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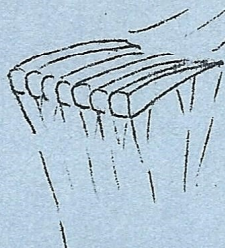
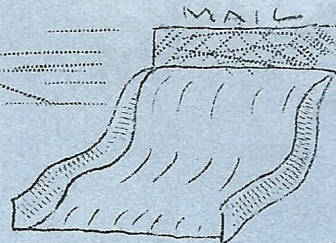
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EDITOR



# THE GREAT GUY

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



To the Editor: First of all, I'd like to say one word, SHORT!!!; 125 days that is. When I get out I'll be traveling around the country (mostly Calif.) to visit a lot of my jumping buddies who were in the Fort Sill Sport Parachute Club in Oklahoma. If anyone in Connecticut or Mass. wants me to convey any messages to anyone out west, just drop me a line.

If any of you jumpers have been drafted or are about to enter the service, and will be stationed at Fort Sill, Sheppard AFB, Tinker AFB, or Altus AFB, bring your gear. Anyone who's active duty and is traveling through our area is welcome to jump with us. If you can't bring your gear, we can supply the gear for \$1.00 per jump. Our fees for joining the club are \$30.00 for the "First Jump" course, which includes initiation fee, training fee, first month's dues (\$3.00 per month) and log book. If you do bring your own gear, all you pay is \$3.00 per month for all the jumps you can make. Our aircraft available are U6-A (commonly known as the Beaver), CH-47 (Chinook 47), C-47 (DC-3). Weather permitting we usually make 10-20 jumps per month. We have another fine drop zone in the state, it's location is at Stroud, Okla., half-way between Oklahoma City and Tulsa. The airport is operated by Jim McMahon. Jim is very helpful and will give you all his cooperation to make your visit welcome. If you're looking for low jump rates and fine hospitality, Stroud's the place to go. By the way, the rates are: \$2.00 to 4,000'; \$3.00 4-7,500'; \$4.50 7500-10,500'; \$6.00 10,500'-12,500'; above 12,500' is tac time. For aircraft they have a 172, 182, and a 180. There are plenty of motels there with low rates. More and more jumpers are showing up with Delta II's, but I'm waiting for my "Para Plane". If any of you old members from the Fort Sill Sport Parachute Club are still around, drop me a line. To all of you at C.P.I. and Orange, hope to see you soon. I will be back that way in August to be best man at Ed Petzoltz's wedding (former C.P.I. member). To everyone, good jumping!

Thomas C. Scoville  
Fort Sill

### WHO WILL GO TO THE NATIONALS IN '71?

### EDITORIAL

To qualify for the Nationals in the next round of Conference meets, you must not only finish in the top 2 in accuracy, the top two in style OR the next 6 in the combination (total of 10) but you must average a 13 sec. UNCORRECTED series and average 3.5 meters in accuracy.

The Nationals has grown too large and must be cut down but this is not the way to do it! We made more jumps this year than last and failed to complete the meet.

An uncorrected time is inconsistent with the reason for penalties in the first place! The time, be it 11, 13, or 15 seconds should be "Corrected" time.

The accuracy stipulation should be dropped as it could do the greatest injustice.

With shifting winds, many could score out jumps and even the accuracy champion could fail to qualify. The current method of selection (top 2 in accuracy and next 6 in combination) is sufficient to pick the top accuracy jumpers.

The alternative is for the Conference Director to pick days with perfect winds and for the contestants to turn fast and sloppy. Who wants to postpone the meet for a better day and another drive of hundreds of miles?

If the objective is to cut down the size of the Nationals, then cut down the delegation to say 2, 2 and 6 for a total of 8 for a 20% reduction. But don't set up goals that are inconsistent, unpopular and arbitrary.

Editor



## SCHOEPPLE, HUDDLESTON WIN NATIONALS

Martha Huddleston and Clayton Schoepple took first overall in the U.S. National Parachuting Championships in Plattsburgh, New York. The below listed results may not be entirely accurate as there were a couple of errors in the scores and the corrected results were not available at press time.

### WOMEN

#### Accuracy:

1. Huddleston
2. Sleeper
3. Black
4. Neuman
5. Porter

#### Style:

1. Joerns
2. Emmack
3. Huddleston
4. Roach
5. Rademaekers

#### Combination:

1. Huddleston
2. Neuman
3. Black
4. Rademaekers
5. Porter
6. Roach
- tie. Roquemore
8. Sleeper
9. Hickey
10. MacKenzie

### MEN

#### Accuracy:

1. Hayes
2. Schoepple
3. Starbird
4. Henderson, E.
5. Pinney

#### Style:

1. Metcalf
2. Schoepple
3. Rice
4. Armstrong, R.
5. Knight

#### Combination:

1. Schoepple
2. Lowe
3. Rice
4. Sauve
5. Knight
6. Lockward
7. Armstrong, E.
8. Hall
9. Walk
10. Ancker

The U.S. Team will consist of the top in accuracy, top in style and the next three in the overall. If Martha Huddleston doesn't drop out, the teams should consist of the following: MEN - Hayes, Metcalf, Schoepple, Lowe and Rice; and Women - Huddleston, Joerns, Neuman, Black and Rademaekers. Alternates will be Porter and Suave.

The relative work event was won by the Omaha Skydivers who jump in Wahoo, Nebraska, and second place went to Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich of Northern California, with third going to Greene County, Ohio.

Mickey Sleeper, an unknown from Alaska, surprised everyone as did 49 year old Roy Starbird, both tops in accuracy.

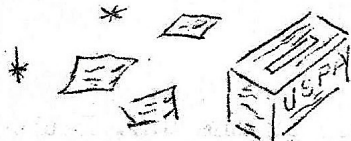
### A POETIC INVITATION

Don and Linda are planning a party  
Their wedding to celebrate long and hearty  
So all their friends from far and near  
Can share the fun, food, music and beer.

August 15th at The Inn they'll be  
To start jumping in about 6:30;  
Bring your chute, a thirst and a good appetite  
And we'll celebrate well til dawn's early light.

Linda Chapman - Don Grant





## USPA ELECTIONS IN DECEMBER Some declare candidacy.



The USPA Board consists of ten National directors, sort of "ministers without portfolio", and eleven Conference Directors who represent certain areas. Those who have declared their candidacy for National director so far are: Lyle Cameron, Gordon Riner, Gary Patmor, Art Armstrong, General John Singlaub, Bill Ottley, Paul Tag, Dr. Ed Fitch, Len Potts, Chuck MacCrone and Jack Bergman. The Conference Director list shapes up as follows: Mid-East: Ken Glover (inc) and Carl Walk; Eastern: Mike Schultz (inc); NW: Bus Bertram (inc); Central: Bob Sprague; Pacific: Ron Young; Southern: Rick Miller (inc), Chris Needels and John Cope.

Marthaller says he will retire if he can find a suitable replacement in the Mountain Conference. Cliff Davis is retiring in the SW area.

Each USPA member will receive a ballot about 1 December and will be allowed to vote for one Conference Director and ten Nationals Directors.

## RELATIVE WORK EVENT A HIT AT THE NATIONALS

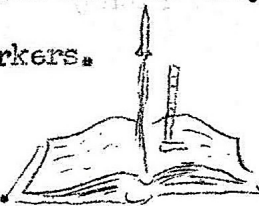
For the first time, four man relative team competition was part of the National Championships and the results were rewarding to both participants and viewers alike. Each team made six jumps, performing three sets of maneuvers twice. President Fitch established a special relative work sub-committee to the Competition and Record Attempts Committee to study this year's results and to make changes in the rules for next year. Some suggestions have already been made such as lowering the altitude from 8,500' to 6,600' to make the event more compatible with style, to make all maneuvers of the contact type, partial maneuver scoring and loss of only part of the points for going overtime.

The sub-committee is awaiting input from the relative workers.



## BOOK SPECIAL

From N.A.A.



NAA members may purchase the 48th edition of the Aerospace Yearbook, official publication of the Aerospace Industries Association, at a special 40% discount off the retail price of \$12. The 650-page yearbook, just off the presses, in addition to covering aerospace events of 1969, includes a comprehensive reference section of photographs and descriptions of more than 700 aircraft, spacecraft, etc. If interested in the discount price of \$7.20, contact Spartan Books, 432 Park Avenue South, New York, New York, 10016 and identify yourself as an NAA member.



## BENSON WINS AGAIN

Kenny Benson dropped in on Turners Falls (no apostrophe in "Turners") to pick up his trophy, as usual. After two dead centers, he retired to his "A" frame near the Quabbin in Orange with his monthly gallon of Brasso. John Clark came out of retirement to take second place; complete results were as follows:

1. Benson
2. Clark, Clunk
3. Carville
4. Clark, Dick
5. Smith
6. James
7. Poynter
8. Keefe
9. Lanzendorf
10. Chapman

11. McCulloch
12. Holden
13. Byrne
14. Strong, D-16
15. Mayer

## Novice

1. Tompkins
2. James
3. Herron

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## ARMY TEAM TRYOUTS ANNOUNCED

The U.S. Army Parachute Team, the "Golden Knights", is presently seeking applicants who wish to tryout for assignment to the Team.

The annual tryout and training period for 1970 has been scheduled from 26 Oct. to 12 December and will comprise, in addition to ground training, 100 to 150 freefall jumps per man. New members for the Team's demonstration and competition squads will be selected at the end of this period, and once assigned, may expect a stabilized tour of three years if they are recent overseas returnees.

