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I found Michael Wilson-Roberts' Canopy Corner really interesting this month. Even though I'm not a swooper myself, it still gave me plenty to think about – not least the fact that he had tracked his canopy progression on a spreadsheet. This means that he is able to look up data about how many jumps he has done on each canopy and what steps he took

before downsizing to the next one. He could evaluate how much coaching he had received and what proportion of his jumps were hop'n'pops. It may sound geeky, but it's actually the only way to objectively assess canopy progression. I've only ever really seen it done subjectively before, with people saying things like "oh, I've had my 150 for two years now so I'm ready for a 135" or "I'm happy with my landings, I can cope with something smaller". Food for thought...

*Liz Ashley*

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CFUK, by Ming Chu



## Last minute dot jump

Several events took place right as this Mag went to press, and full reports will follow next time. The CF Nationals were at Black Knights on July 11-12, where *CFUK* won 2-way Sequential and 4-way and *CRWsaders* won the 4-way Rotations. The Dunkswell 4-way UKSL completed in a single day on July 18 and *Vision99* won AAA with a fantastic 18.7 average, miles ahead of the competition. *Almost Petite* took gold in AA, *Awesome 4some* were single A winners and *Blue Steel* were Rookie champions. Last but not least, a new Female Head Down Record 11-way was set at Sibson on July 18!

## Pat Walters

**Pat sadly died** aged 77 on July 4 following a long battle with cancer. Pat was Chief Instructor at Tilstock for many years, and was a former Halfpenny Green stalwart before that. Many students will remember him as their Instructor, and many Instructors will remember him as their Instructor Examiner. A full obituary will follow next issue.

## Justin Roberts

**Justin sadly died** in his sleep at his home in London on June 17, aged just 35. He had been skydiving since his university days in Bristol and was a keen freeflyer who always had a huge grin on his face. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and family.

By Sam Bemment



## Team Elite

**International load organiser** Guy Wright once again hopped across the pond to grace our skies with his unique style of luminous load organising. There's certainly no excuse for not finding your slot when he's in the base, that's for sure! The five-day event at Hibaldstow included 24 three-plane formation loads, lots of challenging 40-plus-ways, some 20-way no-contact drill dives and a three-point 42-way!

By Sam Bemment



## GOOD LUCK TEAM GB!

**Competition season** is just kicking off and will be well underway before the next issue. British Nationals have already taken place in Accuracy and CF, and CP will happen as this Mag hits doorsteps. Next up is VFS, then 4-way FS, 8-way FS, Artistics and Speed. Wingsuit Performance and Speed 8 round off the UK season in September.

However, the best of our National competitors will also be taking their talents abroad for the various world-level events. Late August sees both the Style and Accuracy World Championships in Bulgaria, and the Canopy Piloting World Cup in Canada. This is followed by the World Cup in FS, Artistics and Speed which will take place in the Netherlands in September. Finally, the first World Air Games since 2011 will be held in Dubai in December.

Full reports will follow in future Mags but, if you can't wait that long, then follow the British Parachute Association on Facebook and show your support to our teams - it means a lot for them to hear your comments.

MicroClim8,  
by Chris Cook



CI Noel Purcell with the  
403rd tandem student,  
by Rob Lloyd



## Guinness World Record

**Teenager Stephen Sutton**, who died of cancer in 2014, left a huge legacy. His 'bucket list' went viral before his death and included a skydive, which he completed with Chief Instructor Noel Purcell at Hibaldstow. However, his bucket list also included breaking a world record, which has now been achieved in his name for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

On July 10, Stephen's family and friends were joined by more than 400 people and a huge team of more than 30 Tandem Instructors at Hibaldstow. The aim was to break the Guinness World Record for the most tandem jumps in 24 hours, which stood at 286. This was absolutely smashed, with 403 tandems completed in just 11 hours and 38 minutes!

## Roadshows galore

**The roadshow season** is well underway. Since the last Mag, there have been roadshows in FS, Freestyle, Freefly, VFS, Speed, CF and wingsuit! So what are you waiting for? If you haven't yet taken advantage of free coaching from the BPA's best, it's not quite too late as there are still a few roadshows left this year. Check Events Zone for details.

Wingsuit roadshow,  
by Oliver Ellis



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## FROM THE SAFETY AND TECHNICAL OFFICER



### Jeff Montgomery

**As with Tony Butler** (BPA Chief Operating Officer), who wrote in this column in the last Mag, skydiving is in my soul.

Having joined the Army in 1991, I was introduced to sport parachuting in Canada in 1997. Bitten by the skydiving bug, I completed my AFF the following year in Empuriabrava and started a full-time career as a sport parachutist with the Silver Stars Parachute Display Team. I served with them for more than four years, becoming a Category System Instructor. In 2000, I was honoured to be awarded BPA Instructor of the Year.

In 2003, I joined the Royal Artillery Parachute Display Team, becoming a Tandem Instructor and AFF Instructor. I moved to the military instructing circuit and to the Services Parachute Centre in Ballykelly, Northern Ireland in 2005, first as full-time instructor, then qualifying as an Advanced Instructor. In 2007, I went to Cyprus and became a full-time Instructor at the Combined Services Parachute Centre, qualifying as an Instructor Examiner.

Having met my wife Fern skydiving (of course!), we married in 2008 and returned to the UK a year later to the Joint Services Parachute Centre at Netheravon. In 2011, I was appointed Chief Instructor for the Silver Stars Parachute Centre. I became the proud father of Noah in 2012 and of Casey in 2013.

When I was appointed as BPA

Safety and Technical Officer in 2013, I said: "I look forward to this new and exciting opportunity to contribute to the mentoring and development of parachutists and future Instructors. I would also like to recognise John Hitchen [BPA National Coach and Safety Officer until his retirement in 2013, now a BPA Vice President and still Chair of the BPA Safety and Training Committee] who has made such a major and sustained contribution to our sport, and who will be a hard act to follow."

There are, of course, cultural differences between the military and a third sector, volunteer-led national governing body of sport such as BPA. But the exhilaration of our fantastic sport is a constant, and the number of skydivers whom I have the pleasure to know has grown and grown since I joined the BPA staff.

During my (nearly) two years in the job, I have adopted the approach of evolution rather than revolution. This is the appropriate way in a membership association such as BPA, where the views of many stakeholders need to be taken into account – consultation is the watchword.

To give structure and formality to the consultation, I convened meetings with Examiners about a review and update of our Instructor course syllabuses, looking first at courses for Basic Instructors. One outcome was the introduction of BPA proficiency cards, to ensure that course members arrived at the course better prepared with a good foundation and therefore able to benefit from the course. Since January 2015, this has been included in Section 4 of the Operations Manual as part of the requirements of those attending a Basic Instructor. The review is continuing this year and will go on to cover CSI, Tandem and AFFI, which have already taken place followed by Advanced and Examiner courses.

The digital communications revolution has not passed us by, and we are looking to make Instructor Manuals available in electronic format to complement

the hard copies in chunky red ring binders so long associated with BPA Instructor courses. Coaching Manuals are already available digitally, and I am co-ordinating an ongoing programme of updates and additions to the series.

The ethical dimension of instructing and coaching in sport is something that has received more attention in recent years and, last December, we published (as BPA Form 288) a Code of Practice for BPA Instructors and Coaches. Instructors and Coaches play a crucial role in the development of our sport and in the lives of those they train, and good Instructors and Coaches ensure participants in our sport have positive experiences and are therefore more likely to continue in the sport and achieve their potential.

Instructors and Coaches must demonstrate a high degree of professionalism, honesty, integrity and competence at all levels. The need for Instructors and Coaches to understand and act upon their responsibilities is of critical importance to our sport, as is the need to protect the key concept of safety, and that of participation for fun and enjoyment as well as for achievement. This is implicit within good instruction and coaching practice and promotes a professional image of the good practitioner.

The courses themselves have continued apace. We have organised even more than before – 24 at six venues from Central

Scotland to Kent in 2014 and, so far in 2015, 19 courses at six venues. Thank you to our teams of Advanced Instructors and Examiners for their sterling contribution to course delivery and course member assessment, and thank you as well to Trudy Kemp, PA to Tony Butler and me, for her always-efficient administration of course bookings and organisation.

My time between courses, syllabus reviews and updating and co-ordinating the development of new Coaching Manuals is taken up with a variety of safety, technical and training assignments. These include taking part in conducting audits and inspections of BPA Affiliated Parachute Training Organisations and BPA Registered Display Teams, incident investigations and a wide range of work to support BPA's world-class Safety and Training Committee (STC). In the future, I hope to follow John Hitchen as Chair of STC should that be the wish of Council.

I approach everything I do with relish, always keen to develop our fantastic sport and the people who make it what it is – our wonderful BPA members! The only downside is, after time away in another part of the UK delivering an Instructor course, Fern, Noah and Casey do a double-take at the bearded figure at the door before they realise it's their formerly clean-shaven husband and dad who has come home to enjoy a family weekend – excepting an emergency call out, that is!



Jeff (left) instructing AFF



## BPA Skydive the Expo 2016

**BPA Skydive the Expo 2016** will be held on 30 January 2016 at EMCC Nottingham NG7 2RJ. There'll be great content for you to share in, and contribute to, about our passion for inspiring and growing the skydiving community. Enjoy the exhibition, prizes, seminars, surprises and, most of all, the camaraderie of skydivers' biggest 'do' of the year. There will also be the BPA AGM and the BPA Annual Gala Dinner, entertainment and disco on the same day – and night! More details in the October issue.

If you'd like to offer a 50-minute seminar for presentation at the Expo or have a topic you'd love to hear a presentation about, please email us at [skydive@bpa.org.uk](mailto:skydive@bpa.org.uk) headed 'Expo seminars'.



## Awards open for nomination

**Nominations are open** for the following BPA awards:

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Closing date: 4 November.

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Closing date: 2 November.

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Closing date: 25 November.



## Nominations for Council 2016

**In the autumn**, it will be time to think about nominations for the 2016 BPA Council. In the event that there are more nominees than the 15 elected seats available, an election will be held. Any election will be independently administered and run from December to January, with dates to be announced if the seats are contested. Results of an election would be announced on the Monday before the AGM at EMCC Nottingham on 30 January, after which Council 2016 will hold its inaugural meeting to elect Officers and Committee Chairs for 2016. Further information on how to stand for election will be available in September on the BPA website.

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## Consultation on possible changes to the composition of Council

**Consultation with members** is running until 10 August on possible changes to the composition of the BPA Council, as reported in the June issue. This is consequent on the BPA signing up to the Voluntary Code of Good Governance for the Sport and Recreation Sector – the standard now expected of National Governing Bodies of Sport in the UK.

The recommendations on which Council is consulting are to:

- 1 Reduce the size of Council from 15 to 10-12 to make it more efficient and focus on vision, mission and strategic outcomes.
- 2 Increase the term of office on Council from one year to three or four years, with a limit of eight or nine years of continuous service.
- 3 Ensure that only approximately one third of the seats on Council come up for election each year, so improving continuity and reducing business risk.
- 4 Consider electing to Council, to complement the skills profile of

Council as a whole, two volunteer independent non-Executive Directors from outside our sport with specific skills and experience to help progress BPA's mission and vision. This will ensure that Council has individuals who are truly independent and focused on what is best for all of the membership.

- 5 Consider electing an Executive Director (the Chief Operating Officer) to Council.

**The process for change would be:** Any changes of this kind will need the BPA's governing instrument, our Articles of Association, to be updated. For this, a Special Resolution needs to be put to a general meeting of members

(the AGM) and will require a 75 per cent vote to carry.

Implementation of any new arrangements would likely be by phasing in over a period of two years. All Directors would continue to be elected by the membership, with independent non-executive directors likely to come forward through recommendation of a nominations committee of Council.

For more, see [bpa.org.uk/member/governance](http://bpa.org.uk/member/governance)

Feedback from members is invited via social media or email to [skydive@bpa.org.uk](mailto:skydive@bpa.org.uk) under the heading 'Governance'.

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# SUIT UP FOR A WORLD CUP



A WORLD FIRST FOR THE UK AS THE FIRST-EVER WINGSUIT WORLD CUP COMES TO NETHERAVON!

**57** competitors from 19 countries and five continents registered for this historic event: the first Wingsuit Flying (Performance) World Cup, which was also the first FAI category one event for the organisers and the NAC. On the first day, there was a morning of training jumps followed by the opening ceremony. Gary Connery started the ceremony with a wingsuit flying display, landing

using the same canopy that he used as the 'Queen' when jumping into the 2012 London Olympics. He was followed by 'Wez' Westley, who swooped in front of the delegations, and then there was an outstanding professional display from the *Red Devils* which included a three-man downplane, one jumper with the Regimental Flag and an impressive jump by Lance Corporal Chris Sharman who flew the 5,000sqft Union Flag into the arena during a minute's silence for the National Anthem. This was certainly

**1** *L/Cpl Chris Sharman flying the 5,000sqft Union Flag. By L/Cpl Lee Crudgington*

**2** *Overall winner Espen Fadnes, by Jackie Smith*

**3** *Caravan full of wingsuiters, by Jackie Smith*

an innovative way of raising the flag and a very moving experience.

This was followed by a short opening speech by the Mayor of Salisbury, who welcomed everyone to Netheravon, and IPC President Graeme Windsor. Graeme thanked everyone for coming and for the hard work put in by Jackie Harper (APA Secretary and organiser), John Smyth (BPA UK Delegate) and James Hayhurst (IPC Wingsuit Committee Chair) since their original proposal to host the competition had been put to him during the CP World

Championships in Z-Hills last August. The timescale from getting the event approved at the Plenary in February 2015 to the event itself at the end of May had been exceptionally short. Finally, the FAI flag was then raised, the FAI anthem was played and the competition was declared open.

**AN IMPRESSIVE SIGHT**

The jump draw and allocation of aircraft was taken at the end of the meeting, followed by the tagging of each jumper's wingsuit to ensure that only that wingsuit was worn throughout the entire competition.

The competitors also took their helmets to the Judges' room, where the designated 'FlySight' devices were affixed to each helmet by Klaus Rheinwald and his team and where they would remain on charge and under the supervision of the Judges until they were called to the flight line.

Despite some periods of bad weather, the competition completed on the third day and the gold went to Espen Fadnes of Norway. While competitive Wingsuit performance flying has only been around since 2006, the scores achieved by Espen in this competition are the highest scores ever recorded. The winner in each of the three tasks (Time, Distance and Speed) →



4 Bespoke new trophy, by 'Fletchy' Fletch

5 Judges, by Jackie Smith

6 Wez Westley on jumpmaster duty, by Jackie Smith



# FIRST WINGSUIT WORLD CUP

scores 100%, potentially giving the overall winner a total of 300%, and Espen achieved 294.4% – a remarkable score for someone who hasn't been competing very long. He was presented with the specially commissioned trophy, made here in the UK by 'Fletchy' Fletch (who also designed and built last year's new Freestyle trophy).

## FASTER, HIGHER, STRONGER

After the successful conclusion to the first World Cup in Wingsuit Performance Flying, the winds went over limits so plans to create Performance Records were put on hold. Some fun jumps were made in the evening, but the following day's bad weather put paid to any plans for record jumps then as well. At the competitor's meeting, the FAI Controller and Chief Judge asked the competitors for their views on a number of matters, including suit modifications, the use of additional electronic devices, jump order (to be in line with all other IPC disciplines and ranked according to final standings at the previous WPC/World Cup), unsafe exits – no floating exits allowed (to be penalised by yellow/red card warnings and possible

loss of score) and the addition of a possible team event and Overall Nation Award. The IPC Wingsuit Committee will draw up their proposals for rule changes and publish these in November 2015 for discussion at the IPC Plenary in Jan/Feb 2016.

Kate Charters conducted a Wingsuit Flying Judge Training Course during the week and her trainees assisted the official judging staff with some of their duties to supplement their classroom work.

The inaugural world event in any discipline will set the first records that future competitors will aim to exceed and more than 100 World, Continental and National Records were set at this event – the bar is set high. These included a host of records set during the competition itself, as well as new World Records in Time and Distance set after the competition had finished. Netheravon had been given permission by STC to do jumps from 20,000ft, which allowed Jackie Smith to set a new World Record in Distance of 18.142km, and for her husband Spike Harper to spend almost six arm-aching minutes in freefall on his way to a new World Record in Time of 358.2 seconds. ●

**7 After-comp fun XRW, by Lee Crudgington**

**8 Walking back from Netheravon's HUGE landing area – the perfect venue for the long distances that wingsuits can cover. By Jackie Smith**

**9 Team GB's Gareth Jones, by Jackie Smith**

**10 Winners' podium, by Jackie Smith**

**11 Team GB's Tony Uragallo, by Jackie Smith**

**12 Team GB's Dave Ruffell, by Jackie Smith**





"The organisation was impeccable, everything ran silky smooth and luckily the weather played ball too! Unfortunately, the leg wing of my wingsuit blew up in training three days before the event so I was pretty stressed on arrival. It was lucky Tony Uragallo was on the British team, as he kindly lent me one of his demo suits to fly. It was pretty nerve-racking jumping a completely different suit for the first time in competition, but it turned out alright in the end. I was very proud to be part of Team GB in such a great event. Hopefully, I won't blow my new suit up before the Nationals!"  
**Jonathan Charles**  
**BPA delegation, 34th overall**

"As this was the first time I had attended a world-class event, I was struck by the friendly but professional vibe of the whole thing. Standing at the opening ceremony as part of Team GB at a first World Cup in the beginnings of the next chapter for wingsuiting was quite a moving experience and it was something I felt incredibly proud and privileged to be a part of. Despite the competition including some very famous names, the atmosphere was one of friendly competition and competitors freely discussed techniques despite being locked in some intense battles for position. Managing to outperform my own expectations and deliver a respectable result left me with

an enthusiasm to help push this sport forwards and get more people involved. The hosting of the event showcased the UK to its highest level and the whole team at Netheravon and the FAI delivered a flawless competition worthy of its world-class status. The marker has been set for wherever wingsuiting will go from here and everyone who was there at the first will never forget the sense of occasion that this event brought."

**Gareth Jones**  
**BPA delegation, 25th overall**

"Fantastic competition, so well organised – the APA seemed to think of everything. Thanks to everyone that made it happen."  
**Mike Williams**  
**BPA delegation, 47th overall**

"So the first World Cup ever held in the UK has been and gone – it was amazing. As you cannot be Chief Judge in your own country, I was asked to take on the role of Chief of Judge Training. I had nine candidates including one from the UK, Frank Mallabone, who I am pleased to say passed the course with flying colours. We also had the UK's Dave McMinn on the panel as a qualified judge (one of three who have the first-ever ratings.)

"As for the competition, well! I take my hat off to Jackie and her team, who pulled out all the stops to make this meet a complete success. With only a few months to get it organised, you would think she had been

doing it all her life. We owe her a great big thank you for getting Wingsuit Flying recognised by the IPC. A mention must also go to Mark Bayada, who did a fantastic job as Meet Director, and not forgetting Stacey Canning and Wez Westley for sitting in the plane all day, every day, dispatching jumpers.

"Everyone I spoke to during the week said they were having the best time and were so happy with the way things were being run, although I must say it was the quietest World Cup I have ever been to. Everyone was so busy concentrating on their jumps or taking a rest, and I was told that each jump was the equal to three minutes of press-ups!

"Congratulations to Netheravon for hosting it and thank you to all who took part. Until next time, fly safe."  
**Kate Charters**  
**Chief of Judge Training**

**RESULTS**

- 1st: Espen Fadnes, Norway
- 2nd: Spike Harper, GBR
- 3rd: Marc-Andre Denault, Canada
- 16th: Jackie Harper, GBR
- 25th: Gareth Jones, GBR
- 27th: Paul Cain, GBR
- 32nd: Tony Uragallo, GBR
- 34th: Jonathan Charles, GBR
- 36th: Max Mcleod, GBR
- 40th: Sam Stevens, GBR
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# SUPER DUPER SWOOPERS



NEW GROUND AND NEW RECORDS AT THE DUNKESWELL EURO GP MEET

WORDS SCOTT MACKENZIE  
PHOTOS ROB LLOYD

**T**he second CP Grand Prix of the year was hosted at Dunkeswell on June 13-14, and we hoped for more competitors and better weather than the first meet.

