses have been great. We're still holding popular and effective progression days, call for info. Karen Foster has learned what a reciprocal course is during her practical spotting! POPS held an accuracy event and Hit 'n' Rock. 86-year old veteran Pete Best

attended to award the medals, having recently been in a wind tunnel!

Our fleet of aircraft continues to expand with the anticipated arrival of our new Turbine SMG. Neville Cunningham is now qualified to fly solo on the Dornier. Welcome back Jim Harris, here for the summer, coaching freefly and working with his new team, *Outbreak*. A mention to Wes, who worked hard to get onto the tandem camera pool, only to break his leg. Get well quickly Wes, it'll soon be winter! Baldrick is to become a dad, proving he doesn't actually work **all** the hours God sends.

Preparations for the Nationals are well under way. Please register asap online at [www.skydiving.co.uk](http://www.skydiving.co.uk) We have 15+ teams at Hib who are training and we're expecting a very busy time in August in the run-up to the Nationals.

Mike Colthart

Ray hangs out over Tilstock, by Neil Long



Wingsuits have arrived at Tilstock although, at the moment, it's more a nest of fledglings than a flock! Trying to get more than one of these curious birds into and out of a small Cessna is a feat in itself! The avian flyers are getting used to it and are zooming all over the local landscape. Freeflyers have been having fun with tracking suits and tube jumps. After getting some great coaching on trips abroad, they have even more skills to tempt us to the dark side!

Congratulations to Shelly, finally Cat 8! She's the most committed student we've seen for a long time! After a long absence, Alan W scored Cat 8 and D Licence in one day – not many people do that! A big thumbs-up to rising stars Liz B and Ian R. Angie and Jules have been having a hectic time manifesting now Sally's moved on to bigger and better things (mostly lots more skydiving). Thanks to all manifestors for your hard work keeping us airborne :-)

Tilstock has landed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century – we now have SKYPE (don't ask me coz I don't know!) but the name is **skydivetilstock** and we have wireless internet access (when it works). The clubhouse is undergoing a makeover with lots of paint being splashed about and a new integrated technology corner with big screen projector for VCR, DVDs and cameras. Outside there are two new, very bright windsocks and the 3-foot high grass has been partially harvested so we now have a small landing area to aim for!



Shelly gets her Cat 8 by Paul Morrison

Paul Morrison

## Achievements

### First Freefall

Matt John  
Michael Allison  
Danny Blacker  
Jonny Catto  
Michael Clark  
Giles Green  
Sajad Hussain  
Sebastian Kruythoff  
Steven Marlow  
Joe Smith  
David Tarantiuk  
Darren Tiernan

### Cat 8, CH1

Katherine Rybinski  
Hannah Prideaux  
Ben Martindale  
Charlotte Winton  
Chris Handley  
Martin Bailey  
James Gillott

### CH2, JM1, 50 Jumps

Marcus Wray  
Jimmy Freemantle  
Dan Kennedy

### FS1

Katherine Rybinski  
Pete Brookes  
Laura Battarbee  
Gordon Henmennett  
Jack Waltham

### FF1

Andy Myers

### Jump Numbers

**50** Paul Geary  
James Gillott  
Davina Sandberg  
Clara Melia  
**100** Dave Humphrey  
Keith Brooksbank  
Andy Myers  
Alex Jeanes  
Lewis Payne  
Jo Bolton  
Keith Brooksbank  
Brian Cumming  
**400** Geetha Narayanan  
**500** Rob Chapman  
Mark Chapman  
**1000** Tarn Hollis  
Jay Southall

# Tilstock

## Achievements

### Cat 8

Shelly Eppleston  
Alan Walker

### FS1

Ian Rayner  
Liz Boniface

### CH1, CH2, 100 Jumps

Liz Boniface

### 50 Jumps

Shelly Eppleston  
Julie Skilling

### 200 Jumps

Ria Bremner  
Mike Allsopp

### 1 Hour Freefall

Paul Morrison  
Liz Boniface

## BCPA

Massive thanks to all who journeyed to the BCPA Scots – 1,000 mile round trip in some cases! Everyone seemed to have an awesome time, despite awful weather! The 100-spot Giant Twister, Xbox 360 (on a 12' projected widescreen!), table tennis, harness swing and barbecue all went down very well, as did the competitions in 3-way (creeper), accuracy (fan trainer), and speed (climbing wall).



Spanky spans the disc

BCPA photos: Chris Reeves

The 3-way meet was level after 4 rounds, so a creep-off was held, where the two teams had to creep all 4 rounds in a row! *Length & Breadth* managed to beat *Sex, Drugs and Sausage Rolls* cleanly with an incredible 32.87 seconds! Not bad for a non-repeating 16 point dive!

In accuracy, Dave Humphries (York) retained his crown, winning for the second time! He's going to take some beating next year! The sole Warwick student, Charlotte Winton, ran away with the wooden spoon! Olly Farzin-nia (Edinburgh) was out of reach in the climbing wall competition, with an incredible time of just 23 seconds!

Saturday night saw the hangar transformed with lights and a stage in preparation for the world famous Big Pan Doo and the arrival of the ceilidh band, Alan's Mates. After a shy start from the visiting English students everyone got into the swing of things and they were soon Gay-Gordonning with the best of us. Most people found the bad weather on Sunday morning a blessing!

The next event at Strath will be the Student Progression Week with the Porter F-GODZ, 14-18 August. Can you do as well in the air as on the creepers?!

Swoopert



Kieran Brady serving Kath Rybinski



The Leeds crew

## Golden Lions



Photo by Steve Studders

Welcome to our new OC Bob Thomson, just introduced to skydiving via tandem. He may have been bitten by the bug! We ventured to RAPA for team training, were looked after very well and easily achieved our aim of 50 jumps each. Our CF virgins had some fun intros, a big thank you to everyone at RAPA. We're midway through our season with a total of around 60 demos. The highlights have been a packed Murrayfield for Scotland versus Barbarians and a spectacular Hot Hatch day at the Knockhill racing circuit.

Nige Macgillivray

## Tigers

Mother Nature's finally come though for us, we've had some great weather for recent displays. My first demo was definitely one to remember; a really big 3-day event (Royal Cornwall) jumping from a RAF Puma from Benton. Thanks to them for a 40-minute cabbie around the beautiful beaches of Newquay and a really super display. We've got a brilliant season lined up, one of our busiest yet.

Phil Brooke

## POPS

At our annual June meet at Hibaldstow, it was great to see again all POPS members and partners who came to support and assist.

It was clear for the accuracy but Sod's Law meant the Dornier aircraft made itself unusable just as we started! The only flyable aircraft left was the Cherokee, so H very kindly slotted us on lifts between his own very busy programme. We completed 2 rounds each in an 'all canopy' competition which was great fun and yet still made life difficult for all, regardless of canopy style. Our winners were determined by early evening so we retired to a local hostelry for a very social meal and light refreshment.

Sunday was also a little weather suspect but we jollied through our traditional Hit 'n' Rock, much to the amusement of the onlookers! Winner Phil Harris had a very credible time of 12.13 seconds. I'm happy to say the complaint that Phil slept with one of the judges (Mrs Harris) the night before was quickly over-ruled. Ian Topps came 2<sup>nd</sup> with



POPS meet at Hibaldstow

Ron Bradley-Norman coming 3<sup>rd</sup>. Phil also showed his expertise by coming 1<sup>st</sup> in accuracy, with Ian Topps 2<sup>nd</sup> and Pete Shew 3<sup>rd</sup>. 4-way scrambles didn't seem sensible from a Cherokee so we finished off with a POPS 5-way instead.

