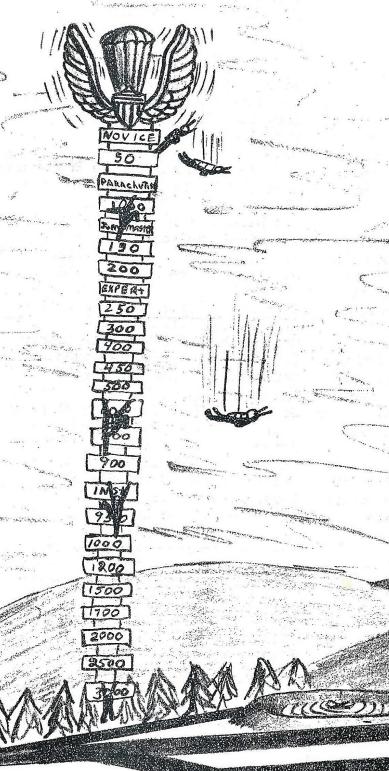


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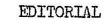


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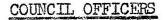
The reaction has been to "yank his license" when reviewing an offense committed by a fellow jumper and while sometimes this is the proper form of punishment, usually it is not.

is ridiculous to revoke the license of a man who pulls low or one who puts a student out on a sixty on the first jump because he can continue to pull low and jumpmaster students without a license.

1,5 To quote Gilbert and Sullivan: "let the penalty fit the crime". Yank licenses for offenses against competition such as cheating, pull jumpmaster ratings for improperly handling students and use groundings to control low pulls.

One must consider whether the offender is a danger to himself and/or to others and take appropriate and immediate action to rectify the situation.





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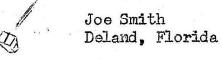
LETTERS TO THE IDITION

To the Editor: For two years of the best in parachuting reading!

Professor Sam Beer Harvard University

To the Editor: Just got your December issue of the Spotter and was shocked to see that you had a picture of dear old St. Nick with a Stylemaster rig on and a fifth of booze in his hand. At first glance one can see that you tried to illustrate that he might have

had one too many. What kind of image are you trying to portray of that dear old gent? Everyone here in Florida knows he wears a pig-rig and drinks Busch.



To the Editor: I just discovered the "Spotter". It is really great. On a visit to the Columbia, S.C. FAA General Aviation District Office I noticed a copy and immediately snatched it up, being always interested in what's going on in the jumping world.

The only thing I disliked is that I didn't discover it sconer. Boy, you guys should spread the word around.

Jerry Buthmann Burton, S.C.

To the Editor: I'm sorry to say it, but the Spotter finally blew one. In your December issue you stated that I submitted a balance sheet for the 1968 Canadian Team, and that the total cost was \$11,339.91---wrong on both counts.

What I did was submit an itemized breakdown of certain expense categories in the statement of receipts and disbursements for the 1968 Canadian Team as of Sept. 30, 1968, submitted by E. Mueller, then the C.S.P.A. treasurer, at the 1969 AGM. This itemized breakdown was required by a motion passed by the membership and was prepared from the C.S.P.A. books of account.

The total cost of the 1968 Team was \$28,361.37 which was partially covered by:

Government grants: \$8,183.00

Donations 5,150.73

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Total: \$20,170.35 for a net deficit of \$8,191.02. This deficit bank-rupted C.S.P.A. and the \$4500.00 bank loan taken out to cover current expenses to March, 1969 was paid back in fiscal 1969. (i.e. included in the \$20,800 reported in Spotter "Short Spots".

Keep up the good work.

Richard "Buzz" Bennett Toronto

To the Editor: Your format is both needed and well-received in parachuting circles (para-circles?). I see you Northeast types only in winter in Florida and the news-letter keeps the names and their activities fresh in my mind and allows me to avoid them as much as I possibly can.

Lou Aug Aurora, Illinois



To the Editor: I see the staff had some fun with my 5,200° static line experience. Incidentally, one thing the Perils-of-Pauline story didn't do was to give adequate credit to the terrific job of piloting done by Fred Pease. It turns out, by the way, that he did know something was amiss and was checking out the situation before making his move. Probably I should have hung around a bit longer to find out, but I was in a hurry at the time.

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George McCulloch Warehouse Point, Connecticut

Dear Editor: Enclosed is my two bucks for a subscription to your scandle sheet. Why don't you stick in some offset pages sos you can put in some good-quality photos and some really good cartoons? Then you could even increase your price, make a pile of dough, and finally put the other two mags (what are their names?) out of business. You could put in some sexy pictures and snag some of the Playboy market. The possibilities are endless. When you do all of these things, you can express your gratitude by giving me a lifetime subscription.

Bill Fitz Simons HARRY'S Warrenton, Virginia

Editor's Note: The Spotter is a newsmagazine: everyone else has photos but only we have the news. We are financially responsible as evidenced by over four years of continous publication and money in the bank. The Spotter does not compete with the others, it complements them by filling in the uncovered areas.

RELATIVE WORK SEMINAR SCHEDULED FOR STORMVILLE

A seminar for large star relative work is scheduled for Stormville, New York. for 11 and 12 April. The class begins at 9:00 a.m. Saturday; will run a couple of hours before moving into the air. The Beech was flipped over recently but Hadden Wood has picked up a deHavilland Dove which carries 12. Sixties will run \$7.00. Call or write Wood (23 Perryridge Road, Greenwich, Conn. (203) 869-0525) for more information. Those who send in a card will get preference. If there is a great response, additional aircraft will be brought in.



At the recent CIP meeting in Paris, Chuck MacCrone nominated five more FAI judges from the U.S. Authorized to wear the coveted gold badge are Cesar Aguilar, Norm Heaton, John Scott, Bob Sprague and George Trousdale. They bring the list up to eleven which includes: Art Armstrong, Lowell Bachman, Lyle Cameron, Ray Heald Ron Radhoff, and Gordon Riner.

The Competition Committee approved requirements for future selection: must be a judge in two Nationals in the last four years, must score well on the Riner rating system, must meet FAI requirements, be endorsed by the Competition Committee, and approved by the Board of Directors.

PLATESBURGH GETS NATIONALS NOD

Plattsburgh, New York, will be the site of the 1970 U.S. National Parachuting Championships, decided the Board of Directors in their recent meeting at the Air Force Academy. The bid submitted by Thomas A. Cronin of the Clinton County Tourist and Convention Bureau bettered seven others from Ontario, California; Bartow, Zephyrhills and Sanford, Florida; Tahlequah, Oklahoma; Sun River, Oregon; and Menomee Falls, Wisconsin. The facilities appear to be the best ever and include motel accomodations with kitchenettes.

Plattsburgh is just a few miles from Montreal and a number of Canadian jumpers are expected to visit the meet.

STEVENS PROVES STUDENT RESERVE SYSTEM

Perry Stevens of Oakland, California, is about to coauthor an article on his static line reserve system for students and give it to the World. It consists of cross connector straps between the connector links on the main risers and a line running to the ripcord handle on the chest mounted reserve. Students are taught to activate the left-hand release first and then follow with the right and each makes 50 or more tries on a suspended harness. The reserve is a 28° with a single T cut.

Tests have been conducted for the last 14 months and all types of malfunctions have been experienced on all different static line jumps and delays. The student is

taught, if it doesn't look right, cutaway.

Stevens first began working with the system in 1963 and it was adopted with modifications by Security for use on their Piggyback system. An article with important specifications is being readied for PARACHUTIST and will appear in a couple of months.

POPPENHAGER GIVEN STATIC LINE WAIVER

By a vote of the USPA Board of Directors, South Florida Parachutes, Inc. was issued a temporary waiver to the Basic Safety Regulation requiring novice parachutists to make a minumum of five static line jumps prior to advancing to freefall. In outlining his plan to the Safety and Training Committee, Paul Poppenhager, D-47, said he planned to use a KAP-3 automatic opener on the main parachute and a Sentinel on the reserve. Instruction would take four hours with heavy emphasis on manual operation. The Indiantown DZ operator insisted that he would not allow all his students to begin on freefall; he will be selective until he is satisfied with the program's performance. According to the lesson plan, the first jump will be a five from 3,300 feet.

The effect of the Board waiver will be authorization to begin a test and evaluation program on 1 April and to allow students jumping under Poppenhager's supervision to qualify for licenses without having made the static line jumps.

Similar waivers have been granted to HALO and the Air Force Academy and the

Russians have been using the system for years.

This sort of program is highly controversial and since there has been a great deal of interest in this area, the Board felt that it was worthy of a test program under controlled conditions. A report on the Poppenhager program and results of a study on material from the HALO Committee are expected in the fall.

Poppenhager startled parachute instructors a year ago when he began dispatched ing students on Mark II Para-Commanders. He has found a low incidence of malfunction, low rate of descent resulting in fewer landing injuries, ability to jump them in higher winds and no training problem in the transition from one canopy to the other.

SPOTTER.....first in parachuting news.

