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Britain's fabulous freeflyers triumph again! We feature a 9-way freefly round on the cover, an 11-way head-down British Record (page 15) and the new 40-way European Freefly record (centre spread) – a quarter British!

We have a useful guide from Joao Tambor, of Skydive University and *Black Magick* backflying 4-way team fame. In December '06 Joao went through backflying, this is a sequel on sit-flying. It's good to be publishing more freeflying stuff. Usually it's pretty thin on the ground, despite our best efforts to coax articles out of freeflyers. We think maybe you're just too busy having fun!

If anyone reading this has any freefly ideas or articles in their heads, we would love to receive them. I have heard people suggest I'm biased against freefly. This really isn't the case, it's just we hardly get anything submitted in this area, despite promises. Andy – where is the vRW article?!

My favourite item in this issue is Caroline Hughes' story (page 22) of injuring herself at a demo and the lessons she has learned. I was on the same demo and what I admire about Caroline's discourse is that she has not mentioned the many external factors which contributed to her injury, she focussed on the one thing that she could have changed – her own actions. It is easy to blame outside influences but we cannot affect those. We can only react better. I gather it wasn't until she went on a Safe Flight School course that Caroline learned new canopy inputs to keep her out of danger.

A similar warning story is contained in Gordon Hodgkinson's article on safety (page 34). It doesn't matter how big or clever we are, things can go wrong and it makes sense to equip ourselves to deal with them. A sentence in an email I received has been burning around my head: "I have a problem with people spending all their money and time in this sport in freefall and then complaining that there are so many canopy accidents." That is so true. I am probably a bigger culprit than most. I have spent a ludicrous amount of money on freefall coaching but not done any formal canopy schooling since my first square brief, 22 years ago! It's about time to put that right, now there is so much excellent education out there on flying canopies, I intend to take advantage of it. Hope to see you on a canopy skills course!

Fly safe



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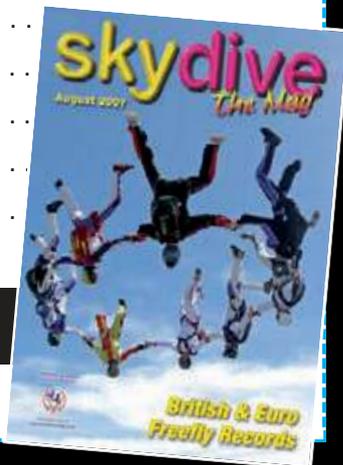
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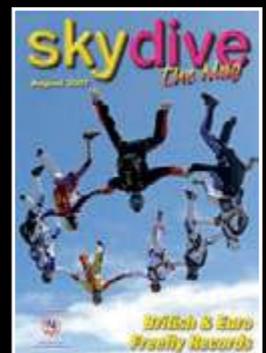
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Skydiving training and systems vary in different countries. If you are considering taking a skydiving course or qualification abroad, we recommend you first establish its relevance in the UK, through your CCI.

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Just practising – 9 of the 11 freeflyers on the new head-down British record
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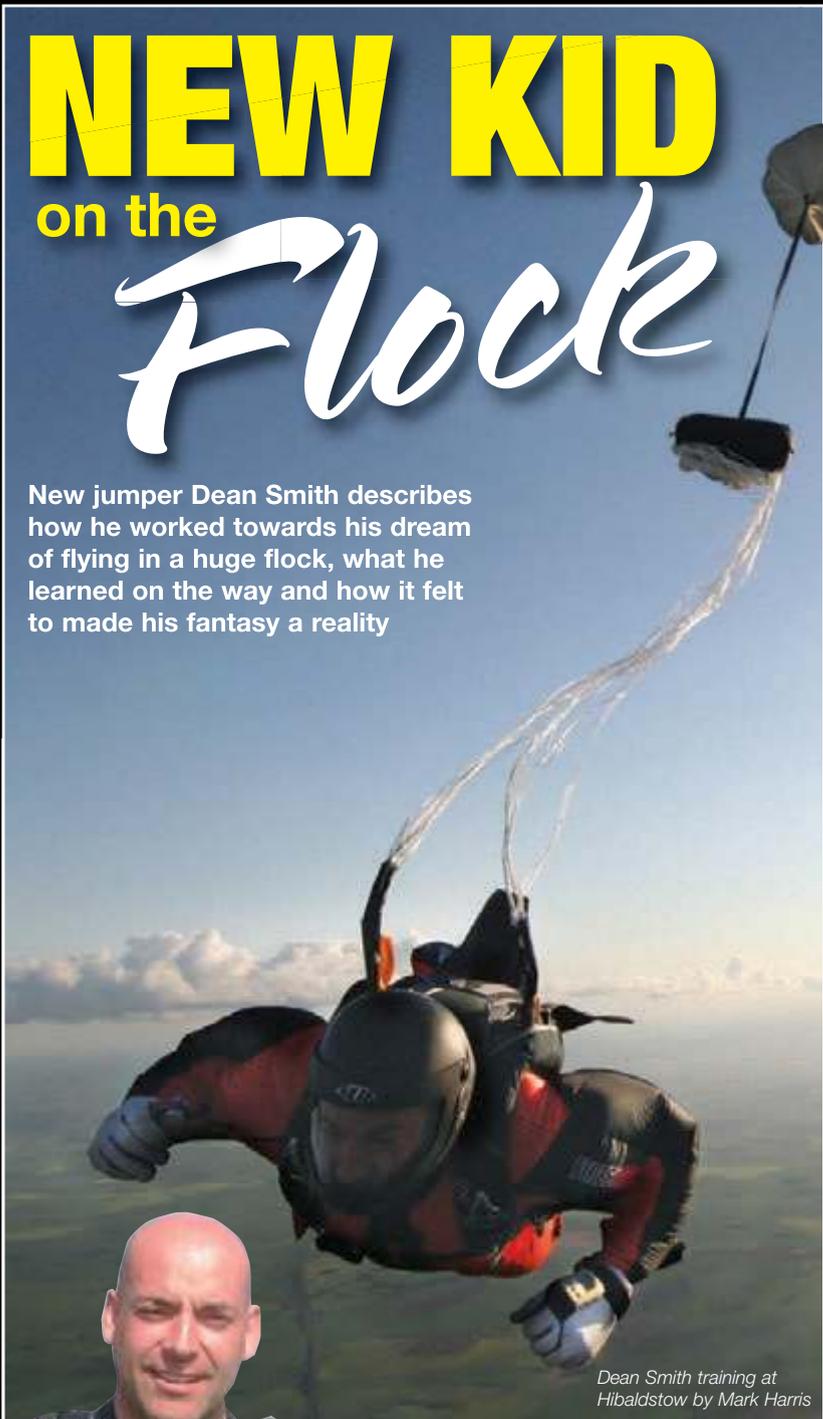


NEW KID

on the

Flock

New jumper Dean Smith describes how he worked towards his dream of flying in a huge flock, what he learned on the way and how it felt to made his fantasy a reality



Dean Smith training at Hibaldstow by Mark Harris



Wingsuits had always been something I considered only very experienced jumpers could deal with but the *Ja Flokkers* article in the August '06 Mag inspired me to try it for myself. My goal was to learn, get some jumps under my belt and hopefully join in the fun at the 2007 AN-72 Boogie in Cochstedt, Germany.

Tracking Suit

I started by going to the BirdMan stand at the BPA AGM and asking about the requirements

to fly a wingsuit. Once I had the jump numbers I first made a handful of skydives using a Tracking suit (the Impact BirdMan). This isn't mandatory but, as I was a little wary, it was a good introduction to give me the feel of longer freefall times and travelling distance without the restrictive movement of a normal wingsuit.

First Flight Course

Following this I received the BirdMan First Flight Course and took my first flight in a wingsuit over Sibson – it was amazing!!! I was welcomed to the flock. I had taken my first step towards Cochstedt. Next was coaching with the Top Gun team at Hibaldstow for skills training which included small flock dives and vertical transitions – all useful skills for Germany.

Jet Plane Fledgling

Finally I found myself in Cochstedt, on the biggest DZ I have ever seen, with a mix of apprehension and excitement, surrounded by wingsuiters of all nationalities and abilities, about to jump a big jet plane in huge flock – GULP! This was certainly the biggest group of skydivers I had ever been around on one DZ and I suddenly felt like a real fledgling.

Large DZ

The immense size of the DZ and especially the landing areas (which were about 500m wide and ran the length of the 4km runway) put me at ease – there was plenty of room for 70 canopies to land. Also the surrounding area was very 'off landing' friendly, which on more than one occasion proved beneficial (and not just for me!)



Dean joins the flocks at Cochstedt by Mark Harris

32-way Flock

Unbelievably the first jump of the boogie turned out to be a 32-way! The base of nine was slot specific but the rest of the formation was open. I decided to be at the back of the flock in order to stay out of the precision stuff and ease myself in gently. I desperately didn't want to mess up and let the flock down. However, I found myself not only in the flock but also in the middle! It was a great start.

Learning to Flock

New experiences coupled with learning big-way skills came thick and fast. I found it was important to listen closely to instructions and pay attention to the organisers during the dirtdives. Scott Campos and Rolf Brombach shared their extensive knowledge generously and organised very well.



Flocking Skills

Exits

Normally you get a couple of seconds to set up in the door but with a big group I found myself over 10m from the door facing the wrong way, so turning and presenting right on exit was essential. I quickly realised I needed to fly strong to fend off the 'kung-fu fighting' that sometimes occurred with your exit partners. Diving, poised and gainer exits were all new to me and the quicker run-in speed of the aircraft was often unforgiving – but great experience and fun nevertheless.



Presenting symmetrically on exit is important

Swooping to the Formation

Seeing and then diving to the base was tricky, especially if you were last out, because the formation is flying away from you. This is harder than in FS when the formation will be going straight down. Safety was always at the forefront of the dirtdives. We were made to visualise the three zones of a swoop to formation: green, amber and red. When faraway in green you can swoop your wings off, then you slow up in the amber and steadily take your slot when in the red zone right by the formation. Closing speeds felt much faster than I had experienced in FS and an increased awareness of other wingsuiters was vital as there were so many open slots in the formation.



Follow the flocker in front to the formation

In the Formation

Keeping a reference and flying on level with the base and not just the people directly around you is a key skill. A slight movement at the front can create a large wave by the time it reaches the back, which can cause you to fly directly into someone's burble. 'Don't stop flying' was the advice always given by the organisers. The burble created by a wingsuit is diagonally behind and it is important that, even if you are caught by it, you never give up. If you go low on the formation the idea is not just to try to get back up but to peel off to one side, pop back up, get visuals again and work back into the formation. This was highlighted beautifully when someone spent a considerable time trying to get back up without moving to the side and burbled half the formation without realising it.



If you go low, do as the jumper bottom right who has cleared away from the pack and is working to get back up

Break-off

Break-off direction featured heavily in the dirtdives as it is always tempting to head back to the DZ. With the air so busy, sticking to a direction and finding clear air is more important. Due to the slower fall rate and forward speed of a wingsuit the separation that was achieved was huge. Even with so many canopies in the air I found myself in plenty of space which allowed me to undo arm and leg wings with comfort.

YMCA

I used to laugh at the FS jumpers doing all their YMCA stuff during dirtdives. However, with flocks of these sizes it's essential to get the group together and walk through the plan right from lining up in the door through to break-off – which meant doing our own winged YMCA! I was surprised to watch the *Top Gun* team dirtdiving repeatedly and even laying it down on the floor. They have even been known to use creepers!



Be disciplined and follow the break-off plan



Open to All

There were no elitist attitudes from any quarter. The sharing of knowledge, help and advice was as free-flowing as the beer, bratwurst and camaraderie! I am left with a huge sense of achievement, which includes the experience of jumping the AN-72 and flocking with 50 people on my 40th wingsuit jump. Wingsuits and big-way flocks are accessible for the lower experienced skydiver, with the right attitude, correct training and good quality coaching. Thanks to madcap Top Gun instructor Duncan Wright (pictured) and Mark 'the flump' Harris, our fab photographer.

So, stop falling and start flying!

Dean Smith





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Silver Surfer

20th Century Fox designed a skydiving promotion for its film *The Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer*, based on the comics by Stan Lee. World Champion skysurfer Oliver Furrer and 20 world class skydivers pulled off a stunt in front of a crowd of 180,000 at the NASCAR races in North Carolina. The skydivers (averaging 10,000 jumps each) created a freefall '4' while the Silver Surfer comic book icon broke through the formation with smoke trailing from his silver board. The video feed was transmitted live on US television and the clip was so spectacular it was rebroadcast by many different programmes.

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Photos: Dave Major and Tom Sanders



Money for Nothing!

BPA Members scooped 7 out of 13 bursaries awarded by the Royal Aero Club Trust. Katherine Rybinski, Charlotte Kemp, Daniel Hattam, David Fairbrother, Catherine McGinnity, Rory McManus and Georgie Humberstone all won grants towards their FS1, FF1 and instructor ratings. This is to 'assist with their development to achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential by participating in air sport activities'.

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Hawaii Boogie

Clint Clawson, Joey Jones and Mike Swanson are planning a boogie 24 February – 1 March 2008 on the north shore of Hawaii, with Craig O'Brien to capture it all on video. There will be a backfly record attempt, a swoop seminar, a mountain hike, sunset cruise, shark diving and dolphin swimming. Discounts apply for early bookings.

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Fastest Chick in the World

Our very own Clare Murphy set a new women's speed World Record of 275.09 mph (442.73 km/h) in the first heat of the Speed Skydiving World Cup, held in Finland in June. Clare won the meet and on round six broke the previous record of 432 km/h, set by Lucia Bottari of Italy in 2002. The second meet was in Switzerland during July and again Clare came first, with Claire Tuckett (GB) third. The third and final heat is in Sweden during August. Good luck Clare!

If you're interested in Speed Skydiving contact Clare, the new BPA Speed Rep.

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Speed Skydiving World Cup

Heat 1, Finland

Female		Ave km/h
1	Clare Murphy UK	426.81
2	Eliisa Nikula Finland	384.49
3	Anni Mentula Finland	318.75

Male

1	Olli Eerola Finland	459.61
2	Alexander Diem Austria	456.05
3	Arnold Hohenegger Austria	453.81

Heat 2, Switzerland

Female		Ave km/h
1	Clare Murphy UK	398.20
2	Eliisa Nikula Finland	373.27
3	Claire Tuckett UK	239.85

Male

1	Marco Wiederkehr Liechtenstein	454.12
2	Arnold Hohenegger Austria	453.84
3	Christian Labhart Switzerland	449.35



Clare by Darren Birkin

Sorry Ross!

We would like to credit Ross Dagley-Cleworth for the lovely photos he took at the Bodyflight World Challenge, pages 26-29 of the June 07 Mag. Our apologies for not doing so in the article.

Skydive Vietnam

Darel Davenport, of the Dolls House fame, is organising a boogie in Vietnam, 17-20 August.

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Airspeed, pictured at the Bodyflight Challenge by Ross Dagley-Cleworth

Malevsky Cup

1	Airspeed Odyssey USA	26.0
2	Fastrax USA	24.7
3	Sky Panthers Russia	23.8
4	Black Cat Russia	23.6
5	Crossroads Russia	22.6
6	Sky Tec-BBC Russia	19.6

Airspeed Odyssey set an incredible World Record highest meet average of 26 over ten rounds at the Malevsky Cup in Russia during July. Airspeed performed outstandingly, especially considering they had all lost their luggage on separate routes to Moscow. In round two of the meet Fastrax almost beat the world record for the most points in time with a 43-pointer. Exciting stuff!

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BIG-WAYS

50-way Challenge

Simon Cathrine is organising 50-ways at Hilbaldstow, 1-2 September for anyone interested who has the necessary skills. It's a fun event with dives gradually increasing in complexity. There's a hog roast and 80s themed disco on Saturday evening. Nationals competitors are welcome to register – if this reserve weekend is needed to complete the meet, 'da management' have a plan!

simon.cathrine@e12.org.co.uk

POPS UK Record

UK POPS will attempt to break their record, currently a 36-way, at the Langar Boogie II, 8-9 September. Organised by Pete Knight and Billy Payn who took the record from 27 to 36 last year, they will be going for the magic 40-way. If interested contact Pete, or turn up for the warm-up weekend, 4-5 August (the day the Mag is out).