To be eligible for participation, personnel must meet the following requirements: be an enlisted man in the Regular Army stationed in the continental U.S. or returning from overseas assignment, have a minimum of 18 months remaining on his current tour of duty, be airborne qualified, have at least 100 freefall jumps to his credit and have both a military and civilian record free of convictions.

Individuals who fulfill the above requirements are encouraged to direct further inquiry to: First Sergeant, U.S. Army Parachute Team, P.O. Box 126, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina 28307 (Autovon 935-3350, Ext. 64800). The deadline for the applications is October 1, 1970.

Those applicants receiving approval to attend the tryouts will be responsible for bringing the following equipment: two main parachutes, one of which will be a Para-Commander; reserve parachute with instruments; French jump boots; black jumpsuit (two recommended), with OD name tag (no other patches); helmet; gloves; goggles; log books; health records; references (club membership certificates, etc.); three sets of fatigues and two grey sweat suits.

Tryout personnel will be quartered in government housing and placed on separate rations. Travel allowances according to government rates will be reimbursed to the individual.

Once a man's acceptance to the Golden Knights has been determined, a request for orders assigning him to the U.S. Army Parachute Team will be made as soon as possible. Newly assigned members are then subject to a 90-day probation.

## AIRCRAFT EJECTIONS FATAL TO ONE OF FIVE AIR FORCE PILOTS

Excluding SE Asia, 172 pilots punched out last year and 36 (21%) died. This was up from 19% in 355 ejections in 1968. 65% of the fatalities resulted because the aircraft was too low. Other causes were seat-man entanglement, system failure, opening shock, drowning and inadequate opening of lap belt. Four pilots drowned and two descended into their flaming wreckage, while three ejected at very high speeds. The greatest problem seemed to be that the crewmen delay their decision to eject until too late. The Air Force is pursuing a program to improve the egress systems, assure greater quality control and is re-evaluating the training program given aircrewmen.

## SONNY'S THING SWEETENED BY \$1,000.00


"Sonny's Thing", an overwhelmingly successful beer blast, jump in, last year will be a money meet this time around. The Connecticut coast event will take place on July 25 and 26 and will feature three accuracy jumps for \$25., with both novice and advanced classes. \$25.00 buys the jumps, beer, food, band, etc. Non-competitor fee is \$10. FMI: Sonny Dickey, 1211 Carew St., Springfield, Mass., (413) 736-9062).

## NEW DISCIPLINARY ACTION S.O.P. ADOPTED BY USPA

USPA Mid-Eastern Conference Director, Ken Glover, an attorney for the Internal Revenue Service in his spare time, authored a new disciplinary action paper to replace the current part 75 originally drawn up by USPA President Dr. Fitch. The new rules which were adopted by the Board of Directors should be available from Monterey shortly.


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## FLYING EJECTION SEATS

From N.A.A.



The Navy has under development a new type of ejection device for combat aircraft that will give the pilot some degree of mobility to leave the scene of the ejection for more friendly territory.

One of the devices under development by Fairchild Hiller is an ejection seat with folding wings and a small jet engine. After ejection the wings unfold, the engine starts, and the device has the capability of climbing at 1000 feet per minute for three minutes; it can cruise at 100 knots for thirty minutes and can operate from sea level to 10,000 feet. The entire sequence of operations is done automatically beginning with the ejection from the aircraft, deployment of a drogue chute to stabilize the device at 150 knots, unfold the wings and tail section, start the engine and climb to a pre set altitude and course. When the engine shuts down the small aircraft will glide to a pre-selected altitude and then the pilot will be separated from the small aircraft by parachute. Although an autopilot will operate the small airplane it can be overridden at any time by the pilot.

The Navy is also experimenting with a gyrocopter and a Rogallo wing to give similar mobility to pilots that eject from disabled aircraft. From a civilian standpoint this small aircraft with folding wings and tail would be of interest to home-builders who might be able to adopt part of such a machine to a practical light aircraft with jet or conventional piston engine power.



### ARIZONA BENEFIT MEET

By Nancy Edgeworth

About a month ago, one of our local jumpers and his family suffered more than their share of hardship. Two of their small children were stricken with diphtheria and died within one week of each other. As if this wasn't enough grief for one family to bear, it was multiplied by the fact that the entire family was quarantined and as a result, neither parent could work to help pay their fast mounting bills. The family soon found themselves homeless, jobless, short of food and two children short.

One of our local jump clubs, the "Chuting Eagles", decided they wanted to do something to help. Before long, thanks to the efforts of this small club, they had jumpers and non-jumpers alike aroused to the needs of this family. Plans for a benefit jump meet went into action. Raffle tickets were sold and the women organized a bake sale.

On June 21st, at the climax of the Benefit Meet, the Chuting Eagles had raised \$500.00 to give to this needy family.

It brings a lump to my throat when I think of all the guys and gals who gave their all to help someone. Hours were spent selling tickets, baking cakes and cookies, finding trophy donors and preparing the actual Benefit Meet. Each and every contestant gladly paid twice the normal jump rate to enter the meet. And to top it all off, the winner of the raffle donated the prize he had won to the family. Yes, I'm proud to say I'm from Arizona, and even prouder to say that I know each and every person that so gladly and unselfishly gave their time and money to help this family in need.

### BENEFIT MEET RESULTS



#### P.C.

1. Allen Hunt
2. Cliff Barry
3. Wayne Noel
4. Ron Baade

#### 1.1-1.6

1. Roy Ruder
2. Jerry Belcher
3. Dale Wisheart
4. Danny Newberry



#### Novice

1. Jerry Varin
2. Skip Kramer
3. Ron McKinny
4. Jim Coe



presents

# 4th Annual Lake Placid Parachuting Championships

## NORTH AMERICAN SUMMER FESTIVAL

SANCTIONED BY THE USPA

BIGGER THAN EVER — BETTER THAN EVER!

**PLACE:** Lake Placid Airport, Lake Placid, New York (on Route 73, just off the Northway (Interstate 87)).

**TIME:** September 12, 1970 (Weather date - September 13th).

Registration: 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

Briefing and jump position drawing - 9:00 A.M.

Streamer drop: 9:25 A.M.

Start of competition: 9:30 A.M.

**PLANNED EVENTS:** Individual accuracy, 3 jumps, all count. 3500 feet, 0-10 second delay. If time permits, a team event.

**PRIZES - CASH:** \$1,500.00 to be awarded as follows:

1st Place - \$400.00

2nd Place - \$300.00

3rd Place - \$200.00

4th Place - \$150.00

5th Place - \$100.00

6th Place - \$90.00

7th Place - \$80.00

8th Place - \$70.00

9th Place - \$60.00

10th Place - \$50.00

And if there are more than 125 contestants the prize money will be extended. Last year there were 146 and all contestants who placed 11th - 20th won \$25.00 — for a total of \$1750.00

**TROPHIES — FIRST FIVE PLACES**

**ENTRY FEE:** \$25.00 per contestant.

**REQUIREMENTS:** USPA or CSPA membership and currently valid USPA or CSPA license - Class B or higher. Flotation gear is required.

**APPLICATIONS:** Contestant must return completed application and publicity forms NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 2ND with a minimum deposit of \$10.00. Balance payable at registration. Late registration fee will be \$30.00. Return entry to Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce, Olympic Arena, Lake Placid, New York 12946.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS:** FAA, State and USPA rules governing competition parachuting will prevail throughout. In addition, any supplemental rules deemed necessary by the Meet Director and the Chief Judge to insure safety.

**PROTESTS:** There will be NO PROTEST. Rejumps will be granted at the discretion of the Judges. Every effort will be made to allow each competitor a fair opportunity to demonstrate his ability to hit the disc. Rejumps will be made at the end of the event.

**COMPETITORS AND GUESTS:** Guests of participating contestants and officials will be admitted free.

**SCORING SYSTEM:** All distances will be measured in feet and inches. (This is for the benefit of the spectators) a four (4) inch disc will be used and measurements will be made from the edge of the disc.

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:** Awards will be presented at a "Beer Bust" following the meet at the field, hosted by the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce.

**PRACTICE JUMPING:** Practice jumping may be conducted on Friday, September 11th.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Lake Placid is a resort area with many motels. Rates begin at \$4.00 per person per day.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce

Olympic Arena

Lake Placid, New York 12946

Phone: Area Code (518) 523-2445

— or — Dan Poynter, Meet Director

Phone Area Code (617) 471-9319 (Business)



## LEWIS WINS ASHLAND MEET

By Clarence Solis

On May 9th and 10th, I was able to attend a very interesting accuracy meet in Ashland, Oregon. Snow fell Saturday night and Sunday off and on, which presented a slight problem to the jumpers, but inbetween the snow, sleet and rain the meet went on. All five rounds of accuracy were run Saturday with Gary Lewis taking the top place followed by Cary Henderson and Jim Lowe, \$200 being split \$100-\$60-\$40. Jean Haley also picked up a trophy in the intermediate category. Saturday night was quite unique up in the Siskiyou Mountains, in an old house with plenty of beer and spaghetti. Also, hot-buttered rum, a specialty of Chris Evans. On Sunday the team event was held and won, I'm happy to say, by Bill Nelson, Joe Solis and C.M. Solis, an all Pacific Conference Team.

## CANADIAN NATIONALS SET



The CANADIAN NATIONAL PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS will be held in Damascus, Ontario, from 25 July to 2 August. Meet Director, Ernie Mueller, will be assisted by Vern Leonard, Rudy Jambrich will serve as safety officer. John Scott will lead the judging staff of Norm Heaton, Art Armstrong, John McGoldrick, John Chemello and Barney Free. Harry Grigat will be the aircraft officer. The meet is open to CSPA and USPA members, the entrance fee is \$50.00. Further information is available from Parachute Assn. of Toronto, P.O. Box 156, Terminal A, Toronto 1, Ontario, Canada. John Scott will also conduct a training program for aspiring judges at a cost of \$10.00.