USPA GREW IN 169

The United States Parachute Association had 14,219 members in 1969 and issued 2,500 licenses. 46% of the memberships were renewals, thus revealing a high turn-over rate for the sport; the increase was about 6%. The Cannery Row office in Monterey employs six girls and two men full time and occupies a very crowded 2700 sq. feet. USPA is the next largest user of the mail in Monterey behind the military. Besides the magazine, 60,000 pieces of mail went out in 1969. Last year was financially good with the Association coming out \$27,000 in the black.

USPA EARMARKS \$10,000 FOR TRAINING FILM

The USPA Board voted to set aside \$10,000 in a training film fund to evidence interest and good faith and enable the work to be continued on the script. The nearly completed script, compiled and written by Bob Mathews and Kevin Brady, was submitted to the Safety and Training Committee for review. The film is an overall initial student review lasting about 30 minutes and is designed to complement the first jump course.

Putting the \$10,000 aside will encourage Aerolog, the company Brady works for in Long Island, to finish the script, make a costing, and will enable them to go outside the sport to solicit extra funds. Aerolog is a film company specializing in

aviation films.

JUDGES FOR NATIONALS PICKED

On the recommendation of the Competition Committee, the Board of Directors approved the following as judges of the U.S. National Parachuting Championships to be held in Plattsburgh, New York:

Chief Judge: Ron Radhoff
Accuracy Vice Judge: Jack Huntsberger
Style Vice Judge: George Trousdale
Relative Vice Judge: Scratch Garrison
Chief Training Judge: John Scott

Principal Judges:
Cesar Aguilar
Lyle Cameron
Lowell Bachman
Art Armstrong
Gordon Riner
Bob Sprague
Jim Fenske
Dean Wallis

A two platoon system will be tried this year and the Chief Judge will assign positions to the principal judges. Fenske and Wallis are the only two new judges having worked their way up from the training judge ranks.

Norm Heaton will again be the meet director. The jury will consist of Bill Ottley. Chuck MacCrone and Loy Brydon. Dan Poynter will inspect equipment, as usual.

US TEAM DELEGATION NAMED

The support troops of the 1970 US Team will be as follows:

Chief of Delegation: Lowell Bachman

Team Leader: Mike Schultz

Coach: Loy Brydon Judge: Gordon Riner

Mike Schultz authored an SOP for the delegation which was approved in general by the Competition Committee.

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Strong Enterprises of North Quincy, Mass., was recently recognized for the most outstanding display at the Osaka, Japan World Exposition which will open soon. The "Tumae" award was made to the firm which set up the most ususual sport and was the most difficult to display; Strong supplied a completely outfitted sport parachutist under an open Para-Commander cancpy. The theme of the U.S. Pavillion centers on the sporting activities of the Nation. A formal announcement will be made during the opening ceremonies. Congratulations to Strong, winner of the "Osaka Tumae".

USPA FULLY RECOGNIZES RELATIVE WORK

The USPA Board of Directors gave full recognition to team relative work by adopting governing rules and approving the establishment of an award for free fall time.

Gold wings superimposed on a clock will be awarded to those with 12 hours of freefall time. That is the equivalent of 720 sixties. Gold wings with a diamond is the award for 24 hours.

Relative work teams at the Nationals will make six jumps performing each of

the following maneuvers twice:

1. Star, 360, Caterpillar

2. Diamond, abreast line, diamond,

3. Pairs, star

For 1970 only all conferences were awarded one slot except the Mideast and Pacific, which have two and the Western with three.

STAR TEAMS TO COMPETE FOR TOUR PRIZE

A wealthy southern California backer has offered an all expense paid trip to the World Meet for the best ten man star team. USPA has been asked to approach the hosts of the Bled, Yugoslavia meet for permission to make the demo, thus promoting large star relative work on an international scale. A contest to pick the best ten man team will be held in July, probably in California. For further information, contact Edwin S. Webster, 1431 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, California 90401; (213) 395-4924.

JUMPING IN SWITZERLAND

By Don Stiles

Switzerland offers the finest parachating in Europe. Bern, trilingual capital; Luzern, gateway to the famous Pilatus mountains; Sion, starting point for many ski weekends; and Yverdon, at the base of Lac de Neuchatel, in the French Canton, are areas where jumpers are welcomed with a smile, a friendly word, and a multitude of questions about our sport. At Yverdon, 35,000 ft. above the city, sliding back a frosty Pilatus Portor door, starts three minutes of panoramic free fall encompassing France, Germany, practically all the lakes in Switzerland, Mont Blanc, and the Matterhorn. High altitude jumps are commonplace there, and are carried out with the unmost safety requirements. Any USPA member with a current altitude chamber ride may make jumps over 20,000 ft. Prices range from two dollars to fifty dollars depending on altitude, and number of jumpers per load.

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4TH ANNUAL MARDI GRAS MEET RESULTS

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By Robert LeBeau Florida P.I.O.



For the fourth consecutive year in a row, the Southern Parachute Center hosted it's annual Mardi Gras Fun Meet. This gala event was held at the center's new DZ in Covington, Ia., just outside of New Orleans. The center, operated by Leon and Prissie Riche, recently moved from a few miles away but were able to have the new DZ completed for this year's meet. The meet attracted 104 jumpers from 19 states and one entry from South Africa. Weather on both days of the meet could not have been much better, with clear skies and gentle breezes. The Sack Race Jump, the funniest of the events, drew smiles from both jumpers and spectators alike as the jumper hit and hopped to target for time, all in a burlap sack!

The Mardi Gras season in New Orleans was the setting for parties the days before the meet as well as during and afterwards. I would hasten to say that there

were more jumpers on Bourbon Street than on the peas!

During the tabulation of scores at the end of the meet, Leon Riche held an auction of jump gear that lasted over an hour and selling everything the jumpers wanted to sell. The response was tremendous with all types of jump gear from jump suits to complete piggyback rigs being sold as fast as they went up for bid. This, as we know, is a first in the jumping world and is a very good way to take up time at a meet and also to buy some pretty cheap and nice gear.

The results were as follows:

INDIVIDUAL ACCURACY

- 1. Rich Tompkins, St. Louis, Mo.
- 2. Hunt Dufour, New Orleans, La.
- 3. Fritz Jackson, Baton Rouge, La.

TEAM

- 1. Jim West Greene County,
 Don Ellis Ohio
 Ron Adams
- 2. Frank Bender, N.J. Jerry Buthmann, S.C. Bobby Smith, N.J.
- 3. Curtis Tuner, Mobile, Ala. Don Cosgrove, Mobile, Ala. Max Freeman, Taft, Calif.

OVERALL

- 1. Hunt Dufour, New Orleans, La.
- 2. Ron Adams, Green County, Ohio
- 3. Fritz Jackson, Baton Rouge, La.

SACK RACE JUMP

- 1. Herb Graves, Southern Para. 11 sec
- 2. Bill Burner, Delta S.D. New Orleans 12 sec.
- 3. Terry Ward, STAR TEAM! Taft, California 13 sec.

JUDGES

George Trousdale, La. Mike Babineaux, La. Robert LeBeau, Fla.

CORDELLE, ANGEL PLAN ALTITUDE RECORD ATTEMPT

Doug Angel and Frank Cordelle have launched STRATOSPHERIC FREEFALL PROJECT and plan to jump from a balloon during the winter of '70-'71. Preparations to date include a computer analysis of all the major aerodynamic parameters, as well as a consideration of a variety of other technical aspects of the project, discussions with Raven Industries (balloon) and the David Clark Company (pressure suits), and plans for financial support.

A great deal of help has come from Cesar Aguilar, John Carlson, Ray Dobson, Hal Evans, Jeff Hoffman, Bill Mehr and Bill Viets. Evans worked on a similar project a couple of years ago. Nick Piantinida lost his life on his third attempt to

set a world freefall record.

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MORE FUN FROM THE FAR EAST
By Lyle Goodin
Thailand P.I.O.

This year during the MITRAPAB season we have gotten ultra-safe. We are no longer allowing the Thai jumpers to attach the M-18 smoke grenades to the sole of their boot with a rubber band. We explained to them that we understood the convenience of such an attachment (it falls off upon opening shock or when it gets hot enough to burn through the rubber band) and we appreciated their concern over being able to stage a spectacular demonstration, but finally we won the argument when I told them I'd withold licenses, club affilliations, etc. if they insisted on using rubber bands for smoke brackets. The part of my argument about free-falling objects, velocity of falling projectiles, danger to spectators, possibility of severe property damage, injury or even death, consequences if M-18 fell through a deploying canopy, etc. was completely futile. Last year, six or seven were accidentally pulled inside the C-123, but they seem to have forgotten about that too.

RESHUFFLING OF FAA REGIONAL OFFICES (From N.A.A.)

The White House has circulated a directive among all government departments and agencies calling for a standard regional concept for all government field offices. When the order was issued in March of 1969 it was directed specifically at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Department of Labor, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Economic Opportunity and Small Business Administration. The purpose of the directive was to achieve coordination and economic

my in programs operated in the same area by these various agencies.