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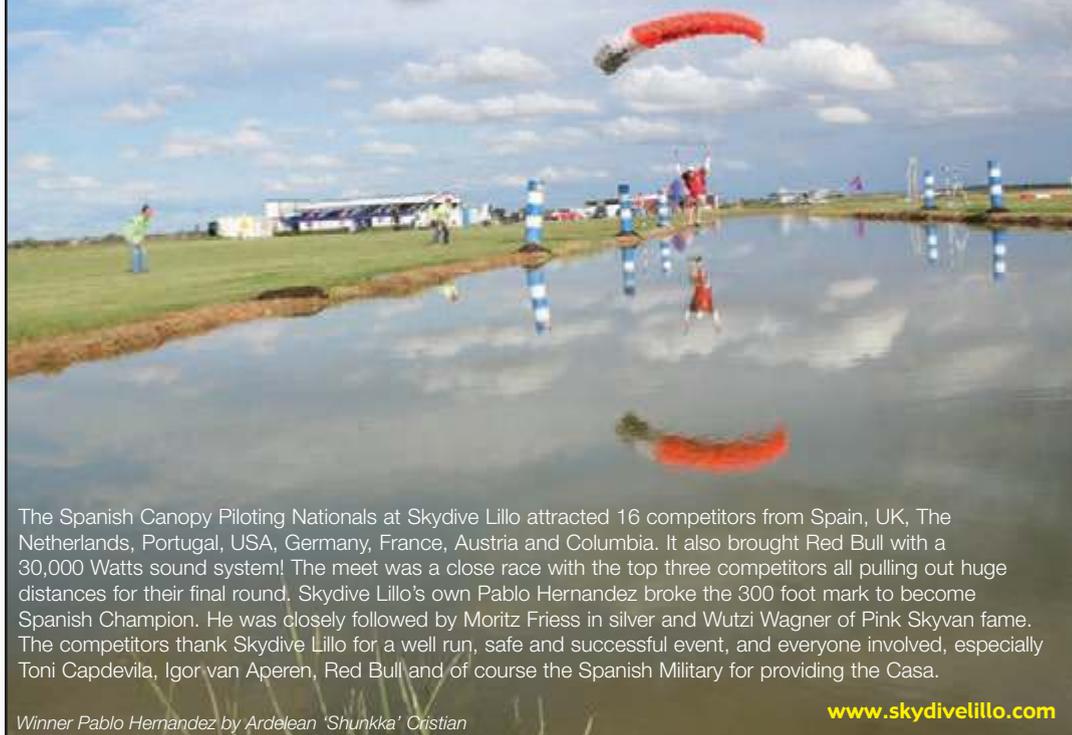
Brit Chicks Ride Again!

The Brit Chicks are meeting at Langar Boogie 2, on both weekends to attempt to break their own 60-way female record. The aim is a 68-way red cross, by adding four people to each side of the 52-way cross featured on the June Mag cover. World class big-way guru Kate Cooper will be organising the record jumps and coaching participants.

The event is open to all females with basic skydiving skills, you don't have to have attended previous Brit Chicks events. There are no more subsidised red cross jumpsuits but there will be a pool available of suits to borrow to blend in. The British Red Cross is still very much involved and stands to get further positive publicity – assuming the weather will allow the girls to get in the air!

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Spanish Canopy Piloting Nationals



The Spanish Canopy Piloting Nationals at Skydive Lillo attracted 16 competitors from Spain, UK, The Netherlands, Portugal, USA, Germany, France, Austria and Columbia. It also brought Red Bull with a 30,000 Watts sound system! The meet was a close race with the top three competitors all pulling out huge distances for their final round. Skydive Lillo's own Pablo Hernandez broke the 300 foot mark to become Spanish Champion. He was closely followed by Moritz Friess in silver and Wutzi Wagner of Pink Skyvan fame. The competitors thank Skydive Lillo for a well run, safe and successful event, and everyone involved, especially Toni Capdevila, Igor van Aperen, Red Bull and of course the Spanish Military for providing the Casa.

Winner Pablo Hernandez by Ardelean 'Shunkka' Cristian

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Euro Swoop Tour – Voss

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|---|--------------------|--------|
| 1 | Shannon Pilcher | USA |
| 2 | Jonathan Tagle | USA |
| 3 | Ian Bobo | USA |
| 4 | Havard Flaatt | Norway |
| 5 | Alastair Macartney | UK |
| 6 | Mathias Holtz | Norway |



The top six at EST Voss, by JC Colclasure

Extreme sports enthusiasts from around the world gathered in Voss, Norway at the end of June for Extreme Week. There were skydivers, kayakers, paragliders, kite surfers, base jumpers, hang gliders, long boarders, rock climbers – and many just along for the party! For the hang gliders and paragliders this was their World Cup, while for the canopy pilots this was the first stop of this year's European Swooping Tour. Competitors exited the helicopter to fly through the course set on a golf course. It was a great event, with lots of spectators and coverage in national and international newspapers and TV. The field was dominated by Velocity pilots and prizes were awarded to the top six competitors. Our own Alastair Macartney came fifth.

Storming Average

UK 4-way team *Storm* won the Southern California Skydiving League meet in Elsinore, USA convincingly by three points and with a 19 average. Sparky, Hannah, Sarah and Kate have been training extremely hard in Perris with coach Dan BC.



Storm by Gary Wainwright

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Royal Aero Club Awards

Royal Aero Club president, HRH The Duke of York was guest of honour at their annual awards ceremony, this year at the RAF Club in Piccadilly, London, where many BPA members were recognised with an award.

Proud BPA and other recipients gathered and were promptly warmed up by the Royal Aero Club (RAeC) hosts and reminded of the fine apparel available in a Symbi plug – great work Cool Cat Colpus! The Duke's arrival signalled the start of the formal proceedings for presentation of awards for achievement in air sports. For those not in the know, these awards cover a wide range of air activities such as aerobatics, ballooning, gliding, etc, to show appreciation for an endeavour, long service or exceptional performance. Proud relatives and friends get to attend the plush surroundings and watch royalty present awards.



Sparky

This year saw a new award sponsored kindly by Jim Crocker, a stalwart of both the BPA and RAeC. As announced at the 2007 AGM, the Jim Crocker award for outstanding contribution to sport parachuting was awarded to Claire 'Sparky' Scott. The award itself is a British Infantry pattern sword. This proved a source of much amusement as HRH presented this very large sword to a rather small lady and expressed his concern with a wry smile that she may have a few problems getting it home on the tube that night in the current climate. Thanks to Smyffy for his offer of a flashing light vehicle to help and to Ash for getting the sword back to Weston.

Chris Gay

USPA member and World Record organiser CF jumper Chris Gay had been nominated by the BPA and was on site to be presented a Royal Aero Club Silver Medal for his actions in docking on an unconscious BPA member under canopy over the coast at Empuria and landing her safely on the beach. When explained to the audience, Chris's award was greeted with rapturous applause by all. Several fascinating stories of endeavour emerged during the course of the presentations and not just from our sport. A Bronze Medal was awarded to one such recipient in the world of ballooning who made both a long distance flight and later a high altitude flight (31,976 feet) suspended in a sack under a balloon in order to minimise weight! The Duke and the crowd loved that story.



Darryl Moran & Rob Colpus

The Bronze Medal was also awarded to World Team sector captains of long standing Rob 'Cool Cat' Colpus and Darryl 'Dazzle' Moran who have expertly managed the British skydivers on various World Team records over a number of years, including the recent 400-way World Record.

Team Airkix

The Duke was pleased to present the Prince of Wales Cup to world-beaters *Team Airkix* after their gold medal at the World Championships in Gera and the setting of a new World Record in 4-way female FS at the UK Nationals.

Taz Causer

A Royal Aero Club Bronze Medal was awarded posthumously to Taz Causer, a women whose achievements need no introduction – a series of World Records over a short space of time ensured her nomination. Taz's boyfriend Gavin and family were on hand to receive the award and celebrate all she had accomplished.



And Finally

A few photo opportunities were grabbed while HRH circulated, expressing particular interest in *Team Airkix*. Well done to all BPA recipients and good luck to those with endeavours that may put you in the spotlight next year.

Andy Scott

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British Freefly Record Get In!



After the EuroRecord 40-way attempts, bad weather moved in and the record attempts were officially brought to an end (full story, page 38). Whilst most participants took the opportunity to celebrate and reflect on an amazing week, the eleven British participants made use of the FAI judges present to set the first ever 'official' British Freefly Record.

After much deliberation the participants decided on a record formation. Judges, cameramen and support were obtained. Tom and Kuri from the Babylon Freefly School kindly offered their services to capture the attempt. The formation finally decided on was a slot specific 11-way round. The initial formation would be a 4-way base with floaters and divers breaking in to form the 11-way round. Two further points were briefed so that if the record was successful further formations could be built. As the truly British weather rolled in, we boarded the plane with fellow European Record participants offering their support.

Bad weather on the climb meant we were concerned that altitude would be restricted, but fortunately full height was obtained. On exit, the base flew cleanly with the four initial stingers breaking in successfully. The second wave of three stingers broke in – much to everyone's delight! Grips were readjusted to ensure no breaks and the 11-way round was built. An 'official' record had been achieved. Get in!

It cleanly and quickly so up moved to the second, an 'S' and then to two arate rounds, a 4-way and 5-way round flying next each other! Break-off and ridings were met with such celebration. The Judges confirmed the formation and the new official British head-down record was announced! Whilst the number is relatively low compared to European, American and world standards, the manner in which the record had been achieved, the formation chosen, the single successful attempt and the subsequent points brought us much happiness!

The jump summed up how well the Brit participants had performed throughout the week and the standard of our flyers' performances. For most of the Brits this was the last jump of the week – and what a week it had been!!

Brit 11-way, get in!

The Bad Lieutenants

Photos: Babylon

Flyers

Andy Ford, Jim Harris, Mark Joyner, Martin Reynolds, Dan Parker, Mike Carpenter, Matt O'Riordan, Andy Newell, Adam Mattacola, James Davies, Alec Cotton



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Calendar 2008



Ganna Sloan by Andy Lovemore

We're looking for photos NOW for the BPA 2008 Calendar. Make your DZ, your discipline or your friends famous! The theme is British skydiving (photos can be taken overseas but should have UK relevance). Email, ftp or post your submissions to Lesley at The Mag. **Closing date 1 October.**

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BPA *Matters*

By Martin Shuttleworth www.bpa.org.uk
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Jason Snailham
George Easton
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The Airkix Fund

The Airkix Fund has already generated money which will be used to promote the BPA, UK skydiving and projects that benefit the jumping community. There are many benefits to the scheme, it really is a win-win situation for BPA Members, their friends and family and the good of the sport. All you do is find three first time tunnel flyers and everyone benefits:

- You get ten minutes of tunnel time for diddy-squat (£20+VAT)
- Your three friends and family get a good deal too
- Anyone would take a day off to do ten skydives with mates (first timers) so do the same here!
- It's great fun with loads to do at Xscape and some good deals and discounts
- You can fly any weekday up to 11pm
- It really does get people into jumping
- It even makes some cash for the BPA to spend – on you!

Drop zones – you can dial into the scheme and win some business. Why not get a few experienced jumpers, a load of potential customers, put them on a bus, have a great day, beer on the bus home and sign them up for tandems or AFF. You could offer jump tickets (or even get your £25 back) for everyone who converts an Airkix flyer into a first time jumper.

A lot of BPA Members are using the tunnel midweek and paying full rate so my question to them is: why? It's relatively easy to recruit three friends/colleagues who want to fly. They'll have so much fun you'll probably have people approaching you!

Geordie Page
BPA Vice Chairman

"As a broke student I was fairly reluctant to travel a long way and spend over £100 which would otherwise have gone towards jump tickets – but now definitely see the value of coaching time in a low stress environment, several minutes at a time. I particularly enjoyed seeing the grins on my friends' faces after their first flights. Thank you Airkix and the BPA."

Jamie Garton

"I wasn't able to afford enough tunnel time to really make it a worthwhile learning experience, so I jumped at the chance to have a full 10 minutes for the price of a normal jump. Had a great time watching the non-BPA get their first taste of a 120mph wind holding them up – and learnt a lot, so feel pretty confident about progressing now."

Alan Dodd



Rob Simpson reaching out to Kath Rybinski, by Blair Stent

COMPETITIONS

FS 4-way

Height of season sees the 4-way Grand Prix series reaching its climax at the Nationals in August. There's a tight race in A class between many teams who have invested a lot of time and money. Nice to see, guys! One glance at the skyleague website shows you that the standard at grass roots is incredibly high. My goal is now to ensure that pool of young talent continues up the ladder to become the world standard AAA teams of tomorrow!

The battle for 4-way UK National Champion is arguably the most exciting head-to-head we've had for years. The top two AAA teams *Storm* and *Team Elan* are both all-female and are both world standard! (Surely a first for any country!) *Storm* have secured a lucrative financial deal, are currently a full time team under the wing of Dan BC and posted an impressive 17.8 and 19 average at two US meets. *Elan* are training under the watchful eye of world champion Gary Beyer in co-operation with sponsor Skydive Spain in Seville, managing up to 21 lifts a day!



Last year's A champions, *Wingnutz*, freshly trained by *Airspeed's* Mark Kirkby, have thrown down the gauntlet in AA, posting a 13.8. In A class, *Sonic-V* and *Phobia* are squaring up for a battle royal. *Sonic-V* includes two members of 100%, a quality 2006 rookie team. *Phobia* were ESL rookie champions last year and retain their line-up going into A. In rookie, the momentum is clearly with Hibaldstow based *4-Play* who've won all three GP events.

If you fancy a go, grab three friends and get yourselves to the Nationals for the most fun you could possibly have in your FS jumpsuit!

8-way

The only 8-way Grand Prix we've had was affected by recently enforced aircraft limitations which meant teams were not allowed to launch complete. Needless to say, the Nationals are not out of these aircraft! Last year's champions *Connexion* have been training in Perris with a new line-up and Dan BC. We're looking forward to seeing how the guys (and girl!) do.

NSL Website

Keep an eye on www.skyleague.com for updates of UK meets as we do the same draws as other countries, plus I send results and as much info as I can to keep putting the UK teams centre stage.

4-way Grand Prix League Table

AAA	Team	Cark (May)		Langar (June)		Hibaldstow (July)		Total
		Points	Ave	Points	Ave	Points	Ave	
1	Elan	-	-	-	-	10	16.3	10
2	Fusion	-	-	-	-	8	13.8	8
3	Havoc	-	-	-	-	6	12.2	6
4	Inferno	-	-	-	-	5	11.5	5
AA								
1	Wingnutz	-	-	10	13.8	10	12.0	20
2	Fend 4 Yourself	-	-	6	8.7	6	7.5	12
3	Dis Mon Nome Salope	-	-	8	9.5	-	-	8
3	Escondido	-	-	-	-	8	7.8	8
5	Quadmirer	-	-	-	-	5	7.3	5
A								
1	Phobia	6	9.8	10	12.3	8	9.0	24
2	Sonic-V	10	11.8	-	-	10	10.3	20
3	Slightly Odd	-	-	8	10.3	6	8.8	14
4	Qi	8	10.0	5	9.4	-	-	13
5	Monkey Magic	-	-	6	9.5	4	8.3	10
6	RAFSPA A	3	6.3	3	8.3	-	-	6
6	Bacchanalia	4	7.0	-	-	2	8.2	6
8	V=1	5	7.3	-	-	-	-	5
8	Synergy	-	-	-	-	5	8.7	5
10	Seraphim	-	-	4	9.4	-	-	4
11	Enigma	-	-	-	-	3	8.2	3
12	Rush	-	-	2	4.3	0	4.0	2
13	Valkyrie	-	-	-	-	1	7.7	1
14	Lawless	-	-	-	-	0	6.7	0
Rookie								
1	4-Play	10	4.8	10	8.7	10	8.0	30
2	West Coast Drifters	8	1.5	-	-	5	1.8	13
3	Strangers In The Night	-	-	6	5.7	6	7.3	12
4	Recreational Hazardz	-	-	8	6.3	-	-	8
4	Paradigm	-	-	-	-	8	7.7	8
6	Escondido Paper	-	-	5	4.2	-	-	5
7	Escondido Scissors	-	-	4	2.7	-	-	4
7	Colostomy	-	-	-	-	4	1.2	4
9	Phoenix	-	-	3	0.7	-	-	3
9	Cup Size	-	-	-	-	3	0.5	3

ESL

European Skydiving League Finals are 7-9 September in Spa, Belgium. Any 4-way FS teams interested in attending and representing the UK please get in touch with me. We have a good record at ESL and with a strong squad could seriously challenge for The Spirit trophy for the best European nation! (You heard it here first!) Finally, thanks for all the support since taking over from the energetic Andy Scott as FS rep. Big shoes to fill, so I'm giving it my best!

Chris Hollis
BPA FS Rep
hollisc@tint.com

Speed Skydiving Rep

BPA Member Clare Murphy, currently the world's fastest woman, has kindly taken on the role of Speed Skydiving Rep for Comps Committee. Clare will be co-ordinating the Speed Nationals at Hib, 25-27 August. Rules are on the BPA website. Contact Clare: clarevanessa@hotmail.com

Weed

World Cup



Fusion by John Williamson

Good luck to our FS and Artistic teams at the World Cup in Stupino, Russia, 4-12 August. The teams are all self-funded, have been training hard and will be

flying out as the Mag is published. The BPA is supporting Head of Delegation Mike Rust to look after organisational matters. John Smyth has accepted an invitation by IPC to be a Member of the Jury, which recognises his standing and experience in the international skydiving community. Britain is also proud to have an invited judge attending, Karla Cole in FS. Our teams are:
4-way FS, *Damn Zebra*, *Fusion* and *Inferno*;
8-way FS, *Sounds Grrr8*; *Freefly*, *Outbreak*, *Bad Lieutenants* and *Hysteria*; Female Freestyle: *Tumbleweed*.

Keep up to date: www.bpa.org or www.worldmeet2007.com



Hib Grand Prix AA winners - Wingnutz



A winners - Sonic-V



Rookie winners - 4-Play

Weave a Web & Catch a Free Membership!