We were pleased and grateful to Hatti and Pete Best Joe No1 (jumpers over eighty), for making the journey.



Hit 'n' Rock captured by Dick Barton

# Pumpkin

James-Brady joined the rookie 4-way FS team JCB and came joint 1<sup>st</sup> with 100% at the BPS Langar Grand Prix. JCB were awarded the silver as 100% had the higher scoring last round. A terrific achievement for JCB with an average of 10.8 over 6 rounds. Welcome to TP's latest recruit – Hattie Jinks, born 27 May 06, available for hire as a packing weight until she can pay for her own jump tickets.

Ros Jinks

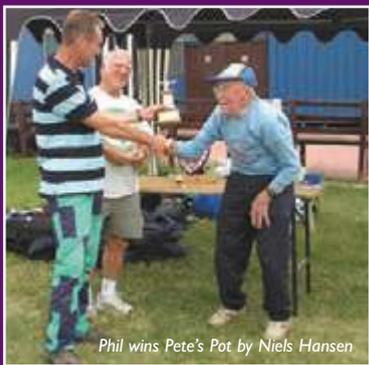
## Achievements

### FS1

James-Brady Watson



James-Brady Watson by Darryl Leaning



Phil wins Pete's Pot by Niels Hansen

Pete presented Pete's Pot trophy to Phil, which as the winner he gets to retain till next year. It was an excellent social meet so my thanks to all. Thanks also to RBN for his dedication in getting there – Devon to Hibaldstow via Blackpool takes stamina! Strangely enough he didn't get any accuracy medals!

We're trying to arrange a couple of POPS regional meetings before the end of the season; one north, one south so watch your emails. If we do not have your email address do let me have it or contact [www.pops.org.uk](http://www.pops.org.uk)

7-15 Oct 2006 sees the World POPS Meet at Eloy, Arizona. We have a proposed Cyprus meet in the last weeks of May 2007. If you are interested let me know asap.

Dick Barton



# RNRMSPA

Rohan surfing to Germany, by Karen Lewis

It's been full-on training for all RN & RMSPA members taking part in competitions. We had an awesome coaching weekend at Netheravon with Shannon Pilcher and Solly Williams – without making a single jump, thanks to our beloved British weather! Still, if the comps had a dirtdiving category, we'd win all the medals for sure! Good luck from all to Rohan Beal who is representing UK in skysurfing at the upcoming World Championships in Germany – beers on us when you're home mate!

Lindsay Ashwood

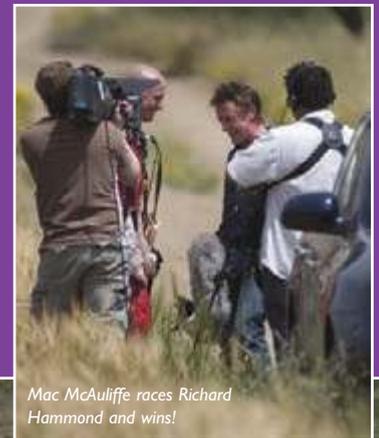
The team has already successfully completed over 30 displays, including the Formula One and World Superbike events, both at Silverstone. Highlight of the year (so far!) was our appearance on BBC's *Top Gear* in May. You can watch it online (Episode 4): [www.bbc.co.uk/topgear](http://www.bbc.co.uk/topgear)

With the aid of a Phoenix-Fly Vampire 2 wingsuit, veteran *Red Devils* member Mac McAuliffe raced presenter Richard Hammond, driving a Porsche Cayenne Turbo 4x4, over a two mile stretch of the Cyprus rally circuit. Needless to say Mac won. To add insult to injury, immediately after the race Richard wrote off the £100,000 car! The show is watched by 5.8 million in the UK and 250 million worldwide in 90 countries – fantastic publicity!

The film was made possible by some very helpful people. Huge thanks to James Boole at Phoenix-Fly for his priceless wingsuit coaching and amazing camerawork. Thank you to Robert Pecnik of Phoenix-Fly for sponsoring the superb Vampire 2 wingsuit (though to be honest I think he's had his money's worth!) and to Liz Ashley at *Wingin' It* wingsuit school at Netheravon.

Marcus Orme

# Red Devils



Mac McAuliffe races Richard Hammond and wins!