Most recently the Department of Transportation has been requested to join in this re-shuffling of field offices. This will affect the FAA Regional Offices. Those already established in New York, Atlanta, Kansas City and Fort Worth would have the boundaries of their areas of responsibility diminished. The regional office in Los Angeles would be closed. New regional offices would be opened in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Denver, San Francisco and Seattle. If this plan is carried out it will probably mean the abandonment of the FAA area offices that were established merely two years ago.

DEMOS IN THAI STYLE

By Lyle Goodin

We start the MITRAPAB season next month. That's the educational foundation that puts on parachute demonstrations to raise money to build schools in the poor provinces of Thailand. Of course, we have to make this a joint effort with the Thai "Skydivers"(?) and it usually turns into a real circus. The Thai's idea of a demonstration is to send parachutists of all description raining from the sky in all manner of horrible displays of low pulls, streamers, dropped smoke grenades, etc. Most of them are either static liners or low delay types but they manage to fill the C-123 and proceed to scatter death and destruction throughout the province. Usually, us Americans hold back till all the Thais have jumped and go out on the last pass. At least, we have built schools in 71 provinces and have scheduled 21 demonstrations for the up-coming season.

FATALITY REPORTS

Printed below is a list of recent parachuting fatalities. These reports are printed in the SPOTTER for instructional purposes. These are not just "jump stories"; they are reports of real people and it is felt that this produces a greater impression upon the reader. Learn from the problems encountered by others—read and carefully analyze each fatality report.

***Date: 28 November 1969 Name: William E. Winkley

Place: Cedar Hill DZ, Dallas Texas

Age: 20 Jumps: 8?

Cause of Death: Reports are conflicting and unclear but there are inidications that the deceased was not qualified to make the freefall jump, had been drinking heavily and planned to open low. He died on impact. The others went out on the same pass for reported relative work and landed safely.

***Date: 28 December 1969
Name: Don L. Workman, Jr.
Place: Richland, Washington

Age: 20 Jumps: 82

Cause of death: Deceased borrowed a Crossbow system and a PC. The owner had installed a cord running from the pack opening band eyes along side the housing apparently to pull the pack open if it should be necessary after the ripcord had been pulled. Deceased made a planned five and pulled. The pilot chutes entangled with his leg and he cut away and attempted to activate the reserve until impact. Theory has it that he was pulling on the cord as the reserve was easily activated on the ground.

***Date: 30 December 1969
Name: Richard Buck
Place: Tucson, Arizona

Age: 32 Jumps: 54

Cause of death: Apparent suicide. Deceased was last out at 3500 feet and fell stable until impact; he made no visible move toward either ripcord. According to friends, he had numerous personal problems with his job and family and was in a low state of mental depression.

***Date: 3 January 1970 Name: Sally Keifer

Place: Ft. Benning, Ga.

Age: 17 Jumps: 9

Cause of death: Deceased's first jump of the day was her first freefall. She left the aircraft, hooked out the ripcord and appeared to have a hard pull. Apparently she continued to pull the main, going out of control, until impact.

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HEAVY DROP AT INDÍANTOWN

Over 950 lbs. were launched into the air over Indiantown, Florida, to start out the new year, and this was only three bodies. 240 lb. Dan Wolkow of Michigan joined 280 lb. Bob Sprague of Illinois and 290 lb. Paul Healy of Tampa for a total of 810 lbs. (without gear) of plummeting flesh. A stripped 195, low on fuel and a skinny pilot were used to get them to 7200'. Upon landing, Healy was heard to say: "That was the first time I have seen anyone else in freefall who wasn't standing on his head!". Sprague has been issuing patches to anyone who could catch him in freefall.

After repeatedly blowing up PCs and numerous hard landings, Sprague found two Crossbows which were originally made by Security for the Forest Service. With his weight, they fly quite well and standups are common. Healy couldn't go more than three jumps without blowing a panel or popping lines on his PC so he installed a reefing system and releases the skirt with a tug on one toggle line.

Paul Valleli, another heavyweight from Bedford, Mass., has experienced a high percentage of PC malfunctions. He submitted an incident report to USPA and a study is now underway. Jumpers with additional information or questions should contact him at Diffractions, Ltd., Inc., Middlesex Turnpike, Bedford, Mass. 01730.

RESULTS OF POP'S MEET 169

The 1969 jump season was climaxed with the annual South Florida Winter Invitational in Indiantown. Bob Holler took first place money after a jump off with fellow Pelican, Mike Schultz, for first place. The results were as follows:

ACCURACY

- 1. Bob Holler
- 2. Mike Schultz
- 3. Dave Sauve
- 4. Jerry Kelly
- 5. Bobby Frierson
- 6. Roger Wolford
- 7. Tom Bryant
- 8. Bill Jones
- 9. Curly Cowen
- 10. Pat Moore

TEAM RELATIVE

- 1. Fayard, Adams, Boswell & Hincheliff
- 2. Jones, Penn, Binnicker & Friersch
- 3. Holler, Ottley, Moore & Bryant

At the award ceremony, host Paul Poppenhager, who has over 3000 jumps himself, passed out gold wings to Lou Aug for 1000, wings with a diamond to Dave Sauve for 2000, and wings with two diamonds to Jim West for 3000 jumps.

JUMPING IN GERMANY By Don Stiles

Last month a listing of German DZ's appeared in these pages. Here are some details. Five jump clubs coordinate American and German parachuting in Deutschland. The Rhein flows near the most active one, Bruchsal, not far from Heidelberg, romantic city of the Student Prince, site of the 13th century Heidelberg Castle. The German Army lost Luftlandedivision hosts weekend activities for their American Civilian and Military guests. Jump aircraft from the Cessna and Piper families dominate the accuracy and style scene while an occasional H34 "dank unserer amerikanischen Armee", disgorges eight would-be relative workers. Everyone speaks English, including a few American Sergeants, and a good time is had by all. Prices range from \$2 for accuracy, \$4 for style, and free from a benevolent H34 pilot. Contact Capt. Kutzbach, Hichelberg Kaserne, Bruchsal, Germany, Tel.4151; or Don Stiles, Standard Life Insurance Co., Pfortering 7, 652 Worms. Tel: WORMS CIV 4086.

HOT SHEET Stolen Parachute Equipment

Thousands of dollars worth of parachuting equipment is stolen each year. Some of it is picked up by other parachutists, but most is taken by others in jump shack burglaries and thefts from automobiles. In either case, much of the stolen goods return to the DZ as it has little value elsewhere. The SPOTTER invites listings of stolen equipment and suggests that every jumper inventory his gear and make a note of the serial numbers on the canopies. Stolen equipment will be listed here as a public service (no charge) in each issue; back issues should be saved for reference.

1. 26' conical steerable reserve, Serial #157889

Reserve container Part #5616092 Mfg. date 1960, March, Pioneer Parachute

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Armonk, New York 10504

MORE POSITIVE CONTROL PROMISED (From N.P.A.)

In testimony which followed NPA's before the National Transportation Safety Board, FAA Administrator, Jack Shaffer, announced that in the reasonably near future FAA plans to lower positive control from 18,000 to 14,500 feet all across the continental U.S.; down to 10,000 feet in the "Golden Triangle" and the Los Angeles/San Francisco corridor; down to 10,000 feet along "selected airways between hubs"; plus down to as low as 6,000 feet along airways in the Triangle and West Coast areas. Make your sixties new!!

THE 747 - REALLY BIG (From N.A.A.)

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Crville Wright's first flight was only slightly more than half the distance of the 747's 231-foot fuselage which is 3/4 of a football field in length. The jumbo jet which has a 490 passenger capacity recently flew from Seattle to New York at a top speed of 722 mph. Its 365 tons of plane, passengers and fuel can cruise nonstop from New York to Tokyo, 6700 miles, at a speed of 625 mph. Its cabin is 20 feet wide its wing area, 5500 sq. ft., larger than a college basketball court. Though today's 747 statistics are impressive, tomorrow's SST, The Supersonic Transport, will be even more so —— and it all started only 66 years ago.

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ILLABLINGS FROM ROCKLEDGE

By Russ Wasson

The SE Conference Meet was canceled Sunday, Dec. 7, when deteriorating ceiling and rain made it impossible to complete the required two rounds of style. A record turnout of 49 Conference competitors and 17 Novices put up with a rare display of fickle Florida weather, completing 3 of 4 Accuracy rounds and $1\frac{1}{2}$ of 2 Style rounds. After the ceiling lowered to several hundred feet with rain and fog, the meet was terminated and will be rescheduled for May, 1970. Dates and location will be announced by SE Conference Director, Jimmy Godwin.

The turnout, representing every state in the SE Conference, far exceeded expectations, and was larger than the last three SE Conference Meets combined! As a "thank you" for coming and to express our regrets for the poor weather, I will shortly mail to each of the Conference competitors a "Rain Check" ticket, good for a free lift to 7,500 feet at our DZ anytime. We hope to see every jumper back soon for some real

Florida weather and good jumping!

The annual Falling Stars Club Meeting was held Dec. 15. Special guest Jimmy Godwin was presented a handsome certificate of appreciation, featuring his portrait sketched by well-known local artist, John Handloser, for his dedication and contributions to the sport of parachuting. ASO, Tom Goodin, and the writer were also honored with plaques of appreciation for service to the Club. New officers were elected for 1970; Jerry Russell, President; Tom Goodin, Vice-President; Russell Wasson, Secretary & Treasurer; (all 3 re-elected), Richard McMullen, Club Safety Officer; William Prior, Training Officer.