The Communications Committee, chaired by Adrian Bond, is holding a competition for web-wise Members to design a new look BPA website. The winner will receive their 2008/9 BPA Membership free. Here's the deal. We want a fresh, new look. Don't worry about the behind-the-scenes technical stuff – we can look after that. The competition is all about the look and feel of the website, the front-end. Send in your design (one per Member, so give it your best shot!) to the BPA Communications Committee on a CD or by an online link, by no later than **1 November 2007**. The winner will be announced at the AGM 2008. The competition rules are listed to the right.

Wise to European Skies

Council Member Paul Moore represents the BPA on Europe Air Sports, an association of the European National Aero Clubs affiliated to the FAI. Its aim is to coordinate regulatory matters. The BPA and sister governing bodies in France, Netherlands, Finland and Germany are providing €1,000 to fight burdensome pan-European legislation on the use of airspace from the European Aviation Safety Agency. Other European member states with a skydiving community are also being asked to contribute.

WANTED! AGM Dinner Suggestions

At the last AGM numbers for the annual dinner halved. There were as many at the Curry Night in the Brasserie as at the formal dinner. We think you're telling us something about your culinary proclivities! So, for the AGM 2008, we're wondering about ditching the dinner in favour of a different format/food. What would you like? A themed night – Indian, Chinese or Italian, perhaps? We have to settle on a single menu (with veggie option) and need 150 to attend. There won't be a Curry Night in the Brasserie next year, so perhaps the answer is to move it to the main room? Please let the BPA Office know what you think. There might even be a complimentary meal for an inspiring but practical suggestion. Bon appétit!



Dinner Dance by Simon Ward

Design Competition Rules

1. The competition is for the design of 10-20 example pages for a new look BPA website. But you're stuck with the same BPA logo, that's not up for grabs!

2. Your example pages should include:

BPA Home Page – The front page of UK skydiving needs to be exciting, dynamic and professional. It must clearly show the BPA organisation and quick contact details, our patron, sponsors and links to other pages.

BPA Staff and Council – This should identify the management and staff including contact information, staff & council bios. It should also have information on the work of the subcommittees of Council, minutes of meetings, etc. In the future this page may also include some form of electronic voting facility (yet to be ratified).

Safety & Training – Should have links and access to safety documents such as the Ops Manual, safety notices, posters, rigging info, STC minutes etc.

First Time Jumper – This page for potential first timers should include information such as WHAT first time jumps are available, WHERE they are available, ie, links to UK clubs etc, WHEN they are open and HOW to book a course.

Skydiving Competitions – Diary of UK & international events plus info on competition disciplines, judging, competition rules, entry forms etc.

BPA Diary – Official BPA events; Council/STC meetings, BPA courses, National competitions, Grand Prix, etc.

Classifieds Ads – A place where BPA Members can advertise kit for sale or gear wanted.

BPA Member Check – A method for clubs and centres to check on whether a person is a current BPA Member.

Sponsorship – Sponsors links, also to BPA clubs and centres, wind tunnels etc.

BPA Forms – Must include all the current BPA documents/forms required by clubs & centres, downloadable in Word or PDF format.

Skydiving History – A brief history of parachuting as a sport but with some focus on the contribution of the UK and British skydivers.

BPA Membership Online – A method for individuals who are not members to join the BPA and pay using credit card, etc. Ideally they should get an immediate reply/receipt to prove membership with the membership card following by post.

If you've got a fab idea that combines pages, this list is not intended to stifle your creativity. It's just that there is some key stuff expected on the BPA website, that has to be there somewhere.

3. The new design should be capable of including what's already on the existing BPA website – we can't sensibly launch a new-look website without at least the current content (although if you wish to argue this point, please do). The Communications Committee will be looking for suggestions of reasonable enhancements that a new-look website will provide. Don't worry about the behind-the-scenes programming but, equally, don't go for highly specialised or very expensive functionality the BPA might not be able to afford.

4. An important feature the Communications Committee will be looking for is ease of location of information/services, and navigation around the site. And although this is principally a back-end issue, the design should not be such as to impede the ease and simplicity of routine updates.

5. Remember the BPA is the UK national governing body for sport parachuting and our patron is HRH The Prince of Wales. The website is not just for Members, it's an informative and authoritative source of information for the general public about skydiving. It's also been described as 'skydiving's shop window'.

6. The new website is likely to be around for a good few years (the BPA can't afford to revamp its website every year) so the design should be durable – it should be able to accommodate expansion of the website as new stuff may come on stream and shouldn't be a 'flavour of the month' design that will date quickly.

7. Entries will be judged by the BPA Communications Committee. In the event of a tie, the Communications Chairman shall make the final decision. The BPA does not guarantee to make over its website in accordance with the winning entry but will use it as far as practicable (bearing in mind any constraints, including costs, of back-end engineering) at least to inform development of the website. Due acknowledgement will be given to the winner's design or contribution.

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LEARNING THE HARD WAY



Photo: Jo Knight

The start of the story is common; as a student I had many bad landings due to poor judgement and bad decisions. I wasn't a natural canopy pilot and my lack of confidence shrank further with each fresh bruise – and there were many!

Ten years ago, instruction was available but we didn't have the canopy courses and expertise we have today. My best injury defence was always a good PLF and, without really understanding how my canopy flew, I stood little chance of developing my skills or confidence. I accepted this situation as normal and was amazed by anyone who actually enjoyed the canopy ride.

Like many others though, I persevered – driven purely by the love of freefall. Over the years, that love of freefall grew into a passion for big-ways and eventually the realisation of a dream; a slot on World Team 2004. By then I had made over 1,000 jumps and had long since mastered a way of standing up 99% of my landings. I had a conservative attitude, had landed the same canopy on a straight-in approach for 600 jumps and I concerned no-one.

The first jump of World Team 2004 was the mass drop of 672 parachutists into Sanam Luang, downtown Bangkok. It marked both the start of World Team and a ceremony to honour Queen Sirikit of Thailand. But what should've been an experience of a lifetime, was for me marked by a landing that resulted in an injury, a long period of recovery, an even longer period of reflection and some very important lessons learned.

If I had known then the lessons I share now, it would have affected my choices that day. Maybe the 357-way record in 2004 would've been a 358-way!

Lesson 1

Knowledge is power!

I made the mistake that any skydiver jumping into an unfamiliar location could make; I made assumptions. I knew it was a large landing area that had been used before in a similar jump, so I assumed that it was safe for me. When the chance for more information was offered, I declined. Instead of going with many other first timers to visit the landing area the day before, I went off to explore the bustling city of Bangkok.

When I returned on foot to Sanam Luang two years later, I realised that if I had visited the landing area prior to that day in 2004, I would've chosen not to make that jump.

This lesson can be applied to so many situations. Skydiving is about managing risk – information is what helps us assess that risk. That includes information about weather conditions, where the spot is, what others jumpers are planning to do and even just sparing the time to get a proper DZ brief no matter how experienced you may be. The more information we gather the less uncertainty we face and the better our decision-making ability.

Lesson 2

Know your limits

While ashamed to admit it, the only thing that mattered to me that day was being part of the team. It wasn't that I ignored the risks. I completely failed to recognise them! I didn't question whether I had the right skills for the jump or even consider if the weather conditions were okay for me. I was surrounded by hundreds of far more experienced skydivers than myself, some of whom had chosen not to jump – yet I questioned nothing.

Being a sheep – and an ostrich! – may not normally have presented a problem, but the variables I faced that day were far in excess of anything I had faced before. The weather conditions were more extreme than I had ever dealt with. The unfamiliar landing area surrounded by buildings had few, if any, available outs and, as if that wasn't enough, I was to land in front of a crowd for the very first time!

As soon as my canopy opened and started to fly, I knew I had made a mistake. By then it was already too late. We have all been in, or witnessed, a similar situation. Take for example the jumper who is visibly nervous of the weather conditions but badly wants to be part of someone's 200th jump. Or a 12-way that will mark the largest formation they have ever done. It's so easy to fall into the trap. Many of us, if we're honest, already have.

Avoid it by taking the time to question your own limits and abilities. Make your decisions independently of what others do – or what you might miss out on! Life is precious and sometimes meeting your friends with a beer is a much better way to celebrate.

Photo: Edward Blaauw



Photo: Caroline Hughes



Photo: Andy Montriou



The Sanam Luang demo site, by Henny Wiggers – check out the canopies in the road and trees

Lesson 3

Invest in your canopy skills

It's easy to blame the canopy, the weather or even the decisions of those in control when something goes wrong with a landing. Listen to people complaining on the average DZ and you'll hear it for yourself within no time at all. I was no different – for a long time I believed that my landing accident was the result of a canopy collapse caused by crosswind conditions that threw me sideways to where I finally hit the ground. I even blamed others for allowing the jump to happen.

It was two years later that I finally learnt that I simply did not have the canopy skills needed to fly myself out of trouble. Yes, turbulence was severe and there was a strong crosswind to the pre-determined landing direction. Perhaps we should not have been jumping in the first place. But while others had their knowledge to rely on, I only had the PLF – except this time it wasn't enough.

In just three days on a Safe Flight School canopy course in Empuriabrava I discovered that, using a combination of what I believed to be appropriate steering corrections and a harness turn (that I wasn't even aware I was doing), I had flown a perfectly good canopy into the ground. Despite my conservative approach to canopy flight I had been as much an accident waiting to happen as those people who regularly make us fear for them as they come in to land. Panic, triggered by lack of knowledge is what caused my injury. I was unable to follow the basic rules of canopy flight because I didn't know them.

Had I made the effort to learn more about my canopy sooner, I probably would've walked away from that landing. Instead, I knew nothing of how I could use my body position and risers to fly my canopy more safely – and be confident that, whether crosswind, downwind or upwind – the canopy would still do exactly what I asked of it. I only knew one of the many inputs available for an emergency situation and I hadn't even spent time practising that one to make it instinctive under pressure.

I'll probably never be a canopy swooper, nor will the memories of my jump into Bangkok ever leave me. Learning about my canopy has helped me overcome much of the fear I had after the accident and has even taught me to love canopy flight. The learning and reflection will never stop, but these days I am at least a confident, informed canopy pilot – not just someone with a good PLF, hoping not to have to use it.

Caroline Hughes

www.skydivechoreography.com



Photo: JC Colclasure



Photo: Rhino

Note: We applaud Caroline's bravery in writing this honest article. We also applaud her conquering her demons and doing a stellar job on the British Sector of the 400-way World Record in 2006!

SIT-FLY

The ability to leave and return to a neutral position is the key element of control and precision in sit-flying. Here Joao Tambor shows us a good neutral position from which we can easily fly in any direction. The best positions for all the other movements are then described.



Andy & Susie by Marcus Goodsell

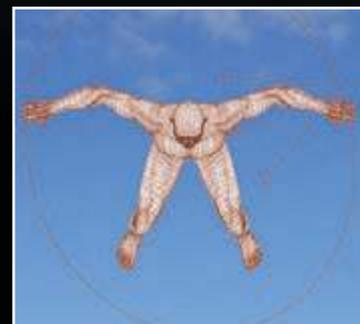


Neutral

Neutral Position

The key elements are:-

- Straight torso with a slight chest arch. This allows your upper back to support your body on the wind so you can move your arms freely. It prevents falling on your back as well as keeping any leg deflection minimal
- Arms 90° to torso, hands aligned with shoulders, elbows slightly bent
- Thighs 90° angle to torso and a little wider than shoulder width apart
- Lower legs 90° to thighs, heels right below the knees
- Flex your feet pressing your heels down
- In the beginning look straight forward to help with the correct posture
- Relaxed arms, don't over-exert or press down too far. Feel the air and fly it
- Check your heels are in line with your knees and your upper legs keep equal height, this prevents unintentional turns



Neutral



Forward

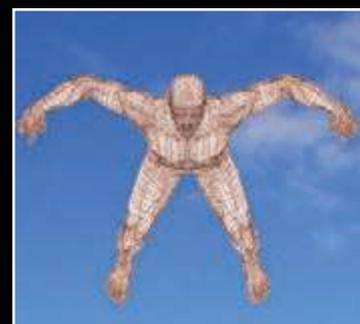
Forward

Small moves for short distances

- Push your back against the wind
- Bend elbows (bring back as far as possible) and push your hands down, leaving the forearm at around a 45° angle with the wind
- Hips are kept still
- Press your heels down and forward, bringing your knees a little lower than the hips

Aggressive moves for long distances

- Push your back against the wind
- Hips forward
- Arms can be either beside your torso or above your head but always at approximately 45° angles with the wind



Forward



Backward

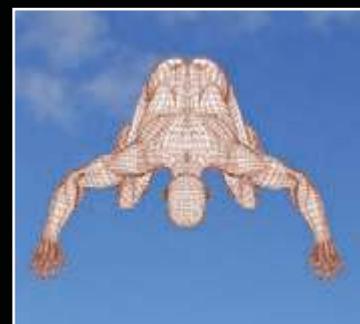
Backward

Small moves for short distances

- Bend legs bringing your heels backwards
- Push your chest against the wind
- Rotate your shoulders so your hands are above the elbows and forearms approximately 45° angles with the wind

Aggressive moves for long distances

- Hips backward
- Push your heels back
- Chest forward slightly de-arched
- Arms in front of your head
- Hands in front of the shoulders and above the elbows



Backward



Right Turn

Turns

The most efficient, quickest turns are done with the whole body. With the arms, use the same technique to turn as flying the mantis position on your belly, but your arms will be open. With the legs, the same technique is used as when backflying. Push your heels down and to the side you would like to turn.

For a right turn

- Keep your legs apart
- Twist your knees to the left pushing your heels towards the right
- Right elbow down, right hand up
- Left elbow up, left hand down
- Keep torso straight for balance

You can also use this technique with your legs for heading control as you move forward, backward or while flying a grip.



Right Turn



Steve Newman of Bullet Freely above Langar,
photo by Gary Wainwright

Fall Rate

Our ability to adjust fall rate is a key skill to performing manoeuvres relative to each other, whether moving up or down toward each other or just constantly micro-managing control level during tight sequences.

Downward (fast fall)

Small moves for minor level adjustments

- Keep legs apart for better balance
- Push heels down until legs are slightly bent
- Bend your elbows bringing your arms closer to the torso for less wind resistance

Aggressive moves for big level adjustments

- Push heels down until your legs are straight
- Bring your legs together for less wind resistance
- Arms are straight above the head or along the body (in the beginning you can keep your arms open, aligned with the shoulders for a better balance)

Upward (slow fall)

Small moves for minor level adjustments

- Arch your chest
- Press arms down, enough to offer wind resistance
- Spread your legs out

Aggressive moves for big level adjustments

- If you need, transition into a backflying neutral or slow fall position



Fast Fall



Very Fast Fall



Slow Fall



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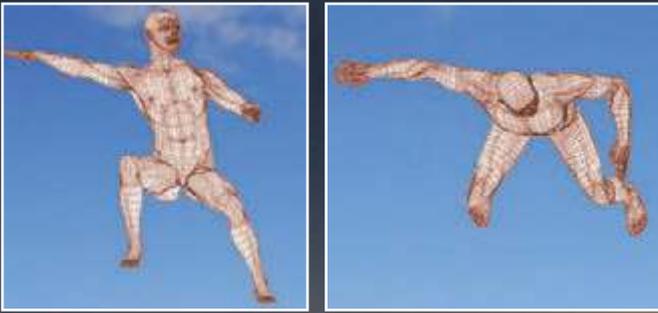
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Left Side Slide

Side Slides

The side slide skill is useful for cameraflyer and sequential contact as well as blending with other skills in order to create more dynamic moves.

Small moves for short distances

- Press elbow and heel down and sideways, towards the direction you want to slide
- Keep torso straight for better balance

Aggressive moves for long distances

- Press elbow and heel down and sideways, towards the direction you want to slide
- Opposite arm goes up
- Opposite knee goes up, above the hips, while lower leg is slightly inclined towards the direction you want to slide
- Lean your torso towards the opposite side to the direction you want to slide in

SCS – Start-Coast-Stop

In order to always move in control we recommend the neutral – ‘Start-Coast-Stop’ – neutral technique.

The SCS technique brings precision and control to your flying in all orientations. It is by returning or passing through neutral that our balance and control is maintained, therefore ensuring precise movements and stops.

When performing docks, the coast/neutral phase is the assessment time of our approach. Our speed, direction and level control is assessed and adjusted to the precise move relative to our base or partner in order to take a grip.

To review the SCS technique

Neutral

Start is the initial force exerted by your body to initiate the movement

Coast is returning your body to neutral, continuing its motion with no additional force acting upon it

Stop occurs by adding enough opposite force to counteract the initial movement

Neutral

Grips

The most important thing when taking grips is to make sure you are relative to the formation.

So, before you ever take a grip, fly to your slot beside the person you are docking on. Work your relative positioning prior to making contact. Make sure your fall rate matches the base fall rate. Only then should you take the grip.

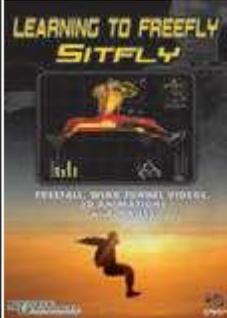
Once you have taken the grip, trim to neutral by:

- Keeping the arch in your chest as you take the grip
- Pointing your elbow down for less wind resistance
- You can naturally compensate with the other arm, but be careful not to push your hand down too much for support, as you will end up falling on your back

It is important to continue to fly your body after the grip is taken, continually maintaining fall rate and proximity.