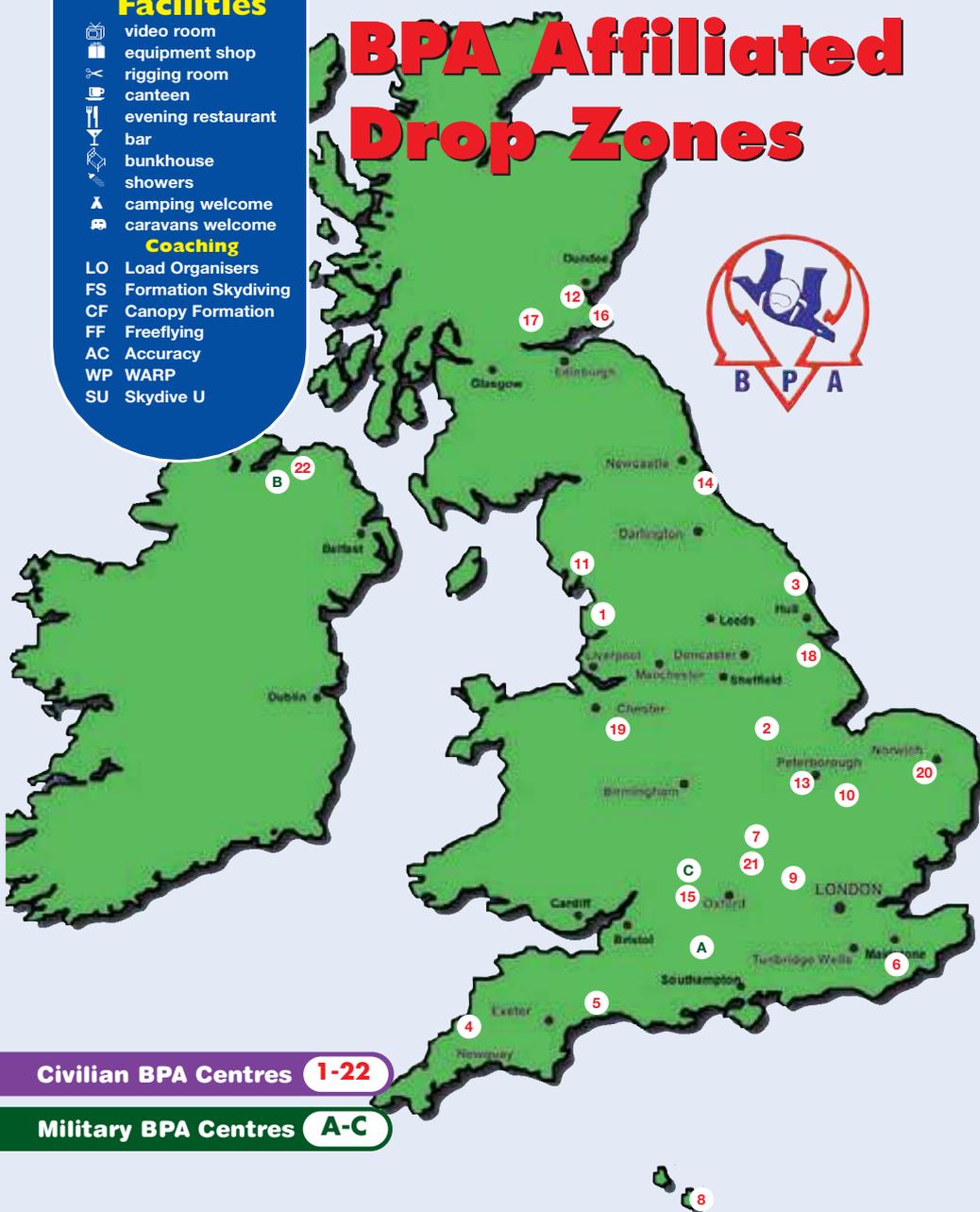
Phoenix-Fly 1, Porsche 0



## Facilities

-  video room
  -  equipment shop
  -  rigging room
  -  canteen
  -  evening restaurant
  -  bar
  -  bunkhouse
  -  showers
  -  camping welcome
  -  caravans welcome
- Coaching**
- LO Load Organisers
  - FS Formation Skydiving
  - CF Canopy Formation
  - FF Freeflying
  - AC Accuracy
  - WP WARP
  - SU Skydive U

# BPA Affiliated Drop Zones



Civilian BPA Centres 1-22

Military BPA Centres A-C

**5 Dunkeswell**  
08700 759 348



**Devon & Somerset Parachute School**  
Skydive UK Ltd, 19 Lime Road, Tiverton, Devon EX16 6JB  
Tel: 0870 075 9348 Fax: 01884 250 480  
jasonfarrant@btinternet.com  
[www.skydiveukltd.com](http://www.skydiveukltd.com)  
**Aircraft:** Cessna 206  
**Open:** 9am-dusk, Wed-Sun. Midweek by arrangement.  
**First Jump Courses:** RAPS, tandem  
 CF SU

**6 Headcorn**  
01622 890 862



**Headcorn Parachute Centre**  
Headcorn Airfield, Headcorn, Kent TN27 9HX  
Tel: 01622 890 862 Fax: 01622 890 641  
headcorn@btconnect.com  
[www.headcornparachuteclub.co.uk](http://www.headcornparachuteclub.co.uk)  
**Aircraft:** Beaver (winter), Let 410 (summer), Islander  
**Open:** 9am-dusk, Tuesday-Sunday. 1pm-dusk on Monday in summer.  
**First Jump Courses:** AFF, RAPS, tandem  
*Come and join in the fun here at Headcorn!*  
 LO FS CF FF AC WP

**7 Hinton**  
01295 812 300



**Hinton Skydiving Centre**  
Hinton Airfield, Steane, Brackley, Northants NN13 5NS  
Tel: 01295 812 300 Fax: 01295 812 400  
info@skydive.co.uk  
[www.skydive.co.uk](http://www.skydive.co.uk)  
**Aircraft:** PAC 750XL  
**Open:** 8am-9pm at weekends. 9am-7pm Tuesday-Friday.  
**First Jump Courses:** AFF, tandem  
*Small and friendly. Bunkhouse, camping & showers on site*  
 FS CF FF AC WP

**8 Jersey**  
01534 747 410



**Skydive Jersey Ltd**  
States Airport, St Peter, Jersey JE3 7ZR  
Tel: 01534 747 410 Fax: 08708 313 107  
info@skydivejersey.net  
[www.skydivejersey.net](http://www.skydivejersey.net)  
**Aircraft:** Cessna 206, occasional turbines  
**Open:** Every day, hours vary with tide, call first before visiting.  
**First Jump Courses:** AFF, tandem  
*Stunning views jumping onto the beach in St Aubins Bay. Good deals with local hotel.*  
 LO FS CF FF WP SU

**9 London**  
0845 130 7194



**London Parachute School**  
The Byre, Woods Farm, Easthampstead Road, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 3AE  
*Drop Zone located off Junction 6 of M40*  
Tel: 0845 130 7194 Fax: 0845 130 7195  
info@londonparachuteschool.com  
[www.londonparachuteschool.com](http://www.londonparachuteschool.com)  
**Aircraft:** Islander, Cessna 206  
**Open:** 9am-dusk at weekends.  
**First Jump Courses:** AFF, RAPS, tandem  
 LO FS CF AC WP

**1 Black Knights**  
01524 791 820



**Black Knights Parachute Centre**  
Patty's Farm, Hillam Lane, Cockerham, Lancashire LA2 0DY  
Tel (DZ): 01524 791 820 Tel/Fax: 01772 717 624  
[www.bkpc.co.uk](http://www.bkpc.co.uk) info@bkpc.co.uk  
**Aircraft:** Cessna 185, Porter (May-Sept)  
**Open:** 8am-8pm every day in summer (May-Sept), weekends and bank holidays in winter.  
**First Jump Courses:** AFF, RAPS, tandem  
*Always a warm welcome at the North West's most accessible drop zone. Resident freely school.*  
 LO FS CF FF WP

**3 Bridlington**  
01262 677 367



**British Skysports, Bridlington**  
East Leys Farm, Grindale Rd, Bridlington, E Yorks YO16 4YB  
Tel: 01262 677 367 or 07836 276 188  
Fax: 01262 401 871  
info@britishskysports.co.uk  
[www.britishskysports.co.uk](http://www.britishskysports.co.uk)  
**Aircraft:** Cessna 206  
**Open:** 8am-8pm, every day.  
**First Jump Courses:** AFF, RAPS, tandem  
 FS CF AC WP

**2 Langar**  
01949 860 878



**British Parachute Schools**  
Langar Airfield, Langar, Nottingham NG13 9HY  
Tel: 01949 860 878 Fax: 01949 860 012  
[www.bpslangar.co.uk](http://www.bpslangar.co.uk) info@bpslangar.co.uk  
**Aircraft:** Cessna 206, 2 Caravans, Skyvan occasionally  
**Open:** 9am-8pm (or dusk) every day. 10am start on Sunday. Office open every day, 8.30am-6pm.  
**First Jump Courses:** AFF, RAPS, tandem  
*Lots of aircraft, always lots of jumping, busy every day - midweek too!*  
 LO FS CF FF WP

**4 Cornish PC**  
07790 439 653



**Cornish Parachute Club**  
Perranporth Airfield, Higher Trevellas, St Agnes, Cornwall TR5 0XS  
Tel: 07790 439 653 or 07970 727 894  
cornishparachuteclub@hotmail.co.uk  
[www.cornishparachuteclub.co.uk](http://www.cornishparachuteclub.co.uk)  
**Aircraft:** Cessna 206, guest aircraft by arrangement  
**Open:** 9am-dusk on Sat. 10am-dusk Wed-Fri & Sunday.  
**First Jump Courses:** AFF, RAPS, tandem  
 WP FS CF



# WHY NOT TAKE A SKYDIVING HOLIDAY IN AUSTRALIA



AT AUSTRALIA'S PREMIER DROP ZONE - TOOGOOLAWAH



- Ramblers offer:
- 14,000' Cessna Caravan • Open 7 days
  - Full student training • Modern equipment
  - Excellent facilities • Excellent weather
  - Learning Curve Camps • Skysisters 2007

• Ask about our 20 jump **Addiction Package** achieve your A licence in 10 days!  
£2060\* includes top accommodation and airport transfers.