One last interesting note on the Conference Meet: a third railcar of pea gravel, 84.4 tons, was unloaded on our target two days before the meet, 180 tons total, ever 10 meters of peed circle. The rock was finally spread only hours before the meet began - just in time!

RITCHIE OPENS NEW FLORIDA D.Z.

By Robert LeBeau Florida P.I.O.

Things are really shaping up in Bartow, Florida, at Gene Ritchie's new jump center. The center-to-be will open in May, when Gene retires from the Army and will be able to devote his entire time to managing the full-time center. The Bartow jump center is located on a once busy military flight training base, now abandoned. Left behind were all the facilities such as a modern heated swimming pool and barracks quarters for guest sleeping. The base has a full-time snack bar-cafe, and just about everything else one could possibly need for enjoyable jumping, including plenty of warm, Florida sunshine and gentle balmy breezes. The center shares the base with a small industrial center and the Bartow Air Academy which is operated by Chuck Yeager, (the U.S.'s first man to break the sound barrier). Several targets are being installed and a very good student program is planned.

Just a few short miles down the road Cypress Gardens, one of Florida's largest tourist attractions, is to be found located in the middle of sweet smelling orange country. Tampa and St. Petersburg on the Gulf of Mexico are not much more than an hours drive away. The center at Bartow really promises to be a place to visit when in Florida, so keep your eye open for more information on the center and don't for-

get to mark it on your road map!



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NORTHEST CONFERENCE DIFFETOR'S REPORT By Dan Poynter

While most of the activities of the USPA, Council and the Northeast Conference Director are noted elsewhere in these pages, listed below are some of the special projects which received attention since the last issue.

Miles driven: 7,023 Letters written: 113

There have been so many activities, it is hard to believe it is winter. Since the last issue, there have been three more jumpmaster seminars, at West Point, N.Y., Ovid, N.Y., and Manchester, Connecticut. I made the annual pilgrimage to Pops in Florida (6th year) and stopped by Z-hills, Kissimmee, Sanford and Deland Florida, as well. Also dropped in at Ft. Bragg, N.C. both going and returning. Went to the Board meeting at the Air Force Academy in Colorado and then continued on to San Francisco (where, incidentally, I spent my first 24 years and began jumping). I dropped in on Security, Perry Stevens, and Eddie Brown and visited the DZs at Antioch, Yolo and Calistoga (made a 9-man and a 10-man). Two days were spent at USPA Headquarters in Monterey.

I went through Orange and entered the meet at Turners Falls. The main purpose

of the trip was to carry some Gold Wings to Ken Carville.

I have a Boston Air Traffic Controllers meeting in a few days and plan to attend the Canadian Annual General Meeting in Ottawa in March.

TOWER POWER (in case you haven't heard this before)

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Private plane: Kansas City tower, you might inform the TWA plane which is about to take off from the north-end that the object near my position that looks like a rock is really a turtle.

TWA 707: Tower, we heard that transmission. Understand one turtle crossing runway. Tower: Based on available pilot reports, turtle's course is oriented south-east. TWA 707: Tower, can you give us info on turtle's speed and estimated time of runway clearance?

Tower: Computer calculations indicate turtle's speed around 200 feet an hour - maybe less in this quartering headwind. If present course and speed are maintained, runway should be clear in about 12 minutes.

TWA 707: Unable to wait due to fuel depletion. Will employ evasive action on take off.

Tower: Roger, TWA. Cleared for takeoff. Be alert for wake turbulence behind departing turtle.

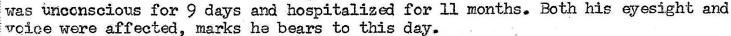
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CHET POLAND

Chet Poland, sixty years old, soft spoken. willing worker, a legend in his own time. He made his last jump at Orange in 1963, thus climaxing a jump career of 187 jumps which began in Presque Isle, Maine, on the Fourth of July in 1932. From there he became a barnstormer jumping throughout New England and New York, Most jumps were 8-10 second delays and two were from a balloon, while the rest were from planes. For equipment, he used Irvin and Switlik model back packs without a reserve.

Chet was in a civilian air crash in 1935 and suffered a crushed skull, concussion, two broken arms and two broken legs; he



minutes
Chet first soloed in 1927 after 2 hours and 20/of flight time.

Chet has worked for the U.S. Team since 1962. Once again, he is raffling off a Mark I P.C. and the drawing will be held at the Nationals. He shows up at numerous meets to sell goggles, jewelry and rubber bands with all proceeds going to the U.S. Team. Most of his line is donated by various manufacturers and dealers but some items are financed by Chet for resale. One very popular item is a reproduction of the West German Airborne pin on a chain.

He picked up a new VW bus last year after putting 187,000 miles on the old one. He's had the beard since 1961 when he was in Alaska.

Knowing that virtually everything he gets goes to the Team Fund, Norm Heaton engineered a donation at the '67 Nationals. They borrowed his bus and returned it with four new tires. Oh, and Chester F. Poland is POPS 261.

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VI ANNUAL EAST COAST ACCURACY CHAMPIONSHIPS - GREENE, N.Y.

Date - June 13 & 14 Rain Date - June 21 & 22

\$2000.00 in prize money

(US)

-- 1. \$500 8. \$70 2. \$400 9. \$60 3. \$300 10. \$50 4. \$200 11. \$50 5. \$100 12. \$50

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This meet is just one week before the nationals. Fly into Binghampton, NY and after the meet, catch one of the many rides to Plattsburgh. The meet will have National level judges and staff.

\$30.00 entry fee - \$35.00 Late entry fee

Entry Deadline: June 1st

Team Event if time allows Maet Director: Tim Saltonstall Beer blast on Saturday night FMI: Greene SPC
Airport, Route #12
Greene, New York

SHORT SPOTS

- ****BILLY LOCKWARD folded Parachuting Ltd. in Phoenix and is working for P.I. in Lakewood, New Jersey.
- ***DOUG METCALFE, 1969 National Style Champ, broke his leg---skiing.
- ***CHUCK MAC CRONE, the USPA representative to the FAI, was elected President of the CIP (International Parachuting Commission) recently in Paris. The number two representative, Norm Heaton, will assume MacCrone's old position since, as President, Chack can't represent the U.S.

*** THIS IS A SPORT, the USPA film, has paid for itself in less than a year; 90 cop-

ies have been sold world wide so far.

***LOY BRYDON has left the Army Team for a new assignment in Ft. Lewis, Washington.
***JACQUES ISTEL, in a surprise move at the recent USPA Board meeting, turned his
\$10,000 scholarship over to the NCPL Committee and it will be awarded in the
future to one of the collegiate entrants in the NCPL meet.

***FAA says: by 1979 the 150 million passengers now carried by U.S. airlines will triple - 1000 more airliners will be added to today's fleet of 2,500 and another 100,000 privately owned aircraft will increase the General Aviation population

to 214,000.

***MIKE NAGLE is back from England.

***AWARDS COMMITTEE, Bill Ottley, Chairman, has decreed no trophies for the relative work champs in the 1969 Conference meets. "wasn't in the budget" says Bill.

***USPA is selling blue windbreaker jackets with large full color USPA wing patches on the back for \$19.50. Pewter mugs with wings and etched glasses are on the way. ***STU McCURDY, USPA National Director, is the new chairman of the recently reestable.

lished R&D Committee. The first project: evaluation of Steve Snyder's new "Super Sentinel".

*** KEN GLOVER, Mid-East Conference Director, has authored an S.O.P. on disciplinary actions for USPA and the Board has voted to use it on a trial basis until the next meeting. Write Monterey for a copy.

*** CAPT. CRAIG ELLIOT presented a copy of a new film on the Air Force Academy Para-

chute Training Program to USPA.

- ***BUS BERTRAM, N.W. Conference Director, sent \$5.00 for his subscription renewal "for a good job". It will clog up the machinery, but he'll get $2\frac{1}{2}$ years of the SPOTTER.
- ***TOMMY BARTLETT, of Wisconsin, etc. watershow fame has offered \$250.00 per year to the USFA, NCPL Scholarship fund because most of the jumpers in his summer show are college students.
- ***GARY PATMOR, USPA National Director, reports that warning placards for jump aircraft will soon be available from Monterey. The plastic strips with pressure sensensative adhesive will say: "wear helmets during take off", "protect your ripcords", etc.
- ***RICK MILLER. Southern Conference Director, reports that USPA will produce six promotional posters in 1970.
- ***JERRY ROUILLARD, new USPA Assistant Director, worried about membership reaction to his beard, has allowed only clean shaven photos to appear in PARACHUTIST.
- ***JAKE SCOTT made his first dead center on 25 January on a Mark II in Greene, N.Y. and was drafted the same day.
- ***BILL OTTLEY won't acknowledge that he has turned forty and won't join P.O.P.S.