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INSURANCE

The Facts

BPA insurance is always a hot topic. There's lively debate about the size of the premium, and whether one group gets a better deal than another. To help with this discussion, here are some facts about insurance.

Umbrella Cover

The Association has honed the unique BPA insurance policy over decades and has constantly been advised (by different brokers) to retain it for as long as possible. The policy is the envy of other sports. If the BPA chose alternative insurance arrangements, it would be unable to go back.

The current insurance does not cover BPA instructors working abroad. The BPA has always specifically excluded such cover, as it has no control of those working outside the BPA system.

Operation of the Policy

The policy has always operated effectively. The insurance is underwritten through Lloyds of London. Not only does this mean that the policy is soundly underpinned, but that it has been formulated specifically to meet the needs of UK culture and the British legal system. This is something that cannot be said of insurance policies underwritten in countries with entirely different cultures and legal systems, for example in continental Europe.

The cover has always been there when anyone needed it. There have been no problems in the policy responding to genuine claims. The service from the broker, underwriter and insurer's solicitor has been highly professional. All this has come to be taken for granted – because everything has run so smoothly. This has not happened by chance, but through the sheer hard work of a dedicated professional team. The BPA insurance policy benefits from the services of a highly respected senior aviation underwriter working with one of the country's foremost specialist aviation solicitors and a top broker who has been involved in airsports insurance for over three decades. The expertise of this team, working closely with the BPA's Insurance Subcommittee and the BPA's in-house technical staff, brings a level of professional understanding of sports parachuting's insurance needs that is second to none.

Claims Totals

There was a change of underwriting company in 2004 because the then underwriters, the International Division of Danish insurers Tryg Baltica (Tbi), ceased to operate in the UK. The former UK Vice President of Tryg switched to new underwriters, St Paul Travelers at Lloyds, and the BPA changed with him. This has afforded the BPA continuity of underwriter for some 13 years.



Claims totals, including reserves and costs, still active under the run off of TBI (until 2004) are:

	£	%
Drop Zones	336,635	29
Display Teams	93,842	8
Member to Member	735,000	63
Other	0	0
Total	1,165,477	100

Claims totals, including reserves and costs, under St Paul Travelers underwriters (2004 to date) are:

	£	%
Drop Zones	2,918,588	94.0
Display Teams	171,747	5.7
Member to Member	0	0
Other	9,932	0.3
Total	3,100,267	100

The claims total is the main determinant of the following year's insurance premium. The heaviest weighting is given to the total under St Paul Travelers, the current underwriters.

We all wish the policy cost less. The only way to bring this about is to reduce the cost of claims.

Pattern of Claims

The pattern of claims categories varies. In 2004, concern focused on what at that time appeared to be the growing cost of Member to Member claims. Since 2004, claims against drop zones have swamped the other two categories. These variations are attributable to the effect of only two or three high value claims. It is not therefore possible to predict where any big costs will lie in future. This highlights the benefit of having an umbrella policy that protects everyone in the sport, as it brings stability of cover and leaves no-one out in the cold, even after a big claim.

A sustained trend has emerged of fewer claims but, within that, a higher percentage of high value claims. Claims against display teams have remained below 10% of total claims throughout.

Very few claims against instructors have been recorded. This is because claims are made against the Club or Centre, not the instructor/s. Even if the instructor were to be at fault, the DZ would be sued as it is responsible for those operating there.

No claim against a rigger or pilot can be recalled. Were a pilot to be sued, it would be likely to be a claim against the aircraft insurance.

Allocation of Premiums

It is clear from the current underwriter's figures (2004 to date) that **student insurance is in fact drop zone insurance.**

Over 90% of the claims total since 2004 has been paid for claims made against drop zones. The vast majority of claims against drop zones involve student parachutists. If premiums were to be allocated on the basis of historical claims risk for this period, over 90% of the premium would fall to drop zones.

Were premiums to be differentiated between groups of Members such as instructors, experienced parachutists, less experienced parachutists, display teams, drop zone operators, etc, there would be likely to be a sharp rise in the costs of administering the policy. The simplicity of the present arrangements keeps administration costs to a minimum.

The approach, over the years, has always been to spread the load as fairly and equitably as possible, which the BPA believes has always been in the best interests of all its Members, including DZ operators.

Cost of Premiums

One thing that everyone agrees is that they would like to see the cost of insurance come down. (The same thing can probably be said of most types of insurance.) Between April 1994 and March 2007 the BPA policy received £4.5m in premiums compared with £6.3m in claims and costs paid and reserved.

This ratio of monies in and out is not an attractive one to commercial insurers (it would be no more attractive were the BPA to consider becoming self-insuring). The BPA is fortunate to be with an underwriter who genuinely understands the sport and is prepared to stick with it. The success of BPA regulation of the sport through the BPA Operations Manual and STC, and through pioneering initiatives such as proactive risk assessment, have all been recognised by the insurers for their contribution to the underlying downward trend in the number of claims.

Individual drop zones are not rewarded – or penalised – for their claims history. The BPA 'all for one, one for all' policy would, however, be eligible for what amounts to something with a similar effect to a 'no claims discount' in aggregate – that is premiums would be held, or may reduce, if the aggregate cost of claims dropped. If premiums were allocated according to claims history, some drop zones might pay lower premiums until/unless they had a claim, but other drop zones would almost certainly see their insurance premiums increase sharply.

Drop zones only pay for their own success in throughput of students, and full Members pay only the equivalent of £2 a week for insurance cover of £2 million.

Payment in Arrears

The established arrangements for BPA insurance cover enable payment to be made after the revenue for a jump has been received. Informal discussions with other brokers have suggested that some alternative arrangements might require 'up front' payments that would impact on drop zones' and the BPA's cash flow.

The Future of the Sport

As the National Governing Body, the BPA has a duty to look after all its Members and to safeguard the interests of the sport. Skydiving is a relatively small sport. Its unity is its strength. That unity is evidenced not least by the umbrella insurance policy that gives a unique shelter of protection for everyone in the sport. It is in the nature of a collective policy that it will be in the interests of the majority. There will always be groups who feel hard done by, because they are concerned that they are subsidising other groups. The present insurance arrangements are an equilibrium that has evolved over decades. It is an equilibrium of balanced forces, not complacency. Both experienced Members and drop zone operators have, at one time or another, said that they believe the premium to be unfairly loaded on them. Because both groups have expressed this view, an outsider might reasonably consider that the balance was in fact probably about right and might also observe that each group has at different times, contributed to the most claims.

But if any group took themselves out of the BPA insurance policy, it would increase costs for the rest by reducing the BPA's buying power and the economy of scale of its insurance cover. It might actually prejudice the BPA insurance cover, which only applies when all in the sport are protected by it.

Redistribution of the allocation of insurance premiums would mean slicing the cake differently. The same total premium would still be due. If some paid less, others would need to pay more to make up the shortfall. For example, if drop zones paid less for tandem students, there might well be more of them because of market forces; equally, if full Members had to pay more, their numbers might be expected to drop. Because there are about seven times more students than full Members, a reduction in student premium has to be multiplied by a factor of 7 as an increase in premium for full Members. This would fundamentally alter the structure, and future, of the sport. If instructors paid even more, they would either expect the drop zones to cover the additional costs (in turn by increasing the cost of jumps) or, if they could not recover the costs, they might well stop instructing and the sport would face a chronic shortage of instructors. Whatever route it follows, the sport's cost of insurance has to come from jumpers' pockets in the end.

Any move away from a common policy, or significant alteration of the allocation of premiums within the existing policy, may effect changes in the infrastructure of the sport by creating a rift between drop zones that concentrate mainly on tandems and 'mixed economy' drop zones that provide a home for the BPA's 5,000+ full Members. This could lead to a reduction in the number of drop zones and a significant reduction in the availability of facilities for full Members, prejudicing future investment in the sport and fundamentally altering its structure.

Compiled by the BPA staff team after discussion with David Hickling, Chairman of the Insurance Subcommittee

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Safety

From break-off to the bar



The Summit is Only Halfway!

Smart mountaineers have a saying that when you get to the summit you're only halfway. You still need to get down safely. In fact, the descent can be the most challenging part. The same philosophy can be applied to big-ways – there you are flying your slot in an amazing record formation, you think the it's complete, your buddies are squeezing your wrists and there's magic in the air – job done, you're on the summit. Woo hoo! Well you're only halfway, now let's get back down safely. Kate Cooper's articles in the February and April Mags expertly covered the skills needed to get to this point, now this article covers getting down safely from the big-way so you can savour your success in the bar.

Break-off

Often big-ways separate in a number of waves – you must know what altitude you should leave and what the break-off signal is (often leg kicking or a deployment in the centre). Also make sure you know what the break-off plan is if the formation isn't complete or has funnelled. I generally set my audible 500ft higher than the first wave's assigned break-off altitude. When it goes off I know the signal is about to come and concentrate on looking for it. Also if I was still approaching the formation and the beeps went I would stop my approach immediately, knowing that the outer wave will be turning to leave in about two seconds.

If you go low, the standard brief is to move from beneath the formation and keep working to get back up until the first wave breaks off. When it's your turn to go don't hesitate, make a lifting turn to face away from the centre and go. Better still, don't put yourself low in the first place! Flare out slightly early from your dive with a little altitude as insurance and don't go flat to the formation too early. If you keep working the 45° approach angle as Kate advised, you won't ever go low.

Tracking

The correct tracking direction is outwards on a line from the centre of the formation to your slot. Just doing a 180° turn may not be correct and could put you on a collision course. Cup air to lift as you turn and start your track with just your legs, leaving your arms forward in a mantis position. This avoids tipping too steeply at the start. Then slowly bring the arms back. Keep looking around – left, right, forward, back between the legs, up to the right, up to the left and pick a line maximising separation from others. You need to track flat. If most people are higher, you are diving too much, push down with the arms and suck up the stomach to gain more lift.

Track all the way to your assigned altitude regardless of where you are over the ground. Even if you realise it's a bad spot and you are tracking away from the airfield, keep going. The priority at this stage is separation on opening. Use your audible and/or check your alti to ensure you deploy at your assigned height. You may wish to set your audible 500 ft higher than your deployment altitude so you know when to stop tracking. If you flare out to look at your wrist-mount alti too early you have already messed up the separation plan.

Deployment

You need to open within 300ft of your assigned altitude – so know how long it takes you to wave off and deploy. Keep looking around as you wave. If at this stage your tracking and observation has failed and you wind up alongside somebody, you need to use your wits to ensure you don't both deploy simultaneously – in this scenario separation is now more important than your assigned deployment altitude.

As you deploy keep your hips and shoulders level, keep your eyes peeled and be prepared to use your rear risers to take avoiding action if needed. Keep your canopy flying away from the centre for at least 10 seconds to continue the separation.



Canopy Flight

The first part of flight safety begins on the ground with your choice of canopy. If yours often has long snivels, opens off heading, or is highly loaded then it's not really suitable for big-ways. Find one which is.

Under canopy, leave your booties on and fly conservatively. Save your spirals, CRW or swoops for smaller loads. Keep your head on a swivel the whole way down. Decide promptly if you are going to make it back to your designated landing area. If not then make an early decision on an alternate landing area and spend the rest of the time scouring it for signs of hazards. (The most serious injury on World Team 2006 was caused by hitting a power line during an off landing.) Be aware that others may also be homing in on the same area so try to join or set a pattern.

You should aim to extend the stack of canopies. If you're open higher than most of the pack, then sit on brakes and stay up longer to free up some airspace. If open lower than most, then use 45° front riser turns to motor on down and clear the air for those above. In a busier sky than you may be used to, be aware of the burble behind other canopies – especially close to the ground.

Landing

Know the landing direction in relation to the sun or some other large distant object (eg, coastline or mountain range) before take-off. Formation loads occasionally mistime exits and dump everyone off the airfield. Know your assigned landing area and the pattern for landing and stick to it. Don't make the most basic mistake of trying to land closest to the packing area. The mission is separation so find a quieter part of your assigned landing area.

Often in light variable winds a landing direction will be set before the jump. If this is the case, stick to this religiously even if it's downwind. It is better to

land a bit faster than usual than meet a canopy going in the opposite direction. Land straight-in if possible. If you must turn, do no more than a predictable 90° having checked for traffic beforehand. Someone may be approaching faster than you from behind.

Walk Back

After landing, immediately turn around and look up to check others coming in to land. When clear, collect your canopy swiftly, and vacate the landing area for the people above you. Keep your wits about you walking back to the packing area. This is especially hard to do if you're all excited as you've just built your largest formation – but being hit by someone surfing in would really ruin your day! If the DZ hasn't implemented a post jump checking-in procedure then buddy-up with someone on your aircraft and look out for each other after every jump.

The Bar

Now you made it back safely, mine's a pint!

Gordon Hodgkinson (plus Pete Knight and Craig Poxon)
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[Gordon wrote this article after watching Kirill Samotsvetov (3 times world record holder) land hard after catching the burble behind another canopy on the first jump of the world record sequential attempts. Kirill died in surgery later that day. Just a fortnight earlier two world record holders died in a canopy collision on a big-way in Georgia, USA.]

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EURO Record 40-WAY

Yeah baby!! The Euro Head-down Record is now a 40-way. Everybody is chuffed to bits!!

Organised by Babylon Freely and supported by Skydive Empuriabrava the EuroRecord event was a huge success on all levels. The main objective of EuroRecord was to break the unofficial European record of 28 set two years ago and to build on that. This was achieved in style, with a 30-way, then a 36-way record set on the first day! The climax was a fantastic 40-way, built on the last official jump of the event.

Aims

Babylon's own aims were to set a record, run the event well, attract a good number and high level of participants and form a positive and purposeful group with which to build a strong formation and create wonderful team spirit. These primary driving forces were clearly the main factors in the success of the record and the overall event.

Formation

Another area of great importance was the formation design. Babylon group members, with the help of Fabian Raidel, chose to go away from the more commonly adopted freely pattern (used last time). Instead, they chose a 4-way base, double pods, and also borrowed some elements of construction from the formations used in big-way FS jumps.

Pilots

The second aspect of technical difficulty was the aircraft and the formation flying. Using eventually a Twin Otter, a Beech 99 and a Pilatus Porter, the skills and team-player attitudes of the pilots were evident. We thank them for their careful pre-planning and their willingness to adapt as we needed.

Participants

60 flyers from 13 nations registered. Among the 40-way record flyers there were 10 nations represented; 12 French, 10 Brits, 8 Italians, 3 Germans, 2 Spanish, 1 Swiss, 1 Austrian, 1 Belgian, 1 Dutch and 1 Norwegian.

Well done to all the participants who attended both the training and the record attempt. The team feeling was evident and the level of flying had also increased dramatically since 2005. What was wonderfully obvious was how many of the participants from last time that had not been on the record had set themselves the task of building their skill levels over the past two years to be included on this one.

Many of the flyers who were not actually on the final record expressed their happiness to have been part of 'The Team' and to have been able to learn so much. The sentiment was summed up by one Swedish flyer who was not part of the record jumps, who was overheard to say, "I set my own personal big-way record this week by jumping with 23 people in a safe formation – something I never thought I could have achieved."

Safety

From a safety aspect, Kuri (Kuratle Rolf), one of the Babylon cameraflyers, commented, "I was impressed that through the whole week I never got into a situation where I could see any problems with approaches or break-off. The level of each flyer's sense of personal and team responsibility was strong and secure and made the camerawork so much easier."





The Brit Perspective

Brit Andy Newell takes up the story...

The record attempts were organised by Team Babylon, the current World Freefly Champions and the Babylon Freefly School. Steff Fardel, the founder of Babylon acted as the main focal point of both the organisers and EuroRecord group, providing direction and an ultra-positive attitude that enthused the group to act as one entity, one team! Pre-training went extremely well with the group being split into two smaller loads of around 16+ flyers on day one and then into larger groups (20+) as more flyers started to arrive on day two.

The first official attempt day arrived! The group reached exit altitude, made an entrance into the

airflow and built a 30-way held for around 6 seconds on the first attempt!! The first official EuroRecord had been achieved. The perfect start! The flyers had it all going for them – raw skill, passion and a clear direction. It came as no surprise that, after a few more attempts at bigger and better formations, the group then achieved a second record in the afternoon! A 36-way was built that flew strongly and cleanly for around five seconds. Things were getting better and better and the group's confidence was growing.

Things were about to get even bigger. The next day the group was ready to go again with a 40-way being the focus of the next attempts. There was a good vibe in the air and the group stayed determined and focused throughout the day. Attempt after attempt the group came closer and closer to achieving the goal.

Steff commented on each dive at the debrief "It was a nice jump, we can do better, let's go again!"

The last jump of the day felt good with the pods building very fast and smoothly on the super-strong base directed by Vincent Reffet. (The all-up weight of the 4-way base was around 55 stone!) The formation was strong but a few level issues resulted in a pod breaking just as the last two stingers were about to dock! The pod rebuilt quickly. The group looked around to see a solid formation with the last two stingers, Roberta Mancino and Alec Cotton docked on with a few seconds to spare. All participants flew well and kept it together right till the last moment. Awesome flying all round!

The formation was initially hard to judge, but just before break-off, Tom Naef, Babylon camera, got the shot. It was a close cut thing with everybody landing and asking the question, did we get it?! It was tense while the FAI judges viewed the video and stills evidence. Finally, Steff called for the debrief and there was uproar as he told the group they had broken the record!! A 40-way! Europe's flyers did it!