With the Friday set aside for practice, the initial signs weren't great – the weather only let two lifts up, both of them unsuitable for training. The weather on Saturday promised to start as it finished on the previous day, but all weather stations promised suitable June weather by lunchtime – the start of a long waiting game.

This time, there was a good turnout with ten people competing overall. Eight were in the Pro Class and two in the Advanced Class, a new category which was introduced to encourage potential new CP competitors to compete without the pressure of seasoned pilots

demoralising the rest. In short, the requirements to compete in the Advanced Class are the same as the Pro Class and all pilots still need their CP2. The only difference in the rules for the Advanced Class is that competitors do not need to drag in Distance or Accuracy. To score, they are still required to break the light beam across the gates, which are 1.5m high and 10m wide.

The clouds gave way briefly but, after one practice round and the first round of Speed, they closed in again lower than before and put the competition on a standby which was to remain in place until the end of the day. →



Because of the weather hold and being so far behind schedule, wheels off was set for 7am on Sunday. However, the cloud still haunted the sky, trying everyone's patience. Suddenly, the blue skies shone through and it was game on.

**A CROWD IN THE SKY**

One of the benefits of having two Beech aircraft is that, when the weather clears and the Dunkswell manifest machine starts, it is really easy to get a lot of jumps in quickly. We completed one round of Distance and one round of Accuracy very quickly – if the weather closed in again, the competition could be declared completed.

Henry Van Halewyn started strongly with 100 points in the first rounds of Speed and Distance, with Dan Guest close behind. Dan took the first round of Zone Accuracy.

With one round of each completed, the competition continued to finish all remaining Zone Accuracy rounds. In his second run, Henry turned the tables

and scored 100 – way ahead of the rest of the field.

Unfortunately, we lost two competitors – Dave Honeybone in round two and Henry in round three – to landing injuries which put them out of the rest of the competition. Thankfully, neither had any long-term injuries and will be ready for the Nationals in July.

From here on it was really a two-horse race between Dan and Chris Lynch. Chris, flying his new Valkyrie, finished the last Zone Accuracy round with 100 points and Dan was right behind with 90.9 on his Petra.

For the remaining two Distance rounds, Dan stepped it up a gear and won both despite an awkward crosswind. The overall positions for the GP Pro Class were Dan Guest in first with 590.255, Chris Lynch in second with 422.906 and Henry Van Halewyn in third with 335.087.

The Advanced Class also saw some tight competition despite there only being two competitors. For Zone Accuracy, it was a joint first place with each of us

**1 Scott Mackenzie**

**2 Podium – Aaron Cosbey, Rod McCrory and Dan Guest**

**3 Henry Van Halewyn**

**4 Dan Guest**

**5 Scott Mackenzie with his wife Jennie**



drawing the first round with the same zone and subsequently winning one round each.

The Distance rounds were equally balanced, with yours truly winning Round 1 and Ian the next two on his new Valkyrie. The Speed course was more challenging for both competitors, with a crosswind push at the end challenging our experience to keep the canopies kited



**66** There was also a bonus award for the most spectacular swim, which went to Ian for his sheer determination to get back in the air despite going in the pond three times. **99**



**VIDEO:** [TINYURL.COM/NHAAPFT](https://tinyurl.com/NHAAPFT)  
 Watch Scott's helmet-cam view of his competition rounds at the link above or click on the link in the Skydive App or at [skydivethemag.com](http://skydivethemag.com)



*Team Ireland* were represented by Rod McCrory and Aaron Cosby competing in the Open Class, and four competitors made it from Skydive Northwest as well.

We must also thank Jason, Rachael and the whole team at 'The Well' for investing in the pond and hosting the competition. Other than the weather, the meet ran extremely smoothly with a dedicated Beech for the swoopers that also gave us priority to get the competition finished against the odds. It was fantastic.

Canopy Piloting is a great spectator event and, with the new Advanced Class, I encourage anyone interested to either come down and try it out if they have a CP2 or even join the spectators at the side of the pond to watch and get a feel for what the competition is all about. This is a great opportunity for all budding Canopy Pilots to come and see what a competition is about and get valuable experience. We need your support to continue running events like this. The CP scene is different to other comps because it feels relaxed between the competitors – more like a training weekend rather than a competition. It's a great thing to be part of. ●

**Scott Mackenzie runs Weapons of Grass Destruction Canopy Courses – check out their Facebook page for the latest dates.**

while remaining in the course. Eventually, on the third round, I managed to complete the course to score more than the minimum three points for making the gate.

Overall, Ian Chick won first place with 434.409 and I was second with 409.00.

There was also a bonus award for the most spectacular swim, which went to Ian for his sheer determination to get back in the air despite going in the pond three times. I'm sure the Kermit the Frog boxer shorts will bring more luck next time!

**THE VIEW FROM THE PODIUM**

I certainly learned a lot from the meet. As my first full competition (weather restrictions, normally), I made some

basic errors due to lack of knowledge of the rules but it was a fantastic experience to build on with the camaraderie of the competitors. The Advanced Class is a great stepping stone to compete against others who are less experienced without the pressure of trying to perform like those more seasoned guys on their hyper-performance wings. My own personal goal was to score, no matter how much or little, in every round and to consistently hit the gates. I was once told the aim of your first competition is not to win, but to learn from your mistakes and survive it.

What was great to see was the number of competitors who had travelled a long way to support the event. The legendary

**6 Rod McCrory**

**7 The fabulous judging team**

**8 Chris Lynch**

# FILMING FS EXITS

BY DAVE HEAD,  
4-WAY NATIONAL CHAMPION  
CAMERAMAN 2011-2014

## PART 2 of 2

**T**he first few seconds after an exit can be what makes the difference between podium positions.

Teams can spend thousands training to raise their average by a couple of points over a season, only to lose all that gain in those first moments. When I was writing the Camera slot contributions to the Exit Zone series, I looked back at *Satori* footage to test my advice. On some of these exits, the time between the team leaving the aircraft, presenting the first point to the camera and breaking for the next point was half a second. Those were extreme cases, even for *Satori*, and they demanded finely-honed reactions, no small amount of practice and a great deal of trust between the team and the cameraflyer. Few teams perform at that level, but the trend of increasing averages in FS shows no sign of peaking and teams with only a handful of well-practiced 'safe' launches can transition to a first point quickly enough to catch out the unwary.

In competition, a cameraflyer's aim on exit is to clearly show the formation to the judges before the team key to the next point. This means getting all of the necessary grips and required separation in frame at a steep enough viewing angle and doing so quickly enough without taking the team out in the process. Getting the horizon or aircraft in the back of a shot is useful for debriefing, but is irrelevant to the team score.

There is a common misconception that exits can only be either leading (letting go before the team) or peeling (letting go after the team) and that there is a gap in the middle when the team leave where the cameraflyer cannot go out of fear of collision. However, the cameraflyer *can* leave at any time between being too early and being too late. This can be grouped into three choices:

- Leading – letting go before the team
- With – going at exactly the same time as the team
- Peeling – letting go after the team →





Novice cameraflyers have traditionally started by peeling before progressing to leading. A handful of more experienced or confident cameraflyers may move on to leaving at exactly the same time. Taking these exits in the typical order of cameraflyer progression:

## Peeling

This is letting go after the team and following them:

- The safest choice for most exits, but not those that go steep (worse if you peel late).
- You won't go too early by accident if the exit pulse is unclear, so a good choice for pool camera with an unfamiliar team or one that jostles a lot in the door.
- You won't hit the team because they have left before you.
- It's easier to track down the hill than up it if you leave too big a time gap.
- It gives a good view of the team if they go flat early.
- The camera image doesn't get dazzled/silhouetted by running in towards low sun.
- There is a common tendency for cameraflyers to peel too late – see 'Timing' below. →

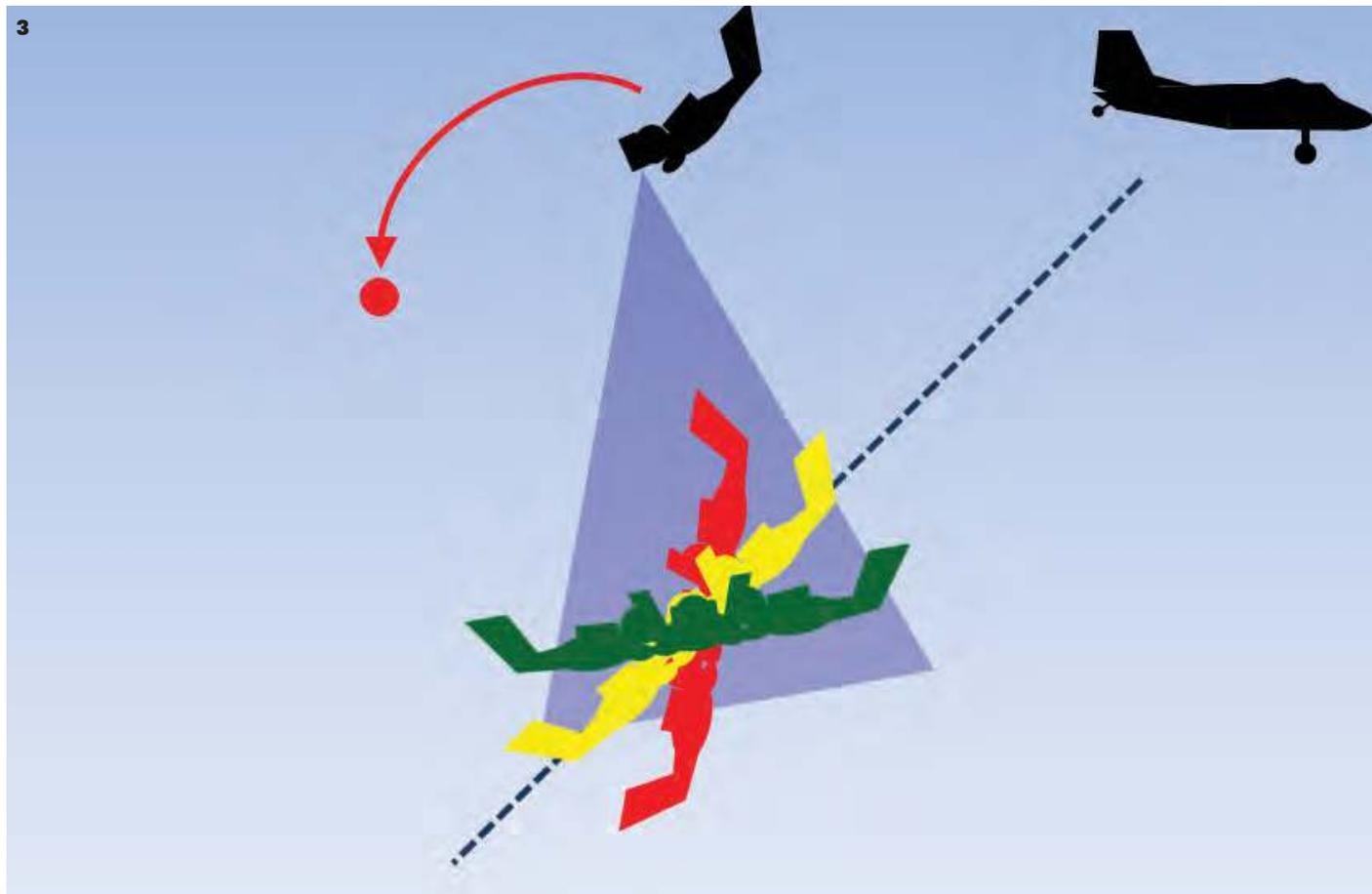
**1** GKF4 cameraflyer Scott Janise leaving 'with' the team while exiting a Turbolet in training for the 2014 World Championships. Photo by SSG Matt Navarro, US Army Parachute Team

**2** Peeling exit - this photo of Block 16 was achieved with the cameraflyer at 90° across the hill, then simply rotating the photo 90° anti-clockwise for print. By Dave Head

**3** Peeling gives a good view if the team have a good exit or go flat early, but not if they go steep. If the team goes steep, the cameraflyer has a big move down the hill to get a good viewing angle on the team



**TIP 1:** Aircraft with a high run-in speed or prop-blast like a LET tend to make exits go steep. You may be able to use your wings and body to get a kick from the prop-blast to help keep a steeper viewing angle.



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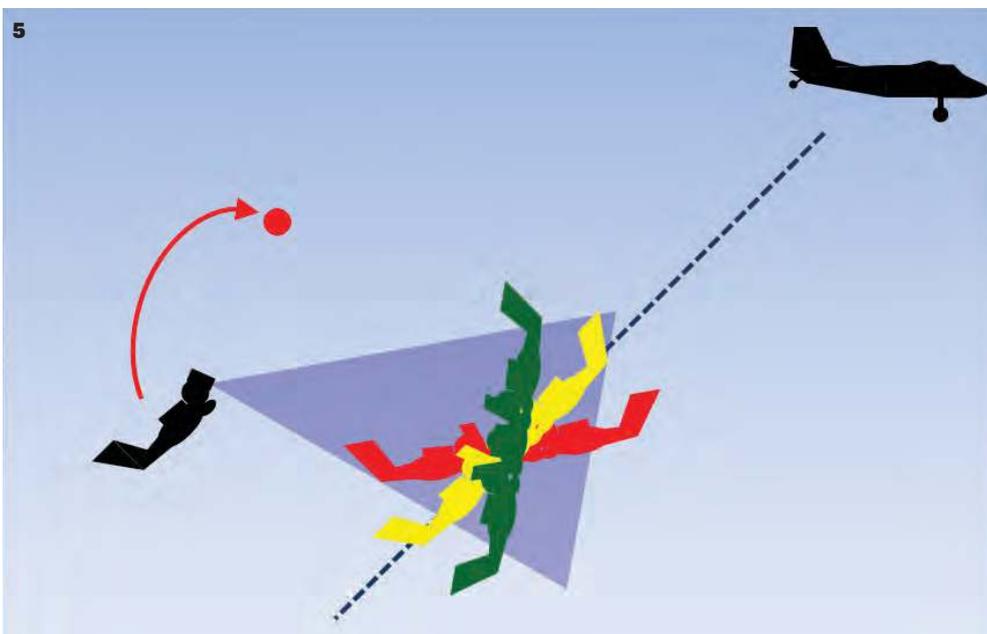
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4 This photo of Block 18 was taken from a leading exit. Notice how the aircraft is still in frame and yet the block has already been keyed! By Dave Head

5 Leading gives a good view if the team have a good exit or go steep, but not if they go flat. If the team goes flat, the cameraflyer has a big, difficult move up the hill to get a good viewing angle on the team



BY DAVE HEAD

**Leading**

This is leaving the aircraft slightly before the team:

- You shouldn't hit the team because you are leaving before them.
- The most useful for debriefing because you will have the horizon or aircraft in the background as a reference.
- It gives a good view of the team if the exit is steep.
- It's hard to track back up the hill over the top if you go early or if they go flat early.

**With the team**

This is leaving the aircraft at the same time as the team:

- This gives the closest and steepest view of the team the soonest after exit if they key out of the door quickly.

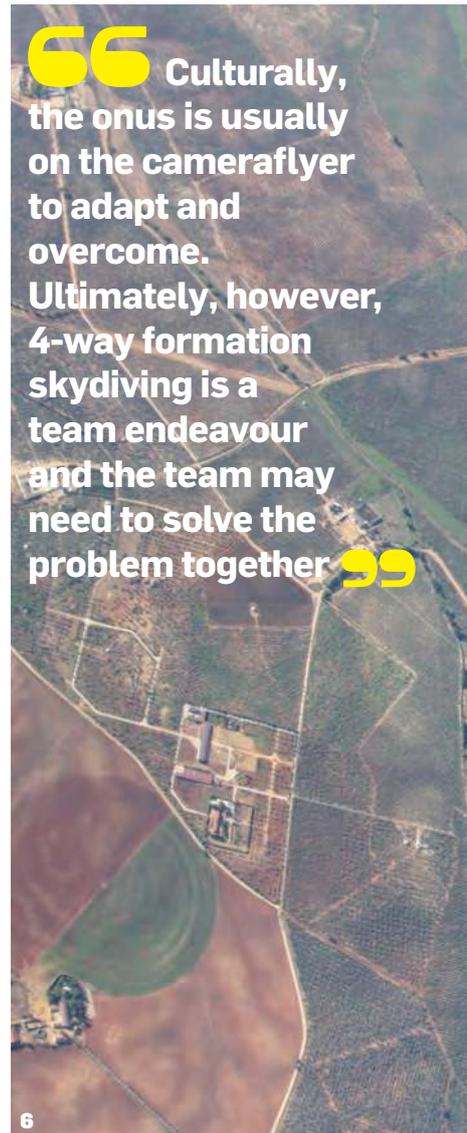
- You are closer to the team, so where you look may be critical to get everything you need in shot if the key is very fast – see 'Framing' below.
- It's easier to chase the team across the hill if the exit cuts in and carves.
- It needs the team to kick away from the aircraft enough and/or split-second timing to use the cleaner air between bodies – see Tip 4 and 'Timing' below.
- The team needs to be consistent for the cameraflyer to use this timing with confidence.

This exit timing is higher risk but has a higher pay-off and it may sometimes be the only way to get a good viewing angle on teams that key very quickly out of the door.

There are a couple of considerations which are common to all exits:

6 This photo of a Meeker (E) exit was taken from an exit going 'with' the team. By Dave Head

7 Going 'with' the team is more likely to give a good viewing angle, regardless of whether the team go steep, flat or have a good exit angle



**66** Culturally, the onus is usually on the cameraflyer to adapt and overcome. Ultimately, however, 4-way formation skydiving is a team endeavour and the team may need to solve the problem together **99**

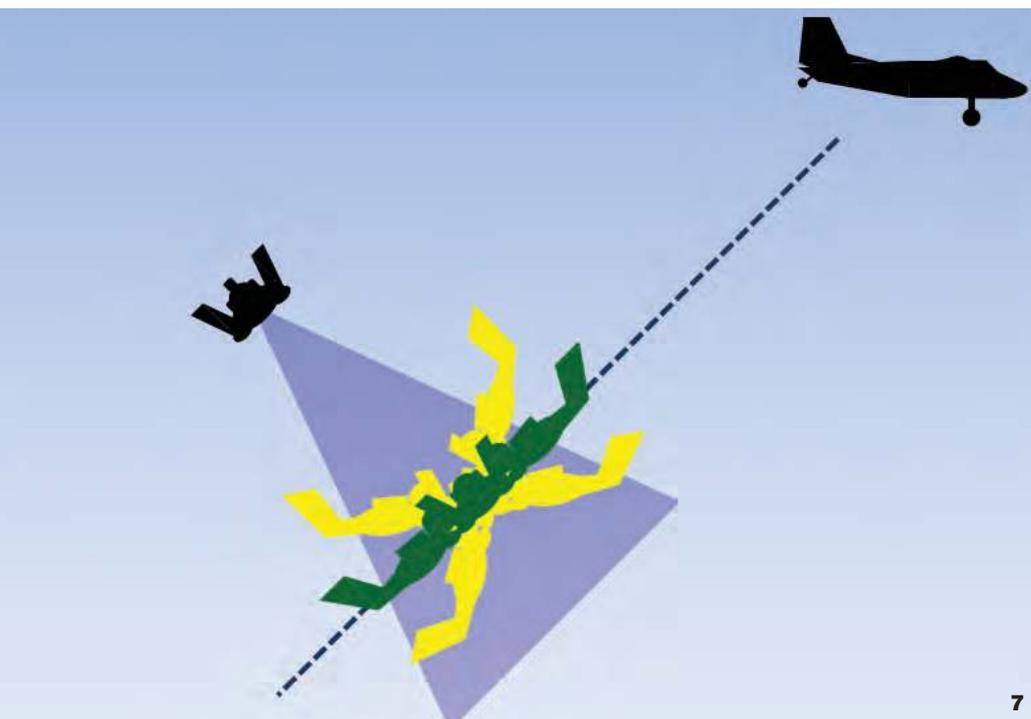
**TIP 3:** These three exit timings also apply to 8-way – see Exit Zone from the August 2014 issue.