## Equinox Boogie 2006 21st-29th October



- Pre Nox 16 - 20 Oct De Tox 30 Oct - 5 Nov
- Early Bird Rego by 30th Sept - Go in draw for 10 jump tickets • 30 jump package - rego, t-shirt, DVD £895\*
- International Load Organisers for Freefly, Flatfly, Atmonauti, Flocking, Canopy Fly, Formation Loads, Night Jumps, Nude Record, POPS Record & Novelty Jumps.
- Big Screen • Day Tapes • Nightly Raffles • Live Entertainment
- Pool Parties • Bonfires - Check out our website for details and rego form.



Come and find out why Ramblers is Famous for Fun!

Email: [skydive@ramblers.com.au](mailto:skydive@ramblers.com.au)  
[www.skydiveramblers.com](http://www.skydiveramblers.com)

**+61 7 5423 1159**

\*conditions apply

Go Vertical!  
Autumn edition  
23 September  
1 October  
Jumps  
from 15.000'

The biggest drop zone in Europe

empuriabrava

[www.skydiveempuriabrava.com](http://www.skydiveempuriabrava.com)  
Tel. (+ 34) 972 45 01 11 · 17487 Empuriabrava · Spain

skydive  
empuriabrava

# BPA Associated Organisations

The following organisations are run under the BPA Operations Manual when operating at BPA Affiliated Centres. The BPA takes no responsibility for training or advice when these organisations operate at other centres.

## UK COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS

### Active Skydiving

Active Skydiving

**Active Skydiving**  
Glengoyman, St Fillans, Perthshire PH6 2ND  
**Tel/Fax: 01764 685 316**  
Mobile: 07803 041 348  
scotty@activeskydiving.co.uk  
**www.activeskydiving.co.uk**  
**Contact:** Scotty Milne  
**Courses:** AFF, tandem, FS coaching  
**Location:** Spain, USA

### Airwaves



**Airwaves International Skydiving School**  
40 Plantation Road, Hextable, Kent BR8 7SB  
**Tel: 07802 472 566**  
Tel (France): 00 33 619 605 997  
mail@aiskydive.com  
**www.aiskydive.com**  
**Contact:** Rod Bartholomew  
**Courses:** AFF, RAPS, tandem, progression  
**Location:** France, USA

### Parachute Training Services

Parachute Training Services

**Parachute Training Services**  
11 Godwyn Close, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 1BU  
**Tel/Fax: 01235 529 570**  
doug@paratrg.demon.co.uk  
**www.paratrg.demon.co.uk**  
**Contact:** Doug Peacock  
**Courses:** RAPS, progression courses  
**Location:** UK (Hinton Skydiving Centre)

### Royal Navy & Royal Marines



**Royal Navy & Royal Marines Sport Parachute Association**  
Airfield Camp, Netheravon, Wilts SP4 9SF  
**Tel: 01980 678 540**  
skydiveandski@hotmail.com  
**Contact:** Phill Elston

### Red Devils



**Red Devils**  
Airfield Camp, Netheravon, Wiltshire SP4 9SF  
**Tel: 01980 628 211**  
Fax: 01980 628 349  
rd@reddevilsonline.com  
**www.reddevilsonline.com**  
**Contact:** Nick Vischer  
**Courses:** Tandem  
**Location:** UK (Netheravon)

### The Freefall Experience



**The Freefall Experience**  
Duke of Gloucester Barracks, South Cerney, Cirencester, Gloucester GL7 5RD  
**Tel: 07779 019 655**  
will@tffe.co.uk  
**www.tffe.co.uk**  
**Contact:** Carl Williams  
**Courses:** AFF, RAPS, tandem  
**Location:** UK

## NON COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS

### BCPA



**British Collegiate Parachute Association**  
Ultrasound Group, Dept of Physics, Warwick University Coventry, CV4 7AL  
**www.bcpa.org.uk**  
chairman@bcpa.org.uk  
**Contact:** Marc Fletcher, BCPA Chairman  
The BCPA aims to promote skydiving at collegiate level. We run regional and national events for over 40 affiliated university clubs. The BCPA provides a community where university skydivers can find like-minded people to jump and socialise with.

### POPS UK



**POPS UK**  
Turnpike Cottage, Old Hadenhuish Lane, Chippenham, Wilts, SN14 6HH  
**Tel: 01249 65 1909**  
dbarton@fsmail.net  
**www.pops.org.uk**  
**Contact:** Dick Barton, Top POP  
A society of skydivers over forty. We hold regular national and international meets at host parachute centres.

### SOS UK

Flat 14, 21 Victoria Square, Clifton, Bristol BS8 4ES  
**Tel: 0117 973 8341**  
nielshnsn@yahoo.co.uk  
**Contact:** Niels Hanson  
A society of skydivers over sixty.

## OVERSEAS ASSOCIATED DZS

The BPA takes no responsibility for training or advice given by these drop zones as they do not necessarily operate under the BPA Operations Manual.

### SPAIN

**Skydive Empuriabrava**  
PO Box 194, 17487 Empuriabrava, Spain  
**Tel: 0034 972 450 111**  
Fax: 0034 972 450 749  
info@skydiveempuriabrava.com  
**www.skydiveempuriabrava.com**

### Skydive Spain

Apartado de Correos No 66 Bullulus de le Mitacion, Seville 41110, Spain  
**Tel: 0034 687 726 303**  
info@skydivespain.com  
**www.skydivespain.com**

### USA

**Freefall Adventures, Florida**  
400 West Airport Drive, Sebastian, FL 32958, USA  
**Tel: 001 772 388 0550**  
Fax: 001 772 581 2694  
skydivemik@aol.com  
**www.ffadventures.com**

### Perris Valley Skydiving

2091 Goetz Road, Perris, CA 92570, USA  
**Tel: 001 951 657 3904**  
Fax: 001 951 657 6178  
office@skydiveperris.com  
**www.skydiveperris.com**

**Skydive Marche**  
ATMONAUTI.COM  
... come to fly with us!  
... all on www.atmonauti.com

with Marco Gighiola and the ATP international team

Beautiful fly zone on the sea: All day skydiving activity with full time Atmonauti

Contest Atmonauti with €8,000 to be won

Big events all year! Coming up:

- CONTEST ATMONAUTI 22-30 July ARWV Atmonauti Relative Work in 4-way with LO and ATP Atmonauti Top Patrol
- SKYDIVE MARCHE SUMMER BOOGIE 5 -15 Aug LO and I-B Course (13-15) FREE atmonauti school for beginners, Atmonauti Instructor and Atmonauti tandem qualifications
- CONTEST ATMONAUTI 19-27 Aug World Record with load organiser and ATP
- MA.GI.A Boogie 23 Sept-1 Oct the Marco birthday boogie with big ATP meet

Ticket price from €15 to €23

Restaurant with traditional Italian food at special prices, daily videos on a big screen all evening

Low cost flights from Stansted to Aricuna and Pescara with Ryanair

ALL THE EVENTS CALENDAR  
FZ INFO AND BOOK ON  
**WWW.ATMONAUTI.COM**  
**WWW.SKYDIVEMARCHE.COM**  
HAND: +39 347 8703507  
LAND: +39 338 4360923