Andy Newell

And Finally

Thanks and respect go to all Skydive Empuriabrava's management and staff for their generous support and accommodation of our needs. Without their help Babylon could not have organised and presented such an occasion for all of Europe's best to work together and achieve the team success. Thanks and gratitude also to Rob from Airtec for hosting our party and giving positive support, and to Pep Lagares of Metalquimia, a passionate skydiver, and to all the amazing people who did it with us. Thanks for having faith in a big bunch of freeflyers!

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Euro Freely Records



Record-Breaking Brits

Mike Carpenter (First base stinger)
Alec Cotton (Last stinger, last diver! Pressure on!)
James Davies (Stinger)
Andy Ford (Second base stinger)
Matt O'Riordan (Stinger)
Jim Harris (Second pod stinger)
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Cutaway cables have closed-in ends



Magnets keep riser covers in place



Magnets hold the lines in the bag

Basik Air Concept, the small company way down there in the south of France at Le Luc has proudly announced the release of the latest version of the *Advance* harness/container system. Called the *Advance Seven*, the new baby sports a few new and innovative ideas, in addition to all the other hot features that we've now come to love and expect.

An original facet and probably the most unusual one of the *Advance Seven* is the fact that the reserve container has no side flaps, but the reserve freebag underneath is built from the same fabric as the container so this is not obvious. Basik claims that the lack of side flaps allows the powerful pilot chute to exit unimpeded without its power being degraded by pushing aside container flaps, thus resulting in a very speedy reserve deployment when needed.

Another unique feature of the *Advance Seven* is the custom designed terminal ends to the rig's cutaway cables. Most rigs simply use standard electrical connectors for this job but Basik believes that the closed-in terminal ends afford a bit more security to the cutaway cable at a critical safety area.

The *Advance Seven* is also equipped with a system of flexible magnets to keep the main riser covers in place – we first saw this idea on UPT's *Vector* system as reported in the December 06 issue of *Kit News*. The magnets are built into the main riser covers of the rig and securely hold the two parts together until they are ripped apart by the deploying risers – but not before. The company claims that the new idea also contributes to reliable on-heading openings because the tension on both covers is evenly distributed and the chance of a riser cover 'hanging-on' is eliminated. Basik was keen to point out though that the strong magnets used in the design may adversely affect implanted medical devices – ooh, nasty!

Magnets are also used to keep the stowed lines of the main canopy securely stowed in a pouch on the main deployment bag. The company claims that this method of line stowage limits line twists and provides on-heading openings, because the tension on the main bag during deployment is in the centre instead of at the sides which can cause the bag to rock back and forth and jump about during deployment.

The *Advance Seven's* BOC pocket is also quite interesting, featuring as it does a flattened shape built from the nylon container fabric instead of spandex and the ubiquitous magnets for closure with a secure 'freely safe' pad handle. The *Advance Seven* features the now common spacer foam comfort pads on back pack and leg straps (with yet more foam underneath), hip ringed harness with cut-in laterals and stainless steel hardware.

More magnets keep the BOC secure

Sorry!

Parachutes de France recently issued a press statement which amounts to a profound and sincere apology for its very poor recent performance in delivering products such as the *Atom* harness/container system in much short of a year. PdF explained that the problems experienced have been due to a major group reorganisation.



Parachutes de France, Aératur of France, Pioneer Aerospace in the USA and PISA in South Africa have in effect been amalgamated under the umbrella of the Parachute and Protection Systems Division of the Zodiac Group of rubber boat fame. This involved, amongst other things, the closing of factories and offices and the opening of new ones and the training of new staff in strange lands, etc, etc. This all started mid 2006 and will go on until mid 2007 the company tells us. The famous *Blue Track* factory in Mauritius was finally closed in February this year and its manufacturing moved to the old PISA factory in Durban, SA.

Parachutes de France was keen to point out that it very much regrets the long delays and apologises profusely to dealers and customers who were forced to wait many months for their orders. The company was at pains to reassure the skydiving market that it intends to be back to normal with a renewed commitment to sport parachute products in the near future. It stressed that the Zodiac Group is 100% behind them. For the future PdF plans a strengthened R&D department, the development of new products, a line of new student canopies as well as innovative containers and the setting up of a new marketing system. Shall we accept their apology? Oh all right then!

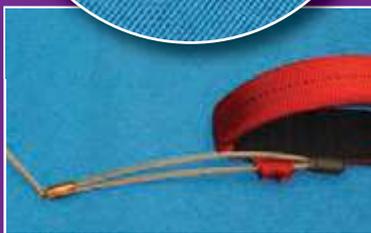
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Beware, Wear and Tear

United Parachute Technologies, until recently known as The Relative Workshop, issued a bulletin concerning excess wear found on the ripcord cables of some *Tandem Vector* systems built before October 2004. When inspected the worn cables were found to have broken strands immediately above the top swage. The repeated flexing of the cable over time is thought to be responsible for the damage. UPT's bulletin 'requires that all tandem loop style reserve ripcords with black shrink wrap on the swage are inspected immediately and if damage is found the ripcord must be replaced.' Newer cables use a clear shrink wrap for easier inspection.

www.uptvector.com



Tandem Vector ripcords built before Oct '04 should be inspected for damage

Sticky Fingers!

Strong Enterprises of Orlando Florida has recalled all 1,100 of its *Quasar II* rigs for modifications. The incident which prompted the recall was when a rigger in the US pulled the reserve ripcord of a *Quasar II* in the packing shed for a routine repack. On extraction of the pin the reserve pilot chute "barely fell out" of the container, with little or no propulsion. On inspection it was found that the bottom coils of the pilot chute spring appeared to be trapped under the side flaps of the reserve. The *Quasar II* is fitted with what Strong call a Flinger/Positive Reserve Opening system which features a flat spring-steel 'finger' in each reserve side flap. The Flinger/Pro is meant to forcefully throw the side flaps open when the pin is pulled but it seems that the fingers had taken a set or become bent and actually kept the flaps closed and impeded the pilot chute – whoops!

Fortunately there have been no reports of the rigs not functioning correctly in the air. The company is taking remedial action by removing the Flinger/Pro system from every *Quasar II* built and fitting a more powerful pilot chute. Strong have grounded all *Quasar II*s until the mod is carried out. The company will carry out the work free of charge and on the same day for all *Quasar II*s sent back before 1 October.

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A Need for VIGILance

Advanced Aerospace Designs (AAD), the Belgian electronics company behind the *Vigil* AAD, is in the news again because of a certain number of reserve loops having been damaged and severed by the *Vigil*'s stainless steel cutter during the closing of the container. These incidences have occurred only on cutters which have been placed on top of the pilot chute and have all belonged to one batch of cutters shipped in March/April 07 (marked, surprisingly enough, 03-07 or 04-07).

The company has stated it believes that movement between the grommets on the container/pilot chute and the *Vigil*'s cutter body while the container is being closed could have caused this damage. ('Was this not expected?' I hear you shout!) They estimate that about 10% of this particular batch of cutters may cause this problem. At the time of writing the problem had occurred on four cutters in Europe, and three in the USA. AAD went on to say that all of the suspect batch remaining in their stock have been returned to the cutter manufacturer for inspection. Some of these cutters (produced by a new sub-supplier) were seen to have a slightly different shape to the hole which may be the cause of the damage.

The company has stated that once AAD has further information the company will issue a product service bulletin with a suggested resolution for customers. They also went on to warn that, if you have a *Vigil* unit that was delivered during this period and you have the cutter location above the pilot chute, you need to be aware of the potential for loop damage – how nice! They urge customers to inspect their reserve closing loop. If damage to the loop is found, the dealer or info@vigil.aero should be notified for further instructions.

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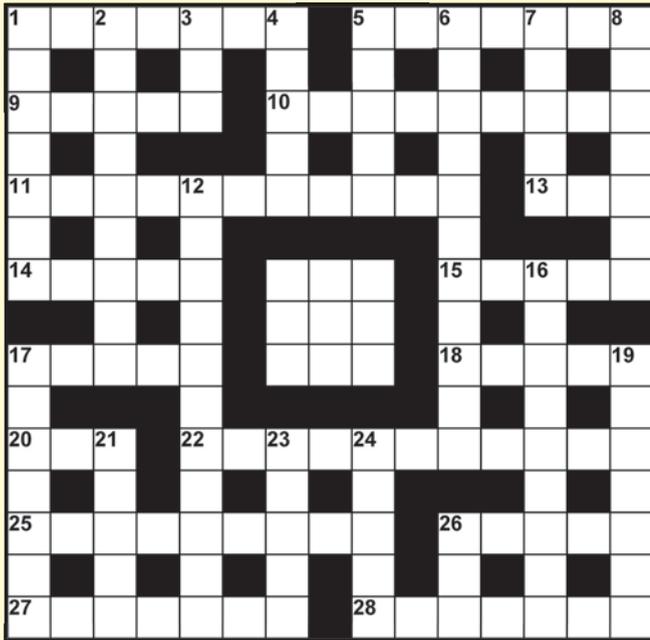
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Main (Cryptic)

Across

1. Superficial show includes everyone (7)
5. Ted's all askew in stable position (7)
9. Correlation of rodent's consumption and excretion? (5)
10. Bags of M&Ms (9)
11. A pro chemist's representation of the air (11)
13. Look in the heart of intense escort (3)
14. Round up stray goat man (5)
15. Prize of war in modern times (5)
17. Value of broken timer (5)
18. Dilly-dallying in rustic scene (5)
20. Duck found in Saudi pond (3)
22. Slippery chocolate bar full of energy (11)
25. Objection is thrown out, hence gall (9)
26. 8-way accordion arrangement perhaps (5)
27. Heat brings a halt to stories (7)
28. Was lying, indeed, held up proceedings (7)

Down

1. Headless hamsters swimming in rivers (7)
2. Gauge time to change about (9)
3. Convenience of endless loop (3)
4. Audibly question church guard (5)
5. Search sceptic's clothing belonging to us (5)
6. Is Asian coot reforming society? (11)
7. Also in Latin son's estates (5)
8. Chaotic scene in theologian's sink (7)
12. Start disorganised lobby before an airfield gets built (11)
16. Inequality strained my mastery (9)
17. Claimed to have come unstuck in examination (7)
19. See pet editor fixed (7)
21. Tinkled after soft crash landing (5)
23. Circles round tolls (5)
24. AAD readjustment takes care of fear (5)
26. Headless bird is still a bird (3)

Parachute Packing

Work out how the answers to these six jumbled clues fit into the central block

- * Pick-up posh Lawrence (3)
- * Half chewed poster boy (3)
- * Car crashed in curve (3)
- * Starts to preach atheist heresies. Disgusting! (3)
- * Animated shopkeeper finds penny amongst gold (3)
- * Capsized sailor produces squeal (3)

Reserve

Across

1. Not deep
5. Flew too slowly
9. Proportion
10. Grands
11. Of the air
13. Observe
14. Lecherous man
15. Prize
17. Earn: PDF canopy
18. Rural paradise
20. Plunge
22. Allowing smooth air flow
25. Confront
26. Group of 8
27. Myths: PDF containers
28. Waited

Down

1. Malfunctions: creeks
2. Height gauge
3. Smallest room
4. Observe
5. Scrub
6. Group; eg, British parachutists
7. Comes to earth
8. Lose altitude
12. Scottish DZ
16. Left/right differences
17. Health check-up
19. Sited
21. Crash land
23. Calls
24. Terror
26. Night flyer

Parachute Packing

Work out how the answers to these six jumbled clues fit into the central block

- * Australian pick-up truck (3)
- * Cuban revolutionary (3)
- * Curve: type of light (3)
- * Exclamation of disgust (3)
- * Indian Simpsons character (3)
- * Rodent: traitor (3)



Pete Best

1920-2007

Pete Best, UK POPS #42 and JOE #1, passed away on 25 May 2007, after a long and hard fought battle with cancer. Pete was an engineer and lectured in engineering. He had a keen interest in motorcycling, in spite of a few spills, before he took up parachuting in 1976. Pete has been one of the most consistent and supportive members of POPS since 1989 when I started jumping, and certainly before that too.

By the time I met him, his jumping was already in abeyance following a heart attack which occurred after a jump at Doncaster. Pete wasn't one to give up his associations with parachuting and so turned his attentions to judging. His precise engineer's brain made him a proficient, accurate judge at national and international levels, where he was always accompanied and supported by his wife Hettie.

In spite of his earlier heart attack, Pete was a very fit man. On one occasion in Cyprus he was chasing my wife, Julie, across the beach and although she was thirty years his junior he was closing in. Hoping to escape, she dashed into the sea and swam strongly away only to be shocked by how closely he was still following.

Both this fitness and tenacity were hallmarks of Pete, and led to him getting cleared to jump again as he approached his eightieth birthday. Consequently, a week after he was eighty, Pete donned a rig and lobbed out at 9,000 ft over British Skysports, Bridlington, as an opening jump of the June 2000 POPS meet. Pete was awarded the gold medal for accuracy in the over 80s class at the meet. He then announced his retirement from jumping, voluntarily, rather than being forced to stop by doctor's orders.

He went on to found the Jumpers Over Eighty Society (JOES) as JOE #1 and became Top JOE. Pete continued to judge and was even judging at the 8th World POPS Meet in Eloy, Arizona during October 2006, although by then he was fighting cancer. At that event, Pete and Hettie were awarded the Skydivers Over Sixty Meritorious Award for years of voluntary selfless and enthusiastic service to POPS, SOS, JOS, and JOES.

Pete was an intelligent and brave man. He was always worth listening to and was very supportive of me during my time as UK Top POP. I knew him as a good friend and I shall miss him, as will his many friends in the UK and around the world. He will also be remembered for 'Pete's Pot', the annually contested UK Hit 'n' Rock trophy that he kindly donated.

Wherever you are Pete, have a good one!

Pete Shew



SOLUTIONS ACROSS
 1. Shallow, 5. Stalled, 9. Ratt, 10. Thousands, 11. Atmospheric, 13. See, 14. Sayer, 15. Award, 17. Merit, 18. 18. 18th, 20. Dip, 22. Aerodynamic, 25. Challenge, 26. Octet, 27. Legends, 28. Delayed.
SOLUTIONS DOWN
 1. Streams, 2. Alltime, 3. Leo, 4. Watch, 5. Score, 6. Association, 7. Lands, 8. Descent, 12. Strathallan, 16. Asymmetry, 17. Medical, 19. Located, 21. Prang, 23. Rings, 24. Dread, 26. Owl.
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Tunnel Coverage

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Emma Beyer, emmabeyer@yahoo.com

What Happens to the Money?

You ask for feedback and this month I reckon the magazine required it. The same old picture is always on the back and I felt the majority of the contents were not good mate. It's an honest opinion; we only get six issues a year. All those members paying £22, plus the advertising money. Where is it all going? As a working class BPA member I don't see any of it. Seems to me, money is going to money and manufacturers should sponsor the individuals and teams not the BPA, they get enough coverage in our magazine. It would also be fair to pay BPA membership excluding but giving an option to purchase the magazine. They can't get the insurance cheaper so something has change.

Neil Davies

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Members do not pay £22 for the Mag, it is £17.50 (out of a total membership of £152.10). This is £2.92 per mailed magazine.

Making the magazine optional would not work as all the budgets (print,

advertising, design, etc) are based on 5,000 copies. If a quarter of the membership opted out it would cost the others over double what they pay now - which means less of them would want it. It would be near impossible to run in that way. BPA Members could, of course, vote to abolish the magazine altogether at an AGM. The BPA is a membership organisation and is run democratically.

All the advertising money is fed back into the Mag, paying some of the bills. Subscription revenue per year is £87,500. Advertising revenue is £60,000. If there is more advertising we increase the number of pages. The advertising ratio never goes over 40%, so adding more advertising also adds editorial pages. This is how we have grown the Mag from 76 pages in 1999 to around 88 pages today, through good management of an annual budget. The Mag subscription has stayed at £17.50 since '99, not going up by inflation or increased costs, as every other element of the BPA subscription has.

Lesley Gale, Editor

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Three Cheers for the Brit Chicks!

All of us at the British Red Cross would like to extend an enormous 'Thank you' to all the *Brit Chicks* team and especially those who took part in the stunning skydive at Langar airfield on 20 May. What a fantastic sight it was to see the photos and video footage of so many red jumpsuits linked up to form our iconic emblem in the skies, literally mobilising the power of humanity for everyone to see.

This year's Red Cross Appeal Week (5-12 May) has certainly had an added element of excitement and adventure because of your commitment to the Red Cross. You have helped to re-energise our annual fundraising week, making this one to remember for our staff, volunteers and the British public. We deeply admire your perseverance that kept you sitting patiently in a wet and windy airfield for days, waiting for the weather to clear. It was certainly worth the wait to see your spectacular freefalling red cross.

Equally impressive is the phenomenal effort that you all put into fundraising of your own accord to raise well over £30,000, highlighting your level of commitment. We hope that you have enjoyed learning about our vital work and will continue to support the Red Cross in the future. Your help makes our work possible, allowing us to reach out to vulnerable people in crisis, no matter where they are. Thank you again for your support and engagement with this year's Red Cross Appeal Week. We'll be keeping an eye out for further adventures of the *Brit Chicks*!