**On the step**

Get as far back on the step as you can and still see enough. On some aircraft, you may need to be slightly further forward if you are using a timing cue from the inside of the plane. Cameraflyers can often use the rear of the doorframe as a hand-hold, but be careful of getting your hand pinned there by one of the team leaning on it. Foot placement can either be left foot forward or right foot forward. There are pros and cons to both. On a left hand door:

**Left foot forwards:**

- This keeps you side-on with your chest and hips to the fuselage and so you are less exposed to the prop-blast.
- You can get slightly further back if you rest your right hand on the fuselage rather than hang on to the rail with both hands.
- Some people feel presenting is more awkward, particularly with peeling exits.



- You may be forced to use this foot by a strongly curved fuselage (e.g. LET) or if there is no camera step (put left foot at rear of door).

#### Right foot forwards:

- You are more exposed to the prop-blast because your chest and hips are presented.
- Some people feel presenting is easier, especially for peeling exits.
- You may need more room on the step and may get leant on with an 8-way.

There is no right or wrong answer to this and people often over-think it. Unless the aircraft forces you to use a specific technique, then try both and use what works best.

Whichever foot placement you use, make sure you present your hips and chest correctly as you exit. Twisting your head and body too far to follow the team with your sight on a mis-timed exit can cause you to tumble.

#### Timing

Fractions of a second of difference in timing can make a huge difference in distance and steepness for cameraflyer exit timing. For any exit timing choice, spend time with the team in the mock-up to find a good timing cue, then review your footage afterwards and adjust as necessary. The same cue will often work for most similar exits of the same team. If you do realise your timing is off or the team presentation does not go as expected, try to react as quickly as possible rather than watching events unfold first – this will save time and points.

Ideally, we should leave the aircraft at exactly the same time as the team in exactly the same position relative to the team as we would like to be throughout the remaining duration of the skydive. The greater the time difference between the cameraflyer leaving the aircraft and the team doing so is simply greater distance the cameraflyer will need to close up again on the hill. However, even with that ideal timing, the cameraflyer will have to back away a little – on most aircraft, the camera step places the cameraflyer only one or two feet away from the team in the door.

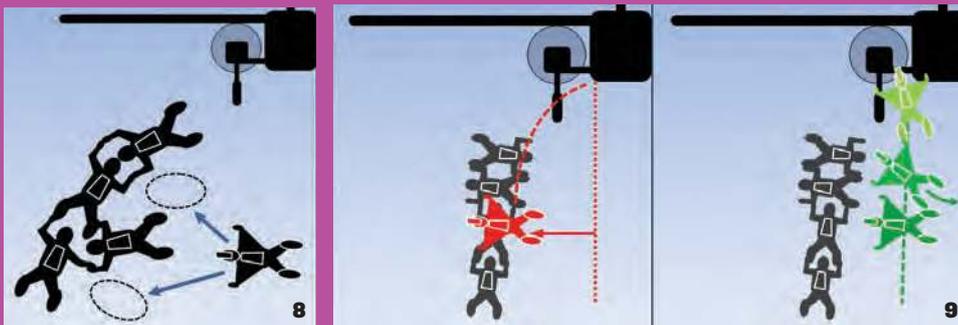
This ideal goal is the essence of the 'With' timing. To achieve it, your exit should be a synchronous move with the team, matching the team rhythm in the door and having the same momentum away from the aircraft like a perfect free-flown exit in formation with the team. Mentally, you should feel ahead of the curve and, when perfectly executed, this will feel like it happens slow-motion. This timing will often place you on either side of or behind the rear diver (usually Inside Centre). While you may look at the centre-float (usually Outside Centre) for the exit key, this timing may be easier to master if you visualise doing a no-contact 2-way with the rear diver as you both leave. The team will ideally carry some momentum across the hill and, if you do end up uncomfortably steep as you begin to drop, they should slide out from under you before it becomes an issue.

A common timing error is peeling much too late, where the cameraflyer doesn't begin to react until after the last person is already clearing the door. This extra time delay in the cameraflyer leaving the aircraft creates a →

**TIP 4:** One of the most challenging things for a cameraflyer to deal with is a team that doesn't kick away from the aircraft on exit, and especially with a team that then keys quickly and so needs a steep viewing angle from the cameraflyer straight away. Even if the team kick away enough to stop the divers cracking the door frame, they can sometimes still then stop and drop once clear rather than carry momentum away from the aircraft. While a cameraflyer should be able to cope with being burbled while flying steep over the team during a skydive, a severe burble in the sub-terminal air immediately after exit can be very difficult to counter at the much shorter distance caused by how close the camera step is to the team in the door.

The cameraflyer needs the team to kick away enough to have some air to work with. Enough can actually be a lot less than cameraflyers realise or would like. Here are two techniques cameraflyers can use:

The first is to take advantage of any gaps between bodies. This is key for the 'With' exit timing and requires split-second timing.



The second is to try to stay as close to the underside of the aircraft as possible. The cameraflyer may normally be pivoting over the foot they have on the step as they fall away, which will take their torso in an arc away from the side of the aircraft and over the top of the team. By dropping straight down tight to the fuselage and then turning in place as you pass below the bottom of the fuselage, you may be able to create greater separation from the team and reduce your movement across the hill. Even if this only creates a torso length of extra separation, it can be enough to make all the difference.

If the cameraflyer is not confident with trying the above, they have a number of choices. They can either lead or peel with a greater time gap between them and the team to be sure of getting clean air, but this may create a shallow viewing angle on the team and cause a camera-bust if the team key very quickly. Another alternative would be to try and kick out and beat the team across the hill, but this is only really safe and effective on long-thin formations such as Block 1.

Culturally, the onus is usually on the cameraflyer to adapt and overcome. Ultimately, however, 4-way formation skydiving is a team endeavour and the team may need to solve the problem holistically and work on their exits in conjunction with a coach.



**8** Using the gaps

**9** Keeping close to the aircraft

**10** Framing a 1 exit with the team across the widest part of the screen. It is only necessary to keep all GRIPS in frame; it does not matter if you chop off some legs in competition!  
By Dave Head

shallow viewing angle on the team and can cause a camera bust. The time taken for the cameraflyer to see that someone has started to move far enough from the aircraft to feel safe letting go, reacting and letting go, and then to begin to drop may only be half a second or so, but that can be a lifetime for some exits. The trick here is to factor the time delays for your reaction time and how long it will take you to drop into the space that the team will pass through into when you let go. If you anticipate this and start to let go as soon as the divers begin to move towards the door, they will have cleared it before you can come into contact with them.

The head and shoulders of the rear diver (Inside Centre) starting to pass through the door is a good cue. Waiting for the front diver (Point) to get clear is often too late.

### Framing

Modern video cameras film in widescreen and we can use this to our advantage to help keep grips in frame. We can do this by turning our head or orientating ourselves to put the long axis of the formation across the widest part of the screen. This is particularly useful on exit using the 'With' timing on long thin formations, which can otherwise be difficult to get in frame if they are keyed very quickly out of the door. Here, the long

axis would be on line of flight and we would aim to be in the two-to-four o'clock position, looking at the team across the hill.

The 'With' timing can put you very close to the team. This can sometimes be challenging, even using the framing technique above. One answer can be to use a very wide angle lens, but this can be counterproductive for the rest of the skydive. Fortunately, it is not necessary to get the whole of every team member's body in frame – only the essential parts which show whether the formation has been correctly built or not simultaneously. There is a natural tendency for your gaze (and, therefore, lens) to follow the person giving the exit pulse as you leave the aircraft, but this can put grips out of frame in those first few seconds on some exits. Try to get into the habit of looking at the centre-point of the grips you need to show to help avoid this. This is usually the 'hole' between the two centre flyers or Inside Centre's head or rig. If using this tip, be sure to check your camera and sight are aligned accurately.

### Which exit timing should I use?

Each of the timings described has their own pros and cons and the best one to use will depend on a number of factors, including: which formation the team is launching and how, how easy to read and predictable (i.e. reliable) the exit key is, how far your team kick away from the aircraft, how their exits fly (and their consistency), how fast they key out of the door, the aircraft run-in speed and prop-blast, and cameraflyer skill and confidence. Just to make life even more complicated, the slot-switcher blocks in AAA may cause the team to swap positions in the door. Different team members can be different sizes and be in slightly different positions and stances for the same exit. They may use a different exit pulse and timing, and the formation may fly differently out of the door.

There are, however, a couple of general rules-of-thumb novices may find useful:

- Long, thin formations tend to go steeper than small round ones.
- Aircraft with faster run-in speeds or stronger prop-blast (e.g. LET) tend to cause steep initial presentation. On aircraft with slower run-in speeds (e.g. Dornier), the team can go flat quicker on the hill so leading too early can make it difficult to get back over the top of the team.

It is not practical to have a completely different game-plan for every exit in the dive pool and most cameraflyers simply have a preference they stick to for most exits unless one of the factors forces them to use a different one. If something is working consistently, there is no real incentive to change. However, familiarity with the different techniques and knowing when to use them will give you much greater versatility when presented with a new situation. ●

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# Right on target

LOW SCORES, HIGH SPIRITS AND PLENTY OF BEER? THE ACCURACY NATIONALS ARE BACK! **WORDS** LAURA TURNER

**O**n May 22-24, Skydive Swansea hosted its first major competition – the BPA National Accuracy Championships. With 11 Seniors, five Intermediates and three Novices, it promised to be a good competition. It was brilliant to see Dave Tylecoat come out of the woodwork after a 17-year lay-off and the IPC President himself, Graeme Windsor, came all the way from Australia to enter, so there was no pressure to fly the flag and put on a good show at all...

The practice day was on the Thursday and it gave a few competitors a taste of what was to come. The PLAs at Swansea are on an old World War II aerodrome with a lot of tarmac near the landing areas which in turn produces heat and turbulence, making for very testing approach conditions. It makes the fabled Raeford Dragon in NC a doddle by comparison. The Swansea Dragon is here instead, and it certainly kicked a few in the backside throughout the meet.

## START AS YOU MEAN TO GO ON

With Judges Dougie Peacock, Roger Flavell, Bob King and Bob Charters in place, a competitors' briefing took place on Friday and jumping started soon afterwards. The weather was fabulous and five rounds were completed by the end of play on the first day. Esther Reynolds had a comfortable lead of 7cm total over Carl Williams, who was trailing in second place with 15cm. The Intermediates and Novices completed four rounds that day, with Grayson Summers and Alun Jones locked in battle. Alun had just 0.15m on Round 3, putting him firmly in the lead there. Novices Jon Davies and Gabby Morgan-Swinhoe (an item) were also head-to-head and endured constant jokes about sabotaging each other later that night. There can only be one champion in the household!

The day ended with a great barbecue (with 'Chef' Becky Jones doing a super job of cooking) and a flying display by local aerobatics team *The Ravens*. As Swansea wanted to go one better than the airshow that a majority of the Senior competitors had seen at DIPC Dubai in December, it was arranged that two competitors would fly with the team during the show. Gabby and Esther were the lucky two picked out of a hat and off they went.

While the air display was taking place, free beer was in full flow. This was thanks to the efforts of Ricky Davies, who beer fined anyone for every known reason known to man for a month prior to the Nationals to stockpile beer. Free event T-shirts were handed out thanks to Craig Hammond and Ryan Mancey kept everyone entertained with some great live music. Jimmy Frith was

*Graeme Windsor, by Alun Morris Jones*



*Gabriella Morgan-Swinhoe after her flight with The Ravens, by Sara Williams*



*Club jumpers and competitors with the ever-graceful Carl Williams raising a beer in the background, by Dougie Evens*



## VIDEO: [TINYURL.COM/NVRPUYL](http://TINYURL.COM/NVRPUYL)

Watch Dave Crowhurst's compilation and bird's eye view of the event at the link above or click on the link in the Skydive App or at [skydivethemag.com](http://skydivethemag.com)



presented a cake for his 60th birthday, which was exactly one week later, and the last man standing (believed to be at approximately 2am) was reportedly the one and only John Hitchen... who begrudgingly went to bed as there was no more beer left!

### ONCE MORE UNTO THE BULLSEYE

Saturday brought calm winds, but they picked up later and must have woken the dragon – big scores started to appear. Esther's lead started to disappear thanks to back-to-back dead centres in Rounds 6 and 7 from Carl, who firmly secured the lead for himself after not accepting 6cm on Round 8. This was due to winds over the competition limits, but he packed quickly, opted to jump again 15 minutes later and scored 3cm. Things started to click for Grayson, who logged some impressive scores of 0.16m and 0.21m in Rounds 7 and 8 that ultimately gave him the winning lead. Jon Davies went on to win the Novice category over his girlfriend and Kevin Harris with consistent scoring throughout too.

After a short break due to the winds late in the afternoon, the finale came in the evening with the Seniors completing Round 10 in reverse order. Carl was unaware at this stage that he'd actually won after Round 9. He was the last competitor to land in the competition and was congratulated with a huge roar (and a well-earned beer) when he ended with a Dead Centre!



On approach in the final round, by Alun Morris Jones

## RESULTS

### Senior

- 1st: Carl Williams
- 2nd: Pete Sizer
- 3rd: Esther Reynolds

### Intermediate

- 1st: Grayson Summers
- 2nd: Alun Jones
- 3rd: Craig Thomas

### Novice

- 1st: Jon Davies
- 2nd: Gabby Morgan-Swinhoe
- 3rd: Kevin Harris

This gave Carl a total of 23cm – not bad considering it's his first Nationals after a competition lay-off of more than 15 years. Pete Sizer consistently scored well in the last five rounds, securing second place with a total of 40cm, and Esther completed the podium with a total of 42cm.

The prizegiving was completed by Bob King, who handed out cash prizes from Skydive Swansea and those of the event sponsors Vigil. Zoe and Graham of Alti Europe kindly donated a new N3 altimeter as the Senior first prize and, after accepting the prize from Zoe, Carl immediately gave the N3 to a gobsmacked Jimmy Frith as a 60th birthday present. Despite not having a particularly good meet, Jimmy was a great competitor and inspiration to all who met him.

After that, everyone raced down to the local pub for a sit-down meal for staff and competitors. It was great to hear such positive feedback from the Judges, who all enjoyed the meet, but they especially liked seeing so many new faces in the Novice and Intermediate categories.

Right: Neptune rep Zoe presenting Carl Williams with his prize, by Dougie Evens



## BEHIND THE SCENES

A lot of preparation was done for the event by the staff, but a special mention goes to Alun Jones, for spending hours on a sit-on mower cutting grass for both the 50m Novice and Senior circles to make them really stand out for the competition, and to club jumper Adam George of InHouse Entertainments, who supplied equipment that helped things run smoothly. Big thanks go to Headcorn, who decided to rearrange another weekend for the Grand Prix because it potentially clashed with the Nationals. This turned out to be our saving grace; we enjoyed a weekend of the best weather of the year by far!

All in all, it was a great weekend. Thanks to Sara, Laura and Tanya for running manifest so well during the meet, and a new record was set on the Saturday for the most lifts done in a day too.

The word is that, if Swansea is awarded the BPA Accuracy Nationals again, it's going to be even better. Watch this space! ●

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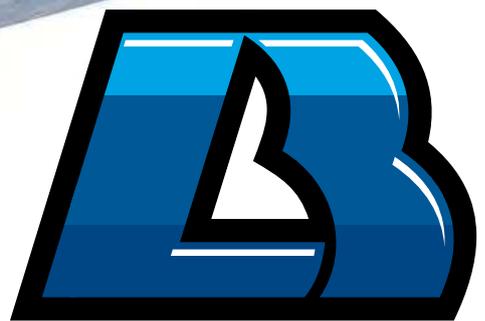
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# FLOCK YEAH!

## 42 WINGSUITERS, SIX BRITS AND TWO NEW WORLD RECORDS

**WORDS** MARK WANE  
**PHOTOS** WILLY BOEYKENS

It was mid-March when an interesting email came through: an invitation to a four-day event in Belgium which aimed to bring Europe's best wingsuit pilots together for a high-skilled event of dynamic and sequential wingsuiting. Oh, and in among all that, an attempt to build a three-plane wingsuit formation.

We arrived late on Friday night after successfully missing our scheduled train under the Channel, but we woke with the weekend ahead of us to get a few practice jumps in and to catch up with old friends ahead of the Sunday night briefing. A campervan seemed to be the vehicle of choice as the UK contingent consisting of Mark Wane, Jack Johnson, Gareth Jones, Chloe O'Brien, Roger Hughes and Ed Luke arrived to set up camp for the week.

From the moment the gods graced us with calm skies mid-Sunday morning, the jumping kicked off and we knew that the event would consist of high-level progressive flying. Organisers Roger and 'Zun' led a mixture of sequential and backflying jumps on the Sunday, with groups getting bigger and more progressive each load as all invitees pitched up ready for the kick-off Monday morning.

That night, with all three of Skydive Flanders' Grand Caravans parked up ready to go from the crack of dawn, the three organisers – Jarno Cordia, Roger Hughes and Stephane 'Zun' Zunino – announced their individual plans for the groups that they would lead. One group focused on developing precision skills for in-slot flat formations ahead of the big-way. The second group briefed dynamic jumps with smaller formations moving around in sequence. The third, exclusively backflying, would work on building vertical formations. Needless to say, the skill level was high this event was not designed for who want to try something new, but to perform the skills we have been recognised to possess at the highest standard.

### 1 Warm-up jump

2 Following Jarno Cordia (backflying in orange)

3 Practising referencing the correct sightlines in a 16-way

4 Vertically stacked

### START WITH A BANG

After waiting for the mist to dissolve first thing Monday morning, three planeloads began to assemble, gear up and dirt dive their first jump on the flightline as briefed the night before. Each was filled with 18 wingsuiters including a cameraman. Loads went up in rotation, running-in wingsuit specific, and offset by at least a mile and a half. All jumpers quickly assembled into their slot, whether flat formation, dynamic or backfly. As the jumps progressed, the formations built cleaner, flew smoother and became tighter. With winds at mid-range on some jumps, it would be fair to say that the kind locals also played a part in keeping the loads turning as some jumpers faced the enviable off-landing. By the end of the first day, jumpers returned from their loads to the sun setting over Flanders fields and a cool chalice of Leffe.

That night, the organisers gathered once again to brief the loads for the next day of jumping. Although still focusing on a range of dynamic jumping, the emphasis now began to concentrate on dialling in the skills needed to prepare



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for the multi-plane formations, and the attempt on setting what would be an official FAI World Record.

The second day also saw a mixture of static and dynamic formations advance to become cleaner and tighter still, and the organisers drilled in key elements of execution and break-off that would be vital to make the bigger formations come together. As the day ended after two solid days of advanced wingsuit progression, the mood turned to the preparation for the big-way attempts that would happen next. Not without challenge, that evening the organisers had the thankless task of deciding how big the first attempt would be and who would be in it.

### BE THERE AND BE SQUARE

At 6:50am, all 51 wingsuiters gathered in the hangar for the briefing and it was announced that the first big-way attempt would be a formation of 33 (plus two cameramen) out of two Caravan loads. The aim: to successfully set the official FAI World Record for the biggest wingsuit formation.