# 'EXCEL' with Symbi !



[www.symbiosissuits.co.uk](http://www.symbiosissuits.co.uk)



**CUSTOM  
BUILT  
IN FOUR  
WEEKS!**

**Large  
stock list  
of new and  
used rigs and  
canopies on our  
website**

**ALL THE STUFF  
TO SATISFY  
YOUR SKYDIVING  
NEEDS AND DESIRES**

## *Full comp spec included:*

- Extra fat, extra long grips
- Double arm grips
- Cordura Mega booties with leather soles and press studs
- Padded knees and elbows

**Airtec  
Icarus  
Sunpath  
Aerodyne  
Bonehead  
Chute Shop  
Sky Systems  
BirdMan Suits  
Thomas Sports  
Symbiosis Suits  
Performance Designs  
Parachutes de France**



**"YES we mail order too" [www.thekitstoreltd.co.uk](http://www.thekitstoreltd.co.uk)**

# The Kit Store Ltd

**Headcorn Airfield, Kent TN27 9HX Tel: 01622 890 967 Fax: 01622 891 236**

**Email: [symbiosis.suits@btinternet.com](mailto:symbiosis.suits@btinternet.com)**

**Call, fax or email Rob Colpus for help or a brochure, or drop in to the Kit Store at Headcorn DZ at any time**

# Jump the ultimate new skydive aircraft

**NOW  
EASA  
CERTIFIED**



**Four 750XL's now operating in Europe**  
**Beromuster Switzerland**  
**Gothenburg Sweden**  
**Cark UK**  
**Hinton UK**

**PAC**  
PACIFIC AIRCRAFT CORPORATION

**Call now  
for 2006  
delivery**

Distributed in Europe, Middle East and Africa by  
**XLaviation**  
Call Chris Butchers on +44 7768 643 956  
[Chrisb@xlaviation.com](mailto:Chrisb@xlaviation.com)



**POINT ZERO**

# HAS MOVED!

You can now get all your reserve repacks, rig repairs and modifications (sport and BASE rigs), canopy repairs, relines, display flags, freefall flags, weight belts, logbook holders, etc from our newly built, fully equipped rigging loft at:

**Point Zero Ltd, Hinton Airfield, Steane,  
Brackley, Northants. NN13 5NS**

**› Coming soon: Freefall tubes**

**Tel: +44 (0)1295 810600**

[sales@pointzero.co.uk](mailto:sales@pointzero.co.uk)

[www.pointzero.co.uk](http://www.pointzero.co.uk)

# Icarus CANOPIES

## THE REALITY OF FLIGHT

[www.icaruscanopies.aero](http://www.icaruscanopies.aero)

### Icarus Reserve

JUST  
IN-CASE™



### Icarus Safire 2



WHERE  
THE FUN BEGINS!



SPICY &  
EXCITING!  
SUMMER STOCK SPECIAL.



### Icarus Crossfire 2



 Sky Dive  
Thomas Sports  
Tel: +44 (0) 1262 678299

 DZ  
SPORTS  
Tel: +44 (0) 1295 812101

 POINT ZERO  
Tel: +44 (0)1980 844130

- ✓ SUPERIOR OPENINGS
- ✓ EXCEPTIONAL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE
- ✓ AMAZING FLARE POWER

IT IS NOT A DREAM...  
IT IS THE REALITY OF FLIGHT!

PARABATIX  
Available at your  
Icarus Dealer!



CONTACT YOUR LOCAL DEALER. VISIT [WWW.ICARUSCANOPIES.AERO](http://WWW.ICARUSCANOPIES.AERO)

# DIARY

## AUGUST

- 4-14** **Boogie Open Week**  
Irish Parachute Club [www.skydive.ie](http://www.skydive.ie)
- 5-6** **Flytrix Progression Weekend**  
Peterborough [www.flytrix.com](http://www.flytrix.com)
- 5-6** **CPC Comp**  
Perris Valley, USA [www.skydiveperris.com](http://www.skydiveperris.com)
- 5-11** **The Armies**  
Netheravon [www.netheravon.com](http://www.netheravon.com)
- 5-13** **Northwest Skyfest**  
Cark [www.skydive-northwest.com](http://www.skydive-northwest.com)
- 5-13** **Summer Boogie**  
BKPC, Cockerham [www.bkpc.co.uk](http://www.bkpc.co.uk)
- 5-15** **Summer Boogie**  
Marche, Italy [www.skydivemarche.com](http://www.skydivemarche.com)
- 6-11** **FS & Artistics World Meet**  
Gera, Germany [www.worldmeet2006.com](http://www.worldmeet2006.com)
- 7-11** **BPA Instructor Course**  
Hibaldstow 0116 278 5271  
CSI/Pre-Advanced [trudy@bpa.org.uk](mailto:trudy@bpa.org.uk)
- 11-13** **CPC Training Camp**  
Mile Hi, USA [www.canopypiloting.com](http://www.canopypiloting.com)
- 12-13** **8-Way Speed**  
Netheravon [www.netheravon.com](http://www.netheravon.com)
- 12-13** **BPA Artistics Roadshow**  
Cark [www.skydive-northwest.com](http://www.skydive-northwest.com)
- 12-13** **Airspeed Coaching**  
Skydive Weston [www.skydiveweston.com](http://www.skydiveweston.com)
- 12-20** **CF & Classics World Meet**  
Stupino, Russia [www.malevskycup.ru](http://www.malevskycup.ru)
- 12-20** **Malevsky Cup - 4-Way**  
Stupino, Russia [www.malevskycup.ru](http://www.malevskycup.ru)
- 12-20** **Karlovy Vary Boogie**  
Czech Republic [www.boogieclub.co.uk](http://www.boogieclub.co.uk)
- 12-20** **Progression Week**  
Peterlee [www.skydiveacademy.org.uk](http://www.skydiveacademy.org.uk)
- 13-15** **Atmonauti School**  
Marche, Italy [www.atmonauti.com](http://www.atmonauti.com)
- 14-16** **Canopy Piloting Course**  
Empuriabrava [www.safeflightschool.com](http://www.safeflightschool.com)
- 14-17** **Spa Invitational Challenge**  
Spa, Belgium [www.skydivecenterspa.com](http://www.skydivecenterspa.com)
- 14-18** **Progression Week**  
Strathallan [www.skydivestrathallan.co.uk](http://www.skydivestrathallan.co.uk)
- 15** **BPA Council Meeting**  
BPA Offices, Leicester 0116 278 5271
- 15-20** **Summer Boogie**  
Lapalisse, France [www.lapalisse-aero.com](http://www.lapalisse-aero.com)
- 17-20** **Go Vertical**  
Nuggets, Germany [www.skydive-nuggets.de](http://www.skydive-nuggets.de)
- 17-21** **Good Vibes Boogie**  
Abel Tasman, New Zealand [www.skydive.co.nz](http://www.skydive.co.nz)
- 18-20** **Canopy Piloting Championships**  
Mile Hi, USA [www.canopypiloting.com](http://www.canopypiloting.com)
- 18-20** **Freefly Extravaganza**  
Texel, Holland [www.islandboogie.com](http://www.islandboogie.com)
- 19-20** **Flocking Weekend**  
BKPC, Cockerham [www.bkpc.co.uk](http://www.bkpc.co.uk)
- 19-21** **4-Way Nationals**  
Hibaldstow [www.skydiving.co.uk](http://www.skydiving.co.uk)
- 19-23** **Atmonauti Top Patrol**  
Marche, Italy [www.atmonauti.com](http://www.atmonauti.com)
- 19-26** **Royan Beach Boogie**  
Royan, France [www.aiskydive.com](http://www.aiskydive.com)
- 21-27** **Freefly Festival**  
Höxter, Germany [www.skydive-hoexter.de](http://www.skydive-hoexter.de)