With very warm wishes

Sir Nicolas Young, Chief Executive, British Red Cross

Camscore Thumbs-up

I'd like to express my appreciation to Cametrix for their excellent Camscore system as used at the Langar Grand Prix (GP). From a cameraman's perspective, the system is user friendly and very quick and easy to use. Only one download is required, through a few simple keyboard entries - this makes the terminals more available, at no time did I have to wait to download a video. The absence of video tapes/DVDs meant the frustrating wait for tapes to be returned from the judges was non-existent and there was no backlog of jumps waiting to be downloaded. Although I cannot speak for the judges, these advantages must have worked in their favour too, resulting in faster, more reliable turnaround of the cameraplayer's product. From a competitors' and spectators' point of view, the system makes the event

more inclusive and dynamic with the videos and scoring available to a wide audience throughout the day.

I think it would greatly benefit competitive sport in the UK if this system was adopted at all of our GP and Nationals competitions. Congratulations Cametrix in developing a great product - come on DZs and the BPA, let's get it adopted!

Dave Ledward
Chairman, RAFSPA

Note: BPA Judges trialled the Camscore system at the Bodyflight World Challenge '06 and '07 and suggested various improvements. These modifications have been made by Andrew of Cametrix. Kate Charters, BPA Judges' Co-ordinator reported favourably on the revised system and says it will probably be used at the FS Nationals.

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JEHA

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Club News



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It was a bit of a disappointing start this year with many aircraft problems at DZs all over the country. It is great news Headcorn has sorted the issues and is now operating a Let for the rest of the season. A sleek Turbolet returns to Sibson too, brilliant to see, and their Let will also be flying all summer.

Carl Williams has reopened Swansea Skydiving as Skydive Swansea and will use an Airvan on Sundays. South Cerney are back to their old selves too and are even doing balloon jumps too!

It's good to see you've all been having a good time despite the poor excuse for summer weather. Check out the UK Skydiver Boogie, Langar Boogie and Headcorn's Slovakia trip – all fab write-ups.

Good luck to those entering the Nationals and World Cup, it's going to be a very exciting race to the top this year for all disciplines.

Have fun, stay safe.

Lucie



UK SKYDIVER BOOGIE

Hibaldstow

The first ever UK Skydiver Boogie was a birth of fire – or indeed water! 120 arrived through torrential rain and storms! Saturday's wet weather programme included a warm-up with Fiona Birnie, an informative big-way safety and slot flying discussion by Caroline Hughes and Del Greco persevering through the rain by DJing under a square of tarpaulin!

The grey slowly lifted and suddenly it was kit on for the first lift – to the skies! The FS really took off, it was amazing to see the level of skill Caroline coaxed from low experienced skydivers. Meanwhile, Rob and Louis from *Avalore* had their work cut out with coaching. The weather was start-stop but manifest never missed a hole!

One of the greatest ever barbecues also showed that, despite all that dirt and packing sweat, skydivers brush up well! Tuxedos, gowns, bikinis (!) and all kinds of other bizarre Bond-themed costumes appeared. A UKS Boogie video raised a few chuckles and several eyebrows before the stunning casino night, run by *Phobia*. After four hours of play and still no end in sight, a stalemate between Noel Purcell and Dudley Nelson forced a

'roulette off'. The jump tickets were won by Duds, with the final spin of the wheel and a massive cheer!

At the Russian roulette table, players won drinks by trying to shoot each other! Of course the 'bullets' were caps but that didn't stop the tension and it made some re-evaluate who their friends were! The night drew ever later with a raffle for the goodies kindly donated by Target Skysports, Sonic Flywear, Performance Designs, Mirage, Aerodyne, Airtec, Alti2, Bonehead and Richard Grounddiver! DJs Del and Marc Fletcher span some wild tunes for UK skydivers to stomp to.



Graham Wilkins by Chris Brook



Jen & Richie by Chris Brook



UK Skydiver Boogie freefall shots by Chris Smith



Big-way weekend by Blair Stent



Happy FS1 to Dan Clarke, photo by Chris Smith

Apparently good things do come to those who wait! Sunday's weather was wonderful – though some didn't appreciate the 8am wake-up call! The sky was full literally till 8pm, when some skydivers who would not give up, chose to stay another day! Amongst the highlights were Dan Clarke's FS1, Sarah & Geetha's FF1s, and our first UKS big-way record set at 12!

A special thanks to Target Skysports, Caroline Hughes, *Avalore* and *Phobia*, all worked so hard to make the event such a pleasure. The UKS Boogie has landed – it's here to stay!

Stu Ferguson

Full report: www.ukskydiver.co.uk

It's team training madness at Hib with *Fusion*, *Synergy*, *Qi*, *Murphy's Law*, *Valkyrie*, *Elan*, *Sonic-V*, *Bacchanalia*, *Wingnutz* & *Aardvark Zulu* flying their booties off. Our sponsored teams continue to provide excellent **coaching for free**. Tarn & Amanda from *Elan* have brought on many of our newer skydivers, FS1s abound! Mikey Carpenter from *Outbreak* provided great coaching for our budding freeflyers. Why miss out? Come and learn. Free coaching, B Licence progression, FS ground school and packing courses are running constantly for your benefit, so come on down and progress!

Simon Cathrine & Doug McLelland ran a very successful big-way skills camp, many did their biggest ever skydives. Simon & Dougie ran the event with their usual efficiency and style. Awesome!

Our Top Gun weekend saw Chris Hollis undertaking his first ever wingsuit jump. After finally finding him, he declared that it was his last ever wingsuit jump! Many thanks to the Top Gunners for a well run event.

He would like to pass his thanks on to all those well-wishers (and mickey takers!) who've been in touch with the DZ and him. He says he'll soon be back on DZ control keeping an eye on you all!

Mike Colthart



Get well soon H, photo by Colin Bridges

Achievements

First Freefall

Craig Coburn
Ian Adams
Matt Bond
Richard Brady
Simon Brewer
Christopher Brook
Andy Dinnage
Rebecca Griffith
Chris Horsfall
Jojo Jenner
Justin Leary
Michael Lewis
Julie Priestley
Richard Rouse
John-Paul Staniforth
David Starkey
Leon Stephens
Serena Varley
Benjamin Wales
Adam Walsh
Richard Webb
Alan Wilson

Cat 8

Leanne James

CH1

Craig Coburn
Paul Channin
Sara Rhind

CH2

Ryan Baxter
Rowena Owen
Mark Owen
Paul Channin
Sara Rhind
Al Holt

JM1

Mark Owen
Al Holt
Charlotte Fletcher
Ryan Baxter
Paul Channin
Sara Rhind

FF1

Geetha Narayanan
Michelle Meakins
Sara Neale
Ben Cornick
Mark Owen

FS1

Dan Clarke
Aiden Mittra
Rowena Owen
Charlotte Fletcher
Mark Owen

Jump Numbers

50
Sarah Otter
Rowena Owen
100
Gavin Bowers
Jack Waltham
200
Clara Melia
Emily Handley
300
Alex Jeanes
400
Andy Myers
Helen Moon
900
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1000
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We're off to a flying start this season, with many achieving their A licences. The newly-formed 4-way team *Strangers in the Night* is tipped to be highly successful – and not just because I'm in it! We are very proud to introduce our new DZ cat, Jesse. He's not quite as vicious as the last one and hasn't developed the same taste for static line students but, nevertheless, beware!

In May, we celebrated Chatteris's 10 year anniversary in style. Lots of old faces appeared, including ex jump pilot Captain Speight, who left home at 4am just to have a few minutes alone with the Nomad before jumping began! After a cloudy start, the weather brightened up just in time for a fantastic sunset tracking load. It wasn't a great start for Simon, who had a mal on his first jump in 2 years. Once again, Roborigger Kim saved the day with a late night packjob. On the Sunday, once the hangovers subsided, we continued to make the most of the good weather and half-price jump tickets. Thanks to all the staff for a truly fantastic weekend, here's to the next decade!

Fiona Law

Chatteris



Lorraine Dixcey's tandem for her 1,000th by Steve Wilkins

Achievements

Cat 8, CH1
 Andy Willy
 Fergus McDermott
 Stewart Vincent
 Jake Simkins
 Aiden Chaffe
 Sam Clark
CH2, JM1
 Ruth Ferris
 Simon Shiel
200 Jumps, FF1
 Sarah Neale
300 Jumps
 Tony Labbz
 Sarah Neale
1000 Jumps,
12 Hrs Freefall
 Lorraine Dixcey
48 Hrs Freefall
 Andy Crawford
90 Hrs Freefall
 Gary Small



10th anniversary party by Fiona Law



Strangers in the Night by Tom Hartland

Sibson

Ryan's FS1 by Andy Lapsley



to avoid overcrowding so pre-registration is required. Contact us for details.

Plans for the new clubhouse have been submitted to local planning and the build is expected to take place over this winter ready for the 2008 season!

Sarah Hall

Achievements

FS1
 Nicola Goy
FS1, 100 Jumps
 Tim Burn
 Ryan Madgwick
FF1, 200 Jumps
 Dom Goy
100 Jumps
 Chris Everett
200 Jumps
 Richard Lee
 Dean Smith
24 Hrs Freefall
 Vicky Finch

Tim Burns's FS1 with the usual suspects by Andy Lapsley



Sibson's student of the year is Ryan Madgwick. He completed his AFF last year and now has FS1 and 100 jumps in less than a year – nice one!

Congratulations to Nicola Goy for her FS1 – you'll soon catch your husband up! Welcome to 'G' our fantastic new Club Chief Pilot.

Sad farewell goes to Dave 'Yobbo' Bailey who has just moved to Interlaken. Good luck Dave from all of us at Sibson. Bring back chocolate!

On 11-12 August, 8-9 September and 13-14 October, Sibson will be running a fantastic offer you cannot miss called 'Beat the Clock'. All jumps will be made from 15,000 ft for as little as £8 at wheels-off between 8-9am. They will go up by just £1 an hour as the day goes on. Spaces are limited



Tilstock

Martin's 6,000th tandem by Gwyn Ackery

Congratulations to Chris & Charlie Gilmore on their newest potential skydiver - Esther Elizabeth, born on 24 April. Well done to Martin for his 6,000th tandem and I hope your ankle heals soon! (Apparently he broke it walking the dog!) Brian Teeson did well on his 300th to make an 8-way out of the Airvan.

RAPS students have been showing great patience with the appalling weather. Congrats to John 'The Fence' for his first freefall, pictured below.

I had a great time in June, on my first flight

wingsuit course with the BirdMan Top Gun team. What a day! Blue skies and the dream of flight, give it a try - you'll love it! Many thanks to Mark Harris and Duncan Wright for their excellent training and support throughout the day. Tilstock had its first 2-way flock - if you can call two a flock!

The club bonfire (Saturday 3 November) and the Christmas Party at Hawkstone Park (8 December) will rock, see Liz for tickets and rooms. Thanks Liz! Tilstock is looking for a new manifester, call the office or see Colin.

Paul Morrison



Big John by Shelly Eppleston

Exit for Brian's 300th by Gwyn Ackery

Achievements

First Freefall

John Perkin
Cat 8, CH1
Christine Dawes

200 Jumps

Paul Morrison

300 Jumps

Andy Phillipson
Brian Teeson

12 Hrs Freefall

Tony Lightfoot
Dave Schofield

36 Hours Freefall

Danny Smith

8-way building over Tilly by Gwyn Ackery



Headcorn



Winners - One Foot in the Grave (& lurkers!) by Steve Tomkins

Speed 7 - Woodmouse Shield

Seven teams turned up for the annual Speed Star which was conducted in the old style out of our Islander from 8,000 ft, with 25 seconds working time. The handicap system allowed floaters for the junior teams and 'no show' for the senior teams. The term 'senior' appeared to apply to age as well as jump numbers!

The youngsters of *Tacho Zeta* led the way on the first round when the rather senior *Why Us?* built seven just out of time. The pressure told on the early leaders who failed to close their star in the third round. Judge Ruth was strictly applying the 25 second rule which kept the teams on their toes. Following the usual party in Wings Bar, the competition closed with the ever consistent *One Foot* taking gold and *Why Us?* silver.

Pete Sizer

Slovakia Monkey Man Boogie

In June, 50 HPC members and friends went to Slovakia for a Helicopter Boogie. We were bussed to our temporary DZ at an empty field. To cut a long story short we were shafted by the local DZ mafia who blocked us getting the helicopter. The boogie was renamed the Monkey Man Boogie, as the locals persisted in saying that they were not monkeys. (We had another name for them but it's too rude to mention here!) Pete Marsden of the Boogie Club, who had organised the trip, looked at other options, with help from Al, Mick and Gina. We spent a relaxing day at the local water park (who could complain at drinking cocktails at a pool bar?), then Pete got us coached to a permanent DZ at Dubnica which was FANTASTIC. It had a packing hangar, air-conditioned restaurant (and luckily no strawberry surprises, Mr Such!), shaded patio area, comfy bunkhouses, friendly helpful staff and, most importantly, a Let, AN2 and glider for jumping. There wasn't a cloud in the sky and everyone did as many skydives as they wanted. Although a few people didn't stay because of the lack of helicopter the majority of us had a great time. Food and drink were cheap and those who wanted to partied until dawn. It was Dave Coveney's first boogie, after a long time in the sport and we certainly saw another side to him!

Comments from happy holiday-makers:
"The staff were wonderful, as I was managing a

Jump in to the masked ball by Simon Hughes





Paul Winser ready to go



Slovakia Boogie, glider pilot by Paul Winser

jump an hour, which is quite extraordinary. I'm still exhausted!" Al Redler
 "My highlight was jumping the glider; sitting on the wing with my legs dangling over the front was brilliant." Noah Woodman
 "Great Heli Boogie despite having no helicopter!" Paul Winser

Pete is running further trips to Dubnica. Several from this holiday have already rebooked, a testament to how good this place is. I'd certainly be more than happy to go back! They hope to have a helicopter and balloon next time too. Contact Pete pete@boogieclub.co.uk

The best news of all is that we have our Let back!! Welcome back to the crew Andre, with Valerie and Boris. Congrats to James and Helen Naitt, and Richard 'Polly' and Maria Parrott, all recently married. Polly and Maria provided us with a very entertaining joint stag and hen do, turning Wings into a pole dancing venue for the evening. Most people had a go (yup, even Andy Ring!) but Polly and Maria were most appropriately dressed for it and also performed the best.

13 jumped in to our masked ball, dressed in DJs – or, in Auntie Jane's case, cocktail dress with trousers! The champagne flowed freely, there was a great buffet, a raffle and then dancing. At midnight we headed on to various after-parties and were



The wedding!

Polly & Maria by Nigel Rowlan



Polly and Maria's stag & hen night

sadly grateful for the rain on Sunday!

Dave Tunks valiantly tried to organise a Headchicks record but the rain got the better of them so they sensibly went to the bar instead. Dave will be rescheduling this, so if you're interested contact the DZ.

Alf Harden

Alf Harden sadly passed away in June, aged 73. He was not a jumper but any regular would have noticed Alfie. He was a real character and, despite occasional grumbling, always looked out for us and helped retrieve wayward bits of equipment. He spent many a long hour propping up the bar in Wings but most recently was seen riding around the airfield on his scooter, with a cigarette hanging out of his mouth. If you asked him how he was, the answer was invariably "Struggling". For over 40 years Alfie worked on the farm which is the DZ. Amazingly, he never left England. He only left Kent to go to the West Country to do his national service. Alf was a man with a good heart and his passing is the end of an era. He will be missed by his wife Maureen, his family, and his many friends.

Ruth Cooper

Achievements

- CH2, JM1
- Richard Best
- Cat 8
- James White
- FF1
- Anton Conlon
- Jump Numbers
- 100
- Graeme Gentry
- 200
- Carl Banks
- 300
- Wendy Foster
- 500
- Andy Beegan
- 1000
- Matilda Attewill
- 1500
- Chris Carroll
- 1600
- Richard Wiggins
- 2000
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St Andrews



Sigma 5 by Graeme Mackay

Yet more teams escaped to warmer climes for intensive training. Their return has seen the dropzone bustling with enthusiastic jumpers ready to pass on their new found skills to all the up and coming. Progression has been flying along, with four recently qualified skydivers and several more almost there.

With the DZ so busy the social scene has livened up and there is a good regular crowd every weekend.

Even our beloved Jimmy has been joining in the fun with some rather retro glasses!

With 4-way scrambles and accuracy meets planned, and plenty of sunshine on the way it looks like St Andrews is in for a busy summer.

Graeme Mackay

Achievements

- AFF Graduate**
Tam Anderson
Stuart Durie
- First Freefall**
Chris Judd
- Cat 8**
Thomas Valentine
Frank Goodall
- 200 Jumps**
Simon Chittick
- 500 Jumps**
Jo Gibbs
Darren Rose

Darren & Jonny by Tara Mills



Dunkeswell

Dunkeswell is still ever developing and June saw the Well's first visit from *Avalore*, who provided fantastic freefly coaching. The girls at manifest will fondly remember the boys by squashed muffins, cryptic Spanish notes and an email list for the celebrities. Check out *Avalore's* website for the freefly antics. The boys are back later in the year.