Although you may remember the 100-way wingsuit formation which was built in the USA in 2012, wingsuiting only became recognised as an official discipline by the FAI this year. Therefore, under the official rules using a square grid pattern to demark a wingsuit formation, no official record had yet been set.

From the get go on early Wednesday morning, tensions were high as we began to dirt dive the 33-way formation. We began by assuming our slot specific positions as our names were called out. Rigs and suits were all laid out to visualise the formation before gearing up for a dress rehearsal out on the landing area. Exits and break-off were tirelessly dirt-dived to ensure each person knew the role they had to play, as with all big-way jumps. With the glorious sunny weather overhead, the day's heat took its toll on us and, with each jump, we came perilously close to building the formation within the confines of the square grid. After the sixth and last jump of the day, exhausted yet hungry to set →

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a record, the debrief was called and we all piled in to watch the final video. After watching the various video angles, the stills from the jump appeared with the unforgiving gridlines overlaid on top. The judges stood up and announced that, from their official position, we had successfully set the official Wingsuit Formation World Record! Naturally, a stream of Belgium's finest blonde ales soon flowed steadily from the bar...

**WHY STOP AT ONE RECORD?**

With the record set, one day still remaining and an extra plane load of jumpers itching to get involved, we hit the final day bright and early once again – this time for a formation attempt of 40-plus! Again, the dirt-diving ritual took place repeatedly until all were certain of their task. The first two jumps were executed with the same

**5 The 42-way World Record**

**6 The record with grid overlaid**

**7 Happy record-breakers**

good form from the day before, each tantalisingly close to meeting the standards of the judges. On the third jump of the day, a formation of 42 was dirt-dived for the last time before boarding all three Caravans and ascending towards the heavens. The jump felt good – exit was smooth and formation quick to build. Upon all landing safely and walking back in to the hangar to pack, an almost immediate five-minute call to debrief came over the tannoy. Again, we all packed into the hot video room to watch the tape. This time, Willy Boeykens, cameraman and organiser of the event, walked to the front and loaded one of his stills on the screen. The image flashed up with the grid overlaid as he proudly announced that we had just set a new World Record of 42!

Celebrations unfolded immediately as a wave of relief flowed over all involved



after pushing so hard during the final jumps. An early retirement closed the day and marked the end of an amazing event. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of all the organisers and participants, the event showcased over four days some of the best-ever progressive wingsuit flying from some of the best wingsuit pilots around. ●

**Organisation and Initiative:**

Willy Boeykens

**Coaching and Organising:**

Stephane 'Zun' Zunino, Jarno 'Mc' Cordia, Roger Hughes

Camera: Willy Boeykens, Henny Wiggers, 'Kuts'

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# TWO DOWN, TWO TO GO.

WITH THE BATTLE LINES DRAWN AND THE SCENE SET, BPA FS REP JASON KELLEHER RECKONS THE UKSL IS ONLY JUST GETTING STARTED...

**T**he UK Skydiving League competitions at Langar and Netheravon were both completed, each with subtle gifts from the weather gods and, of course, more fun than you can wave a stick (or creeper) at. That just leaves UKSL Dunkeswell, which will have happened just after this Mag went to print, and Nationals. One thing's for sure: it's going to be one hell of a showdown...

## MAKE AN ENTRANCE

Let's start where things are at their very hottest: Rookie.

### 1 Nobody Expects the Worst, by James Stevenson

AAC *Blue Eagles* and *Blue Steel* were tied neck-and-neck for the lead at Netheravon, with *Blue Steel* pulling out a phenomenal 10.83 average. That said, things are looking like they're going to be tight right up to the end, especially given that the *Eagles* averaged three points higher than *Blue Steel* at Langar! Of the top Rookie teams, I'm also keeping my eye on third-placed *Fantastic 4*. They were far and away the most consistent Rookie team this year, averaging 6.00 at Langar and 6.17 at Netheravon. Those might only be small steps – well, maybe – but they're going in the right direction and we all know the UKSL is a marathon, not a sprint.

### BLUE SKIES?

Moving to A, and it came right down to the wire at Langar. *SeaFury* edged out *Dino4* for the gold by a smidgen over two seconds, scoring their 15th point in Round 6 on 31.49 seconds

against *Dino4*'s 33.08 seconds. That said, neither team entered the competition at Netheravon, so the doors blew wide open. The *Awesome 4some* duly took full advantage, the full ten points and first place for the overall UKSL medals, all in one go.

With *Tyranno4us Rex* scoring an admirable 7.83 average and *Three Men and a Dog* barking at their heels with a 7.00 average, it appears that consistency might become the deciding factor for the medals. Only four teams have entered both of the A Category events so far, but a special mention needs to go to *AGC Blue* for both their consistency (5.83 averages at both Langar and Netheravon) and their visible improvement from jump-to-jump at Netheravon (ending with a ten-point Round 6!). I think they're another one to keep an eye on, and they're currently sitting joint third in the overall standings.

### REACH FOR THE SKY

With just four teams in AA so far this year and some consistent performances, things are looking fairly comfortable for *Nobody Expects the Worst*. Comfortable, that is, unless you're a pilot listening to their singing all the way to altitude. Or, worse, DZ Control listening to the same singing, via radio, while the pilot holds the comms open. *Bless*. Furthermore, I heard a rumour that one of the Sams or possibly both are willing to perform a vigorous rendition of the YMCA upon request. Ask them about it.

That said, look out for *Almost Petite* and *Boots and Cats*, who are certainly →

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not off the radar yet with just four and nine points respectively separating them from that coveted top slot.

Also worthy of a shout-out slight mutter is *Team Helix* for cruelly drawing water pistols on the other teams and Judges at the medals ceremony after winning bronze at Netheravon. Don't worry; there will be revenge and it will be served cold. *Ice cold.*

**LAP OF THE (WEATHER) GODS**

Finally, *Entropy* and *Funnel Vision* were tied for first place in AAA on 13 points before UKSL Dunkeswell. I've heard a rumour from the grapevine that *Entropy* are now missing one of their team members, which may open the way for *Funnel Vision* to snatch the overall gold. However, I have a hunch that some of the other AAA teams (cough, *Bodyflight Aero*, *Vision 99* and *Phoenix*, cough) might have something to say about that! I'm currently rocking backwards and forwards as I write, wondering whether the weather will decide to play ball at UKSL Dunkeswell or not. That may prove decisive here...

**CANOPY, ALTI, CALCULATOR...**

Well, it's all still to play for. I have a feeling that Dunkeswell might either prove decisive for AAA or might take



**2 Three Men and a Dog, by Bill Booth**

**3 BPA FS Rep Jason Kelleher attempts to present Helix with their medals, by Jackie Harper**

**4 Vision 99 were coaching at UKSL Dunkeswell -hope it was awesome! By Bill Booth**

it right down to the wire, so I'll be right whatever happens (provided it isn't rained off). Remember: the scores in the tables do not include the UKSL Dunkeswell results and, even if you can't hope to take home the ten points for an event win, second place scores eight and every place down to eighth is worth points on a decreasing scale. With things this close, I have a feeling they're about to get interesting.

Of course, with just one more meet – the Nationals – still to go, I suspect there are several 4-way competitors scrambling over calculators as you read this. They'll be trying to work out whether they can get onto the podium at the AGM to receive their shiny awards for kicking ass throughout the year, no doubt... ●



AAA CATEGORY	
Team	Total Points
<i>Entropy</i>	13
<i>Funnel Vision</i>	13
<i>Phoenix</i>	10
<i>Bodyflight Aero</i>	10
<i>Swans</i>	6
<i>Quasar</i>	6

AA CATEGORY	
Team	Total Points
<i>Nobody Expects the Worst</i>	20
<i>Almost Petite</i>	16
<i>Boots and Cats</i>	11
<i>Helix</i>	6

A CATEGORY	
Team	Total Points
<i>Awesome 4some</i>	16
<i>SeaFury</i>	10
<i>Dino4</i>	8
<i>AGC Blue</i>	8
<i>Tyranno4us Rex</i>	8
<i>RAFSPA Hurricane</i>	7
<i>Three Men and a Dog</i>	6
<i>TTP</i>	5
<i>Superuma</i>	4
<i>Satori Aqua</i>	4
<i>Hyperion</i>	1

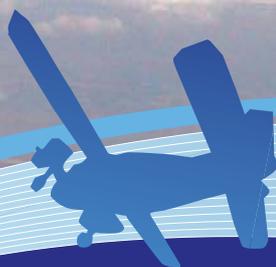
ROOKIE CATEGORY	
Team	Total Points
<i>AAC Blue Eagles</i>	18
<i>Blue Steel</i>	18
<i>Fantastic 4</i>	12
<i>4tune Rookies</i>	7
<i>Apollo</i>	5
<i>Burble</i>	5
<i>Tempest</i>	5
<i>Chatterchaps</i>	4
<i>Turbulence</i>	2
<i>Charlie Foxtrot</i>	1
<i>RAFSPA Phoenix</i>	1
<i>AGC Red</i>	0

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**In case you** wondered where the word 'funnel' comes from in skydiving, it's actually quite a descriptive term. Imagine your lovely formation is suddenly picked up by a heavenly hand and poured down a funnel, like skydivers transforming into swimmers at a water park

on one of those 'black hole' flumes. It's quite spectacular to watch from a distance or on video and (unlike the flumes) not usually much fun to be part of!

It usually starts with something smaller, a

'burble' where one skydiver passes underneath another one and 'steals their air'. When we fall belly-first, the relative wind is rushing past us at about 120mph, but there is an area of 'dead air' on our backs which is shielded by our bodies. To picture it, imagine standing on the ground and someone aiming a fire hose at you - the front of your body would get soaked and the water would rush past your sides, but you'd have a dry patch on your back. Now rotate this mental image so that you're falling towards the ground and the water is now the relative wind coming past you. The 'dry patch' on your back is your burble.

*If you go low or get taken out, slowfall side-on once you are out from under the formation. By Luciano Bacque*



Big-ways can be fragile, with a small collapse causing carnage.  
By Gary Wainwright



Other people can fly right next to you as they have their own clean air but, if they try to fly in the few feet immediately above you, then they will drop towards you and may well cause a collision. Of course, this could be your fault – rather than them flying OVER you, it could be that you have flown UNDER them!

Either way, a burble is usually recoverable with a strong body position and good awareness. Try to avoid skating around the sky from side to side – you may fly under more people and make things even worse! If you have been involved in a burble, then you may now be low on the formation. In which case, you need to assess how low. If it's only a couple of feet, it's time to slowfall in place, rising back up into your slot like a hero. If you're badly low or if there has been a proper funnel involving more people, now is the time to be super-aware of what is going on.

The problem you face is that everything is probably now happening above you but, if you look up to see what is going on, then you will increase your fall rate and sink even further away from your slot. If you try to come back up from where you are, you don't have great visuals and risk causing a secondary funnel by rising up underneath people. The best option is usually to get out from underneath the formation by turning side-on to the centre and sidesliding away. Once you are clear of the formation, you can now work on getting back up to it. Staying side-on, turn your head to one side so that you can see clearly while you stretch out your limbs and cup air with your chest and hips. It's probably best to end up slightly above the formation and out to one side, as you can then make a stadium approach back into your slot, dock gently and pretend you've been there all along!

## NEW COACHES

The DZs given are the ones where the coach achieved their rating, but they may be available to coach at other DZs. Congratulations to all.

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*Main: Learn to use your rear risers when landing. This will improve every landing and one day may save you from having to cutaway.*

*Right: I love this photo because I had to swoop over someone lying down in order to get it. The Velocity 96 is the perfect canopy. Every jumper needs to experience cross bracing. It is what allows me to fly alongside canopies four sizes bigger and still swoop accurately to a perfectly level finish in any wind direction!*



# CANOPY CORNER

**We learn from** the example (and mistakes!) of others, so it is useful to read about what other people have done. Each issue, we'll print case studies of people's canopy choices during their first thousand jumps and beyond, along with any lessons they learned along the way. Please do get involved – email your canopy progression if you've been around long enough to have lessons worth sharing.

**Name: Michael Wilson-Roberts**  
**First jump: July 1999**  
**Total jumps: 2,590**

## **CANOPY PROGRESSION:**

**Pathfinder 230 and 210** for 25 jumps. PD 9-cell 190 for 44 jumps. My first owned canopy at jump 69 was an original Sabre 170 for 511 jumps. Who stays on a 170 for more than 500 jumps these days, eh?

**Sabre 150 and Sabre 2 150** for jumps 581-903. This included my first Canopy Course (Basic) with Brian Vacher. This is probably quite late in your jump numbers to do your first Canopy

Course, but bear in mind that this was back in 2007 and I was actually on the *first* Canopy Course that Brian Vacher did when he first started in Empuria. I started 90° and 180° landings under direct coaching and started using a removable slider at jump 753. I completed 65 hop'n'pops and 85 freefall jumps on these canopies.

**Sabre 2 135** for jumps 904-962. Note that I was still flying a 150 at 900 jumps. That seems very rare nowadays, but you can still learn to swoop well on a 150! I did my second canopy course (Advanced) at jump 918 doing 180° landings. CP1 achieved at jump 906. The majority of my CP1 was achieved with the Sabre 2 150. I did a total of 39 hop'n'pops and 19 freefall jumps on the Sabre 2 135.

**Katana 120** for jumps 963-1,145. I completed three Competition swoop training camps with Brian Vacher at Empuria, training 180s on lanes with the use of gates in all wind conditions/directions. I also trained over the pond at Lillo DZ with coaching from Pablo Hernandez. I started 270° swoops at jump 1143.

My Katana 120 jumps were 91 hop'n'pops and 91 freefall jumps.

**Katana 107** for jumps 1,146-1,271. I attended two BPA Coaching weekends with Brian Vacher at Nethers and achieved my CP2 at jump 1,228. I gained my BPA CP Coach rating after giving CH and CP lectures under Brian Vacher's supervision. I also completed further coaching and another training camp with Pablo Hernandez at Lillo. Most of my Katana 107 jumps were hop'n'pops – 102, with only 23 freefall jumps.

**Velocity 96** for jumps 1,272-1,474. I did one Competition swoop training camp with Brian Vacher at Empuria in readiness for my first competition at Zwartsberg, Belgium. This was followed by my second competition at Ferhbellin, Germany (the German Open) and my third competition at RAPA, Germany, which were the UK CP Nationals! I was using electronic gates by now for all my swooping during 2009 and 2010 alongside training with *Team Heat* at Nethers. I also attended a BPA Coaching weekend with Brian Vacher at Weston, did a →



*Get a removable slider! I've had one since my Sabre 2 150 and for five more canopy downsizes after that. They improve the openings, and the increased vision and freedom under canopy mean their use should be mandatory. It takes just one jump to get used to it and no more than 60 seconds to re-attach it. I've jumped everywhere and have always had time to re-attach it - anyone who says different is simply wrong.*

Competition swoop training camp with Pablo Hernandez at Lillo and another with Brian Vacher at Weston. I continued training with *Team Heat* at Nethers for the summer season of 2010, culminating in static-lining a Velo 96 for the D-Day celebrations at Weston at jump 1,457. That jump really summed up for me how confident I had become with my canopy. I took a static line rig made for a 210, packed my Velo 96 in it (complete with removable slider) and I jumped it on the rope out of a G92. I totally trusted that canopy! Total Velocity96 jumps: 148 hop'n'pops and 55 freefall jumps.

**Velocity 90** for jumps 1,475-2,590 (present). I did a BPA Coaching weekend with Brian Vacher at Hinton and a Competition swoop training camp with him at Empuria, as well as a Demo jump training course at South Cerney. I acquired my Demo licence for 2010 and 2011 (including use of smoke and CP landings). I did a Demo jump over Lake Bled, Slovenia (a 270 turn into Hotel Triglav lower field). Next came a swoop training camp with Brian Vacher at Sibson, and then another Demo jump into North Moreton Airshow (270 turn onto main grass runway with smoke). I did three Demo jumps located around Sibson DZ (270 turns twice into Caravan Park and Ramsey Village) and re-gained my Demo licence for 2013 including use of smoke and CP landings. So far, I have done 73 hop'n'pops and 1,040 freefall jumps on my Velocity 90.

### LESSONS LEARNED

It probably looks like I didn't do many jumps on each canopy before downsizing. However, this was on the back of making a conscious decision to take more than two years off from freefall and do nothing but hop'n'pops. In that time, I did more than 450 hop'n'pops and 75 per cent

were directly coached including filmed and debriefed landings. Also, I did this with two other like-minded people and moved in swooping and canopy dedicated circles, which exponentially increased the learning. One of the guys, Simon Larcombe, now runs the canopy school at Dunkeswell! Guys like Martin Reynolds, Wez Westley and Al Macartney helped me out with guidance. Al signed off my CP1 when visiting Weston because the grade was so new and the CCI had to order the stickers in! Looking back now, I suppose it was quite focused and fast-tracked learning but it sure didn't feel like it at the time.

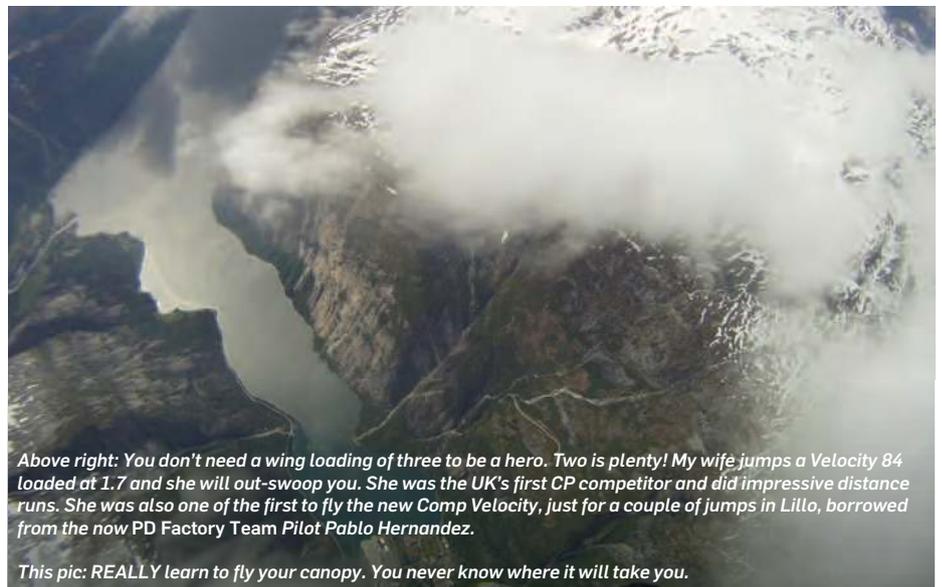
I've learned that it's not about your canopy size, your wingloading or your degree of turn.



The question we should be asking those who swoop is at what height do they start their turn. With the new breed of canopies, these heights are getting to be upward of 1,200ft-plus. While I can do a 270 at 850ft, I think it's now definitely unacceptable to be using 1,200ft or more of the pattern among other jumpers in everyday jumping to do your turn!

And test jump your reserve; you'll be surprised how good it is. There's no excuse not to when Dedric from PD comes over every year to a UK boogie, rigs it up, lets you jump it all day and packs for you afterwards - all for free!

While I continue to do 270 turns after every possible jump, I have not actually done any dedicated canopy jumps for some time now. While I am happy to and have jumped my wife Karen's Velocity 84 several times, I consider myself to be a weekend warrior who does not work in the sport so I may never downsize further or train a bigger turn unless I become a full-time swoop competitor. My current plans are to move to a Valkyrie 90. When I do that, I will continue with more hop'n'pops. I am actually looking forward to spending more time dedicated to just canopy!