- 23-27** **Canopy Piloting World Meet**  
Stubenberg, Austria [www.skyday.net](http://www.skyday.net)
- 24-27** **Atmonauti World Record Attempt**  
Marche, Italy [www.atmonauti.com](http://www.atmonauti.com)
- 26-28** **8-Way Nationals & 4-Way Reserve**  
Hibaldstow [www.skydiving.co.uk](http://www.skydiving.co.uk)
- 26-28** **Artistics & Speed Nationals**  
Hibaldstow [www.skydiving.co.uk](http://www.skydiving.co.uk)
- 27** **Beer Festival**  
Netheravon [www.netheravon.com](http://www.netheravon.com)
- 27-Sep 2** **Fast is Slow Camp**  
Ocaña, Spain [www.freefalluniversity.co.uk](http://www.freefalluniversity.co.uk)
- 28-Sep 1** **Open Week**  
BKPC, Cockerham [www.bkpc.co.uk](http://www.bkpc.co.uk)
- 31-Sep 3** **Pops World Record Attempt**  
Perris, USA [www.thepops.org](http://www.thepops.org)

## SEPTEMBER

- 1-2** **Euro Swoop Tour**  
Busloo, The Netherlands [www.euroswoop.com](http://www.euroswoop.com)
- 1-3** **Europa Cup**  
Altenstadt, Germany [europacupskydive.org](http://europacupskydive.org)
- 1-3** **USPA CP Nationals**  
Wildwood Beach [www.skydivewildwood.com](http://www.skydivewildwood.com)
- 1-3** **Canopy Piloting Course**  
Lillo, Spain [www.skydivelillo.com](http://www.skydivelillo.com)
- 2-3** **50-Ways**  
Hibaldstow [simon@cathrine.fsbusiness.co.uk](mailto:simon@cathrine.fsbusiness.co.uk)
- 2-3** **CRW Camp**  
Eloy, USA [www.skydiveaz.com](http://www.skydiveaz.com)
- 2-3** **BPA CF Coaching Roadshow**  
Langar [www.bpslangar.co.uk](http://www.bpslangar.co.uk)
- 2-3** **LAC Meet**  
Headcorn [www.headcornparachuteclub.co.uk](http://www.headcornparachuteclub.co.uk)
- 2-4** **Artistics, Speed, 8-way Nats Reserve**  
Hibaldstow [www.skydiving.co.uk](http://www.skydiving.co.uk)
- 4-8** **Learning Curve Camp**  
Ramblers, Australia [www.ramblers.com.au](http://www.ramblers.com.au)
- 4-10** **Turkish Open Style & Accuracy**  
Selçuk/Izmir, Turkey [www.thk.org.tr](http://www.thk.org.tr)
- 7-11** **Pieces of 8 World Record Attempt**  
Perris Valley, USA [www.skydiveperris.com](http://www.skydiveperris.com)
- 8-10** **Crazy CRW**  
Perris Valley, USA [www.skydiveperris.com](http://www.skydiveperris.com)
- 8-10** **ESL Finals**  
Spa, Belgium [www.euroskyleague.com](http://www.euroskyleague.com)
- 8-10** **CPC Training Camp**  
Mile Hi, USA [www.canopypiloting.com](http://www.canopypiloting.com)
- 8-10** **POPS Sequential World Record Attempt**  
Blue Sky Ranch, NY [www.theblueskyranch.com](http://www.theblueskyranch.com)
- 8-11** **CF Record Attempts**  
Langar [www.bpslangar.co.uk](http://www.bpslangar.co.uk)
- 9-10** **16-Way Meet**  
Langar [www.bpslangar.co.uk](http://www.bpslangar.co.uk)
- 9-10** **POPS UK Record Attempt**  
Langar [www.freefall.org](http://www.freefall.org)
- 9-17** **Langar Boogie II**  
Langar [www.bpslangar.co.uk](http://www.bpslangar.co.uk)
- 11-13** **Canopy Piloting Course**  
Empuriabrava [www.safeflightschool.com](http://www.safeflightschool.com)
- 11-15** **Progression Week**  
UK Parachuting [www.ukparachuting.co.uk](http://www.ukparachuting.co.uk)
- 13-17** **Go Vertical**  
Langar [www.bpslangar.co.uk](http://www.bpslangar.co.uk)
- 14-17** **Big-Way CRW**  
Perris Valley, USA [www.skydiveperris.com](http://www.skydiveperris.com)

- 15** **Netheravon**  
Netheravon [www.netheravon.com](http://www.netheravon.com)
- 15-17** **Brazil**  
Brazil [www.proswoopingtour.tv](http://www.proswoopingtour.tv)
- 15-17** **Langar**  
Langar [www.bpslangar.co.uk](http://www.bpslangar.co.uk)
- 16-17** **FS & Canopy Piloting Coaching**  
Netheravon [www.netheravon.com](http://www.netheravon.com)
- 16-17** **BKPC, Cockerham**  
BKPC, Cockerham [www.avalore.com](http://www.avalore.com)
- 16-17** **4-Way Grand Prix**  
Cark [www.skydive-northwest.com](http://www.skydive-northwest.com)
- 16-17** **BPA CP Coaching Roadshow**  
UK Parachuting [www.ukparachuting.co.uk](http://www.ukparachuting.co.uk)
- 16-17** **Langar**  
Langar [www.bpslangar.co.uk](http://www.bpslangar.co.uk)
- 16-18** **10-Way Speed Star**  
Texel, Holland [www.islandboogie.com](http://www.islandboogie.com)
- 19-23** **Flyboyz Film Festival**  
Perris Valley, USA [www.flyboyz.tv](http://www.flyboyz.tv)
- 20-25** **Armed Forces Record Attempt**  
Netheravon [www.netheravon.com](http://www.netheravon.com)
- 21-24** **100-Way Sequential**  
Perris Valley, USA [www.skydiveperris.com](http://www.skydiveperris.com)
- 21-24** **Icarus Cup**  
St Hilaire/Lumbin, France [www.coupe-icare.org](http://www.coupe-icare.org)
- 23** **Anniversary Party**  
Bodyflight, Bedford [www.bodyflight.co.uk](http://www.bodyflight.co.uk)
- 23-24** **8-Way FS Speed Nationals**  
Peterborough [www.skydivesibson.com](http://www.skydivesibson.com)
- 23-24** **FS & Canopy Piloting Coaching**  
Netheravon [www.netheravon.com](http://www.netheravon.com)
- 23-24** **Hayabusa Big-Way Coaching**  
Spa, Belgium [www.skydivecenterspa.com](http://www.skydivecenterspa.com)
- 23-24** **VRW 4-Way Online Event**  
Home DZ [www.vrw4way.com](http://www.vrw4way.com)
- 23-24** **4-Way Scrambles**  
Lillo, Spain [www.skydivelillo.com](http://www.skydivelillo.com)
- 23-Oct 1** **MaGiA Boogie**  
Marche, Italy [www.atmonauti.com](http://www.atmonauti.com)
- 23-Oct 1** **Go Vertical**  
Empuriabrava [www.skydiveempuriabrava.com](http://www.skydiveempuriabrava.com)
- 25-27** **Canopy Piloting Course**  
Empuriabrava [www.safeflightschool.com](http://www.safeflightschool.com)
- 25-Oct 3** **Freefly Boogie**  
Gap, France [skydivegap@online.fr](mailto:skydivegap@online.fr)
- 27-Oct 1** **Big-Way Sequential**  
Perris Valley [www.perrisperformanceplus.com](http://www.perrisperformanceplus.com)
- 27-Oct 1** **Airspeed Challenge**  
Empuriabrava [www.skydiveempuriabrava.com](http://www.skydiveempuriabrava.com)