***MIKE SCHULTZ, Chairman of the USPA Competition Committee, is entertaining bids for U.S. Team training. He can be contacted through Monterey.

*** NORM HEATON, reports that USPA Headquarters will buy a \$5,000 addressograph mechine. It should cut magazine addressing from four days to one.

***CWO BRUCE McDANIEL was appointed director of the European Parachuting League by the USPA Board. He will be the equivalent of a Conference Director without a vote. Gus Gutshall was the last one to hold the position.

***LYLE CAMERON is reportedly a direct descendent of Jeb Cameron, General Custer's

lookout.

MORE SHORT SPOTS

- ***ROY JOHNSON lost most of his gear in a fire recently.
- ***GUS ANAGNOSTIS of Galveston, Texas, made 51 jumps on his 51st birthday.
- ***JIM BATES finally made Cardinal after trying for 8 years; he was the senior neophyte in the Conn. Parachutists.
- ***WILLARD JOSEPH SMITH of Syracuse, saw Gypsy Moths ten times and recorded the sound track on the last visit.
- *** CRAZY DAVE LANZENDORF, N.Y. ASO, was shipped to Australia for a few weeks by his company.
- *** CANADIAN SPORT PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION now has their BSRs in French as well for the clubs in Quebec.
- ***BILL HARDMAN, of Abbotsford, B.C., is the new Chief Instructor/Examiner for the CSPA.
- ***SUSAN RADEMAEKERS organized a competition clinic at Antioch, California.
- ***JACKIE JOHNSON, West Coast replant, had her shoulder operated on in December.
- ***BETTY BURKETT made a down winder and broke her ankle.
- ***TEXAS continues to lead all other states with 938 landing facilities as compared to California with 699, Alaska 667, Illinois 483, Pennsylvania 447, and Ohio 416. The combined total of landing facilities in the U.S. now stands at 10,470. This includes airports, heliports and seaplane bases. Of these 3.986 are publically and 6,484 are privately owned. Lighted runways are provided at 3,312 locations and 3,353 have paved runways.
- ***CLOUDS aren't light. The average one weighs in at 150 tons.
- *** THREE FOR THE TARGET is the name of a short TV film to be shown soon according to Gene Ritchie.
- ***ARIZONA PARACHUTE COUNCIL held elections recently and Joe Gray is President; Adam Avechucco is Veep, with Nancy (US Team) Edgeworth as Secty. Their address: P.O. Box 20023, Phoenix 85036.
- ***KYLE KREIGH is working on an experimental teaching program at the Univ. of Chicago; parachuting is the subject.
- ***JOHN HENRY of Vancouver, B.C., writes that he made his first jump after five minutes of instruction, a jump and pull. That was on 9 September 1935.
- ***PAUL LEMIEUX is being reassigned to Thailand from Kitzingen, Germany.
- *** TOM BENNION writes that the 7th Army Parachute Team is moving from Rose Barracks to the Bad Kreuznack Airfield.
- ***DON STRICKLAND has been training the West German Team in style.
- ***MID-STATE SPC of Millinocket, Maine, enjoys 10 months of winter and 2 months of poor skiing.
- ***COL. DON ROCHESTER was named Canadian delegate to the FAI meeting in Paris.
- ***CESAR AGUILAR was overheard accusing Gil Milares of taking English lessons from Desi Arnez.
- ***HUDSON VALLEY SKYDIVERS (N.Y.) have elected a new Board of Directors: Bob Novak. Stu Prakin, Danny Miller, Ted Perrin and Ray Finneran. Owen Quinn received one vote but misspelled his own name.
- *** TOM HUMES has been appointed CSPA collegiate league coordinator.
- ***THE FALLING STARS of Palmyra, Penna., held elections recently and the results were as follows: Pres: Paul Soupan; Veep: Emmett Norris; Secty-Treas: Don Trout; CSOs: Emmett Norris and Bill Kirkwood.
- ***NORTHEAST JUMPMASTER COURSE was attended by 103 jumpers. Howard White and Dan Poynter traveled to four locations to conduct the four hour seminars.
- ***JACK BOHLING, well known San Francisco Bay area Master Rigger, has moved to Gladstone, Oregon.
- ***LARRY SARGEANT moved from jumping lower Connecticut to non-jumping upper New York. But it's been his lucky year, the Nationals will be in Plattsburgh, just next door. The exposure and the facilities should enable him to start a first class operation.
- ***SUSAN FINLAY, is relocated and working for the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in Whethersfield, Conn.

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***A.C. MURPHY reports that USPA is the only important sporting organization not listed on pages 922-3 of the 1969 edition of Reader's Digest Almanac & Yearbook. ***HUDSON VALLEY SKYDIVERS have about finished their club house. It has a concrete floor, electricity, heat, office, furniture, refrigerator, etc. Now all they need is a lock for the door to keep Ray Finneran out.

*** HADDEN WOOD has bought into a Twin Beach and sixties are \$7.00. At Stormville,

Woody is promoting star loads and everyone is invited.

***JERRY SCHRIMSHER was advised by his doctor to do isometric neck exercises to build up the muscles necessary to carry his helmet camera. It worked and now his shirts don't fit.

***PAUL CULLY stopped on the Connecticut Turnpike to pay his toll and asked for change for an eighteen dollar bill. The Troll said: "sure bud, what do you want,

sixes or threes?"

***CESAR AGUILAR has moved back to Boston.

***NEAL PERKS who fled Canada for Portland West to avoid numerous chasing females, is now hiding in Zephyrhills, Florida.

***LAURA MacKENZIE is selling 8 x 10 glossy photographs of her mouth.

*** TROJAN PARACHUTE CLUB of the 10th Special Forces at Ft. Devens, Mass., made 157 jumps in November. Most were from a C-47.

*** THE FIRST COW flown in an airplane was also milked in flight; it happened on

18 February 1930. Or did you know that?

***CHUCK "air to air" ALEXANDER is still down in New Mexico.

*** THE U.S. WEATHER SERVICE is 100 years old this year.

*** THE SOARING SOCIETY OF AMERICA announces that its 1970 Soaring Calendar is just off the press. In addition to 12 full color photographs depicting the latest sailplanes, and historic soaring sites, the center spread lists world and U.S. soaring records. Send \$1.50 to SSA, Box 66071, Los Angeles, California 90066.

*** THE PHANTOM writes: 'While vacationing in St. Thomas, Ray Finneran had a double malfunction (a cheapo, so you can imagine how unstable he was). Unfortunately,

it was on a water jump so he didn't do it with charm and buy the farm".

***DICK CLARK finally graduated from U Mass and plans to head south, maybe Houston.

***ALEX ZURAVSKY, the jumper who abandoned Czechoslovakia for a new life in New
York last year, was killed recently in an industrial accident.

***CLARICE GARRISON AND BOB JOHNSON starred in some freefall Alcoa commercials fea-

turing twist off bottle tops.

- ***DAN POYNTER reports that over 150 jumpers have sent for his mail order USPA instructor/ examiner course.
- ***DAVE ADAMS, 169 Canadian Team, became the 14th Canadian to reach 1000 jumps on 6 December 1969. His friends at Abbotsford Paracenter gave him a new PC Mk I.
- ***DON STILES recently aquired his Swiss Parachute Instructor License, in French.
- ***JIM LOWE has abandoned frozen Portland West for Zephyrhills, Florida, where he is running a winter competition school.

***CHET POLAND turned 60 on 23 January.

- ***ABBOTSFORD PARACENTER logged 8740 jumps in 1969; this included 290 first jump students.
- ****CONNECTICUT PARACHUTISTS have established their own DZ at last. They made 444 jumps at the end of 1969 and trained their first 5 jump students early in Jan.
- ***HUDSON VALLEY SKYDIVERS have a new line of club T shirts @ \$2.00. See Danny "Smoke" Miller, 219 Westside Avenue, Haverstraw, N.Y. 10927.

***MORRIS BLANCHARD has left Beaufort for his second Vietnam tour.

- ***PAT CATHERWOOD, DAVE HILLIS and BILL HARDMAN of Abbotsford, B.C., claim the first water jump of 1970 when they dropped into the Pacific without the aid of wet suits on New Years Day to help publicize the 50th Annual Polar Bear Club New Years Day Swim. All three were presented with the Polar Bear Certificate and a bottle of fine wine to offset the 42° water.
- ****TOM SCOVILLE of Conn. Para. came up with a new excuse for two consecutive bad spots at Ellington; Snow Blindness.

MORE SHORT SPOTS

- ***RUSS GUMBY is working on a photo essay on sport parachuting along the lines of "The Family of Man". He is taking a photography course at night and has transformed part of his basement into a dark room.
- ***TONY FURMAN, USPA Public Relations man, has followed up General Singlaub's suggestion and was successful in securing a nearly unlimited supply of whiskey miniatures for the U.S. Team to give away at the World Meet.

***MAD DOG MURPHY was bitten by a snow snake in Millinocket, Maine, and the S.P.C.A.

is after him; the snake died.