*Above right: You don't need a wing loading of three to be a hero. Two is plenty! My wife jumps a Velocity 84 loaded at 1.7 and she will out-swoop you. She was the UK's first CP competitor and did impressive distance runs. She was also one of the first to fly the new Comp Velocity, just for a couple of jumps in Lillo, borrowed from the now PD Factory Team Pilot Pablo Hernandez.*

*This pic: REALLY learn to fly your canopy. You never know where it will take you.*

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**PREMATURE**

This was an interesting day in the office for cameraman Chris Cook. There he was at 13,000ft, watching the big-way exit count and pushing off the camera step with them when – BOOM – a pilot chute suddenly came past him! It belonged to the jumper who had been just in front of him on the step. She had dropped straight down on exit and had managed to snag her hackey on the camera step as she slid past it. The first she knew was when she found herself under canopy instead of in a formation!

**PREVENTION**

This is not the only way that this can occur. Handles can be snagged on a whole variety of things; aircraft parts, other jumpers, cameras. If it's your main, you'll have a long and lonely canopy ride. If it's your reserve, you'll have a long, lonely and *expensive* canopy ride. If it's your cutaway pad, hopefully either you'll notice or someone will point it out to you and you can choose to go straight to reserve if you want.

The other way to cause a premature is to

either knock your pin out of its closing loop or to have a loop in such poor condition that it breaks. Again, this can happen on either the main or the reserve. If it's the reserve, it should just deploy normally. However, if it's before you've left the aircraft, you are really rolling the dice as to whether anything will catch on the airframe. If it's the main, it could develop into a horseshoe malfunction with the main pilot chute still in the pocket, which you may be able to clear by throwing the pilot chute as soon as you realise. I don't fancy that opening, though!



### CURE

If you do find yourself under canopy prematurely, be aware that nobody is expecting you to be there. Depending on the airspace restrictions at your DZ, you could cause serious problems if you decided to make the most of the situation and enjoy the view for ten minutes! It is likely to be best for the safe and efficient operation of the DZ if you descend as quickly as you safely can, perhaps by spiralling. This is especially the case if there is more than one aircraft in operation.

If you are on a jump and see someone else having a premature deployment, you could be in a position to help. If their main pin is out, you could give them a 'pull' signal and wave off any cameraflyers or anyone else who may be above them. Once you have landed, they are likely to still be quite high under canopy and this makes them hard to spot by DZ Control, who may be struggling to account for all of the canopies. If you run over and let DZ Control know what has happened, it will probably be very helpful.



**VIDEO:** [TINYURL.COM/NVHRDE4](https://tinyurl.com/nvhrde4)

Watch the video both in full and in slow-mo at the link above or click on the link in the Skydive App or at [skydivethemag.com](https://skydivethemag.com)



### Flightline faux pas

I was standing near flightline a while ago when a jumper came rushing out, clearly late for their load. Their helmet perched precariously on their head as they hopped from one foot to another, tightening their legstraps and flinging on an altimeter. Once ready, they spun around and announced to everyone standing nearby: "Can someone give me a check, please?". I stepped forward and started to look at their gear, only for them to practically recoil and utter the simply brilliant phrase: "Oh... no, not you, thanks. You're a Rigger, you might find something wrong. Can anyone else do it, please?"

Ah, the irony. If there WAS something wrong with your kit, would you rather not know, then? I think not. I checked them from a distance anyway, but it did make me chuckle!

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## UPT Service Bulletin



**UPT have issued** a mandatory service bulletin for all owners of Vectors with a Spectra reserve ripcord manufactured between January 2014 and March this year.

Long document short, the Spectra ripcord gets a coating of urethane designed to prevent minor fuzzing, colour degradation and to increase life. The folks over in Deland have identified a batch of ripcords that

have had the wrong mix of this coating applied, which can potentially affect the usually lower pull force of the Spectra over a steel cable.

It is believed that the issue only affects batches made in December 2014 but, as a precaution, they are including all ripcords made in 2014 and up to March 2015. While there have been no reported hard pulls in actual use, UPT require that any ripcord that falls within

these dates be replaced at the next reserve repack. They have also issued interim maintenance that must be conducted before the next jump.

To identify if your ripcord is affected, look at the white label attached to it near the pin. The top line will tell you the build date. If it says 2014 or up to 2015-03, it is affected by the bulletin. Those marked 2015-04 and upwards are NOT affected.

If you fall within the date range, you need to visit [UPTVector.com](http://UPTVector.com) where there's a video detailing the simple maintenance you need to conduct, as well as details on how to apply for a free replacement ripcord.

Due to the way the ripcord is used in a Vector, you will not need a replacement handle and you might not need a full reserve repack either. As long as you take it back to the previous Rigger or Advanced Packer, they can just replace the ripcord and re-close your reserve tray.

## Cookie Flat Lock adaptor

**If you love** your Cookie Fuel helmet but want to use a bigger camera, now is the time to rejoice.

Cookie have just released the Fuel Flat Lock adaptor which allows you to cleanly mount their Flat Lock camera mount to the top of a Fuel helmet. With the Flat Lock attached, you can then use a DSLR (or, indeed, any other

larger camera such as the popular CX115) with the helmet.

Combine this with their new super comfortable chin cup cutaway system and you have a really decent all-round helmet.

**More details and pricing can be found at [flycookie.com](http://flycookie.com)**



## Black is the new silver...

**Although not first** to market with it (the option's already available on new Velocity containers), Bill Booth and co at UPT have a new option for you to consider if you're thinking of buying a new Vector container.

For an additional \$50 (RRP), you can now add even more customisation to your rig in the flavour of black anodised hardware.

Ticking this option will give your usual silver bits (with the exception of grommets, cable housings and the reserve handle) a very snazzy black upgrade.

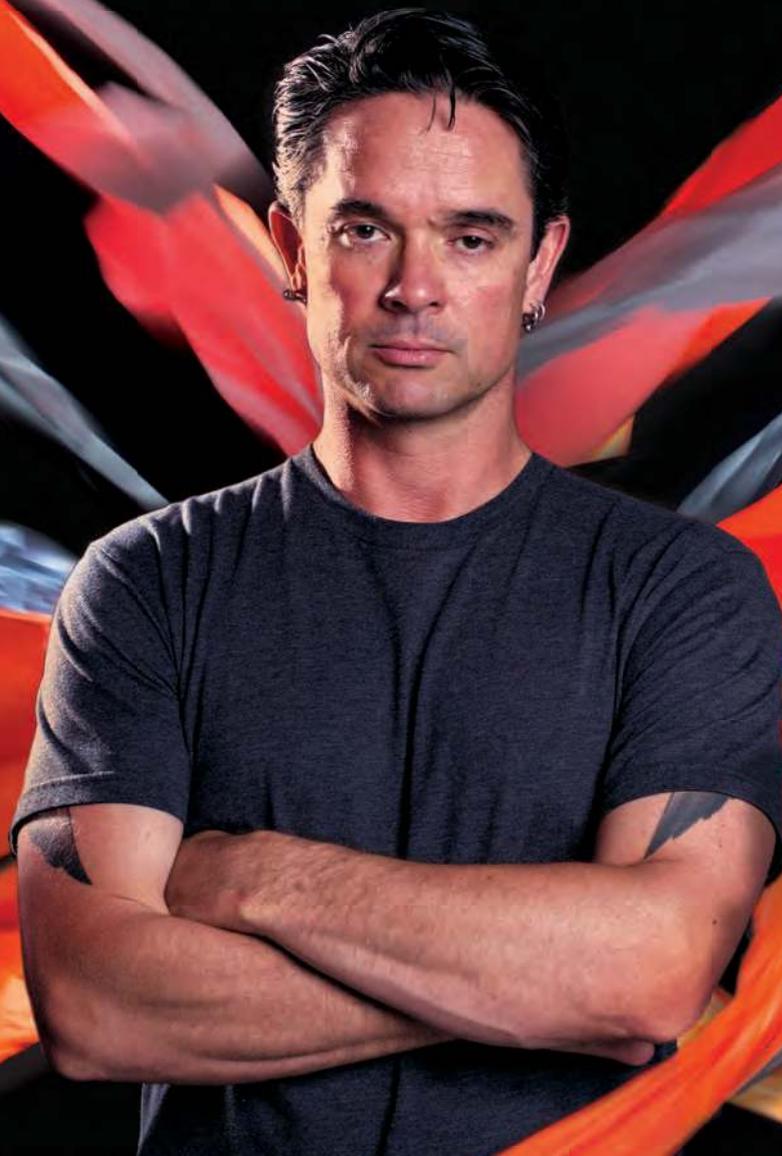


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1 Instructor Chris Judd with an AFF Level 4 student, by Chris Cook

2 The big-way weekend in June, by Spencer Bailey

3 Wingsuiter Sam Laming and Canopy Pilot Henry Van Halewyn, by Sam Laming

4 Michael Stocks and Peter Dolbel, by Nigel O'Brien

5 Rob Stevenson with one of our tandem students, by Danny Coultrup

6 Papa Gee working towards WS1, by Macca

7 Ricky Davies flying the Welsh flag over the Gower, by Michael Phillips

8 Mike Lovemore under canopy, by Ann Lewis

9 Demo jump at Arromanche, by Paul French

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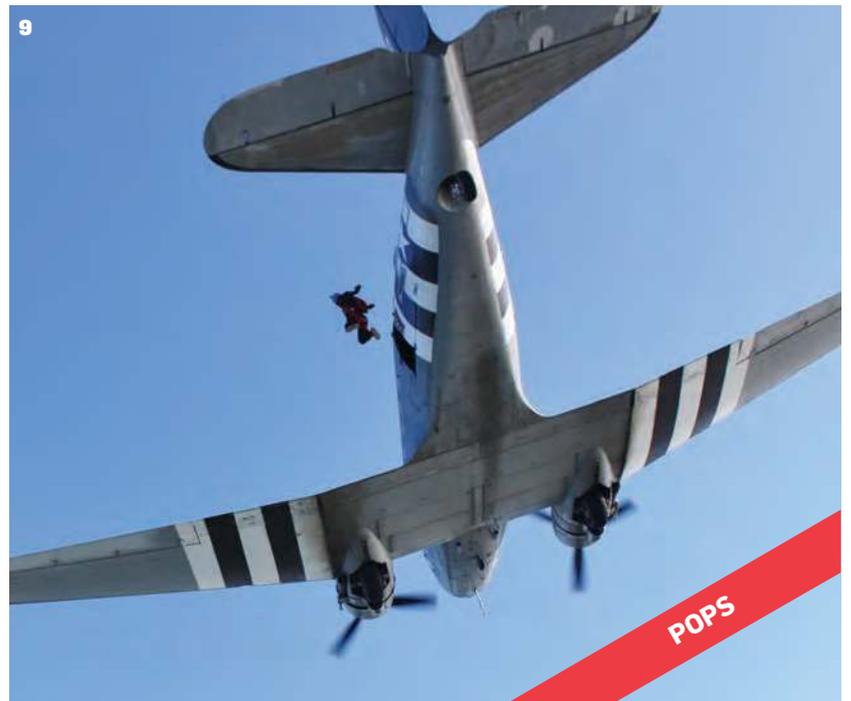
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## RULE FOR LIFE: KEEP BEER HANDY

We kicked off the month of April with a HEAT canopy course run by Spencer Hogg. The course saw 15 of our club jumpers learn indispensable flying skills as well as how to fly their canopies more efficiently. Everyone did at least seven jumps and, from the feedback I received, everyone learned much more than expected. If you missed out this time, make sure to look for the next one. Good canopy skills save our lives every time we jump, so a super massive thank you to Spencer for coming along and passing on some of his wisdom and knowledge.

In May, we had our annual Scrambles competition. Unfortunately, the mighty *Raykipo* couldn't join us but we were joined by top class FS coaches from our sister DZ Sibson. Ten teams came to play and, for this Scrambles, it was decided to step it up a gear and add some blocks to the formations as well as the usual randoms. Because the weather was looking particularly rubbish on the Sunday, it was decided to crack on and get everything done in one day. Thirty loads later and, with only a couple of people flaking out (Mark King and Dan Smith – beer fines for being dirty dropouts!), we were all done and dusted. The 6-way Speed star antics that were planned were put on hold due to Sunday's weather.

Fortunately, the weather cleared out in time for the fancy dress hangar bash at the Three Horseshoes pub. This year's fancy dress theme was Disney's Pixar/DreamWorks, with some people making a proper effort and others just coming for the free food, booze and music. The Best Outfit of the Evening Award goes to Mark King for the cracking job of coming as a plastic soldier, so he pretty much came dressed for his day job! After the video viewing, presentation and grub, things got a little hazy but everyone had an excellent time judging by the hangovers the next day. The party will most definitely go down in UK Para history for its epicness.

Now, the results of the Scrambles. *Tomo's Fokkers* were in third, *Frenchie's Wall-E* were in second and *Humpty Dumpty and the Runaway Wheelie Bin* won. A special well done and go on buh to Gregory Schmidt and Chris Kay for doing the unthinkable and getting your FS1s during the Scrambles. A "Blinking Heck, He's Only Gone And Finally Done It! Whoop! Whoop!" has to go to our chief packer Sy for being in his first Scrambles comp and gaining his 100th jump despite being a club jumper for the last five-ish years. Here's looking forward to his next five years – you never know, he may gain his FS1 by then...

As always, there's a whole heap of thank yous to be given out too. Firstly, thanks to Danny French for organising the event and doing the judging and video editing. This is a thankless task, but you did it brilliantly. Thank you to all of the coaches who gave up their time to come and help our motley crew to play safe and hopefully learn some new skills too. Cheers to the office staff and packers for making the whole day run so smoothly – without your sterling work, the weekend would never go so well. Finally, the biggest thank you has got to go to Tomo for hosting another smashing Scrambles. We all truly appreciate how tricky it is to run such an event with so many different experience levels in the skies.

I'm glad to say that the ace sunset dive sessions are back. The first one in April was blown out due to high winds, but the one in May was a great success. More than 30 club jumpers showed up for some cheeky after work jumps and Tom Davis celebrated his 100th jump that evening, so he got a load together to jump in shorts and build a big-way. I'm glad to have been team training that day so I didn't have to endure the sight of far too much flesh on display in one plane,

although all the red chests on landing were quite amusing. Ollie Dean, your chest strap mark was ace.

In June, the BPA Freely Roadshow joined us. Unfortunately, the weather didn't get the memo so no jumping happened. We did get some really good briefs on getting started in freeflying and what to look for in kit, so the weekend wasn't a complete waste. Thank you to all the coaches for making the effort to come and see us. It's just a shame you couldn't share some of your skills in the sky with us, but there's always next year. Here's hoping the BPA FS Roadshow later in the year is more of a success.

Finally, the spannerishness shout out has to go to me this issue, seeing as I'm always telling people to never go downwind of where you want to land when it's windy. Guess what I did on a particularly windy Saturday? Yep, I went downwind thinking I was all good and only just managed to get in the landing area. Then, to add insult to injury, I got dragged backwards and only just managed to collapse my canopy before having some sexy time with a load of bushes. So, the moral of the story: ALWAYS practise what you preach, never go downwind of where you want to land and always have a case of beer ready because your next screw-up can just be one jump away.

Until next time, my skylarking, totally barking friends...

**James Page**

- ACHIEVEMENTS** CAT8/CH1 Muti Abdulla, John Bugg, Ashley Bunn, Aaron George, Keith Greatbanks, Wanderson Lemos  
 CH1 Javi Gomez CH2/JM1 Matt Bannon, Javi Gomez, Brenn Proctor, Jacobos Swanepoel FS1 Dave Apples, Marty Burgess, Lee Causer, Jenny Clarke, Ross Fisher, Cameron Gunn, Chris Kay, Ross Lainchbury, Ben Phelps, David Tee, Patrick Wyllie FF1 John Dippnall, James Page WS1 Mark King  
**JUMP NUMBERS** 50 Matt Bannon, Brenn Proctor, Jacobos Swanepoel  
 100 Symon Barrett, Tom Davis, James Tuck 200 Javi Gomez, Gary Murray  
 300 Maximus Meridius, Freddie Mowforth 400 Mark King

**BLACK KNIGHTS**  
*Team Crwsaders,  
by Pete Thornton*



“I'm glad to have been team training that day so I didn't have to endure the sight of far too much flesh on display in one plane”

**BLACK KNIGHTS**

## PROGRESS, MORE PROGRESS, EVEN MORE PROGRESS

Well, the last eight weeks have been a bit of a rollercoaster. All of the gang at Black Knights have been asking themselves and each other: "What on earth is going on with the weather!?!"

Despite this, we've capitalised when the sun has come out and our A and B Licence jumpers have made some amazing progress, with stickers for achievement being awarded to several.

We've even managed to get our RAPS and AFF students up, we've got a large group keeping our Instructors busy and we're all very proud of the progress being made. Dave and Chris continue their training to become CS Instructors and our school is growing nicely too.

Chris Davison has recently taken on the task of marketing for the →

club and has been busy planning and upgrading our website and social media pages to do justice to what the centre has to offer. Chris also has lots of plans in the works for events at the centre, so keep your eye on the calendar.

We are planning a Canopy Formation Roadshow for the weekend of August 15-16, led by the mighty *Team Crwsaders*. We have a wide variety of kit available for hire at the centre and several coaches including our very own Carl Marsh, who was recently awarded his CF coach rating and is very enthusiastic about training up-and-coming CF jumpers here at Black Knights.

On the wingsuiting front, we're very pleased that Ed Luke has been awarded both his BPA and Phoenix Fly Coach ratings. Ed joins Roger on our WS coaching team and will be available on a regular basis to help with your progression. We also have, of course, our shiny new Black Knights wingsuits for you to play out in as well.

The FS coaches team have been kept busy, with several FS1s being awarded recently and some cool load organising going on. Team training for two of our resident teams is coming to a head and they will be off to the Nationals shortly. We're certain they'll do Black Knights proud and wish them the best of luck with this. I'll report on their success next time! We've got more FS and FF events in the pipeline too, so keep your eye out for these.

The ongoing improvements to the centre have now seen the construction of a new rigging loft dedicated to reserve repacking and kit maintenance by several of the qualified staff here. If you need a repack or some work doing, please get in touch.

As ever, all of our events and coaching weekends can be found on our website and social media pages. Come join us for fun and frolics at 15,000ft soon!

AJ

**ACHIEVEMENTS** **CAT8/CH1** Carl Bell, Stephen Billington **CH2/JM1** Michael Greaves, Phil Murray, Carl Nicholson **FS1** Geoffrey Akien, Stephen Billington, Justin Dean, David Mellor **WS1** Laura Jones **WS2** Elliott Brown **JUMP NUMBERS 50** Geoffrey Akien, Michael Greaves, Phil Murray, Carl Nicholson **100** Justin Dean **200** Catherine Leather **500** Brian Berry, Ed Luke **600** Dave Bloomfield **1,200** Roger Hughes **ONE HOUR IN FREEFALL** David Mellor **TWO HOURS IN FREEFALL** Steve Collins **THREE HOURS IN FREEFALL** Mick Doherty, Laura Jones, Catherine Leather **FOUR HOURS IN FREEFALL** Mark Lord, Pud Waterhouse **EIGHT HOURS IN FREEFALL** Dave Bloomfield **10 HOURS IN FREEFALL** Dave Butterworth

CARK

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**Practice for the** big-ways has been consistent, with two- and three-point 15-ways now emerging from our budding FS groups. The Caravan will be here mid-week at our second Cark Week to support the PAC in the record attempt.

Our cameraflyers and Tandem Instructors have worked hard over the past couple of months and have been pleasing our tandem students with their expertise and novel exits. A few camera newbies have been thrust into the breach, so big thanks to you guys – we need a few more budding camera boffs to join our team. We would all like to wish Dan Armer a speedy recovery following his back surgery. See you soon, dude!