- 27-Oct 1** **Atmonauti Top Patrol**  
Marche, Italy [www.atmonauti.com](http://www.atmonauti.com)
- 28** **STC & Riggers Meeting**  
BPA Offices, Leicester 0116 278 5271
- 28-29** **Women's World Record Camp**  
Elsinore, USA [www.skydiveelsinore.com](http://www.skydiveelsinore.com)
- 28-Oct 1** **Babylon Workshop**  
Empuriabrava [www.babylon-freefly.com](http://www.babylon-freefly.com)
- 28-Oct 1** **Beginners Skysurf Course**  
Lillo, Spain [www.skydivelillo.com](http://www.skydivelillo.com)
- 29-Oct 1** **Europa Cup Final**  
Locarno, Switzerland [europacupskydive.org](http://europacupskydive.org)
- 29-Oct 1** **Chicks Rock**  
Elsinore, USA [www.skydiveelsinore.com](http://www.skydiveelsinore.com)
- 29-Oct 6** **Fast is Slow Camp**  
Ocaña, Spain [www.freefalluniversity.co.uk](http://www.freefalluniversity.co.uk)
- 30-Oct 1** **CF Grand Prix**  
Langar [www.bpslangar.co.uk](http://www.bpslangar.co.uk)
- 30-Oct 1** **Swoop For The Cause**  
Crosskeys, USA [www.ck1freefly.com](http://www.ck1freefly.com)
- 30-Oct 1** **FS 4-Way Scrambles**  
Hibaldstow [www.skydiving.co.uk](http://www.skydiving.co.uk)

## OCTOBER

- 5-8** **Big-Way Camp**  
Perris Valley, USA [www.skydiveperris.com](http://www.skydiveperris.com)
- 6-8** **Octoberfest**  
Crosskeys, USA [www.skydivecrosskeys.com](http://www.skydivecrosskeys.com)
- 7-14** **Pops World Meet**  
Eloy, USA [www.skydiveaz.com](http://www.skydiveaz.com)
- 7-15** **Skyvan Boogie**  
Pujaut, France [www.skydive-pujaut.com](http://www.skydive-pujaut.com)
- 9-11** **Canopy Piloting Course**  
Empuriabrava [www.safeflightschool.com](http://www.safeflightschool.com)
- 10** **BPA Council Meeting**  
BPA Offices, Leicester 0116 278 5271
- 13-15** **Byron Boogie**  
Byron Bay [www.bayareaskydiving.com](http://www.bayareaskydiving.com)
- 14** **Film Festival & Autumn Ball**  
Netheravon [www.netheravon.com](http://www.netheravon.com)
- 14-15** **Flytrix Fun Weekend**  
Sibson [www.flytrix.com](http://www.flytrix.com)
- 16-20** **Pre Nox**  
Ramblers, Australia [www.ramblers.com.au](http://www.ramblers.com.au)
- 21** **Bavarian Beer Festival**  
Hinton [www.skydive.co.uk](http://www.skydive.co.uk)
- 21-29** **USPA Nationals**  
Eloy, USA [www.skydiveaz.com](http://www.skydiveaz.com)
- 21-29** **Equinox Boogie**  
Ramblers, Australia [www.ramblers.com.au](http://www.ramblers.com.au)



## ADVERTISERS

**Aerodyne Technologies** 14-15  
001 813 891 6300 www.flyaerodyne.com  
**Aerograd Kolonna** 38  
007 495 746 7380 www.aerograd.ru  
**AirKix** 39  
0044 (0)845 331 6549 www.airkix.com  
**Airsports Insurance Bureau** 58  
0044 (0)1983 298 480 yvonneairsports@aol.com

**Airtex Safety Systems** 68  
0049 295 398 990 www.cypres.cc  
**Airwaves International** 72  
0044 (0)7802 472566 www.aiskydive.com  
**Black Knights Parachute Centre** 48  
0044 (0)1772 717 624 www.bkpc.co.uk  
**Bodyflight** 56  
0044 (0)845 200 2960 www.bodyflight.co.uk  
**British Parachute Schools, Langar** 52  
0044 (0)1949 860 878 www.bpslangar.co.uk  
**Classified Ads** 61  
**Cornish Parachute Club** 24  
0044 (0)808 155 1239 www.cornishparachuteclub.co.uk

**Doddington's Sports Instruments** 87  
0044 (0)1948 662 179  
**Dr Margaret Clamp** 88  
0044 (0)115 9663 633 mclamp@doctors.org.uk  
**DZ Sports** 26-27  
0044 (0)1295 812 101 www.dzsports.com  
**Empuriabrava DZ** 82  
0034 972 450 111 www.skydiveempuriabrava.com

**Empuria Apartment (Dimension)** 88  
0044 (0)1844 273 200 www.mauriciapartment.biz

**Fly Your Body** 38  
0033 685 635 017 www.flyyourbody.com  
**Freefall University** IFC  
0044 (0)870 2000 933 www.freefalluniversity.co.uk

**Hanson Safety** 48  
www.kiteknife.com

**Icarus Canopies** 86  
0034 938 496 432 www.icaruscanopies.aero  
**The Kit Store** 84  
0044 (0)1622 890 967 www.thekitstoreld.co.uk  
**Larsen & Brusgaard** 53  
004 546 757 722 www.l-and-b.dk  
**Nemesis** 61  
0044 (0)1262 403 737 www.skywalkerinc.com  
**New Zealand Skydiving** 48  
0064 3 343 5542 www.skydivingnz.com  
**Original Lizard** 48  
0044 (0)1482 635 483 www.original-lizard.com  
**Parachute Industry Association** 76  
001 847 674 9742 www.pia.com  
**Parachutes de France** 64  
0033 134 327 777 www.parachutes-de-france.com

**Paragear Equipment** 18  
001 847 679 5905 www.paragear.com  
**Parasport Skydiving Equipment** 24  
0039 121 69692 www.parasport.it  
**Paratec** 38  
0049 (0)68 377 375 www.paratec.de  
**Performance Designs** 24  
001 386 738 2224 www.performancecdesigns.com