- ***C.M.(CLARENCE) SOLIS is president of the new Pacific Coast Parachute Council. (use to be the Northern California P.C.). He edits a nice little newsletter.
- ***STASH MURRY is the new President of the Diablough Skydivers. Ron Tavalero is Veep and Liz Demers is Secretary.
- ***GARY PATMOR bet DAN POYNTER a drunk (not just a drink) that the three Southern California relative teams at the Nationals would place in the top four slots.

***BOB SINCLAIR starred in a Papermate pen commercial. Watch for it.

- ***JEFF FREDERICKS, an amputee, broke his good leg Dec. 6th in Kissimmee, Fla.
- ***JACK BERGMAN, USPA Treasurer, has announced that he will run for National Director next fall. Bob, heavy drop, Sprague will seek election to Bergman's Central Conference Director slot.
- ***TED MONEYMAKER has a ten place jumpship for sale, a Norseman in perfect shape and about 300 total hours on it. It is striped-out inside and has two large doors with jump steps. Those interested should write him at 200 W. Barham Ave., Santa Rosa, California, 95491 or call (707) 546-1899.

***LAURA MacKENZIE'S sister-in-law's cousin is the western distributor for Coors (the beer that made Milwaukee jealous?).

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- ***LEN POTTS has his picture and testimonial in a/National Pilots Assn. membership promotional brochure.
- ***MIKE'S PLACE, famous watering spot in Orange, burned down; the deep fat fryer did it. Should be rebuilt in a couple of months.

*** NORFOLK, MASS., DZ is closed while the airport and surrounding landowners argue over the runway rights.

***CHIP MAURY, famous Navy photographer, was detailed to the Army Team for a week to help them with freefall pics and processing. About to leave, he was approached by the C.O., Major Plummer, who asked: "Have you considered the possibilities of an interservice transfer?" To which our sailor replied: "As an E-6, I don't swing much weight but I'll see what I can do to find you a job with equal rank in the Navy".

***DAVID D. THOMAS has retired as Deputy Administrator of the FAA. He was sympathetic to parachuting and his retirement is a loss to the sport.

***DAN POYNTER returned home to San Francisco following the Board meeting in Colorado and visited Antioch to try for some big stars. In two tries, a ten man and a nine man; just goes to show that anyone can do it if they jump with the right people.

*** THE ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS had over 460 clubs in 1969.

- ***NAA says one Alaskan in every eight has a pilot's license for six times the National average.
- ***DAVE SAUVE was clocked at 7.9 at Kissimmee, Florida.

***FLORIDA TECH in Orlando has a new club.

***FLYING DUTCHMEN of Maytown, Pa., held elections: President: Jay Harsh; Veeps: Frank Halcromb and Dave DeWolf; Sec'y: Fern Cathcart; Treas: Gaylon Cathcart; CSO: Jay Harsh and Ralf Grafton.

*** ED MARLER left to practice in Florida.

***BILL WINTERS has the perfect basement setup for parachuting parties: pool table, ping pong table and packing table.

*** TURNERS FALLS, MASS. DZ now has a door for their aircraft.

***SIGN at a local DZ: "Our CSO is Helen Waite. If you want permission to open low, go to Helen Waite".

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MORE SHORT SPOTS

- ***BILL STEMMLER is married and working for Action Sports West in Lincoln, Calif.

 ***SP/5 JIM RAWLINS, says there isn't too much jumping in the land of the "midnight mortars".
- *** TONY PERRY, of Singapore, is being transferred to Indonesia.
 *** HERB "CROOKED ANKLE" ESKELSON has moved from Buffalo to N.J.
- ***AL BULLOCK and LOU SCHROIDER have a new DZ in Oxford, Michigan, with a 2000 runway and 105 of peas.

***LAURA MacKENZIE has moved to Phoenix for a while.

- ***VALDISLAV KRESTYANNIKOV, World Champ in '66 and '67 and 3-time Russian National Champ, lost his life in an accident.
- ***NAA reports there are 300 high schools offering aviation courses for credit.
- ***PAUL CULLY takes exception to our report that he asks for toll house cookies on the Mass. Turnpike but we caught him trying to pay by cheque last week.
- ***LYLE GOODIN, our Thailand PIO, reports that they have the world's fanciest target in Lop Buri. 20 meters of teak sawdust.
- ***SONNY DICKEY, new hard charging pres of the Conn. Parachutists, has scheduled classes on jumpmastering, style, etc. for every Thursday evening.
- ***NORM HEATON pleads with every club and DZ. USPA affiliated or not, to fill out the DZ form recently mailed to every ASO, Instructor and club of record. They will be used to compile a new USPA Directory.
- ***FAA is continuing their policy of granting immunity to pilots who report near misses for another two years until the end of '71. While the program has promoted a number of useful reports, some jump plane operators complain that it has resulted in some restrictive legislation which will only make parachuting more difficult and more expensive.
- *** TOM BOROVICKA and "SEA PIG" FELLNER write from N.M., "if anyone is looking for us in Kansas, please let us know".
- *** USPA reports that hundreds of jumpmaster rating forms have poured in.
- *** CALIFORNIA AERONAUTICS DIVISION is issuing ID cards to jumpers who want to make demos.
- ***MARGE AND JIM BATES are grandparents.
- ***SCOTTIE RIFFLE, of Morgantown, W. Va., is stationed at Ft. Bragg.
- ***BOB BECK is the new president of the Oklahoma Parachute Assn.
- ***GENE HUNNELL lives at 281 Yahalla, Indiantown, Fla., if anyone wants to write to him about their DZ-USA subscription.
- ***CONNIE (MRS. PATRICK) MOORE is the first girl to jump a Jalbert Para-Foil.
- ***CHUCK AGUILAR, USAPT, is getting out of the Army after eleven years and will move to Arizona.
- ***JOEL SIEGLER (ex-banana) moved to Dallas and was forced to make a static line jump because DPA members had to make "evaluation jumps" when visiting Orange.
- ***DICK ROBERTS has signed on as part of "Cheese's Navy" with Para-Cheese, Bachman, who has a 24' fiberglass job with twin 160 inboards.
- *** HARVEY GLASS recently purchased the first Jalbert Para-Foil in Florida.
- ***JOHN COPPE, D-265 and 1500 jumps, who always said he would marry after the Pope took a bride, was married on 2 January in West Palm Beach, Florida.
- ***GENE PAUL THACKER recently purchased 22.5 acres on Raeford airport near Ft. Bragg and plans to build a jump center.
- ***CURT CURTIS has been trying to make his a well-known name in competition parachuting. Wife Ann Gardiner Curtis beat him at Pop's meet. "That's not quite what I had in mind", said Curt.
- ***DENNY MORSE is hiding in Oxon Hill, Maryland.
- ***SHERRY SCHRIMSHER berke her leg jumping a Jalbert Para-Foil. After 6 breeks in 191 jumps. she will retire.
- ***CLAYTON SHOEPPLE, ex-U.S. Team member, is currently doing time with the Golden Knights. The kid is a model soldier with a spotless room and shiny boots. He is constantly being used as an example to the other men by Sgt. Ray Duffy.
- ****DIRTY DAVE LEMKOWITZ (banana) Was notified by the Dept of Agriculture that his trailer is infested with (honest) gypsy moths. page twenty-one

***LYLE GOODIN, Thailand PIO, may be transferred to Taiwan in August.

***BOB RICHARDSON, of Houston, has dropped out of parachuting and is concentrating

on giving scuba instruction.

***SOME POSTAL WORKERS in San Francisco were caught in their daily routine of dumping second and third class mail in a garbage truck to avoid sorting and carrying it. Have you missed your SPOTTER?

***LOU DAVIS, the West Foint graduate who joined the Air Force, is fully CAST-RATED,

his white boot was just removed.

***LT. ED CUSTER sent an extra dollar with his SPOTTER renewal "as an appreciation of the effort the SICTIFA staff has contributed to making the newsmagazine a parachuting literary masterpiece",

***JOHN HJDAK mutilated his new Towata, while parking!

***DR. JOE CALLACHAN is with the Navy in Pensacola, Florida, having received a non-athletic scholarship with Uncle Sam.

***CONNECTICUT PARACHUTISTS have affiliated with USPA for 1970.

- ***CESAR AGUILAR, a Hondurican by birth, claims he didn't swim to the U.S., he jumped in.
- ***MARGE BATES, who is old enough for Doc Lock's grandparents club, but is a few years away from P.O.P.S., had to use a pencil to score at the Turner's Falls meet because her ball point pen froze up.

***BUD CREEKMORE is not selling his gear. He's selling Mark Schmidt's gear and pos-

sibly Don Dupont's,

***BILL BAINTON is looking for some old Hawaii jump buddies, Ron Brissey and Bill

Scoggins among them.

***PETE FUSARI (whose initials are PLF), is getting married. Fellow CPI members have suggested that he remove the hair from his upper lip so they can see the ring through his nose.

***ORANGE will reopen on 7 March and manager, Jon Guignard (Chief Banana), says they

finally have their very own Cessna 180.

*** TROJAN SPC of Ft. Devens, Mass., has affiliated with USPA for 1970.

***FT. DEVENS had a military jump fatality on 19 Feb. The deceased was last out of a Beaver at 1000' on a T-10 and his reserve opened in the door. His neck caught in something, perhaps a static line. It is under investigation.