Andy B scorched the tarmac when he brought his RS Cosworth (a British touring car once raced by Andy Rouse) out to play. Leaving rubber tracks for a good number of metres in most gears, it sped across the runway and brought a few giggly smiles to us petrolheads. Sadly, it dumped all its oil out of the rear diff when it broke – game over and time to put it back to bed. Cheers to Andy for the three minutes of grinning, and it's great to see both you and Mandy back on the scene.

Al and Pixie brought even more pleasant weather to the doors of Skydive Northwest along with the Vector and Cookie Headgear Roadshow, where a bustle of skydivers frequented the tents to



**CARK** Rob Frost on camera and TI Peter Conner, by Kev Coffey

demo the latest rigs and headgear. Thanks for the Roadshow, and I'm sure our club members appreciated the demos.

Student progression has been good. Izzy is on freefall, while Martin started our first Cark week on five-second delays and is now only two jumps off qualifying. To all those students (especially our Edinburgh contingent run by Scott and Amy), thanks for all your support. Let's hope the winds are kinder in our second. Congratulations to all our students for their progression. Hope the knee's better, Izzy.

Our canopy swoopers have recently received their Valkyries and have been making the most of the light winds with their downwinders in preparation for their forthcoming meets. With vibrant coloured rigs now resembling a first-time student's leg straps, none will ever pass the DAZ doorstep challenge. Stay safe, guys – especially Dave H! – and good luck with the competitions.

It's great to see a few new faces around the DZ, a big welcome goes to James and Richard. Also, we have seen a few old faces after Andy Telfer gave us a glancing blow following his long recovery from his wingsuit antics abroad. Great to see you back flying Andy. Oh, and Eddie? Get a grip of that suit of yours!

While you are reading this, we have all been celebrating the marriage of Mr and Mrs Frost. You know what skydivers are like for a free do. We all made the most of the July weekend with the centre closed, and we undertook a little bit of drinking and merriment. From all at Skydive Northwest, we wish you both the very best in health and happiness.

Congratulations to all our achievers too.

Stu Morris

CHATTERIS

# THE LATEST CHATTER

**Summer is finally** here – apparently! – and everyone at Chatteris is really getting into the swing of skydiving in the Great British weather.

Unfortunately, the planned FF Coaching weekend was postponed due to lack of numbers. However, fingers crossed – if there is enough demand and commitment, we'll bring you news of a new planned date. If you're definitely interested, please get in touch via the Chatteris Skydivers Facebook group and/or contact Mr Beattie.

Other coaching weekends we have coming up are the BPA Canopy Formation Roadshow on August 8-9 and the BPA Wingsuit Roadshow weekend on September 19-20. Both will be great opportunities to receive free coaching from highly skilled skydivers.

A quick mention goes to the newly formed 4-way team *Chatterchaps*, who competed at their first (outdoor) skydiving meet and first BPA competition in May. They have been working very hard, training in the tunnel and jumping when possible, and placed a very respectable sixth out of 10 in Rookie class. The *Chatterchaps* are definitely a team to watch out for in future... ➔



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I'll have more news in the next Mag from the other UKSL meets, including how resident 4-way team *ChatterChicks* are getting on too.

**Robynne Haynes**

**ACHIEVEMENTS** **CAT8/CH1** Bobby Islam, Farid Nanou, George Sealey  
**CH2/JM1** Theodora Dyakova, Avi Gidar, Vivian Merz  
**FS1** Avi Gidar, Vlad Vatavu **JUMP NUMBERS 100** Theodora Dyakova, Avi Gidar, Vivian Merz **500** Conor O'Brien **1,400** Si Chipp **2,500** Adam Gooch

**CORNWALL**

# WHEN IN DOUBT, MAKE AN ENTRANCE

It may just be safe to say that the summer has finally arrived. The days of jumping seem endless at times, with the sun not setting out over the sea until nearly 10 o'clock. The sunset loads are definitely worth waiting for, though.

The airfield and DZ staff have been working hard to make the facilities, landing area, hangar and canteen better for everyone. There is certainly a good buzz about the place, with loads happening on a daily basis from skydives galore to classic car shows. The 'drifters' are spinning cars around the airfield too – some on the road, others on the grass...

Our beach demo into the 'Tunes in the Dunes' (big music festival) was unfortunately a non-starter as low fog hindered the whole weekend's operations and the music festival was duly renamed 'P\*\*sed in the Mist'. However, the demo calendar is looking busier than ever before. At the time of going to press, we should hopefully have made our grand entrance into both the golf course overlooking the beach and our yearly visit to Constantine to see Jamie and Ann Fowler. Displays are also planned for the RNLI Lifeboat Days at both St Agnes and Newquay.

Luckily, the beer fridge at the club is as full as ever and we will soon be looking for more storage space when all fines are paid – hint, hint. New club members and visitors continue to enjoy free beer at the end of every day's jumping, and some have even started arriving just for the beer (gremlins).

Justin has been working hard at putting together some great edits to advertise the club and show the world how much fun can be had jumping from a little Cessna. This end of season DVD is expected to be even more entertaining than the last, and the rugby tackle challenge seems to have been set. Must try harder, Jonny.

Some busy days at Bodmin have seen the Moorland AFF crew beginning to get through some jumping. It will be good to see as many of you as possible jumping at the coastal DZ by the end of the season – those beach jumps have to be an incentive...

Just a quick shout out to a few people. One goes to Dave, for his tireless efforts in the packing hangar, day after day, when not walking the landing area with his lawnmower in tow. Another goes to the pilots, for your patience with the weather and for working long days to keep us eager skydivers happy.

Congratulations to Tim and Sam on your recent marriage – a great couple and a great day. All the best for the future from all at CPC.

We look forward to seeing lots of you in August. Please follow the Cornish Parachute Club Facebook page for details of the Boogie or check out the new website.



I had the pleasure of sharing the plane with a close friend for a very special 2-way in June. We're pleased to have you back, and I'm sure you will keep us all safe in the skies over Cornwall. To those who were there, a massive thanks.

**UBI**



**CYPRUS**  
*Liza Yianni and Kyriakos Hadjipieri, by Chris Sphicas*

**CYPRUS**

# RISE OF THE ROOKIES

**May traditionally sees** the Cyprus National 4-Way FS Championships take place and 2015 was no exception. There was a lot of shuffle and change among the teams of old, with several people having devoted their time to other disciplines over the last year. This provided the opportunity for newer jumpers to pop their cherries and, boy, did they step up. Out of the 16 competitors, we had seven first-timers.

Current champions and favorites *Manamanam* had been without their Tail flyer Petros for quite a while (twins are a handful, apparently), so Liza was drafted in to take his place. With just over 100 jumps to her name, she flew impressively to help the team to their sixth consecutive title with an average of 4.75 over four rounds. All in all, four of the seven rookies placed on the podium in their first participation. Congratulations to all of you.

Placing in second with an average of 3.5 was *Team SGM* (don't get any ideas...) which featured two more new flyers in the form of Stephanie and Maria who joined Stavros and Marios (see it now?). They managed to edge ahead in Round 3 and scored solidly in Round 4 to get past *Team Skempedjies* ('the pot bellies') who drafted in the Rookie Music to go from fifth last year to third this time around. They consistently built the first point faster than the competition and we expect to see great improvement from these guys in the future. A final Rookie mention goes out to Marios, Nicolas and Alex, who put together a scratch team on registration day and showed up with the true spirit of competing while having a blast.

We have also had some milestones set by the staff, with Tony passing 2,000 jumps and 24 hours in freefall. George K returned from the UK with his TI rating and has been putting it to good use over the weekends, racking up his 900th jump in the process. Progression has been made by our students as well, with two new AFF graduates getting their licence, and a special mention goes to George A who seemed to be stuck on DPs forever. He has finally managed to get out of his rut and, at the time of writing, just has his CAT8 jump to go. Persistence always wins out!

**Chris Sphicas**

**ACHIEVEMENTS** **CAT8/CH1** Charis Agathangelou, Cory Brown, George Moushi **WS1** Chris Sphicas **JUMP NUMBERS** **100** Tug Wilson **200** Freya Lees **900** George Kakkis **2,000** Tony Rayson **24 HOURS IN FREEFALL** Tony Rayson

**DUNKESWELL**

# ENJOY THE DAY AT 15K

**We've had a** busy summer packed with exciting events. We're hosting VFS and UKSL Grand Prix events this summer in addition to three Swoop Grand Prix events, and more information about the winners of →

**CORNWALL**  
*James Price, by Monty*

“The beer fridge at the club is as full as ever and we will soon be looking for more storage space when all fines are paid – hint, hint”



UK Canopy Piloting Nationals and Dunkeswell's first 4-way UKSL will be in the next issue. We attempted another Guinness World Record for tandems in June, which was attended by the absolutely gorgeous Maisie Williams from *Game of Thrones*.

It's been super exciting to host the international European Swoop Cup here in Dunkeswell – see p21 for more. The European Swoop Cup winner was Rod McCrory (Ireland), followed by Aaron Cosbey (Ireland) and Daniel Guest (UK). The second UK Grand Prix was won by Daniel Guest, followed by Chris Lynch and Henry Van Halewyn. The third Grand Prix in September will decide the overall UK Swoop Champion for this year.

We have had some super cheap jump weeks this summer, where a 15,000ft ticket is only £15. They always come up as a surprise last minute deal, so keep a look out on our Facebook page where they are advertised.

Don't miss our Twin Beech Boogie at the end of August. Dave Morris is looking to do an FS formation from two or maybe even three Beech99s. This would mean a 35/50-way so, if you are into some serious big-way stuff, this is the place for you! Remember, our planes get to 15,000ft in 10 minutes. Our Twin Beech Boogies are also famous for high-level Freefly load organising and we will have Chris Lynch and Joel Strickland from *Varietal* organising Freefly jumps. The first of this year's Twin Beech Boogies in May was a great success with the same load organisers – the head down and head up guys did 10 jumps a day!

Our Tracking and Coaching Weekends with Pete Brookes are super popular and have greatly improved the skill level and safety of our tracking. Scott MacKenzie is now holding basic Canopy Handling courses in Dunkeswell, and you can still sign up for the next one on September 5 by emailing rachael@skydive99.com

This has been a great year for static line and AFF student progression. We have come up with AFF Boot Camp, where students can get their A Licences in less than a week, and we are thrilled that more and more people are joining the club. Three full-time Beech99s are keen to fly and we have free camping and a cheap, clean bunkhouse too.

**Miko**

**ACHIEVEMENTS** **FIRST FREEFALL** Ben Huggett, Hayley Jones, Alex Potter, Henry Wilson **CAT8/CH1** Shelby Kate Collins, Jordan Darby, Duncan Davidson, Craig Gabert, Richard Hamer, Clyde Somerville, Emily Thornton, James Topham **CAT8** Connor Williams **CH2/JM1** Matthew Aland, Jack Carter, Robyn Dean, Andrew Douglas, George Godfrey, Matthew Lowe, Calum McDonald-Wood, Chris O'Mahony, Alkisti Vouvouni **FS1** Shelby Kate Collins **FF1** Connor Figg, Harry O'Brien, Sel Pasos, Alkisti Vouvouni **CP1** Ian Hutchinson, Richie Taylor **JUMP NUMBERS 100** Daniel Bradford-Jones, George Godfrey, Matthew Lowe, Merlin Webster **200** Lewis Oliver, Sandy Wilson **300** Phil Cane **400** Michael Briggs, Jon Wilson **600** William Booth **700** Ian Hutchinson **900** Neil Empringham **1,000** Lee Cooper, Chris Jones **1,100** Guy Wells **12 HOURS IN FREEFALL** Jack Bradford **24 HOURS IN FREEFALL** Roger Hoe

**HEADCORN**

**FLYING COLOURS**

Summer is underway now! On some days, anyway...

Over the first weekend in June, we did 550 jumps in beautiful sunshine. The next weekend along, we hosted the first Tracking/Freefly event with Freefly team *Floh Well* leading the way. We welcomed lots of visiting jumpers, which made for a truly awesome weekend, and the next one's coming soon – watch this space!

The first XRW jump over Headcorn took place with Sam Laming and

**DUNKESWELL**  
Rod McCrory (gold), Aaron Cosbey (silver) and Dan Guest (bronze)

“ Nick Mentz got R2D2, the round parachute, out for an airing too and even managed to land on the PLA ”

Henry Van Halewyn joining hands, so well done to them for leading the way and hopefully we will see a lot more of this in the future. Beer!

Jane has had her foot firmly on the gas by dusting off her wingsuit and flying it again. She's also been team training for her 4-way team *Corn Dollies* with Liz Hurry, Fleur Jones and Laura Freeman to get ready for the upcoming Nationals. That's all while keeping a very busy DZ office running smoothly too...

The BBQ got used for the first time this year, with a fun evening at the DZ in May for Jane's birthday.

Nick Mentz got R2D2, the round parachute, out for an airing too and even managed to land on the PLA thanks to Jane's superb spotting skills – even after the WDI blew up!

Pete and Janos are back from competing in Swansea Accuracy Nationals – see p32 for more. Congratulations to Pete for taking second (again) for the third year in a row. Always the bridesmaid, it seems? They did, however, win the team event and bring the cup back to Headcorn.

The aircraft fleet is now complete again, with the Islander now back and looking stunning. The new colours match the Caravan and its return was not a moment too soon as it got used for three demos by the *Red Devils*, *Tigers* and the Royal Navy the day it came back!

The DZ is looking very tidy and is ready for a busy summer season, and we are also looking forward to hosting two Instructor courses in August. Our accommodation and general DZ facilities are ready and waiting for all club members and visiting jumpers, so come join us in the beautiful Headcorn skies.

Gotta go – the sun is out and the winds are low, so we're off jumping!

**Si Beech**

**ACHIEVEMENTS** **FIRST FREEFALL** Peiyung Jiang **GRADUATED AFF** Sam Eydmann, Johnny Souza **CAT8/CH1** Alex Donovan, Chris Hibbert, Mike Leslie **FS1** Hasan Al Rahal, Alex Barata, Kim Buddle, Jason Langridge, Alasdair Rice, Mark Rice **FF1** Hazel Peto, Kelley Peto **WS1** Ben Wilks, Sarah Wilks **JUMP NUMBERS 100** Kelley Peto **200** Hazel Peto **1,000** Si Beech, Sam Laming **1,800** Paul 'Diggers' Digby

**HIBALDSTOW**

**THIS COLUMN IS MY RECITAL, I THINK IT'S VERY VITAL**

We've had a tough start for the season thanks to the weather, but it just means we have to work even harder to get the most of the good weather we get! Luckily, we've at least got a chance to get those gaps with our fast planes!

Achievements are on the up again, so congratulations go to Steven Kay and Corrie Edgar for showing real commitment and receiving their A Licences in the rough weather. Well done to Kat Haspel for becoming the first static line student to progress to freefall for some time. Kudos to Mike Sanders, Alex Harvey, Stephan Fuller, Marcus Budget and Ant Hill for hitting FS1 with the coaching gang here at Hib, and to Andy Pointer for his shiny new FS Coach rating.

Dave Lewis continues to draw people from all over to join in with →

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Intermediates with Stubert, by Craig Hicks





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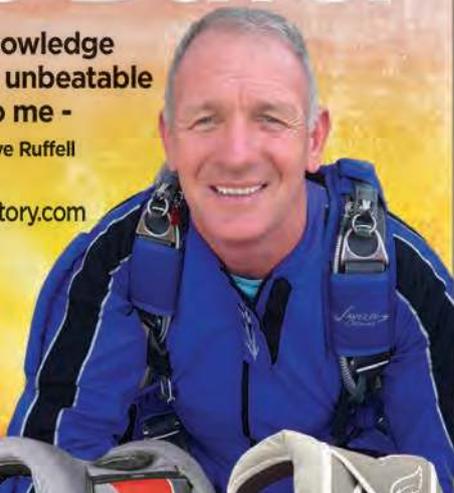


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his Pinch Jumps at Hib, offering a mix of cheeky shapes and boogie blocks – something to appeal to everyone. It's great to see so much progression in the group jumpers on DZ. Angry John and his team of birds are starting to pick up the pace on randoms and score some hot shapes on walk up weekends – long may it continue!

The bar was hit hard with the return of *The X Factor* to Hib. It's usually an epic night and this year did not disappoint. There was a huge battle of the DZ's biggest stars, including Shell Meakins as Lionel Richie, Charlie Pearce as Bobby Darin, and even Rich Cotton as Adam Levine. This year, after a brief hiatus, Blyth and Tom returned as the Pillars of Masculinity to storm the top slot again, covering Run DMC's *It's Tricky*. The close of *The X Factor* left the stage for karaoke... which, of course, can only ever be bad for people's ears (eh, Keiren?).

York University celebrated their 20th year as a club this season, throwing a party with drinks and fun for the day. Frequented by several of the ex-presidents, it was a fine night. Here's to another 20!

The wingsuit scene is gathering a strong momentum after our recent confirmation of the UK Wingsuit Big-way Record, which will be held at Hibaldstow this summer. Many thanks to Dave Butterell for his continued efforts to teach the Hib heathens about wingsuiting and drive the UK scene with the record.

The Freestyle boys continue to rock out on DZ. We've seen 14-way head up jumps, cheeky head down sequentials and some cheeky tracking jumps over the skies of Hibaldstow. With plans for big-way records later in the season, more sequential jumps with Paul Cooper and all kinds of japey, the season should be a real good 'un.

This is it; we're approaching peak season now and it's all going off. Huge formation loads, high ability groups, major records and massive competitions on the cards...

Don't miss it.

**Stubert Ferglstein**

**ACHIEVEMENTS** **FIRST FREEFALL** Kat Haspel **GRADUATED AFF** Jonathan McGodd **CAT8/CH1** Corrie Edgar, Steven Kay **CH2/JM1** Marcus Budget, Stephan Fuller, Kamil Kalowski **FS1** Marcus Budget, Alex Harvey, Ant Hill, Mike Saunders **WS1** Liam Goddard **JUMP NUMBERS 100** Alex Harvey, Mike Saunders **200** Ellie Sadler **300** Jack Morris, Neil Wattam **500** Dave Hart **600** Sophie Smithetts **800** Rich Cotton, Andy Pointer **2,500** Liz Ashley **3,000** Anna Hicks **4,000** Simon Brentford **12 HOURS IN FREEFALL** Andy Pointer

**JERSEY**

# I THOUGHT YOU SAID SKYDIVING!

**Happiness is in** the air and regular jumping is the order of the day! Thanks go to Sarah for running the manifest this month, and congratulations on nailing your FS1 while enjoying the Spanish sun too. Mal has installed a PA system to keep everyone informed of what's going on and to help get as many loads in the air as possible during our window of opportunity while the tide is out.

Preparations for the Boogie are going well and the annual Skydive Jersey raffle tickets are selling out fast. Ten jump tickets for the Boogie are available as one first prize option, so one lucky person could be having an obscene amount of fun for £5! If you're interested in the Boogie or a raffle ticket, get in touch at [jumpjersey15@gmail.com](mailto:jumpjersey15@gmail.com).

Prepare to have your minds blown; as we live on an island, we are surrounded by water! Cosmic, I know, but this makes our procedures for dealing with a landing in the H<sub>2</sub>O very important. So, this month, Mal has arranged a couple of opportunities to get wet and be prepared with a night of water training with a canopy at the local pool to test underwater escapology and a lifeguard to demonstrate some revival techniques. Then, the next day, there will be a chance to launch the trusty Skydive boat into the wide blue yonder and flotation devices will be available under the seats. But, in all seriousness, the ability to launch the boat in a hurry is something we hope to never need but should all be prepared for.