## POPPENHAGER COMPLETES ONE THIRD OF TEST PROGRAM SO FAR

Paul "Pop" Poppenhager of South Fla. Parachutes, Inc., reported to the USPA Safety and Training Comm. that he has jumped 87 students, including 24 women, in his new "freefall on the first jump" program. Permission to conduct the test which is contrary to the BSRs which require at least five static lines was granted by the USPA Board of Directors at their February meeting at the Air Force Academy in Colorado. Their justification was the acknowledgement of the increased interest in this area and the affirmation that the Poppenhager program was well controlled and a good proving ground. It was argued that the French require 30 static line jumps and this was lowered to five in the U.S. when Jacques Istel set up the USPA and commercial parachuting because he knew the larger number would be unacceptable to both center and client and would hinder the growth of the sport.

Pop says he has eliminated all static line problems and has twice the retention rate on students. A Kap-3 set for five seconds is used on the main and a Sentinel/Sentry is used on the reserve. The first jump course has been expanded from 3½ to 4½ hours with the last one spent on ripcord pull drill. The student is outfitted with a dummy with a Velcro hesitator and is repeatedly timed against a watch until he pulls perfectly in five seconds. "Bad exits are saved by arching", says Pop. Students are outfitted with PC canopies housed in deployment bags, French boots, Bell helmets, Pioneer jumpsuits, 28 modified reserves with a pilot chute but no bridle and right hand pull mains with a cable stop. Poppenhager won't make a firm decision on the success of the program until he reaches 300 students. Further waivers to the BSRs will not be granted by the USPA until the test report has been filed, evaluated and approved.

## FAA TO UPDATE RIGGING TESTS

In a letter to USPA dated 4 June, the FAA in Oklahoma City invited Monterey to submit a list of publications considered to be representative of parachute construction, terminology, use, packing, inspection, repair and alteration procedures which might be referred to in preparing new rigger tests, oral, written and practical. USPA Director, Jerry Rouillard, answered the FAA in a letter dated 9 June, thanking them and referring the project to the Safety & Training Committee.



## 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: 14 February 1970**

Name: Dr. Kuhbacher

Place: Innsbruck, Austria

Age: 50

Jumps: 11

Cause of death: On his first freefall, deceased was unable to locate the trapezoidal ripcord handle on his B-4 type harness. He activated his reserve at about 70 feet and died on impact. His KAP-3 automatic opener failed because the housing was not securely fastened and moved toward the pins when it fired.

**\*\*\*Date: 8 March 1970**

Name: Barry Pennington

Place: Cockrum, Mississippi

Age: 21

Jumps: 2

Cause of death: Deceased landed in a lake. His flotation gear would not inflate and didn't use the manual device. He became tangled in his canopy, panicked and fought off rescue personnel.

**\*\*\*Date: 25 April 1970**

Name: Carl Chester Slaymaker

Place: Kissimmee, Florida

Age: 26

Jumps: 668

Cause of death: Deceased, who had hundreds of relative jumps, closed too quickly on the two man base and struck one of the other jumpers. He was rendered unconscious and remained on his back until impact.

**\*\*\*Date: 26 April 1970**

Name: Edith Ingrid Wagner

Place: Cleveland SPC, Ohio

Age: 30

Jumps: 68

Cause of death: Deceased, a Canadian, had a history of hard pulls. Per new CSPA regulations, she was drilled on cutaways, since she was using a P.C., against the wishes of the center, by her friends. She left the aircraft on a fifteen, apparently had a hard pull and released both risers. On impact, she was found to have the main ripcord in her hand. It is speculated that she reached for the reserve and grabbed the wrong handle.

**\*\*\*Date: 2 May 1970**

Name: Sandra Lee Wieman

Place: Edgerton, Kansas

Age: 21

Jumps: 2

Cause of death: Deceased went over backwards on exit. The Velcro pilot chute assist pulled the pilot chute out but it caught on her foot and the canopy began to horseshoe. She kicked the pilot chute loose at line stretch and the bridle half-hitched around the lines 12" below the skirt. Her Sentinel/Sentry which had been checked out that day, did not fire. She activated the reserve at about 75'.

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\*\*\*Date: 30 May 1970

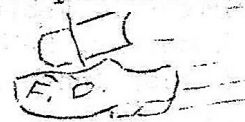
Name: David A. Kohler

Place: Darbydale, Ohio

Age: 22

Jumps: 19

Cause of death: Deceased left the aircraft at 7,000' on his 12th freefall planning relative work with his instructor. He went into a slow spin and the instructor moved away. He continued to turn until impact.



# NYSTROM FIRST AT HUDSON VALLEY

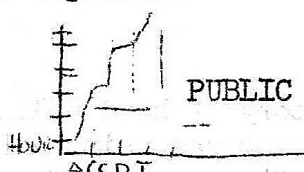
Stolen from the MEPA Newsletter

Bob Nystrom of Holtsville, New York, and the Long Island Skydivers, won the second MEPA meet of the year by outscoring fifty-two competitors at Hudson Valley's Shawanga Valley DZ. Bob's fifty-eight centimeters under the prevailing conditions more than illustrated his adept canopy handling ability. In second place a "new-comer" to the field of competition, Jim McIntire, maintained his cool and recorded a ninety-five centimeter total. Mac has been jumping with the Pelicans for several years. Hank Nasworthy scored a meter above Nystrom's total to take third place and keep the Peninsula Skydivers in the winners circle. Prize money of \$75, \$50, and \$25 was awarded to the top three in the Expert Class.

The Intermediate Class stood by as Fran Higgins of the United Club demonstrated his canopy skill (reserve and main) to post a winning total and first place trophy. Joe Havrilla of the Flying Dutchman ran a close second as he showed visible signs of his recent trip to the altar. Another third place trophy was won by John Edson of the Close Enough Skydivers.

Due to low ceiling, the Novice event was canceled and the team event was modified, permitting two members of a team to exit on a single pass. Approximately ten teams entered the four man event with the Pelican "B" Team of Holler, Crews, Gifford, and Jordan taking first place and \$70. In second place with \$40 to divide, the Rangoons - Huddleston, Nasworthy, Getz, and Marler.

In conclusion, it should be noted that the Hudson Valley Club did an outstanding job of hosting the meet under the conditions they had going for them. Our thanks to judges Ted Perrin, Mike Sweeney, and Mike Perrin. Owen Quinn on the manifest desk did a great job, and special thanks to Danny Miller, who kept all the loose ends together.



PUBLIC AVIATION ACCIDENTS DOWN, HOURS UP  
From N.P.A.

Accidents and fatalities involving public aviation aircraft declined last year from 1968 levels, while the number of hours flown continued their upward climb, according to the National Transportation Safety Board.

Total p/a accidents numbered 4,931 during the twelve-month period; down 37 from 1968. Total accidents dropped by 41, to 651, involving 1,388 individual deaths - a decrease of eleven compared to 1968's figures.

Preliminary estimates numbered 132,000 active aircraft on the 1969 p/a roster-up from 124,237 a year ago. This fleet - which includes all civil U.S. planes except commercial airliners - flew an estimated 25.6 million hours during 1969, representing a 1.6 million hour increase over the previous year.

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# NEWS FROM NORWICH

By Phil Siena

The past year has been one of the best in the 10-year history of the Norwich Sport Parachute Club. Even though Norwich University is about 150 miles from Orange and Turners Falls, there are usually several members making the trip on good weather weekends.

Although the school has not given us any financial aid (the Chess Slub received \$1000. this year) for the last couple years, they have provided us with a clubroom and packing table. Our equipment has been modernized quite a bit this year. The club now has six reserves, fifteen mains, six of which have been converted to the elastic bungee system for static line jumps, four new helmets, eight jumpsuits and assorted repair materials, etc.

For the second year in a row, Norwich was represented at the Collegiate Nationals. At the Eastern Intercollegiate, our whole club managed to show up and we ended up sweeping the novice event and placing third in the advanced.

As far as students go, we had 23 people make their first jump and quite a few are now progressing well on freefall. It looks like there will be much better years ahead for the club, as most of our membership is composed of freshmen and sophomores.

## ACKERMAN WINS PACIFIC P.O.P.S. MEET

By Clarence Solis

There was a POPS meet at Antioch May 16th and among the contestants were:

Jack Sowle #33	Leon DeLisle #304
Jim Ackerman #122	Bill Meene #307
Elbert DeLisle #147	Bob Clupper #389
Dave Demarest #168	

It was quite a meet with some wild events to equalize everyone as some jumped PCs and others jumped cheapos and then still others jumped X-Bos. After a good day of jumping the winner was Jim Ackerman, #122, followed close behind by Jack Sowle, #33, and Leon DeLisle, #304. The winner received a "tiny red velvet rocking chair".

## McLELLAN RESIGNS AS CSPA PRESIDENT

Wally McLellan of Edmonton, who was elected President of the Canadian Sport Parachuting Assn. in March, resigned at the end of the Board meeting held in Toronto on 13 and 14 June. Vice President, Doug Goodfellow, moved to the top slot and Mike Saul of Montreal was elected to the second position.

National Health and Welfare has designated sport parachuting as a category "B" sport and Executive Director, Jim Taylor, and Daryl Henry were authorized to go to Ottawa to argue for a category "A" classification which would entitle the CSPA to much more financial backing. Taylor was named FAI delegate and Peter Fassbender was made Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee.

This is page eleven and you're not even half way through this fantastic issue.

Is it time to renew?