AGUILAR TOPS TURNERS FALLS WINTER MEET By Howard White

Cesar Aguilar, a resident of the Northeast Conference, for only two meters, topped both accuracy and relative work events at the annual Winter Meet of the Pioneer Valley Sport Parachute Club at Turner's Falls, Mass., the weekends of Feb. 14 and 21.

Aguilar got a 21 centimeter jump and a dead center to win the accuracy event. In second place was last year's winner, Bud Creekmore, and Ted Strong was third.

In the novice event, Rod Rauceson won the trophy as closest novice, with 93 centimeters. Roger Stewart, one of two novices using a PC, was novice winner with 4.37 and 4.16 meter jumps.

Skip Doolittle, Sorny Dickey, Marc James and Mike Mythen tied for 10th place

with one dead center and one cut jump aptece. Winds were gentle but shifty.

The following weekend the team of Aguilar, Strong and Poynter took the trophics in the 3-man relative work event.

Thirty-six experienced jumpors and 21 novices entered the accuracy event. George Anderson helped by providing his 170 to supplement Jess James' 182, and Skip Doolittle, when not jumping, flew it.

Jim Bates was chief judge, assisted by Barber, Jim Fenske, and Howard White. Marge Bates was recorder and Ken Carvelle was meet director. The awards ceremony was highlighted by a Gold Wing presentation to Ken Carville by Dan Poynter, Carville is the first Pioneer Valley SPC member to qualify for this USPA award.

The first instructor certification course will take place on 4 & 5 April in the Hartford, Connecticut area; the exact site has yet to be picked. The USPA Safety and Training Committee has authorized Conference Director, Dan Poynter to hold the first course to iron out the details for the new rating. New jumpmaster, instructor, and I/E ratings came into effect the first of the year.

Four jumpmaster seminars were held in the Northeast in recent months and a total of 103 parachutists attended seeking this new rating. Last year's instructors will now be known as Instructor/Examiners and the qualifications remain substantially the same; a four hour written and an extensive practical exam. This name change provides room for the new instructor rating which will be required of all

those giving basic and advanced instruction.

Setting up the Instructor program has proved to be an overwhelming project and it wasn't completed by the 1 January deadline when the new requirements went into effect. It was felt that the fastest and most efficient way to get the program rolling would be set up a pilot course. The first one will be in Hartford and those who attend and successfully pass will be the first USPA Instructors; cards and patches will be issued. Those attending will be asked to critique the course so that it may be finalized and shipped to Monterey for reproduction and distribution to the rest of the country.

Classes will run from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Registration and orientation should be completed Friday evening if possible. The course is being arranged by Don Grant and will be conducted by himself, Cesar

Aguilar, Howard White, Sonny Dickey and others.

In order to attend, one must possess a current jumpmaster rating, have a Class C license and be recommended by an ASO, Instructor/Examiner or a USPA Director. The registration form below should be mailed in immediately for the Instructor Certification Course Workbook in order to have some study time prior to the 4th of April.

For further information call: Lt. Don Grant (203) 449-4600

Dan Poynter (617) 729-4829

TO: Dan Poynter
93 Church Street
Winchester, Massachusetts 01890

Enclosed, please find my registration fee of \$5.00. Please forward my I.C.C. Workbook.

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For the first two weeks of February, Poppenhager's DZ at Indiantown, Florida, became Taunton's winter headquarters. The first week saw Dave Elsnor, Don DuPont, Paul Tarr, Joe Comeau and Dave Adams soaking up the rain, low clouds and Busch Bavarian, However, with the arrival of Paul Johnston, Bob Brugnoli, and Dave Boehnke on the 7th, the skies cleared and the following week was sunny with winds to 30 mph, which did little to slow the furious pace of jumping. Jimmy White, Dave Curtis, Bill Bainton, and Mike Nagle arrived early in the week to complete the group. It was fun to watch Bob Brugnoli planing on his back through the puddles in the soggy DZ, Mike Nagle making deep impressions in the ground where he bounced, and the many "minute maid" jumps into the Orange groves.

John Eccles flew in from Montreal to offer the services of his tired old Cessna 185 to Pop. Pop seized this opportunity to do a 100 hour on his beautiful 195. Henceforth, the jumpers were forced to submit to an oil bath from a leaky oil cooler and that formidable pilot, Dave Boehnke. The 185 gave up the ghost Sunday and Dave Eisnor left the sick airplane at 1800 ft., followed by Paul Johnston, who did relative work with the sinking aircraft to 1500 ft. Dave elected to land with the other

three (horrified) jumpers and made an easy landing.

The Seminole Inn hosted the group. Between the Inn and the Seminole Bar across the street, majestic quantities of beer were consumed until 2 A.M. each morning. Grapefruit trees were climbed and plucked in the wee hours.

578 jumps were made by the Taunton Good Guys; Dave Eisnor led with 107.

No clobbers. No busted bones. Only hangovers and heartburn.

MEPA HOLDS ELECTIONS

The Mid-Eastern Parachute Association held elections at their first meeting of the 1970 competition season. Mickey Ault is President, Bill Winter, Veep, and Bill Jordan, the Secretary. Curt Curtis declined nomination for president explaining he has plans which may involve a move to California.

The 1970 MEPA meet schedule was drawn up.

MT. WHITTIER SNOW JUMP CHANGED

Fear of diminishing snow prompted the Hochflieger Ski Club to advance the date of their annual party and invitation to parachutists to 21 & 22 March; it had been scheduled for 4 & 5 April. The New Hampshire Snow Jump has become an annual affair eagerly awaited by jumpers all over the East. FMI: Ed Leggett, 330 E. Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

NATE POND is flying out of Bugfalo now.

DON STRICKLAND, JOE BILLUPS AND HALE CASTLEMAN will judge at the European Conf
meet at Altenstadt near Schoungau in southern Germany, 15-18 May
THE CONNECTICUT PARACHUTISTS will hold their annual meet on 25 April.

BILL GREEN, ED LEGGETT AND ART COOKE have been spreading the word on parachuting
by giving lectures....mostly in prisons.

PI has a new deployment device they call the "POD", an interesting split bag affair.

Tom Butler, s. feet, froze to the cessna at Orange.

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THE EQUIPMENT CORVER

The Equipment Corner is a regular feature of the SPOTTER designed to convey industry news to the reader. Manufacturers and suppliers are encouraged to submit material.

GENERAL: The business outlook for sport parachuting is dismal for 1970. Aided by the monetary policies of the Nixon administration, the economy is slowing down and many jumpers have been laid off due to cutbacks in military spending.

The nation's 26 million stockholders include numerous parachutists whose portfolios

The nation's 26 million stockholders include numerous parachutists whose portfolios are worth less than they expected now that the market is down; the Dow Jones average is at a six year low having fallen more than 20%. Many will wait for the market to rally before theysell off some stock to purchase new gear.

Jump rates will increase as insurance costs rise and the FAA requires more instrumentation. Jumping is a luxury though some claim it to be a necessity and when times are tough, the luxuries are cut back first.

WARD/VENE ORIGINALS: (3852 City Terrace Drive, Los Angeles, California 90063) have an all new custom tailored jumpsuit. Prices range from \$25.00 to \$35.00, depending on the number of colors desired. The Flight Master jumpsuit is made of a heavy low porosity cotton fabric with pockets anywhere the customer desires. There is a Velcro tape closure around the neck and the wrists; this keeps the neck warm and the sleeves from slipping up. The jumpsuit is doubled at the elbows and knees, has nylon zippered pockets and metal zippers full length and has extra heavy elastic stirrups. This jumpsuit is taking over in California. The bright colors are in great demand by relative workers for photo identification.

For more information, write Terry Ward or Frank Venegas at the above address or call 268-5056.

CANADIAN PARACHUTIST is raising its ad rates to cost plus 20%.

MCELFISH PARACHUTE SERVICE (2615 Love Field Dr., Dallas, Texas 75235): has extended the guarantee on the Aero Indicator altimeter to 5 years and it now sells for \$44.95. Mac is pushing the Pak-Mat at \$34.95.

PARACHUTES INCORPORATED: (Orange, Mass) has raised the price of their 150 jump log book to \$2.50. PI has a couple of new patches and a new line of attractive jewelry. Also new for '70: 18" ripstop letters in all five colors for canopy decoration. PIONEER PARACHUTE CO.: Mark I Para-Commanders are off the line and a decision will be made on 1 March as to whether to continue or go back to the Mark IIs. The decision should be easy, as sales of the limited production Mark Is have been brisk. STRONG ENTERPRISES. INC.: (542 E. Squantum St., N. Quincy, Mass.) has just received approval on a steerable modification to the 24' ripstop canopy. The three hole alteration slows its descent and makes it unusually stable. Now it is possible to get a steerable reserve for less than \$65. Price of the modification to your reserve is \$15.00.

PARACHUTING ASSOCIATES has moved from Cole Street to 5300 Santa Monica Blvd. in Los Angeles. Jim Hall is on active duty with the Colorado Air National Guard and is due to make Lt. Col. soon.