**Nigel O'Brien**

**ACHIEVEMENTS** **FS1** Sarah Jackson

“Prepare to have your minds blown; as we live on an island, we are surrounded by water! Cosmic, I know”

**LANGAR**

# THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

**We completed the** Langar UKSL 4-way FS competition with all six rounds for AAA, AA, and A classes and five rounds for the Rookie teams. We had another good turnout of 23 teams overall with ten local teams, seven of whom won medals – nice one, everybody.

The BPA CF Roadshow, however, suffered from the rubbish British weather and only got a couple of jumps in. Nonetheless, participants got pearls of wisdom distributed by the CF gurus, so not too bad a weekend all in all. It's nice to see a growing number of new CF jumpers; everybody should try it. It's great for your canopy skills and it's even better value for money than wingsuiting!

Talking of which, there's a growing number of wingsuit jumpers at Langar too. Jon Charles is doing a good job of coaching for us, with the accent on good skills and safety.

As I write, the University Skydiving Clubs progression week is underway and is blessed by sunshine and light winds. All of the universities have come together for a good mix of flat- and freeflying, with coaching and organising all week too. Around 10 universities train and jump with us now, so we're fast becoming the home of uni skydiving!

Coming up, we've got 3D Wingsuiting with Jack Johnson (August 8-9) plus Langar Boogie 2 (September 5-13). The Parachutists Over Phorty Society (yep, that's what POPS stands for) are going for a new record too, so the Boogie aircraft line-up is big enough to take a 50-way. Enough said! Come and join us...

As usual, there are lots more events scheduled too. Have a look at [facebook/skydivelangar](https://facebook/skydivelangar) for details.

**Tony Danbury**

**ACHIEVEMENTS** **FIRST FREEFALL** Izzy Cross, Keeva Naughton, Karol Szaniawski **GRADUATED AFF** Amit Patel **CH1/CAT8** Sara Anderson, Nathan James, Phil Newport, Amit Patel **CH2/JM1** Will Carew-Jones, Richard Rajkowski, Miles Venni **FS1** Sara Anderson, Nicholas Loh **FF1** Sion Roberts **FF2** Sion Roberts **JUMP NUMBERS 50** Ian Kelly **200** Max Holmes, Simas Jermosenka, Eve Mason **300** Guy Stanley **400** Sam Doughty, Si Flisher **500** Rachel Edgson **700** Roy Wimmer **800** Sion Roberts **2,100** Nick Robinson **ONE HOUR IN FREEFALL** Ellie Marshall, Pete Prialux

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Paul Cain, by Spike Harper

Congratulations go to Spike Harper, who took the silver medal in the World Cup only a few points behind the winner Espen Fadnes (NOR). Spike is also the World Record holder for Speed after reaching 312kph. Jackie Harper took the female World Records in all three disciplines and the overall Distance Record with an amazing 18.142km.

**POLE POSITION**

Netheravon was the top choice for the Polish Skydivers' Bigos Boogie 2015. Fourteen of Poland's finest parachutists set up camp at Netheravon and, with a fantastic attitude and tons of enthusiasm, they skydived and celebrated through the weekend. Thanks for the Boogie t-shirts, and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

**GOING BIG**

Mike Lewis and Trevor Hooking are on a mission to bring big-way to everyone at the APA. The first June weekend saw Mike coaching groups of novice FS jumper on the skills needed for larger formations, while Trevor challenged the more experienced intermediate group with complex FS dives. Both groups were preparing for the multi-plane formations in July.

**EVERYONE LOVES ENTROPY**

In the last UKSL event, Netheravon team *Entropy* performed fantastically and got the silver medal in the AAA category with an 11 point average. The team have been training hard with obvious results, but they still make time to organise and run coaching events and competitions for APA members!

August is sure to be an exceptionally busy month with the Armed Forces Championships, 8-way Speed competition and CH2/JM1 progression days, but we're not going to slow down. September is packed with great events too: the Wingsuit Nationals, FS Load Organising, FF big-way Prep Days and the Canopy Grand Prix. There's just no stopping us!

*Elana Cain*

**ACHIEVEMENTS** **GRADUATED AFF** Mark Hay **CAT8/CH1** Duncan Davidson, Mark Hay, Alabama Shanker **CH2/JM1** Chris Bodger, Robin Dolton, Mike Grand, Jeremy Peter Millward, Dominic Tomlinson **FS1** Nathan Evans, Mike Grand, Mark Hay, Adam Vaughan **FF1** Sarah Carson, Guy Collins, Becky Dickens, Johnny Mursa, Alabama Shanker **JUMP NUMBERS 50** Chris Bodger, Robin Dolton, Mike Grand, Jeremy Peter Millward, Dominic Tomlinson **100** Laughin Man **200** Chris Fawcett **300** Johnny Mursa, Anna Nowakowski, Samantha Patel **400** Vincent Adams **500** Ashley Burns **800** Simon Donnelly

**PETERLEE**

**LOOKING THE PART**

We are right in the middle of our June progression week at the time of writing and it's been a great week so far, with both the C182 and C208 Caravans flying daily. Category system students are here from Durham and Newcastle Universities, we have seen static line jumps aplenty and we've even had a few first freefalls and beyond. Despite a poor run of weather throughout April and May, we've still found a few days to cram in plenty of all categories of jumping and we also managed 40 tandems on one busy day.

Our CS students are all looking very smart at the moment thanks to a wardrobe upgrade. The centre has just invested in a complete set of new jumpsuits emblazoned with the PeterLee Parachute Centre branding, as well as a full set of brand new student Protec helmets.

“Fourteen of Poland's finest parachutists set up camp at Netheravon and, with a fantastic attitude and tons of enthusiasm, they skydived and celebrated through the weekend”

**PETERLEE** *Mahmoud Arab, Rob Law, Oliver Saunders, Richard Downs and their instructor Nigel Peacock, by Ian Rosenvinge*



We continue to welcome regular visitors from north of the border. Jumpers from Strathallan, Glenrothes and Errol are all becoming familiar faces, and even the CIs from both Glenrothes and Errol jumped with us during our progression weeks.

Further improvements are continuing around the centre, with the latest changes including new sign boards featuring messages encouraging visitors to check in on Facebook and providing backdrops for tandem video interviews.

Sadly, our planned helicopter jump day had to be postponed following the tragic news that the helicopter we had booked came down in strong winds on the Isle of Man. This caused fatal injuries to the pilot, Matthew Chapman, and our thoughts are with his family. We are waiting for news of available dates for the rescheduled event and James Perry will, no doubt, be keeping us informed via Facebook.

*Simon Minto*

**ACHIEVEMENTS** **FIRST FREEFALL** Neil Lauber, Rob Law **CAT8/CH1** Kieran Hogan **CH2/JM1** Richard Guest **FS1** Daniel Osbourne **FF1** Gary Owen **JUMP NUMBERS 50** Richard Guest **200** Mike Osborne, Oliver Sadler **1,100** Andy Brumby, Simon Minto **4,000** Alan Thompson **12 HOURS IN FREEFALL** Andy Brumby **55 HOURS IN FREEFALL** Alan Thompson

**POPS**

**EURO POPS AND NORMANDY LANDINGS**

Five skydivers from UK POPS took part in the French National POPS meet at Lille in May. Organised by French POPS Présidente Catherine Souliez, more than fifty skydivers competed in 3-way Scrambles, a 4-way team competition, Accuracy and the traditional hit and rock.

The highest placed Brit was Keith Clarke, who gained third place on the podium with 3-way team members Michel and Sophie. UK 4-way team *Les Rosbifs* gained fifth place, vowing to practice more before next year's meet at Cahors in southern France. As usual, there were two good evening meals. The first was on site, with members bringing food and drink from their own region. The next was at a nearby restaurant, with fine dining in a convivial atmosphere.

Third from the left in the group photo is German top POP Volker Cornils. Germany will be hosting the World POPS at Eisenach in August next year, where more than two hundred skydivers are already expected to attend from all over the world.

Two weeks after the Lille meet, Paul French, his son Tony, Mike Whyborn and French skydivers took part in a parachute jump to celebrate the Normandy Landings of WWII. On June 6, they took off from Cherbourg in a Dakota, jumped out over Gold Beach and landed on the beach to the delight of the crowds at Arronanches.

*John Houghland*

**READING**

**HOW TO GET SKYDIVING NAKED WRONG**

The season has kicked off to a great start, but not before some ups and (hard) downs – our best wishes go to Gary Stevens, and we hope he mends fast. In a short time with our team, he has already made a great start with his positive drive for a safer dropzone and plenty of progression and encouragement for all of our club jumpers.

We have been blessed with visits from 4-way teams and a couple of demo teams too. The *Silver Stars Display Team* had a great day, getting plenty of jumps in to test their Accuracy, and the *Jump for Heroes Display Team* came along too, with our lucky tandem students getting demos while they waited. →

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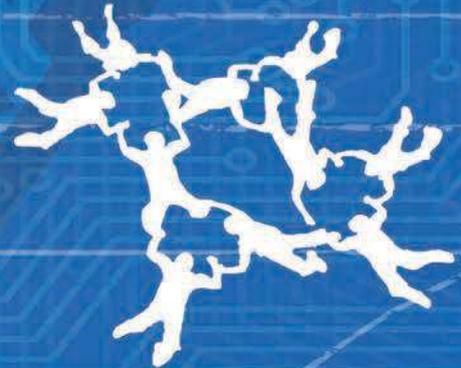


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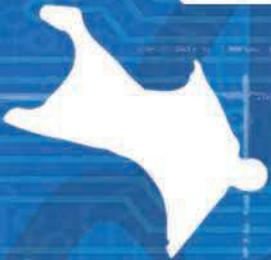
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Marie-Ann has been busy with AFF and Alex Sutton is almost ready to hold that A Licence in his hand with just a few consols left to go.

Every DZ has a few characters and our visits from Blanaid O'Sullivan and Justin Gumm are always fun. The fact that they are both willing to impromptu Load Organise is wonderful – thanks guys.

Congratulations also to Blan for reaching 500 jumps. Richard Moulton, now a proud D Licence holder, is a top bloke too and we just love it when people of his standard and experience are happy to take an FS1 coaching jump when asked. Well done, Richard!

Chris Stone has started his season well, managing to be the DZ monkey AND crank up to 200 jumps. He also managed to celebrate his 200th naked skydive by doing it FULLY CLOTHED!

The DZ is on a shutdown on the August 15-16 and August 22-23 weekends due to a nearby flying show at Lasham, but our season will be longer this year and will run until the end of October. Stay posted with up to date news of Accuracy competitions and coaching days on our LPS Club Jumpers Facebook page at [facebook.com/groups/LPSClubJumpers](https://facebook.com/groups/LPSClubJumpers)

We are very pleased to welcome new club jumpers and, just recently, a new club jumper arrived after reading our Club News from the June edition. He lives just around the corner and didn't realise there was a club on his doorstep – we're not just for tandems, guys! Come and say hi. No club membership necessary, Grand Caravan, £20 ticket to 10k, friendly staff, fab CCI, refreshment van, etc...

**Annie Lewis**

**ACHIEVEMENTS** FF1 Chris Stone **JUMP NUMBERS 200** Chris Stone 500 Blanaid O'Sullivan **700** Martin Rhodes **1,000** Richard Moulton

## SIBSON

# WHISKY JUMPS GALORE!

**Our season is** well underway now. The lifts are plentiful, as are the people and the aircraft. We now have two aircraft for each weekend until our very own second Caravan arrives in August. It used to belong to a whisky firm, but I doubt we'll find any rogue bottles stashed away. Nevertheless, that means double the capacity, double the lifts and double the fun. If you fancy some big-way with multiple aircraft, come down and see us.

It has only been open a couple of months, but the Elite Freefly School has already proven incredibly popular. Stickers are being awarded at a rapid rate every weekend and it is so popular that a number of our flatfliers are casting sausages aside to learn their daffy from their donuts. Chris, you might need to place a sticker shopping order to the BPA very soon! The school is led by Adam 'Killa' Mattacola and is run by a very accomplished team who have won international competitions between them and can offer a vast wealth of experience. The other members are Ged Parker, Luke Warren and Ben Broad, who can guarantee the progression you want in your flying can be fast and enjoyable. They will get you to become the best you can while enjoying every moment. Killa and his team will be at the dropzone during the year to help you progress and you can find them on Facebook as 'Elite Freefly'. For more details, check out [elite-freefly.co.uk](https://elite-freefly.co.uk).

We've had our annual Scrambles and, as always, the general flying ability of all who took part has been very high. A handful of the competitors went on to achieve their FS1 during the competition and one of them, Dan Wicks, managed a whopping 13 points on round one. Can you get a ringer team with a non-FS1 holder? Everyone watching the bar tape seemed to think so. Good job, Dan – it has taken long enough! The next big flat event we have on is the National Speed 8 competition in September. Maybe some Freefly types will join in this year again?

We also have the Head Up Record scheduled for September 19-20. If you fancy it, it will be good to see new faces among the familiar ones.

Wingsuiting is beginning to make a comeback to Sibson. We have had David Butterell and Rob Gray joining us to work on wingsuit progression, ranging from first flight courses right up to working on flying and flocking in preparation for the British Wingsuit Record

“ We are delighted to welcome some new team members. The first is our DZ dog, Georgie. She was abandoned aged just eight weeks, but fortunately Bryn's wife Chelle rescued her and she was very quickly rehomed by Sara ”



**SKYDIVE ST GEORGE**  
Our DZ dog Georgie,  
by Blair Stent

attempt in August. There's also the bigger aim of taking that experience forward to the World Record attempt in October. It has been a long time since we have seen such a large number of flockers on the dropzone, but several decent-sized training groups came together to form a very impressive looking 15-way on one of the weekends when we had the guys in.

Our own in-house Macca has been doing well with coaching those new to the world of flockery, with a healthy number of WS1s and WS2s being awarded. It is an exciting time for us, and a few of the club members have the desire to rekindle the discipline. It is slowly beginning to take shape and interest and enthusiasm are rippling through the DZ. If you meet the requirements and want to give wingsuiting a try, come and see us. We'll be more than happy to help!

There has been some good news outside of the jumping as well. We congratulate Jude and Macca in becoming mum and dad to Ella. After a bit of a delay, Ella joined the world and has gained the affection of the DZ with her visit and photographs on particular social media.

Congratulations also to Chris and Lesley, who nipped off to Cuba for three weeks to get married. We all wish you a lifetime of happiness together, and you two make the rest of us look pasty with those tans! The event was celebrated with their friends and family on their return in the form of a huge party. Hangovers were plentiful, with some quite possibly lasting two days or so.

Summer is here and we are still open from Wednesdays right through until Sunday. In October, we will return to Fridays to Sundays.

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**Kye Bromley**

**ACHIEVEMENTS** CAT8/CH1 Craig Horton **FS1** Will Creswell, Ridas Nesakysiu, Dan Wicks **FF1** Hannah Cooper, Chris Kabban, Lucy Ryan **WS1** Giuseppe Damiano, Andy Mitchell, Jess Withers **WS2** Mike Hitchcock, Jess Withers **JUMP NUMBERS 50** Jacob Weir **100** Matt Brown **200** Deimantes Cepe, James Colley, Hannah Cooper, Jess Withers **300** Chris Kabban **500** Brad Dimmock **2,000** Phil Webley

## SKYDIVE ST GEORGE

# IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

**Despite some wet** and windy weekends, our Tandem Instructors have been kept busy with an ever-increasing demand for first-timers to experience the thrill of freefall. Congratulations to Danny Rowlands, who has successfully gained his Tandem Instructor rating. He's a fantastic asset to the team.

Our first static line course was on June 4, and congratulations to Helen Davies, Heather McMullan, Victoria Lee, Andrew Porter, Shane Gibson and Mandi Grant for passing the ground schooling. Unfortunately, strong winds prevented them from jumping on June 5, but we promise we'll get you all up soon and help you gain your A Licences.

We're delighted to see Emil back in the skies after a good few months off, and Bryn has been doing some FS coaching with Paul. We're now all looking forward to August when we have the opportunity to jump from the Skyvan.

We are delighted to welcome some new team members. The first is our DZ dog, Georgie. She was abandoned aged just eight weeks, but fortunately Bryn's wife Chelle rescued her and she was very quickly rehomed by Sara.

Mark Dodd has helped us get summer off to a flying start. He's replaced Bill as our Chief Pilot and is helping Noelia get her BPA Drop Approval. We are really excited to welcome them both to the team and hope our cold British weather won't put Noelia off – it's certainly a change from flying in Spain.

Alex has joined Margaret in our café and has thrown all our diet plans out the window by bringing in homemade cakes that will give Jane Asher a run for her money.

Last but not least, Paul Anderson has come on board as our Video Editor and Marketing Manager. He's producing some incredible marketing videos and we just love his work. →

Thanks again to everyone who has helped us out so far this year and we are looking forward to more blue skies at DTVA.

Sara Heath

SWANSEA

# HITTING JUST THE RIGHT SPOT!

We can all breathe a sigh of relief here at Swansea as Ricky's reign of beer fining terror is over! It could be likened to squirrels gathering nuts for the winter, though, as Skydive Swansea worked tirelessly to gather beer in anticipation of the arrival of the British National Accuracy competitors. After weeks of preparation and making sure our DZ was dressed to impress, the competition was finally upon us and what a fantastic time we had. The DZ full of new faces, reunions, stories and a fiercely competitive yet fun and vibrant atmosphere, all followed by drunken BBQ antics and a fun flight with *Team Raven* for two of our competitors. For more, check out p32.

Congratulations to our CI Carl Williams on his triumphant victory! To be fair, I don't think I could've coped with him had he lost. Can you imagine?! Well done to G for first place in the Intermediate category (hope you had loadsa fun!) and to Jon Davies (Gabby's boyfriend) who came first in the Junior category while competing against girlfriend Gabriella Morgan-Swinhoe. Personally, I think she let you win for the sake of your manhood! Nice one on getting your B Licences too, guys!

A big thank you to Zoe and Graham from Alti-Europe for coming along to inspect our altis and allowing us to test jump your N3s. They're a great product and I like the shiny colours! Graham was also talked into doing his first-ever tandem and he got to test jump the N3 for himself! Hope you enjoyed it, Graham. AFF next?

A shout out goes to Eleanor Powell, Michael Walsh and Sam Green on getting their A Licences, Bethan Bonsall for the B Licence and Aled Bonsall on his 100th jump and FS1 joined by Dougie 'the Yak' Evens, who also did his 100th naked and showed Craig Hammond how it's done! For shame, Craig, for shame. Lewis Butcher reached his 200th jump – we should fun jump some time, Lewis. Our resident Frenchman Jean Baptiste LeDreff finally did his first-ever tandem as an unusual way to celebrate his 300th jump and Mikey hit the big 900.

We will be open for jumping for seven days from August 3-9, so come and get your knees in the breeze and enjoy our beautiful views, filthy banter and hopefully blue skies. We may have refilled our beer fridge by then too!

Laura Turner

**ACHIEVEMENTS** CAT8/CH1 Sam Green, Eleanor Powell, Michael Walsh CH2/JM1 Bethan Bonsall, Kevin Harris, Gabriella Morgan-Swinhoe, Gabriella's boyfriend FS1 Aled Bonsall **JUMP NUMBERS** 50 Bethan Bonsall, Kevin Harris, Gabriella Morgan-Swinhoe, Gabriella's boyfriend 100 Aled Bonsall, Dougie Evens 200 Lewis Butcher 300 Dirty Frenchman, Aled Mason, Will Tenison 900 Grayson, Mikey Phillips 1,200 Tanya Quigley 6,000 Reg Green

SWINDON

# COMING OF AGE, OFF LANDINGS AND STROPS

Well, what a difference a month makes. The sun has come out to play and the Redlands crew have been jumping their butts off. Baby Arthur has finally come of age and, within the space of a month, completed his first tandem and his AFF course – he is now a fully qualified skydiver! Well done Arthur, and I look forward to flying with you sometime soon.