## SHORT SPOTS....

- \*\*\*PAUL CULLY has a new game: go into a bank, pick up a deposit slip and write on the back "this is a stickup", then turn it over and put it back into the pile of deposit slips.
- \*\*\*GENE RITCHIE opened his new center in Bartow, Florida, on 6 June and sent out fancy printed invitations.
- \*\*\*BARNEY BREE, CSPA Comp. Comm. Chairman, has drawn up a complete set of rules for the Canadian Nationals.
- \*\*\*HERBERT PELLO, an Austrian subscriber, is looking for a young female jumping pen pal. His address: Nr 127, A-4063 Horsching, AUSTRIA. Air mail postage is 20¢.
- \*\*\*DREW KOCHIS made "hairlip cardinal" at Stormville.
- \*\*\*BUZZ BENNETT, the 16th Canadian to reach 1000 jumps, was to do it in style with a four man but Tony Perry left him up at 5,500' under his T-10.
- \*\*\*BOB SINCLAIR, who was jumping regularly in Alaska before most even heard of Alaska, is running a parachute skool in Hollywood.
- \*\*\*KEN GLOVER, Mid-East Conference Director, was made a genuine "Kentucky Colonel" by Governor Louis B. Nunn. This places him in the same social circle with Colonel Sanders.
- \*\*\*ABBOTSFORD, B.C., put together its first 9-man on 4 May.
- \*\*\*PICK VALLEY, writes that in North Georgia they have been using mini frisbees for DC discs for years.
- \*\*\*JAY HARSH made his gold wing jump on 16 May at Sha-Wan-Ga, the home of Hudson Valley.
- \*\*\*CSPA has 85 member clubs now, eight having joined since 31 March.
- \*\*\*JOHN SCOTT, NORM HEATON, and ART ARMSTRONG will be judging the Canadian Nationals on 25-31 July.
- \*\*\*SAM WILLIAMS had a total of 4.02 cm for three jumps at the Hudson Valley MEPA Meet on a Para-Foil.
- \*\*\*CSPA has purchased a total of four copies of "This is a Sport?" from USPA.
- \*\*\*WOODY RUSSELL writes that Dave Davis is trying to set up a jump into the Grand Canyon; after you pass the rim, it's still ten seconds until pull time.
- \*\*\*THE UNICORN SPC, headed up by Buzz Bennett and boasting such prominent members of the international parachuting community as Joan Emmack, Tony Perry, Vittoria Metelli, Jan Brunch, and "honk" Serba, has a motto that goes something like "a horny Unicorn is a happy Unicorn".
- \*\*\*BURNABY, ONTARIO DZ is operating again with a zero time 180. They sold their 172 to Carlton Univeristy Flying Club.
- \*\*\*SONNY DICKEY says the "Conn Para Inks" are putting in a low, low bid for the Conference Meet; the town is appropriating money and Shakey's Pizza will host the banquet. They'll close the doors to all but jumpers that Saturday night.
- \*\*\*GLENN MASTERSON, who will admit to being 44, was seen at the Victory Burlesque House in Buffalo.
- \*\*\*THE CANADIAN FORCES test dropped a bulldozer in Alberta from a C-130. The 12 ton machine landed within 50 yards of the target. On the first attempt, there was a slight malfunction and the bulldozer dug a two foot hole.
- \*\*\*THE CHUTING ANGELS of Arizona held elections: Jack Asbury is Pres., Jim Seed is Veep, Gwen Asbury, Sec., and Jim Estes is Treasurer.
- \*\*\*SKI-DOO SPORTS LTD. will send you a free wind chill chart if you write them at 5650 Iberville St., Montreal, PQ, CANADA.
- \*\*\*WORLD SOARING CHAMPIONSHIPS were hosted by the U.S. 22 June to 4 July at Marfa, Texas. 87 pilots represented 29 countries.
- \*\*\*FAA says there were 720,028 pilots with current medical certificates at the end of 1969, a 4% increase over '68. 300,000 were private pilots and 200,000 were student pilots.
- \*\*\*CHARLIE HILLARD, who made the first U.S. baton pass with Steve Snyder many years back, will be representing the U.S. in the 6th World Aerobatic Championships in England in July.



## JUMPING IN AUSTRIA

By Herbert Pello  
Austrian PIO

Austria, a small middle-European country, has a size of 32,200 sq. miles (about the size of Maine), its population is 7,400,000, capital is Vienna, and it is famous for music, mountains and skiing. We are about 550 jumpers here, making about 10,000 jumps in 1969 (without fatality). The usual jumpplanes are slow climbing C-170s and C-172s, costing between .30¢ and .50¢ a minute. The price for 3500 ft. is between \$1.50 and \$2.00; a style jump from 6600 ft. is between \$2.50 and \$4.00. These prices don't look too high but as the average Austrian earns less than \$40.00 a week, this is high. The best jumpers here are the members of the Army Team, who placed 3rd in the 1968 CISM Meet in Spain (behind France and the USA). Relative work is extremely poor here (I always dream of a summer in southern California).

Most chutes here are club owned, only very few jumpers have personal rigs. The usual chutes are EFA 653 and EFA 656, the usual competition rig is the Olympic; there are also some PTCH-7s and already PTCH-8s here, and the small number of PCs is increasing. One of the reasons that there are so few personal rigs is the high customs duties (e.g. a PC in the 3-pin container is \$486.75 in the U.S. and here it is about \$695.00).

Nationals take place here every two years and there are also several meets in the several provinces. This year we have two international (FAI 2nd class) meets. One was the 6th International Para Ski Cup, the other one will be the 10th Skyrian Championships in Graz.

For visitors who want to jump here, I've listed below the Austrian DZ's. I think the list is complete.

Lower Austria: Vienna-Aspern\*\*  
Upper Austria: Linz-Horsching\*\*  
Salzburg: Salzburg City\*\*, Tell am See  
Tyrol: Innsbruck\*\*  
Vorarlberg: Wehenems  
Styria: Graz-Thalerhof\*\*  
Carinthia: Klagenfurt\*\*

\*\*situated on the airport of the city, sometimes delays because of air traffic.

For more information, write: Herbert Pello, A-4063, Horsching, AUSTRIA

## TROUSDALE OFFERS JUMP PLANE INSURANCE

George Trousdale, Jr., D-779, Trousdale Co., Inc., P.O. Box 1561, Monroe, La. 71201, offers JUMP AIRCRAFT INSURANCE at competitive rates for hull and liability. This is written through a nationally known company with claims services throughout the country. Minimum pilot hours is 300 logged. Applications must be completed prior to quotations, so write for the applications rather than call. By combining our jump aircraft, we can prove that our aviation activity is safe and, therefore, improve on our insurance premiums.

## PERKS WINS AT TILSONBURG

Neal Perks, U.S. resident-Canadian citizen, Canadian style champ, only Canadian to jump in the U.S. Nationals, continually moving from DZ to DZ to outrun the increasing number of girls attracted to him, affectionately known to some as "short spot", won the meet at Tilsonburg; the Ontario provincial championships. Tom Schapanski was second and Barry Brand was third. The meet was marred by several injuries due to the high and variable winds.



## MORE SHORT SPOTS

- \*\*\*SKY DIVER MAGAZINE use to have a column written by Frank Abalone. Interesting to note that Lyle Cameron's seal symbol is "FAl" or "Frank Able One".
- \*\*\*ARMY TEAM spent the week prior to the Nationals practicing just down the road at Lake Placid.
- \*\*\*RON KAUSAK, who grew up in Chicago, didn't know what a tree was until he was 8 years ago. He had thought wood came from houses.
- \*\*\*THE NATIONALS weather was so calm and steady one evening that during a certain one hour period, the furthest jump was 26 cm.
- \*\*\*RAY "ROCK" DUFFY of the USAPT missed the first part of the Nationals; he was in the hospital at Plattsburgh AFB with hepatitis.
- \*\*\*JIM STOYAS was seen running hand in hand with Nancy Black across the DZ chanting "Black is beautiful".
- \*\*\*ONE AIR FORCE ACADEMY CADET swears he heard this on his first jump: "Turn your radio off and await further instructions" and he did.
- \*\*\*DAN POYNTER'S car was broken into at the motel during the Nationals. He lost his tape deck and his attache case containing important papers for the Board meeting, camera, flash unit, \$100., check book and ten orders for the SPOTTER. Let the Circulation Dept. know you gave him your \$2.00 in Plattsburgh and your subscription will be straightened out. Only the first ten, please.
- \*\*\*ALASKA sent a highly spirited delegation to the Nationals including Mickey Sleeper who was appropriately named; she took second in accuracy. Alaskans are an insecure group, their license plates read "Alaska, USA". Incidentally, they refer to the rest of the continental U.S. as "the polluted lower 48".
- \*\*\*RUSS GUNBY has some very attractive patches which he does not sell; he gives them selectively to those who have promoted the use of his book. He sold 35,000 of the old edition and is up to 10,000 in the new edition already.
- \*\*\*ROY JOHNSON has jumped very little recently. He uses most of his off hours to fly.
- \*\*\*PLATTSBURGH took in only \$1600-\$1800 on the gate.
- \*\*\*GORDON RINER won about \$1,000. in a card game at Pelicanland. When asked what did your wife have to say, he replied: "Just what any wife would say when you come home late and announce that you were playing cards, won one hundred dollars and gave her half".
- \*\*\*"FLASH" GORDON of Florida was married recently.
- \*\*\*MIKE LINZ, a training judge at the Nationals, rode to Plattsburgh from Dallas on a motorcycle.
- \*\*\*THE AWARDS BANQUET at the Nationals was attended by 418 jumpers and friends. That was close, as 425 steaks were purchased.
- \*\*\*MIKE MARTHALLER barely made it to the Board meeting. His carb heat stopped working north of Albany and then he received word that his wife broke both legs jumping back in Colorado.
- \*\*\*DONNA BERGMAN was the first woman to be a principal judge at the Nationals.
- \*\*\*J.C. HARRISON is compiling the USPA license tests. They should be available to ASOs and I/Es in about two months.
- \*\*\*GARY PATMOR'S Student Training Package project has been completed and is at the printers in Monterey. Available at cost to USPA Instructors, the packages will contain first jump course certificates, copy of PARACHUTIST, arch demonstration device, pamphlets, USPA application, helpful training brochures, etc.
- \*\*\*GEORGE SAGE has the same A, B, C and D license numbers.
- \*\*\*PRESIDENTIAL PARACHUTING COUNCIL WOMENS ASSN. OF EDMONTON is a group formed to give wives and friends something to do around the DZ.
- \*\*\*THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE now has a competition committee chaired by Bill Nelson. The members are Jerry Rouillard, Stash Murry, Steve Gwin and Ron Young.
- \*\*\*CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT recently published operating requirements for jump aircraft which parallels the STC required in the U.S.
- \*\*\*CAROLYN BREWER GRUBER, USPA office manager, an employee for six years has resigned to pursue a full time career as an artist.
- \*\*\*BOB BECK hurt his back in the OPA Meet. Recent wife, Sandy (Boora), describes Oklahoma as "one big drop zone".