STEVE SNYDER ENTERPRISES (331 Cherry Hill Blvd., Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034) is shipping Jalbert Para-Foils as fast as they can be made. Cost: \$550.00 for canopy and deployment bag. The new super Sentinel is currently being tested by USPA's R&D Committee.

TREVOR BURNS will be chief judge at the Australian Nationals in Perth from 26 June to 7 July.

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PARACHUTE MEET AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Meet dates are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Please check with the SPOTTER before scheduling a meet in order to avoid a conflict. Conflicting meets only result in two poorly attended meets and often in spiritual and financial disaster. Printed below are all the meets of record. **Indicates a money meet.

- March 7-8: Mid-Winter Meet, Calistoga, California. FMI: Jan Prewitt, 214 Alameda, Redwood City, California.
- March 14-15: Novice hit and run Meet. Panhandle SPC, Lillian, Alabama. FMI: Mike Johannsen (904) 623-4586.
- March 21-22: C.S.P.A. Annual General Meeting. Ottawa, Ontario. Skyline hotel.
- **March 23-29: Zephyrhills Easter Open. \$1500.00. 3 classes accuracy, style and team events. FMI: Gene Thacker, Meet Director, Z-hills SPC, P.O. Box 1101, Zephyrhills, Fla. 33599 (813) 782-2918.
- **March 28-29: The Deland Professional, \$1950.00. 6 jumps accuracy. FMI: Gary Dupuis and Timmy Saltonstall, Rt. #2, Box 594, Deland, Fla. 32720.
- March 28-29: 3rd Annual SE Conf. Collegiate Meet. Clemson Univ., S.C. FMI: Mike Stenstrom, Dixie Skydivers, P.O. Box 6366, Clemson Univ. Clemson, S.C. 29631 (803) 654-9867.
- **April 4: Star Meet. Trinity, N.C. cash prizes. FMI: Tar Heel SPC, Trinity, N.C. 27370 (919) 431-2521.
- April 4-5: Western Conference Meet. Site to be announced.
- April 4-5: U.S.P.A. INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION COURSE. Hartford, Conn. fmi: Dan Poynter. (617) 729-4829
- April 11-12: Large star relative work seminar. Stormville, N. Y. FMI: Hadden Wood, (203) 869-0525.
- April 18-19: Frontier Meet. Akron, New York. FMI: Wendy Corah, Park Lane South, East Aurora, N.Y. (716) 652-2089.
- April 25-26: MEPA Meet, Ridgely, Maryland.
- April 25: Annual Meet. Penny Hill Skydivers. Montgomery. Pa. FMI: Victor Engel, 421 W. Edwin St., Williamsport, Pa. 17701.
- May 2-3: XIIIAnnual Eastern Collegiate Meet. Orange, Mass.
- May 2-3: Pacific Conference Meet. Lincoln, California.
- May 2-3: S.E. Conference Meet. Tentative site: Charlotte, N.C.
- May 7-10: International Meet. Bruchsal, W. Germany. FMI: Fallschirm Sports pringer Club, 1 Luftlandedivision, E.V., Standort, Bruchsal, W. Germany.
- **May 9-10: Money meet. \$1500.00; 2 accuracy classes. Mason. Michigan. FMI: Dave Sauve, 539 N. Hagadorn Rd., E. Lansing, Michigan.
- May 8-11: Military Nationals. West Point, New York.
- May 15-17: National Water Meet. Cypress Gardens. FMI: Gene Ritchie, Rangers Ent. P.O. Box 13136, Tampa, Florida 33611.
- May 16-17: MEPA Meet. Hudson Valley SD. Sha-Wan-Ga. Bloomingburg, NY
- May 29-31: South West Conference Meet. Site to be announced.
- May 30-31: Nationals Preview. Plattsburgh, N.Y. FMI: Dan Poynter, 93 Church Street, Winchester, Mass. 01890. (617) 729-4829.
- **May 30-31: Money meet. Tecumseh, Michigan. FMI: Harold Lange, 26106 Third Street, Taylor, Michigan 48180. (313) 291-3634.
- June 6-7: Alliance SPC spring jump meet. Salem, Ohio. FMI: Louis Beggio, P.O.Bcx 245. Salem, Ohio 44460.
- June 6-7: 4th Annual R.I. Championships. Richmond, R.I. FMI: Don MacQuattie, 40 Waldron Ave., W. Barrington, R.I.
- **June 13-14: VI Annual East Coast Accuracy Championships \$2000.00 to 13 places. FMI: Greene SPC, Airport, Rt. #12, Greene, N.Y.
- June 20-28: U.S. Nationals, Platteburgh, N.Y.
- July 4: Independence Day R.I. Water Jump. Richmond, R.I. FMI: Don MacQuattie, 40 Waldron Ave., W. Barrington, R.I.
- July 18-19: MFPA Moet. Penn. SD. West Point, Virginia. Page twenty-six

PARACHUTE MEET AND EVENT SCHEDULE (continued) Aug 8: Lakewood Open. fmi PO Box 258, Lakewood, NJ 08701. Aug. 22-23: MEPA Meet. Maytown, Pennsylvania. Sept. 5-7: X Annual Northwest Championships. Abbottsford, B.C. Sept. 6-20: X World Meet. Bled, Yugoslavia. **Sept. 12-13: IV Annual Lake Placid Championships. \$1500.00 Sept. 19-20: MEPA Meet. Horizon P.C. Applegarth, N.J. Sept. 21-23: Parachute Symposium. Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. Oct 10-11: Northeast Conference Meet '71. Site to be announced. Oct. 17-18: MEPA Meet. United P.C., Pennsylvania. Nov. 26-29: N.C.P.L. Meet. Site to be announced. && Sept 26: Governor's Cup. Orange. fmi P O Box 96, Orange, Mass 01364 The schedule is filling fast ---- send in your meet today. PRE-NATIONALS WARMUP MEET SCHEDULED Memorial Day weekend has been set for a pre-Nationals meet on the site of the 1970 Nationals, Plattsburgh. New York. Competitors will be given the opportunity to practice and be carefully evaluated on site and this will allow the judges to work out, particularly on the new relative work event and will be good test and dry run for the hosts. The scheduled events include four accuracy, three style and three relative team jumps. Norm Heaton will be meet director, Dan Poynter his assistant, and many of the judges and other staff members will be the same as for the Nationals. For further information and application forms, write: Mr. Thomas Cronin, Clinton County Tourist and Convention Bureau, Plattsburgh, New York. Or call: (518)563-6802 Those wishing to work at the meet or provide their aircraft should write to: Dan Poynter, c/o The SPOTTER. ORANGE SCHEDULES 13th INTERCOLLEGIATE MEET The 13th Annual Spring Intercollegiate Meet is set for OSPC on 2 and 3 May. Full time undergraduate students with at least one jump are eligible to compete in the two accuracy and one team event; trophy mugs will be awarded the winners. The Center's parental consent form must be used by those under 21. fmi: OSPC, PO Box 96, Orange, Mass 01364. (617) 544-6911 NORTHEAST COUNCIL OFFERS PATCHES, ETC. 1, NESPC Tee shirt @\$1.65 S, M, L, XL (circle one) 2, NESPC Patch @\$1.00 3, Parachute Coloring Book @\$1.00 All Prices Postpaid 4, Parachute Song Book @\$1.00

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BOB LYCETTE CRASH VICTIM By A.C. Murphy

At 8:45 on the morning of December 10, a T.V. news flash reported that the incoming morning flight of Aroostock Airways was over due. Almost as fast as the speed of T.V. coverage, the aviation grapevine disclosed that the pilot was Robert J. Lycette (B-5527), a Charter Member of the Mid-State S.P.C. How the word is passed in a situation like this is never known.

The family, neighbors, pilots, jumpers, friends, State Police, Border Patrol, Forest Rangers, and other organizations too numerous to mention launched an immodiate, intensive, exhaustive and fruitless search in a remote and rugged area during unfavorable weather conditions.

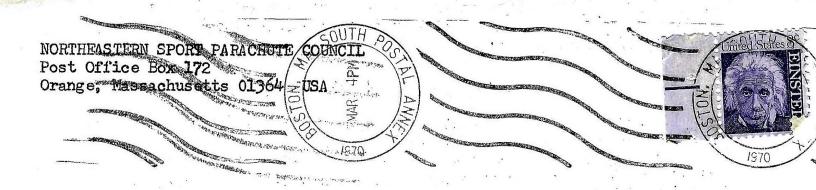
By Friday the State Police were handling calls from all over the country. Friends were told that there was nothing that could be done.

The funeral was modest, but dignified. The casket was draped by the flag that Bob fought for the right to fly.

The American Legion handled the arrangements of the Military funeral and during the grave side services, a Piper Aztec flew over a hushed group of people who had lost a friend who could never be replaced by anyone or anything.

Lycette was a graduate of the Sierra Academy of Aeronautics in Oakland, California, and had jumped at Livermore. He was a charter member of the Mid-State Club in Millinocket, Maine, and was a familiar face at Stormville, Orange, etc.

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