**Perris Valley Skydiving** 60  
001 951 657 3904 www.skydiveperris.com  
**Point Zero** 85  
0044 (0)1295 810 600 www.pointzero.co.uk  
**Precision Stitching Ltd** 53  
0044 (0)115 9557 373 www.o2xs.com  
**Rainbow Designs** 35  
0049 339 327 2461 www.rainbowsuits.com  
**Ramblers Parachute Centre** 82  
0061 754 231 159 www.ramblers.com.au  
**Sky Ads** 58  
0044 (0)1909 482981 skyads1@tiscali.net  
**Skydive City** 34  
001 813 783 9399 www.skydivecity.com  
**Skydive Marche** 83  
0039 347 875 2507 www.skydivemarche.com  
**Skydive Sibson** 16  
0044 (0)1832 280 490 www.skydivesibson.com  
**Skydive Spain (Target Skysports)** 46-47  
0044 (0)1132 505 600 www.skydivespain.com  
**Skydive Tortuga** 88  
0039 575 194 1157 www.skydivetortuga.com  
**Sonic Wear** 53  
0034 972 456 407 www.sonicflywear.com

**The Sunshine Factory** IBC  
001 813 788 9831 www.sunshine-factory.com  
**Symbiosis Suits** 84  
0044 (0)1622 890 967 www.symbiosissuits.co.uk  
**Target Skysports (inc DZ Shop)** 46-47  
0044 (0)1132 505 600 www.skydiving.co.uk  
**Thomas Sports Equipment** OBC  
0044 (0)1262 678 299 www.thomas-sports.com  
**UK Parachuting** 22  
0044 (0)1953 861 030 www.ukparachuting.co.uk  
**XLavation** 85  
0044 (0)7768 643956 www.xlavation.com

### KEY

**BPA**  
**Canopy Piloting**  
**Formation Skydiving**  
**Canopy Formation**  
**Style & Accuracy**  
**Boogies**  
**Freestyle & Skysurf**  
**POPS**  
**Speed Skydiving**  
**Unclassified**

**24-26 Advanced Canopy Piloting Course**  
Empuriabrava www.safeflightschool.com

**27-Nov 12 Mozambique Boogie**  
Mozambique www.skydivediscovery.com

**28-29 Halloween 10-Way Speed**  
Hibaldstow www.skydiving.co.uk

**28-29 Open Sky Rats**  
Empuriabrava www.skydiveempuriabrava.com

**28-Nov 11 Kenya Boogie**  
Kenya www.skydivekenya.com

**30-Nov 5 De \$Tox**  
Ramblers, Australia www.ramblers.com.au

## NOVEMBER

**1-5 Atmonauti Top Patrol**  
Marche, Italy www.atmonauti.com

**1-11 150-Ways**  
Eloy, USA www.skydiveaz.com

**1-11 German Record Attempt**  
Eloy, USA www.skydiveaz.com

**1-12 Break-Off Boogie**  
Marche, Italy www.skydivemarche.com

**6-8 Atmonauti School**  
Marche, Italy www.atmonauti.com

**6-9 Advanced Packing Course**  
UK Parachuting www.ukparachuting.co.uk

**6-10 BPA Instructor Course**  
Chatteris 0116 278 5271  
CSBI/TBI/AFFBI/Adv trudy@bpa.org.uk

**10-11 Canopy Piloting Course**  
Empuriabrava www.safeflightschool.com

**13-17 BPA Instructor Course**  
Chatteris 0116 278 5271  
CSI/Pre-Adv trudy@bpa.org.uk

**16-19 Project 500**  
Eloy, USA www.skydiveaz.com

**18-26 Thanksgiving & Turkey Meet**  
Zephyrhills, Florida www.skydivecity.com

**23 STC & Riggers Meeting**  
BPA Offices, Leicester 0116 278 5271

**23-26 Thanksgiving Boogie**  
Eloy, USA www.skydiveaz.com

**24-26 Canopy Piloting Course**  
Empuriabrava www.safeflightschool.com

## DECEMBER

**5 BPA EGM & Council Meeting**  
BPA Offices, Leicester 0116 278 5271

**9 Christmas Party**  
Netheravon www.netheravon.com

**8-10 Canopy Piloting Course**  
Empuriabrava www.safeflightschool.com

**16-Jan 1 Christmas Boogie**  
Zephyrhills, Florida www.skydivecity.com

**20-Jan 10 Christmas Boogie**  
Skydive Spain, Seville www.skydivespain.com

**21-Jan 1 Holiday Boogie**  
Perris Valley, USA www.skydiveperris.com

**22-Jan 1 Holiday Boogie**  
Eloy, USA www.skydiveaz.com

**23-Jan 1 Christmas Boogie**  
Empuriabrava www.skydiveempuriabrava.com

**28-31 Christmas Feelgood Boogie**  
Ramblers, Australia www.ramblers.com.au

**28-Jan 3 Itaparica Boogie**  
Itaparica, Brazil www.skydiveitaparica.com.br

**31 New Year's Party**  
Bodyflight, Bedford www.bodyflight.co.uk

**Sky Dive TORTUGA AREZZO Italy**

home of **OLAV ZIPSER**  
the first school of modern skyflying and the space games

GRAND CARAVAN - PILATUS PORTER  
PROFESSIONAL COURSES / TRAINING  
FREELY/FREESTYLE/AERIAL PHOTO & VIDEOGRAPHY

OPEN 7 DAYS/WEEK ALL YEAR ROUND

sponsored by **EUTELAP** www.skydivetortuga.com

**APARTMENT TO LET IN EMPURIABRAVA**

**ONLY 5 MINUTES WALK FROM DROP ZONE**  
Sleeps 6/8 persons with 3 Double Bedrooms, large living/kitchen area, balcony overlooking Sant Maurici lake & includes TV, VCR, DVD, Stereo & Large Video Library

For details See Our Web Site:  
www.mauriciapartment.biz  
Or Contact:  
Tel:  
+44 (0)1844 273200 (Daytime)  
+44 (0)1844 345566 (Evening)  
Email:  
enquiries@mauriciapartment.biz

**Skydiving & Sport Scuba Diving Medicals**

**£40**

**Dr Margaret Clamp**  
Lowdham Medical Centre  
Franklin Road, Lowdham  
Nottingham NG14 7BG  
Tel: 0115 9663633 Mobile: 0780 2850084  
Email: mclamp@doctors.org.uk



*Get your equipment from skydivers who test all the new gear first - that way you get the best advice and the best price!*

**PERFORMANCE DESIGNS**  
CANOPIES

**AERODYNE**  
CANOPIES

**ICARUS**  
CANOPIES

**JAVELIN**  
RIGS

**WINGS**  
RIGS

**ICON**  
RIGS

**VECTOR**  
RIGS

**MIRAGE**  
RIGS

**INFINITY**  
RIGS

*Also, get the best help and pricing on all accessories!  
[sunshine-factory.com](http://sunshine-factory.com)*



*Contact Sunshine Factory and talk with British citizen Dave Ruffell, member of the 2006 National 8-way Team and has over 7000 jumps.*

[dave@sunshine-factory.com](mailto:dave@sunshine-factory.com)



**GREAT Prices on  
excellent *Sunshine Bundles***

Tel: 011 813 788-9831 Fax: 011 813 788-5107 • 4303 Skydive Lane, Zephyrhills, FL 33542

# **Thomas Sports** Complete system

**PRICE £2,399.00 INC VAT**

**Viper Rig  
with choice of  
Sabre 2,  
Spectre,  
Silhouette or  
Safire 2  
Main with  
Speed 2000  
Reserve**

**Add Cypres or Vigil AAD for  
£760.00 inc vat**

**01262 678299**

**[chris@thomassports.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:chris@thomassports.fsnet.co.uk)**

**Thomas Sports**

**Pinfold Lane, Bridlington,**

**East Yorks, YO16 6XS**