REPORT FORM  
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Your news contributions to the SPOTTER are invited. Send in meet results, equipment news, stolen gear lists, parachuting humor, small items for Short Spots, etc. Significant contributions will entitle the sender to be listed on the masthead. There is no deadline for the SPOTTER, as it comes out when there is enough information to fill it. Send in your news today.....

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## INVITATION TO BID - FALL '70 NORTHEAST CONFERENCE MEET

The Northeast Conference Meet will be on 10 and 11 October with 24 and 25 October set as a raindate at a place to be determined on the basis of the response to this invitation to bid.

Bids will be made on a per jump basis because we do not know what the weather will permit us to make. Lowest monetary figures are not necessarily as important as facilities. Our greatest problem in the past has been lack of aircraft and this will be given prime consideration this year. The host should have the capacity to drop 350 jumpers in one day. The banquet need not be fancy. Spaghetti, salad, etc. are fine as long as there is plenty of it. Beer should be available for individuals to purchase. Medals will be supplied by the USPA and the NESPC. Host will be responsible for normal facilities and equipment, rooms for ASC meeting, PA system, manifesting sheets, target to scoreboard communications, (walkie talkies), 16 mm projector, helmet number, etc. As a guideline, last year's bid was under \$24.00 for four accuracy and three style jumps and the banquet. About 40 contestants are expected. About 100 may attend the banquet.

HURRY - Bids must be received by 15 August

I/We, the undersigned, make the following bid for the Northeast Conference Parachuting Championships for 1970:

\$ _____	per accuracy jump to 3,000 ft.	Send to: Conference Director
\$ _____	per style jump up to 7,500 ft.	Dan Poynter
\$ _____	per relative jump up to 8,500 ft.	48 Walker Street
\$ _____	per wind dummy jump to 2,800 ft.	N. Quincy, Mass. 02171
\$ _____	banquet, per head.	

Facilities are as follows:

- Aircraft (list)
- Target (composition and size) Note: 10 meter radius minimum
- Banquet menu
- Banquet facilities
- Other facilities (list);

I/We fully understand the host's duties and responsibilities and submit the above bid in good faith.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ DZ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Sealed bids to be opened 16 August.

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## 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 returns 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 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.

Stolen from Texas A&M S.P.C., \$50.00 reward

Serial No.	Type
32110	24' ripstop
32227	24' ripstop
32226	24' ripstop
32229	24' ripstop
32161	24' ripstop
116363	28' ripstop
96255	28' ripstop
116840	28' ripstop
153746	26' conical
75015	24' twill
7207	24' twill



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JUNE WAS STAR MONTH IN THE NORTHEAST

By Danny Thompson

After commuting many miles each weekend (three hours) and countless seven mans, a legal eight man was recorded at Stormville, N.Y., on 13 June. Nearly half the team comes from the Boston area and the most difficult part is that a 180 and a 182 are used and one man carries a camera; if one man slips, there is another damn seven man. Those being toasted Saturday evening were Hadden Wood, Geo Morris, Bill Eisler, K.S. Barton, Drew Kochis, Pete Svihra, Bill Lytle, and Danny Thompson. Woody shook out his reserve with a "cast-rated" arm. The following day in Greene, N.Y., an eight man was made by several visitors following the big meet. Then on the 20th, Stormville recorded another eight man and this time from 10,000 ft. and Fred Stadler and Lee Field were added to the list.

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## MORE SHORT SPOTS

- \*\*\*JIM WELTING is on his way to the Far East.
- \*\*\*BILL LYTTLE, first Rhode Islander to qualify for an eight man patch, picked it up in Antioch, California.
- \*\*\*VIC DEVEAU tried for POPE several times and finally blew his lunch all over Shakey's Pizza Parlor. The rest of the patrons left.
- \*\*\*DAN POYNTER reports that one more fatality last year turned out to be a suicide; that is a total of two.
- \*\*\*DON GRANT has completed work on an Instructor Handbook and a student workbook. They are now in the hands of the Safety and Training Committee for review.
- \*\*\*THE USPA INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION COURSE is nearly ready. The test run was made in Manchester, Conn., in April and the orientation folders are now at the printers in Monterey. Send to USPA for information regarding courses in your area.
- \*\*\*CESSNA donated two 207s for use at the Nationals at the last minute thanks to the work of Tony Furman's office, USPA PR man.
- \*\*\*MERV GRIFFIN will feature a parachute packing lesson soon on his TV show.
- \*\*\*HIRAM WALKER is donating hundreds of miniatures to be distributed by the U.S. team as souvenirs of the U.S. at the World Meet this fall.
- \*\*\*CLARENCE SOLIS will send you a free copy of the Pacific Conference Newsletter if you write him at 27805 Andrea St., Hayward, California 94544.
- \*\*\*SIMON FAIRFAX WYKEHAM-MARTIN will conduct five instructor courses in Canada in July and August.
- \*\*\*ELEK PUSKAS, manager of Ripcord Paracenter, is drawing up plans for a New Jersey State Meet.
- \*\*\*NORM HEATON will soon publish a caution notice in PARACHUTIST to all potential wing jumpers. The Safety and Training Committee joined with him in concern for the inexperienced jumpers who are piloting these gliding devices. Controls are sensitive and landings are tricky; one jumper has lost his life through water impact when he turned and ran his Para Foil in down wind on a water jump. Heaton swears that by pulling hard turns one way and then the other, he could fall into his canopy.
- \*\*\*MINI FRISBEES were used as dead center discs at the Nationals; 500 were donated by Whamo, another coup by Tony Furman.
- \*\*\*PELICAN DZ reports that a well known, west coast parachuting personality bounced a check there recently.
- \*\*\*VOLKSWAGEN donated three buses (maxi-VW) to the Nationals and one was used (appropriately) by the German Team and will assign two more to the U.S. Team while in Yugoslavia.
- \*\*\*KEVIN FALON will send you a free sample copy of the South Dakota Skydivers Newsletter, The Connector Link, if you write him at 1408 N. Lincoln, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57104.
- \*\*\*KEN GLOVER has drafted an excellent criteria for USPA approved centers. It is under study by the Safety and Training Committee and will be published in Oct.
- \*\*\*DAYTON AREA JUMPERS should mark their calendars. The AIAA-DOD parachute symposium takes place at Wright-Patterson AFB on 21-23 September.
- \*\*\*USPA PART 106, printed and soon to be distributed, has been changed already. To be a USPA Instructor (new), one must be 21 years of age but this waivable if the applicant is signed off by his own ASO. Previously, it had to be okayed by the Executive Committee.
- \*\*\*GARY DUPUIS was the lucky winner of the Mark I PC with the 1.1 apex raffled off by Chet Poland at the Nationals.
- \*\*\*JERRY ROUILLARD, USPA Assistant Director, reports that a 12-month revolving (let's hear the cry 12 months for 12 dollars) membership plan is now possible with the acquisition of a \$5,500. addressograph machine. It will go into effect after a few more details are worked out.
- \*\*\*THE PAN AMERICAN CUP concept was approved by the Board of Directors. Both Canada and the U.S. are interested in such a meet in odd numbered years as an alternative to the Adriatic Cup.





## THE EQUIPMENT CORNER

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.

R & R ENTERPRISES, (Div. of Ron's Campus Locksmith, 502 East Green, Champaign, Illinois, 61820) is manufacturing a suspended harness assembly from welded heavy angle iron. It is easily suspended and may be used to practice breakaways, reserve deployment and landings.

WARD/VENE ORIGINALS (5201 Alhambra Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., 90032) has been buried with orders for their jumpsuit and are backed up about two months. They supplied the Nationals with attractive pull over, color coded shirts for the officials and may make up a special color pattern jumpsuit for the U.S. Team.

PIONEER PARACHUTE COMPANY (Manchester, Conn.) did \$10,700,000. in business in the first quarter of 1970, an increase of 8% over the previous year. The carrying bag now has shoulder straps in addition to the regular handle. The Volplane, Pioneer's entry in the wing field, was demonstrated in Plattsburgh following the Nationals; it uses a small hydraulic cylinder in the reefing system to ease deployment. It should be available in two color patterns: red/white/blue and red/black/gold and the projected price is \$513.45 for the canopy and \$21.00 for the bag.