Jumpers have been coming from afar to jump the King Air, with Glasgow, Leeds, Bath, UWE and Bristol Unis all taking advantage of the £10 student jump tickets. With the influx of new jumpers the DZ has been buzzing with barbecues despite the wet weather. Rob Bradley, BBQ king, is single-handedly keeping the King Air in the air having made over 80 descents since its arrival. Rob we know you can feel the soles of your feet getting hot for the board!

Gavin Horrell has left us for sunnier climates in NZ, we wish him all the best. Miko will be lost without you Dog! Dave Howerski joins our team as an AFF instructor and freefly coach. We welcome our new pilot Ed, who has joined us from the States, bringing a wealth of experience and 3 years' jump flying in King Airs.

Iain Firkins' ash jump poignantly took place on Father's Day. Iain's Dad, Ian, completed the tandem jump in his son's memory along with other close friends.

Keep your eyes on the website and newsletters for upcoming and last minute events. The Medieval Summer Ball is planned for 18 August, contact us for a ticket. Watch this space for a competition sloop pond being the next edition to Dunkeswell!

The Wolf



The gorgeous Matt & James by Olly Denham

Rob Bailey's AFF Level 1 by Ceri Lewis



Nice one Andy!



Achievements

- First Freefall**
Phil Turley
Louise Finch
Simon Ward
- FF1**
Rob Bradley
- FF2**
Craig Baines
- FS1**
Malcolm Cowton
- Jump Numbers**
100
Rob Bradley
500
Will Thomas
1000
Olly Denham
3000
Pete Stone

Netheravon

Wimbledon's not the only sport that's been rained off! We've had a hard time of it – but who hasn't?! At least we're on top of a hill. Inbetween showers, we've squeezed in some jumping. A big thank you to Tony for bringing his Skyvan in June and to Caroline & Billy for load organising, culminating in a nice 24-way.

In usual Nethers style, we've been cheering everyone up with a few parties! May bank holiday saw plenty of squaws, madams, cowboys in leather and Alistair in his pink dress. Hmmm... sounds like the fetish party all over again! The bucking bronco provided plenty of opportunity for loss of dignity – you know who you are! Check out the Nethers gallery if you're not sure. Matty's birthday theme was a children's party complete with sausages on sticks and jelly 'n' ice cream, thanks to Polly.

Our shiny new Caravan has arrived in the country! August bank holiday is the official celebration with coaching (register with Caroline load.organising@btinternet.com) and the caravan party to end all caravan parties!

Well done to Stacie for getting out of the kit store to do her first tandem. Congrats to all the Nethers chicks who were part of the 52-way and good luck for September. Good luck to everyone competing in the Armies and the Nationals.

Kath Salisbury

Ray Norton's 100th jump by Ryan Mancey



- Achievements**
First Freefall
 Grace Scott
 Millie Roberts
 Ciaran McVieyh
FS1
 Clare Ward
Cat 8
 Matt Williams
 Nickie Harrison
Jump Numbers
50
 Alex Lioubine
 Clare Ward
 Jonathan Irving
200
 KJ Bull
 Mal Pettitt
 Sarah Neale
300
 Tom Grady
1100
 Ina Nicholson

Jay landing by Ryan Mancey



Wild West party by Polly Chandler



RAPA

'Another ten bins full of sand,' said Hutch. The team threw the spades into the minibus and drove back to the sandbank for more digging. It was a sight more suited to an American chain gang than a dropzone. Everyone breathed a collective sigh of relief as the last load, of two hundred tons, was spread out around the swoop ditch. The pond was finally refilled. It's been hard work getting everything ready for the Canopy Piloting Nationals, but it will be worth it!

In April it was a pleasure to welcome the BPA judges for their annual seminar. They were all great sports and showed us some

extra talents on the last night by singing a trio on karaoke. A special thanks to Lee for cooking the barbecue.

The Euro POPS Accuracy meet saw wonderful weather. The competition was completed in good time, at a leisurely POPS pace.

We played host to the Scouts, who were celebrating 100 years of scouting. We did a demo into their camp on the airfield, and afterwards they took a tour of the DZ. Little did they know this would be their home that evening when a thunderstorm struck! Many thanks to Hutch for all his hard work at the centre over the years, and writing for the Mag. Happy retirement!

Ian Lyons

- Achievements**
Cat 8
 Alex Mining



Dave Openshaw by Faz



Tammy by Ben Wood

Cornish

The sunshine in Cornwall never fails to impress our visitors. AFF and RAPS at Land's End continue to have the 'wow factor' for all students, especially Tammy who completed AFF with a smile and a few bruises. One of our first students at Land's End has finally finished his AFF, well done Scoop! For the camera only, Perranporth DZ had its first ever taste of RAPS. Willing volunteer Ross Houlston became our first static line jumper, well done, great shot.

Steve Clarke (chief pilot) continues searching for new BPA pilots. To the delight of all the club members, Steffen the resident airfield engineer volunteered and once again, he will fly for parachuting. Not quite as exciting as flying a Spitfire but a great help.

We've welcomed a good number of new visitors, all have been amazed by the coastal views. Sion Jones returned to the sport after a long layoff and jumped at Land's End on his first day back. For a change, Ben Wood was on the receiving end of the camera, with a nice landing shot of one of the many PLAs on the airfield, taken by the CCI.

An excellent display in Newquay commemorated the Falklands crisis over 25 years ago. We have demos booked all over Cornwall including some beaches.

Perranporth Airfield has been up for sale but the directors of CPC didn't have the loose change available. When the airfield is sold, which I am sure it will, all the staff and members of CPC wish Tony and Vander the best of luck in the future and with their new venture.

Chris Wood



Ben Wood by Dave Wood



Ross Houlston, first ever static line over Perranporth, by Ben Wood

Achievements

Cat 8, CH1

Tammy

Scoop

Lewknor



Photo: Mark Stone

What do you do on a dropzone when all tandems have jumped, the students have gone home and there's still enough daylight for one more load? The answer's easy: bribe a cameraman to do one more jump, then strap the pilot to the front of a tandem and watch his face as he goes out of the door and sees his plane going off without him! Andy Chester's face was fantastic although his first words on landing were "You're all lunatics!" Lunatics?! Us? Surely not!

It's been a great few weeks with some major charities doing well from tandem sponsorship money. Our RAPS students are also doing fantastically with heaps of first timers, some taking to it so well that we've had quite a few first freefallers! Thanks as always to all who work hard to keep us in the air.

Tracy Curling



Pilot Andy Chester by Mark Stone

Achievements

50 Jumps

JJ Kotze

First Freefall

Damien Goulson

Graeme Goulson

CH1

Jaz Singh

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Anders' tandem by Stu Murtha

Old Buck

We had a great turnout for our Scrambles competition in

May – although we should've learned better than to hold it over a bank holiday! Rained out again! We made up for it with a fun quiz night at our local, The Gamekeeper. Teams moved to intellectual matters such as how many hearts an earthworm has (10 apparently) and which handyman released a remix of Mambo Number 5 (yes, it was Bob The Builder Tomo). Winners were 3 *Old Gits and Jenny*. Thanks to the events team for a great evening:- Susie for all the hard work plus Gav & Steve for turning up and trying to take the credit!

Better weather in June for our PD demo weekend saw many enjoying the fantastic range of PD canopies. We had Tim Porter with us for freely coaching and tracking dives which proved very popular.

We said goodbye to pilot Kasper who has got a new job flying passenger aircraft. We will all miss him. He left on a high note completing his AFF Level 1 and, not to be outdone, Anders did a tandem.



Kasper AFF Level 1 by Stu Murtha



Stu Murtha by Fat Leigh

Pat kindly donated his old barbeque to the club which has led already to two successful impromptu barbies. It was even sunny for one of them! Our Summer Party on 25 August sees a bouncy castle, sumo suits, a hog roast and disco, so it should be a night to remember.

Aaron has finally taken delivery of his new Mac and is happily editing his own footage. He also has his own sewing machine with bigger bobbins than Andy's – now, now boys!

Membership is booming as more skydivers discover our friendly DZ. We have set up a large marquee to create much needed packing space. We have also ramped up our packing team to deal with ever increasing numbers. Welcome aboard to Steve and Mike (aka Gizmo) with his cheesy line 'a pretty rig for a pretty girl'. Adi and Lia are now the pound parents of little skydiver-to-be Jessica, congratulations!

Vikki Forrest

Achievements

- FS1
- Tony Perkins
- Cat 8, CH1
- Ben Lawford
- Rob Knox
- 50 Jumps
- Nigel Highfield
- Dave Wall
- 100 Jumps
- Jeff Baker
- 300 Jumps
- Damian Hewitt
- 6000 Jumps
- Grant Richards
- 60 Hrs Freefall
- Andy Page

Swindon

Redlands is buzzing once again with students galore. Ann without an E is now on unstable exits and should be Cat 8 soon, Russ is close behind on 15 second delays, E1 first freefall, E2 on

DPs, Simon & Rich converted to throwaway and nearly finished consols. Claire got back in the air after her ankle injury and she and Pieter did their 50th jump on the same load, all together, aaahhhh!!

Ellie has started to jump with anyone she can on the same load and is currently in anti-wronging counselling after spending the night at the DZ. Ellie, go home in future. Nate has rejoined the Redlands fold, Joel has another long-legged girlfriend who ended up doing a tandem, funny that!. Geoff spent 4 hours cleaning the Airvan and Pete Marsden has put new cushioned seating for all, so please wipe your feet from now on!

Andy Goodall is back in the pilot seat and checked out 'Sit Still' Dylan. All we need now is some blue skies and it will be our most successful year yet!

Dylan Griffith-Jones



Pink boy Dylan hangs out with Brucie by Russ Barnes

Jersey



Photo: Mally Richardson

Big congratulations to Alun for gaining his CSI rating, nice one bruva! June and July brought Andy M, Chris P and Pete back to the rock for the usual antics as well as some hard earned beer time! Packing in as many tandems in such short time takes a lot of effort so well done all. August sees the annual off island trip to distant lands (well, France!) for a bunch of the yocals as well as some newbies, good luck with the AFF guys! Skydive Jersey is open during mid August with the Airvan returning to our shores so plenty of slots for fun jumpers. Speak to Al about hitching a lift. Come down and experience the beach! Blue skies all – hopefully!

Simon Griffiths

Achievements
200 Jumps
 Stuart McDermott

Sth Cerney

Well we now feel that we really are back to our old selves. We've had loads of fun this season, including some balloon jumping! We had a great team of pilots turn up with three balloons for our pleasure back in June. Everybody said they'd definitely want to do it again, so we really want to make it a regular thing.

We also had a great outing at Kemble Air Day. The team opened the show with a display and then spent the rest of the day at our stand promoting skydiving to the visitors. There are loads of demos planned and we are actively looking into more guest aircraft. Next on the list is the AN-2 in August!

Rachel Organ

Black Knights

Achievements

First Freefall

Ryan Trenchard
 Robert Walton
 Glyn Forshaw
 David Wroe
 Neil Casson
 Chris Dale
 Joanne Parkinson
 Dimitris Miriokefalidakis

AFF Graduate

Jeff Horrocks
 Alan Horrocks
 Richard Hamnett

Cat 8

Steve Senior
 James White
 Matthew Yates
 Caroline Childs

FF1

Liz Boniface
 Lee Rhodes

CP1

Duncan Aspinall

200 Jumps

Liz Boniface
 Mandy McGuinness
 Paul Morrison
 Anthony Mould

300 Jumps

Lee Rhodes
 Mike Collinson

Lots of training is going on ready for the Nationals. *SAFE* are looking like hot favourites to enter the Freefly Bs this year. *Old Fart 4-way* (Jeff, Phil, Billy and George) are looking strong for the next SOS meet.

Al Holmes had an unsuspected 'practical joke' played on him and ended up in freefall whilst still on the ground. He was kitted up though! He fell about two feet resulting in a lovely crack in his helmet!

Big well done to Adam from *Avalore* who participated in the new European head-down record 40-way, see page 38. Good luck to the boys for the Nationals. Sam Davies is soon off on her travels after a brief return, this time to Seoul in South Korea to study botany. Congratulations to Jeff & Jessica Simpson on the birth of their son Sean Andrew.

Deano has been sporting a most bizarre, paint-splattered hat resembling Bill Oddy. He blames the medication as usual. Jo insists it isn't hers. 'Cockerham Palace', aka Sue & Danny's new caravan, has opened its doors to the public. Tickets are on sale now in the office, including a guided

tour of all three wings and croquet lawn. The trees have been cut down at the edge of the student field to stop turbulence. Hopefully we'll see a few more stand up landings as a result – and that's just the instructors!

We say a massive farewell to the Flying Dutchman Marc Ket who leaves BK after many months flying the Porter. Marc is off to fly helicopters in the Amazon rainforest as part of a series for National Geographic. We wish him all the best and hope he will still have time to visit when he's famous!

Rob McVey

We hope Rob will still visit too when he's famous, he's out in Spain training and Mag7 have taken up the mantle. What a combination for any DZ, the Mag7 as club reps and Godzilla the fastest climbing Porter in the world back in town! Jeff and Phil like their pound of flesh, so F-GODZ set a record for Cockerham in May of 31 lifts in a day – only to better it to 32 in early June. A massive thanks from everyone at BKPC to the departing club rep, Rob McVey who is apparently now based in the gay capital of Europe!

Chris Lynch's Wing Tips attracted over a dozen participants, but the weather permitted only one lift for the entire course. Huge thanks to Chris for the

extra briefings, video sessions and the benefit of his knowledge.

The Canopy Piloting Coaching Roadshow, with Alex Wilson, was a great success, with coveted CP1s awarded. Dunc closed the event Superman style, swooping the pond and finishing a few feet short - yet again! He's the third to take a plunge in the pond – and won't be the last!

The CF Grand Prix saw every round completed, helping the 32 lift record. Alex McMullen & Steve Stringer did the locals proud.

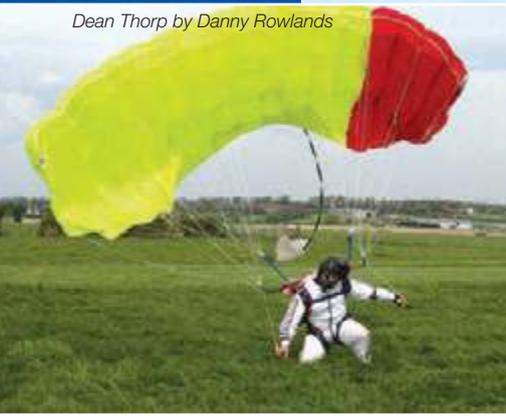
A progression week is planned for 3-10 September plus a BPA Artistics Roadshow, 8-9 September. The achievements list shows student activity has been through the roof. Combined with a broad mix of active disciplines and jumpers representing all parts of the UK, this makes – as far as we're concerned – BKPC one of the best places to jump in Scotland!

Mag7

Danny by Steve Stringer



Dean Thorp by Danny Rowlands



Peterlee

Eric's trip to Russia was a storming success with masses of progression – and a visit to a Russian hospital to boot! Kev Mitchell is now a proud member of Team Titanium, he's now back in the UK and making really good progress. Dave Taylor became addicted to wingsuiting while Jade Elliott got her FS1. The trip marked the last skydive for Dave Mitchell, he's been an active instructor and part of Peterlee for years. He'll be missed but we hope he'll come and visit and bring Maddison along too!

The Durham and Newcastle Uni peeps went off to Empuria. Back home Tim Key got his FS1 in less than 50 jumps, very impressive! John 'Jonsky' Brown got his Cat 8 in a mere 28 jumps, impressive also, and Colin Daley fully deserved his 'A' Licence.

Adam Pencharz

Jonsky by Alan Thompson



Achievements

Cat 8 Colin Daley
Harry Wheatcroft
John Brown

FS1 Matt Dunk
Joe Keely
Jade Elliott
Tim Key

Jump Numbers

50 Andy Blades
Howard Drake

100 Darren Pearce

300 Kev Mitchell

600 Lee Saunders

700 Janet Wilcox

800 Dave Taylor

1000 Glen Staley

1200 Eric Hall

1600 Alan Thompson

12 Hrs Freefall Dave Taylor

Cark

Kay & Mike by Steve Nolan



May's FS Grand Prix saw a turnout of only 8 teams. 6 entered single A leaving the race for medals wide open in two categories! 4 rounds were completed on Saturday with no joy on Sunday due to the weather gods. Thanks to the teams and judges who attended and congratulations to local team *Sonic-V* for a tremendous win.

Big Dave and Helen (*Sonic-V*) celebrated a double birthday at the centre providing beer and goodies. Large formations were planned and the very last skydive formed the letters D and H to mark the occasion. Many happy returns!

Brian Jones and Kay Carruthers have both got plastered! Brian injured his leg whilst exiting – of all places –

& Chester arrived for freefly coaching, the manifest board was full of eager takers who kept the aircraft refueller John and duty pilot Duncan very busy. A tearful Cliff Wilson left early, due to running out of money after completing his 200th jump this year. Nicola & Harry began their freefall careers at the beginning of the week and, by the end, Harry was paying the beer fine for Cat 8!

Summer Solstice was celebrated with an evening beach BBQ at Humphrey Head – which the resident peregrines found very interesting! The final day saw a 9-way hybrid build with 6 flat flyers and 3 freeflyers

whilst Al carved around us head-down – an absolutely awesome dive with spectacular footage!

Brian Vacher's canopy skills course was fully booked with 12 candidates all oozing enthusiasm. Monday saw a lot of classroom work but Tuesday dawned with blue skies and light winds enabling back to back jumps with participants trying their best in the varying skills and discipline requirements.