We've had lots of students busting through their AFF courses this month and making the most of the good weather days, with the kids showing the adults how it's done. Congratulations to Vicki and Will on gaining their A Licences.



**SWINDON**  
Arthur Smith doing a tandem on his 16th birthday before his AFF course, filmed by Snake and accompanied by Tandem Instructor Brucie. By Jonny Moulder

The Redlands crew also like to travel to get their jumps, with some going further afield than others. Mandy and Patrick took a little trip to Dubai, where Mandy did her 50th jump at the Skydive Dubai DZ and, rumour has it, landed so far out that the Explorers Society have given her full membership (cheers Patrick). Brucie went on another road trip, this time to Switzerland for some wind tunnel fun with the 'boys'. In case you're wondering, Dylan was a yes! They flew in the tunnel for nine hours which, considering their ages, is very impressive.

Sarah Cox and Mark James upheld the tradition of doing naked jumps for their 100th. Although the sun was shining, it was apparently very cold when Mark did his jump.

After much canopy chaos, a canopy handling course was booked in for the beginning of June and canopy master Wez Westley came to Redlands to impart his knowledge. The results were instantly appreciated; a full beer fridge, with five out of seven participants landing off. Hazel, Tyrrell, Patrick, Mandy, Mark and Birdy really enjoyed the course and got a lot out of it, but Darrell apparently not so much. It turns out Darrell got all his toys and very successfully threw them out his pram because his canopy handling skills weren't quite as awesome as he thought they were. Just keep trimming, Darrell, just keep trimming. We look forward to welcoming Wez back for part two.

The good weather has also seen the Redlands nighttime fun come alive with the fire pit and BBQ being fired up, with thanks to Mr T for organising. Some more adventurous skydivers even ventured out into Swindon town where Jon Eeles was refused entry into one pub for being too scruffy and then managed to get himself kicked out of a nightclub for his dodgy dad dancing. What a legend.

Brucie 'Kim Jong Un' Johnson is now in his 10th year as chief monkey boy at Redlands. Although he has a reputation for being a bit of a dictator, he really is a pussycat (as long as you do what he wants, when he wants).

Max came to visit Redlands, did a couple of jumps, lost something important and got beer fined – it was emotional. Crazy? You can have him back...

Cath Thorne and Patrick Holmes

**ACHIEVEMENTS** CAT8/CH1 Will Eggerton, Vicky O'Brien, Arthur Smith CH2/JM1 Raynooor Killingback FF1 Craig Lillington **JUMP NUMBERS** 50 Mandy Clements, Craig Lillington, Chris Wall, Kawen Wendland 100 Sarah Cox, Mark James 1,000 Jon Eeles 2,000 Luke Ingram

TILSTOCK

# GOODBYE FROM HER, HELLO FROM ME!

After a distinguished career as our club reporter, Mary Carbutt has finally laid down her mantle as she pursues free flight glory and a proper job (or at least one that makes her work more when Tilly are jumping!). I say proper job, but she has actually blagged her way into a purveyor of vertically rising air suitable to float around on in a confined space in Manchester. Other purveyors of vertically rising air are available, but not suitable to float on in Manchester! As one of the slowest runners in the club, it has fallen to me to continue Mary's good work... →

“ Sarah Cox and Mark James upheld the tradition of doing naked jumps for their 100th. Although the sun was shining, it was apparently very cold when Mark did his jump ”

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Our 50th year in operation has been as busy as ever, and we continue to enjoy a very friendly atmosphere even when we are not jumping. Low-level tighrope walking is a new favourite.

We have seen two of our club extend their love of falling through the air into the second generation as Jack Busby follows Buzz (our club CI) and my own daughter Hannah Windon finally goes solo after eight tandem jumps (thank you, at last, mummy Windon – permission was needed as Hannah is only 17). Hannah is one of the club oddities, having been packing long before she started solo jumping. Rumours of Jack and Hannah's wedding are being grossly exaggerated, to our amusement and their embarrassment.

Several club members enjoyed a canopy handling course from Matt Fogarty earlier this year and have been enjoying playing with their new skills since. His patience, encouragement and enthusiasm were infectious and a good time was had by all – thank you Foggy, come back soon!

Our static line student numbers have expanded this year, largely due to the efforts of Dan Cope who, having begun a course as a mature student at Keele University, promptly started a university skydiving club! Well done Dan and welcome to all from Keele University – you have slashed the average age dramatically and some fascinating conversations have been heard in the packing hall. This has meant that we have had a great deal of student jumping and rig packing, so congratulations to all those who have completed their packing courses and can now understand all the comments about bringing your rig back neatly after jumping it!

After this article goes to press, we will see one of our long-standing instructors Scoop (Steve Cooper), who has recently stepped down from his regular instructing to do more fun jumping, complete his 2,000th jump. He is planning something interesting and we will report on the result of this in the next issue.

I also have to report the retirement from the sport of Lyndsay Morris, a club jumper and hard worker in manifest with a big smile to cheer everyone up. Sadly, the state of her shoulder has meant that, on advice from her consultant, she is exiting the sport. We all wish Lyndsay well and earnestly hope that her shoulder will be sorted enough to come back and play at some stage.

Talking of love being in the air, our two aerial lovebirds who got engaged in freefall at Tilstock, Rob Wilson and Beth Richards, will be taking the big step and marrying in Tilstock Church on August 22. Congratulations to you both. Love is doing the rounds now, with Ellie Southworth also getting engaged to Dan Griffiths – a lovely pairing. Who's next, we wonder?

Achievements recently include a large number of first freefalls who are too numerous to mention. That's a polite way of saying that I haven't managed to find out exactly who you all were – sorry!

**Gary Windon**

**ACHIEVEMENTS** CAT8/CH1 Jack Busby, Paul Butcher, Chris Coghlan  
FS1 Rich Scott **JUMP NUMBERS 100** Pete Dickens  
**700** Dave Gordon **4,000** Alex Busby Hicks **24 HOURS IN FREEFALL** Mike Allsopp

**TILSTOCK**  
*Barry Jones and Dan Griffiths exiting on a fun jump, by Simon Wilkinson*

“Rumours of Jack and Hannah's wedding are being grossly exaggerated, to our amusement”

**WILD GEESE**  
*Rod McCrory on the podium at the Swoop99 European Cup*

**WILD GEESE**

# GALVANISED SCALLYWAGS AND MISCELLANEOUS GALLIVANTING

**Queen's University (QUB)** Skydiving Club have remained busy and maintained good numbers attending the recap lessons each day. This has kept our two CSBIs busy, our latest one to qualify being Simon Finlay. Plenty of work will be handed their way over the summer – PLENTY!

Our demo was able to provide thrills (some planned and some not...) at this year's charity Raft Race in aid of the RNLI. Hopefully the weather can find its happy face over the remainder of the summer and we can get more crowds to look to the skies.

At club level, there have been some noteworthy milestones – see the Achievements roster below. Well done guys! Other than that, our club jumpers continue to explore the skies and their own skills.

At competition level, we have a small band of scallywags attempting to galvanise themselves into something resembling a team. *Fly Wild* also continue to thrive and have been training hard ahead of the British Nationals. The 'World Famous' Irish Swoop Team Canopy Pilot and Wild Geese Instructor Rod McCrory successfully competed in the Swoop99 European Cup event, hosted by Skydive UK at Dunkeswell. With first place in Zone Accuracy and Speed events and a second place in Distance, he lifted the overall gold medal.

The Irish Nationals are looming at the start of August, so it was a pleasure to have some team members from the Irish Parachute Club (IPC) attend Wild Geese for some intense training (and advanced socialising skills). We hope you guys had a good time and will come back for another visit soon.

With our Chief Pilot off gallivanting, we welcomed the newest addition to the pilot's roster: Moore Campbell. Thankfully, the weather played ball and he got to fly us up and down all day long.

Now all that is left is to pray for some sustained good weather for the best part of the remaining summer months. If you're planning a wee trip to Northern Ireland, we are always glad to see visiting skydivers and we'd love to see you.

So, until next time, blue skies and soft landings. If you have to swoop, stay safe!

**Simon**

**ACHIEVEMENTS** **JUMP NUMBERS 300** Linley Ewing, Linzi Johnston  
**400** Joanne Wilson **500** Neal Fitzpatrick



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## August

August 1-2

**FS** Girls-only FS Organising with Jess Armishaw

Location: **Dunkeswell** • skydive99.com

August 1-2

**U** CH2/JM1 training

Location: **Netheravon** • netheravon.com

August 7-9

**A** ISSA Speed Skydiving World Series Finals

Location: **Hibaldstow** • skydiving.co.uk

August 8-9

**WS** 3D Wingsuiting with Jack Johnson

Location: **Langar** • skydivelangar.co.uk

August 8-9

**CF** Coaching Roadshow

Location: **Chatteris** • skydivechatteris.co.uk

August 8-9

**FS** Multiplane FS Formations

Location: **Hibaldstow** • skydiving.co.uk

August 8-9

**WS** UK Wingsuit 25-way Record Attempt

Location: **Hibaldstow** • skydiving.co.uk

August 10-14

**B/F** 10th Anniversary Boogie

Location: **Cornish Parachute Club**

August 10-14

**BPA** CSBI/AFFBI/TBI/Advanced Instructor Course

Location: **Headcorn** • bpa.org.uk

August 10-14

**U** 'The Armies' Armed Forces Parachute Championships

Location: **Netheravon** • netheravon.com

August 11

**BPA** BPA Council Meeting

Location: **BPA Offices, Leicester** • bpa.org.uk

August 15

**FS** Multiplane FS with Will Cooke

Location: **Langar** • skydivelangar.co.uk

August 15-16

**FS** Armies Speed 8 Competition

Location: **Netheravon** • netheravon.com

August 15-16

**CF** CF Coaching Weekend with Crwsaders

Location: **Black Knights** • bkpc.co.uk

August 15-16

**CP** Flight-1 Canopy Course 101/102

Location: **Sibson** • skydivesibson.co.uk



August 15-16

**A** VFS 4-way Nationals

Location: **Dunkeswell** • skydive99.com

August 17-21

**BPA** CSI/Tandem/AFF/Pre-Advanced Instructor Course

Location: **Headcorn** • bpa.org.uk

August 20-25

**B/F** Jersey Boogie

Location: **Jersey** • skydivejersey.net

August 22

**A** Bullet Tracking Weekend

Location: **Langar** • skydivelangar.co.uk

August 22

**CP** Weapons of Grass Destruction Canopy Course

Location: **Langar** • skydivelangar.co.uk

August 22-24

**FS** 4-way FS Nationals

Location: **Hibaldstow** • skydiving.co.uk

August 22-29

**S&A** European Style and Accuracy Championships

Location: **Erden, Montana, Bulgaria**

August 23-30

**CP** CP World Cup 2015

Location: **Montreal, Canada**

August 27-30

**B/F** Twin Beech Boogie 2

Location: **Dunkeswell** • skydive99.com

August 29-31

**FS** **A** 8-way FS, Artistic and Speed Nationals

Location: **Hibaldstow** • skydiving.co.uk

## September

September 5

**CP** Weapons of Grass Destruction Canopy Course

Location: **Dunkeswell** • skydive99.com

September 5-6

**U** CH2/JM1 training

Location: **Netheravon** • netheravon.com

September 5-6

**A** UK Head Down Record

Location: **Hibaldstow** • skydiving.co.uk

September 5-13

**B/F** Langar Boogie 2

Location: **Langar** • skydivelangar.co.uk



September 7-11

**BPA** Tandem, AFF and Pre-Advanced Instructor Course

Location: **Langar** • bpa.org.uk

September 7-12

**FS** **A** World Cup and European Championships in FS and Artistic Events and World Cup in Speed Skydiving

Location: **Teuge, Netherlands** • paracentrumteuge.nl

September 12-13

**CP** Basic Canopy Handling Course with Nick Batsch

Location: **Dunkeswell** • skydive99.com

September 12-13

**WS** BPA Wingsuit Performance and Artistic Nationals

Location: **Netheravon** • netheravon.com

September 12-13

**FS** Coaching Roadshow with NFTO

Location: **Beccles** • ukparachuting.co.uk

September 12-13

**FS** FS Load Organising with Entropy

Location: **Netheravon** • netheravon.com

September 12-13

**CP** The Leading Edge Canopy Course

Location: **Hibaldstow** • skydiving.co.uk

September 14-18

**CP** Advanced Canopy Handling Course with Nick Batsch

Location: **Dunkeswell** • skydive99.com

September 17-20

**FS** ESL Finals

Location: **Hibaldstow** • skydiving.co.uk

September 18-20

**CP** Swoop99 Cup 3

Location: **Dunkeswell** • skydive99.com

September 19-20

**S&A** Accuracy Grand Prix

Location: **Headcorn** • headcorn.com

September 19-20

**A** Head-up Record

Location: **Sibson** • skydivesibson.co.uk

September 19-20

**FS** Intermediate/Advanced Load Organising with Gary Powell

Location: **Dunkeswell** • skydive99.com

## EVENTS ZONE

September 19-20

**WS** Wingsuit Coaching Roadshow

Location: **Chatteris** • skydivechatteris.co.uk

September 19 - October 18

**B/F** Autumn Boogie

Location: **Skydive Algarve, Portugal** • skydivealgarve.com

September 19-20

**CF** CF Grand Prix

Location: **Netheravon** • netheravon.com

September 21-27

**FS S&A** RAPA (Germany) Championships

Location: **Skydive Bad Lippspringe** • skydive-badlippspringe.com

September 23-24

**CP** Alter Ego Canopy Course with Curt and Jeannie Bartholomew

Location: **Langar** • skydivelangar.co.uk

September 24

**BPA** STC and Riggers' Meetings

Location: **BPA Offices, Leicester** • bpa.org.uk

September 26

**U** Bodyflight Revenge Meet

Location: **Bedford** • bodyflight.co.uk



September 26-27

**FS** Beginner/Intermediate Load Organising with Gary Powell

Location: **Dunkeswell** • skydive99.com

September 26-27

**FS A** Speed 8 Nationals

Location: **Sibson** • skydivesibson.co.uk

### October

October 6

**BPA** BPA Council Meeting

Location: **BPA Offices, Leicester** • bpa.org.uk

October 10-11

**U** CH2/JM1 training

Location: **Netheravon** • netheravon.com

October 13-18

**WS** Wingsuit World Record

Location: **Perris, California USA** • skydiveperris.com

October 17

**FS** Beginner/Intermediate Load Organising with Gary Powell

Location: **Dunkeswell** • skydive99.com

October 17-18

**A** Freely Big-way Challenge with Euphoria

Location: **Netheravon** • netheravon.com

October 20-24

**U** FAI World Championships in Tunnel Flying

Location: **Prague** • wisc2015.com

October 31

**U** Night Jumps and Halloween Party

Location: **Netheravon** • netheravon.com

October 31 - November 1

**U** CH2/JM1 training

Location: **Netheravon** • netheravon.com

October 31 - November 1

**A** VFS Team Competition with Paul Capsey

Location: **Netheravon** • netheravon.com

### November

November 2-6

**BPA** CSBI/AFFBI/TBI/Advanced Instructor Course

Location: **Hibaldstow** • bpa.org.uk

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**KEY**

**BPA** BPA EVENTS  
**CP** CANOPY PILOTING  
**FS** FORMATION SKYDIVING

**CF** CANOPY FORMATION  
**S&A** STYLE AND ACCURACY  
**B/F** BOOGIES/FUN

**A** ARTISTIC  
**WS** WINGSUIT  
**U** UNCLASSIFIED (inc POPS)



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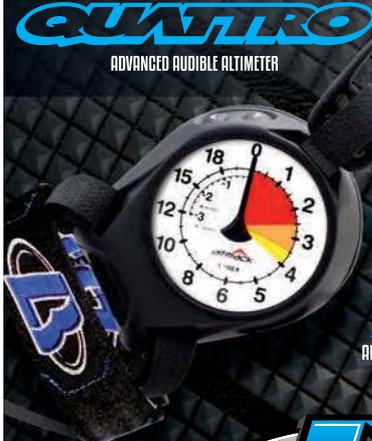


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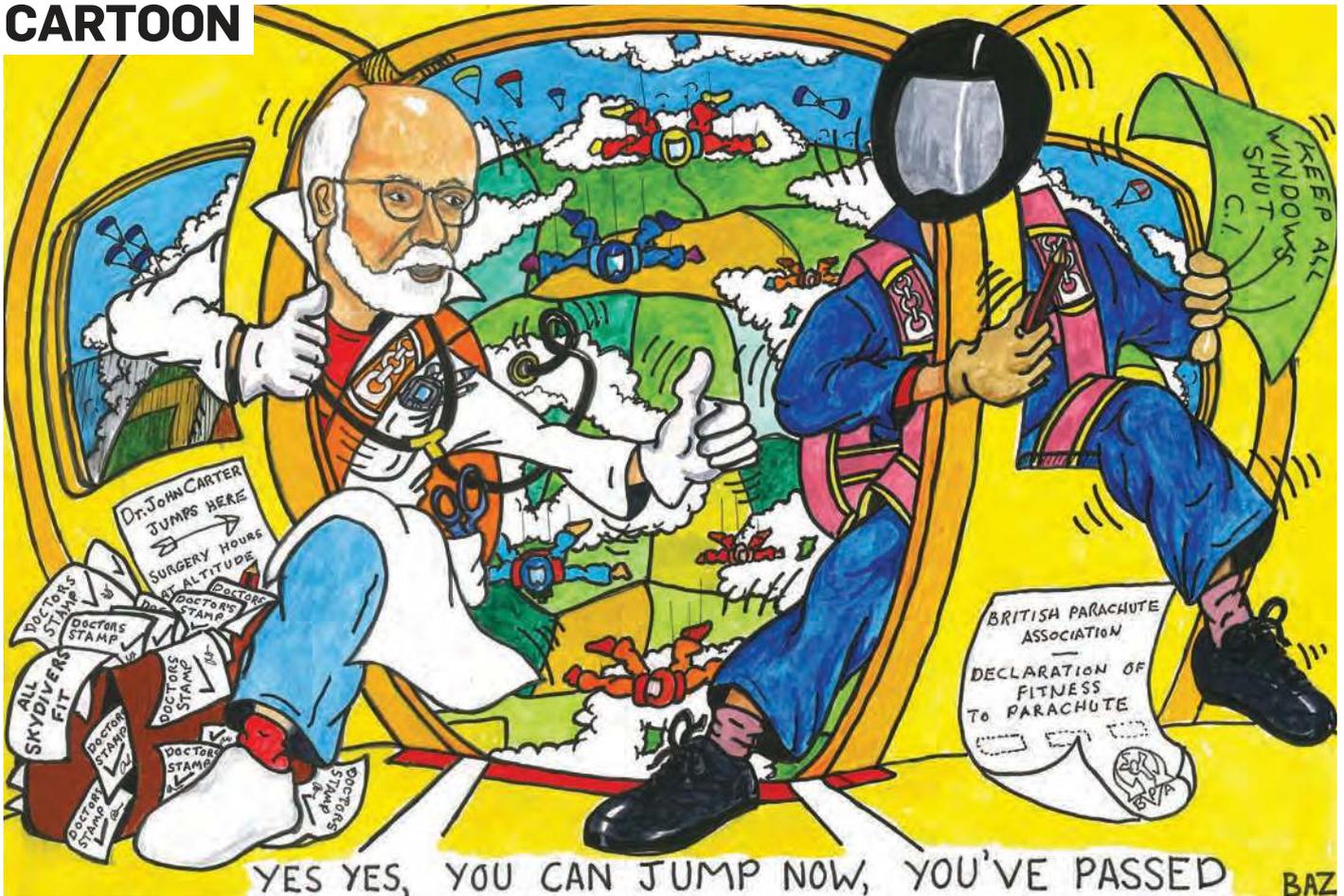
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