STRONG ENTERPRISES, INC. (542 E. Squantum St., N. Quincy, Mass., 02171). The Style-master Assembly, which is featured at the World Exposition in Osaka, Japan, was the most popular harness/container assembly at the Nationals with 48 (27%) in use. It was followed by 19 Mini Systems and 12 Super Pros. A new boot is in the early design stages. It weighs half as much as the French style Para-Boot, has a specially moulded plastic ankle support and a unique adjustable closure which eliminates laces; they can be put on or taken off in less than ten seconds. A new prototype flotation device was also displayed at the Nationals. It measures 2"x2½"x4" packed and is 9" in diameter by 24" long when inflated. It has both a manual CO<sub>2</sub> actuator and an oral inflation valve; all materials are of the military type. A new center pull reserve ripcord has been designed and is undergoing evaluation. It has been engineered to eliminate the binding to center pull pins caused when the reserve rocks outward during the pull. The 24' steerable modification is very popular and has been credited with several saves. The three-hole alteration vents just enough air to make the canopy stable thus making landings easier and slowing the rate of descent.

PARACHUTES INCORPORATED (Orange, Mass., 01364) has prepared a new catalogue which should be out by 1 August. Eight of the 124 pages will be in color. It will sell for \$1. per copy. Lee Guilfoyle left the company and his position of Vice-President of operations, on 5 July. All jumps at Orange went up .25¢ except the thirty, it remained at \$.50.

CHUTE SHOP (P.O. Box 445, Flemington, N.J., 08822). Ron Edwards is back working at the Chute Shop after trying a drafting school and some time with IBM.

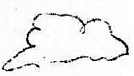
STEVE SNYDER ENTERPRISES (331 Cherry Hill Blvd., Cherry Hill, N.J.) is now marketing the Para-Plane, the successor to the Para-Foil. The control characteristics are greatly improved.

HI-TEK CORP. (2220 S. Anne St., Santa Ana, Calif.) has a very nice spring operated automatic opener which may be used on either the main or reserve. The \$120 (est) unit senses altitude and rate of fall and won't fire unless descent is greater than 30-35 fps below 1,000'; the pull is 65 lbs. One unit is being sent to Gary Patmor's R and D Committee for testing.



PARA-GEAR EQUIPMENT COMPANY (5138 N. Broadway, Chicago, Illinois 60640) has a new smoke and this one should work. The orange smoke generator is made by one of the big names in the business and is the same as the standard military M-18 except that a pull ring has been substituted for the grenade type striker. The sealed unit should not be affected by humidity as are other types.

STEVEN'S PARA LOFT (Oakland Airport, California) is selling their student cutaway kit for \$5.00. This is the one described in PARACHUTIST recently and featured in the Jan-Feb SPOTTER. A brochure is free for the asking. Perry Stevens is the only instructor of the original 1962 Phoenix conference who is still actively engaged in the student instruction.



#### NEW FAA OXYGEN REQUIREMENTS FROM NAA



New rules for the use of oxygen were recently adopted by the FAA that would affect all civilian aircraft flying over 12,500 ft. The rules are the final results of a Draft Proposal for Rule Making issued in July, 1967 and identified as DNPRM 67-30.

In unpressurized aircraft all pilots must use oxygen when flying over 12,500 ft. MSL. Additional crew members must use oxygen over 14,500 ft. MSL. All passengers must use oxygen when flying over 15,000 ft. MSL. Portable oxygen systems of adequate capacity will be acceptable.

In pressurized aircraft when flying over 25,000 ft. MSL there must be a ten minute supplemental oxygen supply for all persons aboard. When over 35,000 ft. MSL all pilots must have oxygen masks immediately available. If one pilot is left temporarily alone in the cockpit, he must wear an oxygen mask.

These new rules are effective June 17, 1970.

#### SPOTTER MAILING LIST FOR RENT



The SPOTTER mailing list may be rented for .03¢ per name plus a \$5. secretarial service charge in any quantity and area desired. While the total list consists of over 1,000 active parachutists, as little as 100 of a given geographical area may be contacted. For example, if a club is hosting a meet near St. Louis and wants to contact only the nearest 200 SPOTTER subscribers, the cost is \$11. (200 x 3¢ per name plus the \$5. service charge).

Just stuff the envelopes (three pages will go first class-6¢), stamp them, box them up and ship to the SPOTTER Editorial Offices, 48 Walker St., N. Quincy, Mass., 02171. The SPOTTER staff will run them through the addressograph and mail them. The offer is open to everyone, however, the staff reserves the right to restrict the inclusion of unsuitable material.

#### FAA PLANS MAINTENANCE SYMPOSIUM IN DECEMBER

The FAA will convene its 6th Annual International Aviation Maintenance Symposium at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City on December 8 through 10th. Members of the aviation community are invited to submit papers and set up displays. Dan Poynter, Chairman of the USPA Safety and Training Committee, and Cliff Davis, a member of that committee and a resident of Oklahoma City, plan to inquire as to whether it might be worthwhile for USPA to take part in the program.



FAR EAST!

## FAR EAST PERSONALITY PARADE

By Lyle Goodin



TONY PERRY (Cndn C-293) stopped in at Bangkok on his way back from a round-the-world vacation jaunt that saw him at Taft, Lakewood, and various DZ's in Canada before going home to jolly old England. His first jump in Thailand was at the Lop Buri DZ where he impressed everyone with the gliding ability of the Delta II when he glided right on over the target to land about 20 meters out. The next day we jumped from the Huey and he did the same thing.

CLAUDE JOHNSON (D-913) (Silent John) is the decided favorite at all demonstration jumps since he brought back the Para-Plane from the states. At last count he had 19 jumps on it and had burned the canopy 19 times (each time it has been jumped it has burned). The burns seem to be all in the top and concentrated in the front two feet of the wing. Note to Steve Snyder: HELP!!!

A poll taken of skydivers in Thailand revealed that the June issue of PARACHUTIST placed second in a list of "ten most dreadfully boring publications of the year", after being narrowly edged out of first place by a re-print of Nixon's latest speech. The judges agreed, as did most of those polled, that inclusion of an article by Dan Poynter marred the otherwise perfect collection of dreary statistics, calculated to inform the ignorant, unwashed, itinerate, everyday average skydiver that his "Association" was still solvent despite the efforts of the editor of our sport's only semi-annual publication.

JERRYRYBURN (D-1100) is in Vietnam and currently publishing a newsletter called the "Sharp-Chuter". If you're interested, drop me a line and I'll send him your address. At least it's a way to keep informed about the guys in Vietnam.

The 46th Special Forces Parachute Team left today to hitchhike their way to the Australian Nationals being held in Perth. They left on the first leg of the journey by Caribou re-supply flight to Songkla in southern Thailand where they'll catch a train to Penang/Butterworth, Malaya. In Penang they'll visit the Royal Australian Air Force Base there to see if they can catch a ride to Changi RAF Base in Singapore and from there to somewhere (anywhere) in Australia. I've gotten them supplied with names, addresses and phone numbers along the way to see if we can cut through some of the red tape. I think the worst hurdle to cross was our own U.S. Embassy here in Bangkok, but when that was accomplished, they were home free. Here's hoping they make it down there and back.

DENNIS C. LOWRIMORE (C-?) took some of the guys from the 46th Parachute Team over to Khok Kathiem Airfield a couple weeks ago to jump with the Thais from their C-123. Would you believe that the Thais very courteously invited the Americans to go on the first pass, spotted for them, put them out directly over the target in a ten knot wind, then calmly corrected the spot from the four wind "dummies" and jumped the whole plane load right on target while the Americans were walking back to the airfield.



### NATIONALS USED TO SELECT CISM TEAM

For the first time the U.S. National Parachuting Championships was used to select the team to represent the U.S. in the CISM meet, the International Military Parachuting Competition; formerly, one of the military teams was selected. The new system will permit a multi-service team of the best jumpers. Selected for the early July competition were:

1. Schoepple, USAPT
2. Knight, USAPT
3. Hall, USAPT

4. Armstrong, USAPT
5. Ancker, West Point  
(recent graduate)



- \*\*\*ART ARMSTRONG will be the U.S. judge at the World Meet if Gordon Riner can't make the ten-week tour.
- \*\*\*TALL TOM BRYANT is lucky to be alive. He was moving around in back of Gene Paul Thacker's 185 at the Ft. Bragg Meet when his backpack opened and the pilot chute went out the open (missing) back window. He soon followed taking out the side of the aircraft and part of the tail. Both jumper and aircraft landed safely.
- \*\*\*THE USPA TRAINING FILM will cost \$35,500.00 according to Bob Mathews and Kevin Brady. USPA has evidenced its intent and good faith by putting up \$10,000. and now a sponsor in industry or government must be found for the rest.
- \*\*\*PARKWAY WETSUITS will be provided the U.S. Team for use at the World Meet. Another Tony Furman project.
- \*\*\*JACK CLEARY, USPA National Director, authored and the Board accepted, a U.S. Team donation policy. The two page document outlines the types of donations the team will accept and the method by which it will be done. Copies are available from Monterey.
- \*\*\*KEN GLOVER, Mid-East Conference Director, asked for and received Board approval on his motion to allow directors to have a small stockpile of Gold Wings on hand for last minute, surprise presentations to those who qualify.
- \*\*\*JERRY ROUILLARD, Director of the NCPL, reports that the deadline for the Collegiate Meet bids is 1 August. So far he has one written bid from Greene County, (West country), Ohio, and a verbal bid from Deland, Florida.
- \*\*\*THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE has requested two scoring sections to work the Nationals so as to build competition between them and reduce the errors. It has been suggested, however, that the score sheets themselves be posted and the competitors be allowed to compute for themselves as a check against one scoring section.
- \*\*\*LOWELL BACHMAN took a wife just before the Nationals.
- \*\*\*BILL VIETS found some new tenants in his aircraft, a nest of birds. They entered the 170 through the control hole near the tail. When he returned from flying an exhibition jump, he was confronted by a very upset and not too understanding mother bird.
- \*\*\*LYLE CAMERON, GORDON RINER and JOHN SCOTT are working on a judge progression SOP which will cover all areas from training judge to FAI recognition.
- \*\*\*TOGGLE LINE (Dallas Para. Assn. Newsletter) NOTE: Editor: "I know that you believe you understand what you think I write but I am not sure you realize that what you read is not what I meant".
- \*\*\*RUSS GUNBY is working on a sport parachuting bibliography and is cataloguing all publications. After the Nationals, he visited Pioneer, FAA, NAA, Wright-Patterson AFB, Strong Enterprises, El Centro and Irvin.
- \*\*\*JACK SHAFFER, FAA Administrator, reports that Volpe's Department of Transportation is giving transportation preference over sport uses of the air. Starting 1 July, no one in the Northeast will fly over 10,000' without all kinds of gear and an instrument flight plan. By 1975, it will be down to 8,000' or maybe even to six.
- \*\*\*LEN POTTS has been named Chairman of the '71 Nationals site selection Committee by President Fitch. Letters of intent are due by 1 September and the bids must be in before the first of the year. The four intervening months will allow inspection of the sites by the committeemen.
- \*\*\*LTC. ROBERT R. FARR, D-1723, has been named European Parachuting League Director by the USPA Board to succeed Bruce McDaniels who has been transferred.
- \*\*\*SUN RIVER, OREGON, may bid on the 1972 World Meet. West Germany has withdrawn its bid for '72 and Russia plans to bid on '74. Bids for '72 will be accepted at the World Meet in Bled in September and the award will be made at the January '71 meeting. Sun River may send Norm Heaton to Bled with their bid. This would allow him to be on the World Meet Jury this year, as money for his transportation was not appropriated by the USPA.
- \*\*\*THE USPA BOARD will meet the third weekend in January 1971 in Monterey.
- \*\*\*THE 1971 NATIONALS will take place the last week in June.





THE STREAMER LANDED 500' HIGHER THAN THE DZ, SO I.....

By Terry-0

As you may be aware, certain scruffy elements within our elite corps of New Breed adventurers have often, and even to my face, attempted to denigrate my abilities of numerous opportunities to jump into the Inn for about the last 4 years. My decision to stay away from the unnown and concrete like ground at the fair watering place was, as we all know, motivated only by a sincere professional desire to remain a sincere professional in two sports which require the use of both legs.

But to get to the point! Having forsaken the Inn and Mike's place as suitable targets for my delicate sensibilities, I have now broken ground for an ideal drop zone - one devoid of difficult and dangerous obstacles. On Sunday, May 17, I found a hole in the rain and fog and clouds over the campus of Darrow School and clutching USPA, N.Y. Dept. of Civil Aeronautics, and FAA regulations to my bosom, defied gravity for ten wet seconds. At this point, I'd like to mention that most of the fun was derived from the fact that the DZ is on a hillside and that the exit point was 500 ft. lower than the DZ and that the streamer landed 500 ft. higher up the mountain than the DZ and that one has to do some rapid calculations. The entire leap went as planned-especially the part about the right steering line separating from right riser on opening and the thrilling series of demonstration left turns ~~culminating~~ in a daring running standup landing in front of the cheering wet crowd of students and their nubile dates.



### I REMEMBER THE TELSAN BOOT

A feature by Tom "Freefall" Hall

There I was at 7500 feet and falling; believe it or not, the leg pocket on my Sky King jumpsuit came open and out popped my wallet. No money but my license, my pass to petrified Pete's Pizza Parlor, my credit card for Maggie's, the best house on the block and last but not least, a photo of me landing inside the airport with a cheapo to boot. The thought occurred - follow it, follow it, but then my courage ran out and I pulled at thirty feet. I hit and ran a hundred yards before I got my opening shock but luckily I had my Telsan boots on and the impact cartridge exploded on impact and absorbed the energy of my landing allowing me to survive. However, this leaves me with the soul shattering realization that on my next total I can be seriously injured as Telsan has ceased to manufacture these lifesaving boots and the other boot is filled with hot air.

Stories will be told of these legendary boots as long as jumpers continue to bear the indignity of strapping on a bulky reserve chute around their stomach or perched on their neck. Like the time that the first jump student failed to check the date of manufacture on his boot and pulled on a pair of boots that was past the X date. This poor unfortunate soul exited at 2800 feet and before he reached the end of his static line, his cartridge exploded launching him past stigmatic Sam, his jumpmaster, through the right wing of the 206. Even now on a clear day you can, with an ordinary pair of binoculars, see this black dot circling mother Earth. Military drivers have reported seeing what appeared to be a human floating at 40,000 feet and etched on his frozen face a smile of eternal bliss. Eternal freefall and on his first jump. Damn those Frenchmen and their inner tubes!



### CALIFORNIA AND LOCATOR BEACONS



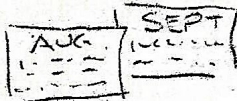
The California Aeronautics Division flunked the products of six manufacturers; only Garrett and Communications Components passed. All aircraft will be required to have emergency locator beacons.

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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 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.

- \*\*July 18-19: Girlstown Invitational. \$1,000., P.O. Box 1138, Pampa, Texas.
- July 18-19: MEPA Meet. Penn. SD West Point, Virginia.
- July 18-19: P.A.T. Annual Meet. Damascus, Ontario, FMI: Parachute Assn. of Toronto, P.O. Box 156, Terminal A, Toronto 1, Canada.
- July 18-19: 3rd Annual Meet. South Dakota Sky Divers. FMI: Kevin Falon, 1408 N. Lincoln, Sioux Falls, S.D. 57104. (605) 338-0395.
- July 18-19: Ten Jump Accuracy Meet. Xenia, Ohio. FMI: Greene County SPC, Rt. #5, Xenia, Ohio.
- July 18-19: Tenth Annual Calistoga Invitational. FMI: Tom Jones, Box 408, Calistoga, California. (707) 539-3937. ~~POSTPONED~~
- July 18-19: Ten Man Star Sweepstakes. First prize: trip to the World Meet. FMI: Ron Bluff, 5651 Sultana St., Apt. B, Temple City, Calif. (213) 285-5173.
- July 20-24: P.A.T. Jump Week. Damascus, Ontario.
- July 18-19: C.P.C. Meet. Clanton, Ala. FMI: David Morris, 3208 Ridgley Ct., Birmingham, Alabama.
- \*\*July 25: Sonny's Thing. \$1,000., Novice and advanced. On Conn. Coast. FMI: Sonny Dickey (413) 736-9062.
- July 25-31: Canadian Nationals. Damascus, Ontario.
- Aug. 1-2: D.P.A. Fun Meet. Seagoville, Texas.
- Aug. 1-2: 3rd Annual Osprey Invitational. FMI: Osprey SPC, Box 441, Kalispell, Montana 59901.
- Aug 1-9: Burnaby Jump Week. High, night and water. FMI: Aging Glenn Masterson, 24 Turner Crescent, St. Catharines, Ontario.
- Aug 8: Lakewood Open. FMI: P.O. Box 258, Lakewood, N.J. 08701.
- Aug 15: Chapman-Grant Reception. Inn at Orange.
- Aug. 15-16: MEPA Meet. Maytown, Pa.
- \*\*Aug. 15-16: 1st Annual Open Accuracy Money Meet. \$1500 to 5 places. Thorps Strip, 2 1/2 miles east of Wapella, Ill. Rain date: 17th. USPA and 100 jumps minimum. Six jumps for \$50. Sponsored by Clinton Jaycees. FMI: Bob Sprague, 207 W. Webster, Clinton, Ill. 61727. (217) 935-2430.
- Aug. 15-16: Kingston Meet. FMI: Bill Baird, 263 Days Rd., Kingston, Ontario.
- Aug. 16: Calistoga's 10th Annual Clear Lake Water Jump. FMI: Calistoga Skydivers, P.O. Box 408, Calistoga, California.
- Aug. 22-23: Arizona Parachute Council Noon Meet.
- Aug. 29-30: Lakehurst Supermeet, New Jersey.
- Aug. 29-30: Relative Work Meet. Richmond, R.I. FMI: Don MacQuattie, 40 Waldron Ave., W. Barrington, R.I. 02890. (401) 246-0449.
- Sept. 5-7: 9th Annual Labor Day Meet, Galveston, Texas.
- Sept. 5-7: X Annual Northwest Championships. Abbotsford, B.C.
- \*\*Sept. 5-7: 6th Annual Nashville Meet. Equipment prizes. FMI: P.O. Box 295, Nashville, Tennessee 262-0456.
- Sept. 6-20: X World Meet. Bled, Yugoslavia.
- \*\*Sept. 12-13: IV Annual Lake Placid Championships. \$1500.00.
- Sept. 19-20: MEPA Meet. Horizon SPC, Applegarth, N.J.
- Sept. 19-20: Central Conference Championships '71. Site to be announced.
- Sept. 19-20: Ohio-Kentucky Championships. FMI: Greene County SPC, Rt. #15, Xenia, Ohio.
- Sept. 21-23: Parachute Symposium. Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.
- Sept. 26: Governor's Cup. Orange. FMI: P.O. Box 96, Orange, Mass. 01364.