Well done to all our club achievers and to Katie Hayes for actually understanding what a dirt dive is for!

Stuart Morris

Dave spotting by Ellen Nath



the Bedford wind tunnel! Kay had a little argument with Langar's long grass. We wish you both a speedy recovery. Brian is laid up for twelve weeks but Kay's found a new mode of transport with piggybacks to and from the loos at the centre by her trusty steed Mike!

The first Cark week was blessed with virtually glorious weather every day. Al Hodgson, Pixie, Amy, Hamish



Big D's birthday dive by Rob Frost

Achievements

First Freefall
Harry Hardy
Nicola Capstick
James Holmes
Justin Cartwright
Adam Armstrong

Cat 8
Ben Booth
Harry Hardy

AFF Graduate
Lee Jackson
Kevin Wilde
Dion Wilde
Mike Austin
AJ Morgan

FS1
Becky Hall
Danny Hold
Katie Hayes

FF1
Cliff Wilson
Joe Aldridge

FF2
Cliff Wilson
Mike Carruthers

Jump Numbers
100 Katie Hayes
200 Gareth Couldrey
300 Paul Rimington
Yvonne Rimington
400 Cliff Wilson





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Wild Geese



Mick Gook resurrects his "gooky" board

Photos by Mike Murphy

Achievements

- FS1**
- Paul Brennan
- Dave Scott
- Andrew McCorkell
- Finbar McClements
- Eimer McGovern
- Cat 8**
- Stephanie Graham
- Gabham Bradley
- FF1**
- Andy Lowe
- 100 Jumps**
- Paul Brennan
- Dave Scott
- 1000 Jumps**
- Sean McKenna

There was a buzz around the club as the Queens Parachute Club headed off for their annual trip to sunny Gap in France. Anticipation was high to realise their personal goals. With some leaving on 10 second delays and returning Cat 8 you could say they did! Big congratulations to everyone, great work!

A huge well done to our CCI Maggie Penny who won the prestigious Black Bush Golf Tournament, beating 490 women from all over Europe! The tournament was held on the nearby Causeway Coast. Visitors, pack your golfing gear, we cater for everyone at the Geese!

The good weather has given one of our oldest jumpers Mick Gook the push to get his gooky board out of moth balls and return to sky surfing. "Skysurfing, wingsuits, freeflying, golf - whatever next?"

Mike Murphy

Jade Allister



Weston

We had a BPA Coaching Roadshow with the girls from *Airkix* and *Elan* in May. Everyone who attended gained loads of valuable coaching in both individual and team skills. The chicks were running around making sure everyone got to jump when the weather broke. If you have a BPA Coaching Roadshow coming to your DZ, make sure you attend it!



Team Rush by Sven

Achievements

- AFF Graduate**
- Kara McKinley
- Cat 8, CH1**
- Jacinta O'Donnell
- CH2, JM1**
- Georgie Humberstone
- FF1**
- Aaron Binks
- Michelle Meakins
- 50 Jumps, CH2, JM1**
- Neil Hughes
- 300 Jumps**
- Aaron Binks
- 700 Jumps**
- Mike Lovemore

Toga party by Dan Clarke



Brian Vacher's Safe Flight School again was very popular and well attended. All slots went within a day of being advertised. All levels are catered for and the course is very well structured. We're hoping to have another so keep an eye on the website.

The BPA arrived with a tandem & AFF course, well done to all. A first happened here - John Hitchen bought a round of drinks! Yes, we couldn't believe it either so we made him buy two! He even asked for a receipt. (Only joking John!)

The end of June saw the tracking freefly weekend with *Outbreak* giving coaching. Unfortunately the weather wasn't kind but we hope to reschedule. The toga party on Saturday night rocked! More events are in the offing so check our news and forum pages.

Ash Kemp

Foxy coaching by Danny Jessop





8-way GP senior gold – Sounds Grrr8



Intermediate gold – Blizzard



Intermediate silver – Blue Steel

Langar Boogie I

Everything was in place for a spectacular start to the summer at Langar. We had two resident Grand Caravans, two Skyvans, load organisers, instructors, coaches, pilots and a sea of red jumpsuits with the *Brit Chicks* in town. Unfortunately the one ingredient that's beyond even Dave Hickling's control put a spanner in the works – the weather! We only managed about 18 lifts in 8 days!

On the very last day the weather broke and we did 47 lifts! The *Brit Chicks* finally got jumping – and pulled off a magnificent 52-way Red Cross on only their second jump together. So, we ended on a high and salvaged a victory from a miserable week of weather. We look forward to seeing you all throughout the summer – with a huge pile of unused jump tickets!

10-way Speed

5 teams completed 2 rounds before giving up in disgust at the weather. We'll be running that one again next year! Got all the medals ready, after all!

4-way Grand Prix

There was a good turnout of 16 teams and excitement with a multi-round jump-off for A class bronze between *Monkey Magic*, *Qi & Seraphim*! This was the first DZ outing for Cametrix's new Camscore fully computerised judging system – very efficient, with hassle-free video downloads and continuous display of dives and scores on the Langar TV system, much to the delight of the competitors.

4-way GP Results

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Rookie	4-Play	Recreational Hazardz	Strangers in the Night
A	Phobia	Slightly Odd	Monkey Magic
AA	Wingnutz	Dis Mon Nome Salope	Fend 4 Yourself

8-way Grand Prix

There were only 3 teams due to a dire weather forecast – and rumours of no judges! The Camscore people came to the rescue: dives were uploaded to judge Kate Charters at her home in bonnie Scotland, and the judged dives transferred back to Langar for display. Now that is a flexible system! AAA gold was won by *Sounds Grrr8*. In AA class *Blizzard* took gold and *Blue Steel* took silver.

Go Vertical

Pilot Jan Wildgruber brought his Beech 99 Millennium Falcon once again for Go Vertical UK. Martin 'Funky Pigeon' Kristensen and Tim the TelePorter were here to augment Bullet Freely for 5 days of extra altitude and super fast flights with some cool freefly kids. The weather wasn't as kind as last year but thanks to all you crazy freefly dudes for sticking it out. We still got 3 days of non-stop jumping followed by a traditional Go Vertical 'In Hopp' demo and party. Big thanks to Matt Thomas and Tim Aucott for the use of the Barbecue Bonanza DZ – their field at Barkstone Church. We had a bonfire but we couldn't light it – it was too big and would have taken Barkstone



Red Devils

Ex-world champion and former team member Jackie Young returned and did her first demo with the team for 30 years! The team has now done 25 displays and over 220 tandems. A key focus this year is supporting the casualties from Iraq and Afghanistan with a tandem fundraising programme. Get well soon to Sean Hughes and Daz Smith.

Nick Vischer

Billy Blanchard over Bassingbourn by Steve Candlish

Tigers

The Tigers went training in Perris with two newbies, Ed Provost-Lines and Chris Smith. We did an impressive 75 jumps each with no malfunctions, no injuries and Ed got his CF1. The East Anglian Game and Country Fair saw Chris and Ed getting the beers in for their first demo. Chris was given a thumbs-up landing by the team's crew god Lee Andrews at the Margate Airshow. Chris said "That demo was definitely one to remember after getting landed right on the cross. I can't wait for the rest of the season!".

Chris Smith

Lee Andrews & Chris Smith by Paul Smith



Langar



Boogie 1 big-way by Marcus Beck

with it – Steve! Tim has been known to be a little excessive with fires, we missed you this year! Weather prevented the Boot and Shoe demo so we were taxied there by Bullet Freefly and friends for food, drink and merriment. Anna Howerski and Foggy came over from Empuria and provided live music. Everyone fell in love with Anna as she sang so sweetly.

There was a rumour that Jan was going to jump this

year, he even brought Pete from Empuria to fly. Yep, Jan does skydive and has more jumps than many of us. Maybe next time?

Langar Boogie 2 is just around the corner. Steve and Al have some plans to feed your freefly habit so come and let's push our skills to the limit!

Competitions by Milko, Boogie report by Mag 7, Go Vertical by Al Hodgson, Bullet Freefly

Achievements

First Freefall	500
Tori Nichols	Jason Kierman
Dan Smith	Tina Wiseman
Cat 8, CH1	Dan Williams
Tim Crane	Ian Taylor
Kiara Vincent	Pete Bacon
CH2, JM1, FS1	800
Henry Cressey	Ally Milne
Mark Fleming	Neil Butcher
FS1	1000
Mark Wane	Hannah Betts
FF2	1200
Pete Bacon	Tom Hartland
	1600
	Chris Ives

Jump Numbers

50	1800
Henry Cressey	Pixie
Mark Fleming	2000
Mark Wane	Craig Poxon
100	1 Hr Freefall
Matt Sweeney	Kyle Price
Pranav Agarwal	Henry Cressey
Lee Funnell	24 Hrs Freefall
200	Chris Ives
Paul Rimmington	60 Hrs Freefall
300	Chris McCann
Rai Ahmed	
Kelly McCann	
Ed Morley	
James Watson	
400	
Jo Hawley	
Vince Lam	
Jesse Karadia	
Will Cooke	

POPS

The 2007 POPS programme is well under way with three meets behind us already. Numbers attending have not been that great but the quality of fun and parachuting achieved has made it very worthwhile.

Our thanks to Paul Moore and the team at RAPA for making our stay memorable. Our trip to Cyprus went very well with about 20 of us all staying at a hotel near the DZ and having to put up with sunshine, socialising, swimming and swanning around whenever we weren't skydiving. The competitions were hotly contested with the following Accuracy results: gold – Colin Sutcliffe, silver – Paul Moore and bronze – Anon. Well that's what Phill Harris asked me to say!). The Hit 'n' Rock happened during a windy and interesting day. Results: gold – Ian Nicholson, silver – Colin Sutcliffe and bronze – Phil Bell. Our thanks to Steve Thomas and the guys at CPC for their hospitality. The ambiance, amenities of the island and the good company really made it worthwhile, leading to talk of another sunshine trip next year. Maybe Spain?

Hibaldstow saw our first UK meet on 23-24 June which, you may remember, was the prelim to the heavens opening and all the flooding! We got away with Accuracy on Saturday but the Hit 'n' Rock was rained off on Sunday. I should have known better than to pick the same

weekend as Glastonbury! Nevertheless the positive attitude and camaraderie shown by our jumpers and partners just confirmed why I think we are a special bunch of 'old beggars'. Results of the Accuracy were: gold – Dick Barton (everything comes to he who waits), silver – Don Taylor and an equal place bronze to Mike Coleman and Pete Shew. A special mention must go to Mike Whyborn in his first ever competition, first time with POPS and first time jumping in the UK. Special thanks to Tony, James and Simon of Target Skysports for their 'can do' attitude.

Pete's Pot, the main trophy for Hit 'n' Rock will be competed for at Dunkeswell on 13-14 October, courtesy of Skydive UK.

News about the POPS big-way record attempt, 8-9 September is on page 10 and will be on the website, www.pops.org.uk as soon as we have any more news. Same for the next World POPS at Toogoolawah, Australia, 28 April - 4 May 2008.

Pete Best

A final word about our loss of long term POP, Pete Best, our only octogenarian to have completed an unassisted freefall jump whilst over the age of eighty, see page 49. His passing leaves a deep unfillable hole in our ranks – but many memories. Our sincere condolences to his lovely wife Hettie.

Dick Barton

POPS in Cyprus by Inger Allum



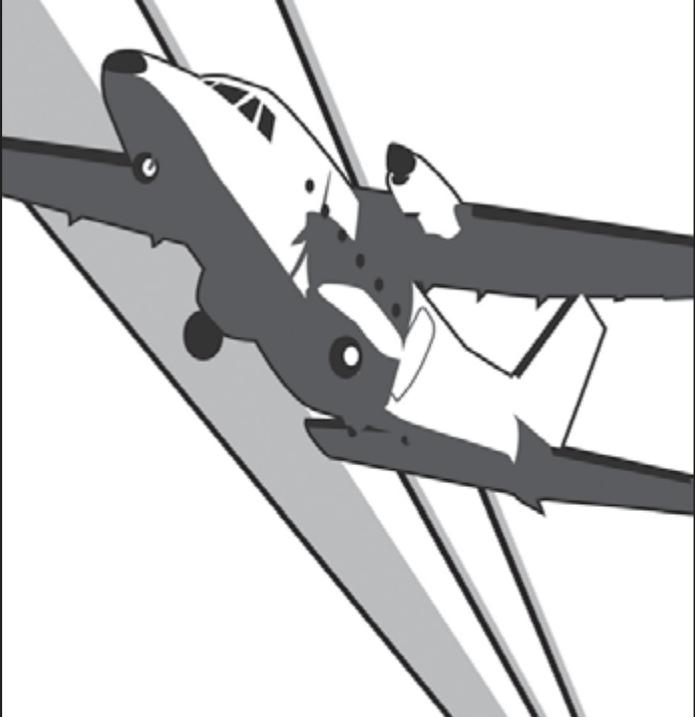


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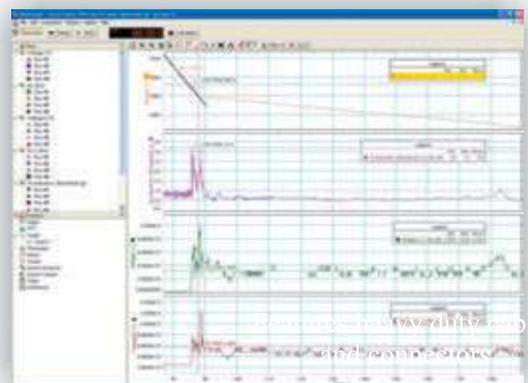


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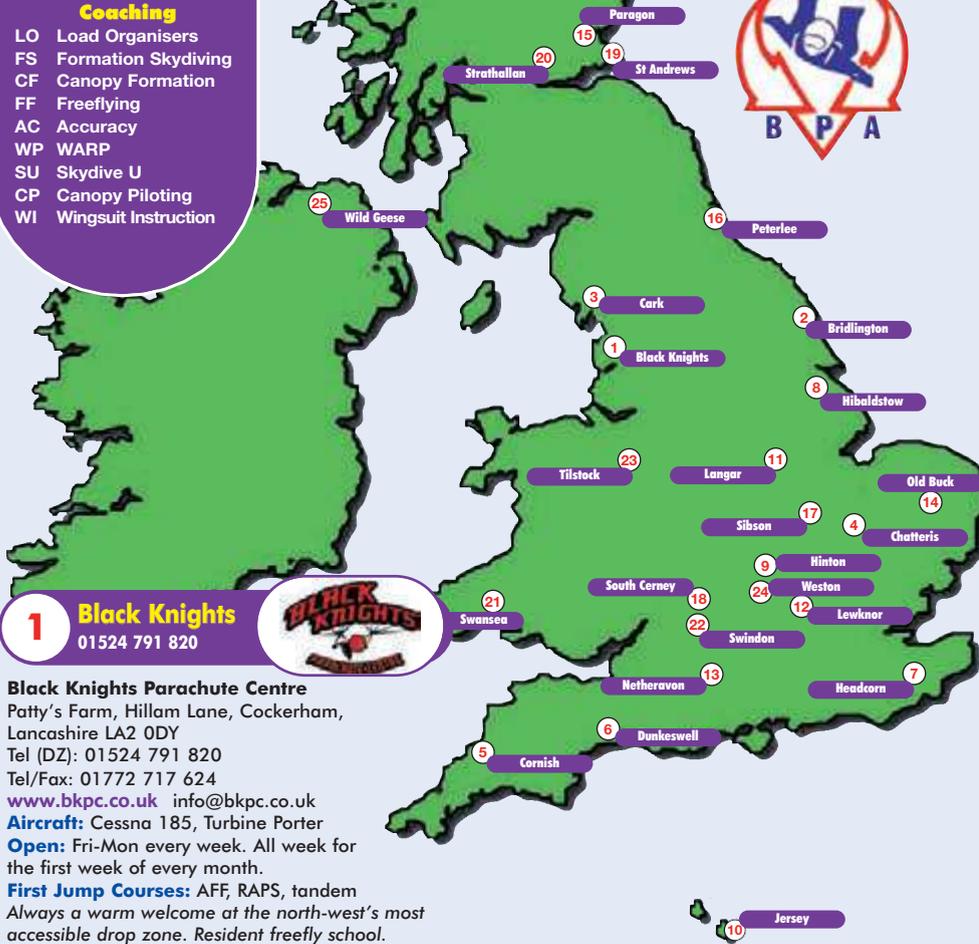
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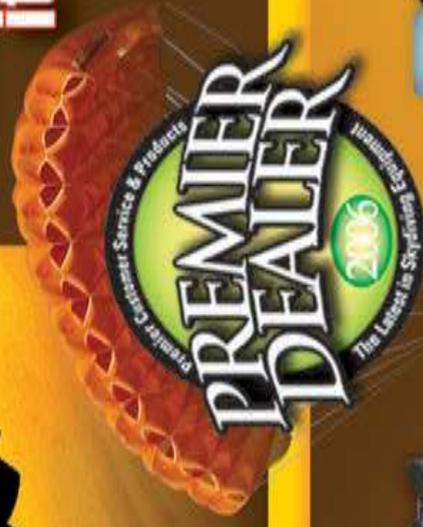
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