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# PARACHUTE MEET AND EVENT SCHEDULE (cont'd)



- Sept. 26-27: National Club Championships. Miller Airport, North Benton, Ohio.  
fmi: Art Johanson, 2536 S. Union, Alliance, Ohio. Or call collect:  
(216) 823-4248.
- Oct. 3-4: Jumper's Jamboree. FMI: Antioch SPC, Rt. #1, Box 1196, Antioch, Calif. 94509
- Oct. 7: N.A.A. Annual General Meeting. Washington, D.C.
- Oct. 10-11: Northeast Conference Meet '71. Site to be announced.
- Oct. 17-18: MEPA Meet. United PC, Pa.
- Oct. 24-25: Raindate, Northeast Conference Meet.
- Nov. 7-8: Airzona Parachute Council State Meet.
- Nov. 14-15: 4th Annual Diablo S.D. Meet. Antioch. FMI: Stash Murry, 2020 Foot Hill, Oakland, California (415) 532-2127.
- Nov. 26-29: NCPL Meet. Site to be announced.
- December: USPA Elections.

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\*\*Jan. 1-3: South Florida Winter Invitational. FMI: Paul Poppenhager, Indian Creek, Florida.

Jan. 22-24: USPA BOD Meeting, Monterey, California. Seating of the new Board.

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GRAHAM SPRINGS FOR JUMPS AND DRINKS AT ANTIOCH  
Twenty man star made (Would you believe 18?)



Jerry Graham, tight fisted entrepreneur of the Antioch, California, Airport, gave away 24 sixties and all the beer anyone present could drink on 31 May; the sound of pop-tops were heard as far as Taft and Elsinore. Jack Ystle, an East Coast DZ operator, was heard to remark something about "lack of cost control and poor management".

Norm Heaton called the Psychology Department at the University of California at Berserkley to request that a shrink be sent to Antioch to investigate Graham's unusual behavior but was informed by the switchboard operator that the school was on strike.

Kevin Donneley, a Southern California spy, reported back home that he and 19 Northern California jumpers had completed a twenty man star on their third attempt of the day from two Beeches and a Howard; they started from 13,500' and it was held for six seconds.

Darkroom evidence showed, however, that the star broke leaving an eighteen man star and later a twenty man line. The previous record, a southern California eighteen man, was also disproved by photos.

Jerry Meyers organized the lift and set 10-ten mans as a prerequisite for participants. Towner, Donneley, and Prewitt made DCs on landing.

Graham, when last heard, was trying to collect for the jumps and beer.



## NAVY MAKING FLOTATION GEAR EVALUATION

Naval Safety Center is evaluating two automatic methods of freeing pilots from parachute entanglement after descent into the water. In one method, for which industry proposals are being evaluated, the parachute release device activates when the pilot hits a wall of water, releases the chute and inflates a life preserver. Second approach is a Bendix encapsulating life raft which automatically encases pilot and equipment within a dry environment on the raft after contact with the water. Of 400 Navy personnel ejecting into the water during the last five years, 37% had difficulty with parachute entanglement and another 15% experienced trouble in the water from parachute drag.

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ROMAN PAGE 25.



Stolen from MEPA Newsletter

Mike Sweeney has been appointed MEPA's official chief judge by President Micky Ault due to the absence of Terry Maides. As most of you know Terry was badly hurt in an automobile accident, and is presently recovering in George Washington University Hospital. Terry will be confined for at least another month, and even then it will be some time before he can get back on the peas. So, in the interim, Mike has volunteered to fill in until Terry can return.

6TH INTERNATIONAL PARA SKI CUP

(FAI Meet - 2nd class)

By Herbert Pello

4/7/70 to 4/12/70 at Turs/Arlberg (Austria)

The idea of the Para Ski Cup was born during the '64 World Meet in Germany. It is an international meet in which the teams of the six Alpine countries compete. The meet takes place every year in one of the following six states: Western Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France and Yugoslavia. 1970 it took place at Turs on the Arlberg, one of the most famous Austrian ski centers.

There were three competitions:

Accuracy in the valley, from 3500', 2 jumps

Accuracy in the mountains, from 3500', 2 jumps

"Riesenslalom" (what's that in English? It is a run between slalom and downhill), 2 races

Results: Skiing

(1) Frei (Switzerland)

(2) Weikenbock (Austria I)

Accuracy

(1) Stollinger (Austria II)

Overall

(1) Weikenbock (Austria I)

(2) Egger (Austria I)

(3) Deutsch (Austria I)

Teams

(1) Austria I

(2) Switzerland

(3) Austria II

There were also two "guest teams" without the right of winning trophies, the U.S. 7th Army Team and the Austrian Army Team.

SEARLES MAKES SURPRISE JUMP INTO BARTOW

By Bill Burr

On June 7, 1970 eleven jumpers in Paul Rice's L-10 Lockheed from Jeff Searles' DZ in Zephyrhills, Florida, made a sneak attack on Gene Ritchie's DZ at Barton, Florida, from 12,500 ft. We put together a five man out of 9 RW jumpers (Bummer), Louis Howell turned style (booooooooooooo), and a visiting jumper named Finland just went out and watched. Searles was on the load and he and Finland had no idea the DZ had been changed. When we got to the ground, Searles wasn't too happy, but Finland's comments were hilarious. The group at Bartow thought the jump in was great. Gene Ritchie showed his gratitude with a case of beer and a quart of champagne which was taken back to Z-hills and quickly disposed of. By the way, not knowing where the spot was, Mike Patterson did a beautiful job of spotting.

NATIONALS BANQUET SEES A LOT OF GOLD (WINGS)

The banquet at the end of the US Nationals in Plattsburgh was highlighted with the award of several gold wings, evidence of 1000 freefall sport parachute jumps. Recipients were Chief Judge Ron Radhoff, Bill Sirnek, John Schultz, Larry Boyd, Tony Fugit and Rod Rodriguez. Gold wings with a diamond signifying the amassing of 2000 jumps were awarded to Hector Nunez, Sherm Hawkins and Jim Lowe. ➔ 26 ➔

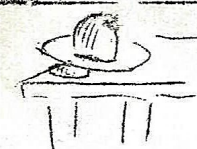


- \*\*\*THE U.S. PARACHUTE TEAM was allocated \$19,000 by the USPA Board over the strenuous objections of Treasurer, Jack Bergman. They had asked for \$23,300 for the training and the meet. Transportation is free as they fly MATS under an NAA-DOD agreement.
- \*\*\*CHARLES R. MacCRONE, of Huntsville, Alabama, President of the International Parachuting Commission of the FAI, is known affectionately to his friends as "Chucky-poo".
- \*\*\*NORM HEATON reports that about 60 of those \$20.00 USPA jackets have been sold. There were a lot at the Nationals.
- \*\*\*CARL BOENISH was within six jumps of twelve hours of freefall time when he reached 1000 jumps, thus qualifying for both types of Gold Wings at once.
- \*\*\*RICK MILLER, Southern Conference Director, was in a motorcycle accident and was pretty well broken up. His arm was still in a sling at Plattsburgh.
- \*\*\*MASSACHUSETTS AERONAUTICS COMMISSION has filed a request with the FAA for \$151,000. to repair and rehabilitate the runway at Orange.
- \*\*\*RUSS MABEE reports that he purchased a new reserve last year at Orange and it was packed by Jim Bates. The packing data card said it was packed "July 19, 1926". Wonder what was on his mind?
- \*\*\*GENE "FEARLESS" FEENEY has been broken up once too often; he's selling his gear.
- \*\*\*SOMEONE at the Nationals observed that most female jumpers wear large men's watches.
- \*\*\*PAUL CULLY has been trying to calculate the speed of lightning if it didn't have to zig zag.
- \*\*\*BILL SHELDON broke his back at the Tilsonburg Meet.
- \*\*\*JACK BERGMAN, USPA Treasurer, reports the purchase of a \$35,000. bank note at 7-3/4% interest. The savings has been allocated to the USPA legal fund, the building fund and the training film.
- \*\*\*DON KINGSLEY of the Rhode Island Skydivers was one of the Green Berets killed in a blast at Ft. Bragg.
- \*\*\*NORWICH UNIVERSITY SPC officers for 70-71 are: Pres-Charley Klenowski, V.P.-Gary Ashworth, and Sec./Treas-Bob Cassella.
- \*\*\*THE NATIONAL TEN MAN MEET will be in Elsinore on 18-19 July and will consist of four jumps from 12,500'. The winning team will get a free trip to the World Meet in Bled, Yugoslavia in September.
- \*\*\*GREENE COUNTY recently opened its third center and is now located in Xenia, Ohio, Bardstown, Kentucky, and Edison, Ohio.
- \*\*\*CUMULATIVE VOTING for the National Directors will be a question on the ballot in the USPA elections this fall. A complete explanation will appear in PARACHUTIST in a month or two.
- \*\*\*KEN GLOVER and DAN POYNTER are working on an Interconference Meet to feature style, accuracy and relative work.
- \*\*\*LEN McGLYNN ("group picture") won't be getting married as announced.
- \*\*\*RAY FINNERAN has been away from jumping for so long that he renewed his subscription to SKY DIVER MAGAZINE.
- \*\*\*PETE SPENCER had a bet with Abbotsford that Edmonton would record the first nine man; he lost and has to shave his head; all dozen hairs.
- \*\*\*CURT CURTIS informs the SPOTTER that the Pope Valley DZ deal fell through and that he and TIMMY SALTONSTALL are looking elsewhere to locate.
- MIKE POTTS, Pres of the California Parachute Club in Livermore says the club picked up a 1 million liability policy for \$150. per year. It covers the club and the landowner against suits by spectators or participants. Write him at Box 1065, Livermore, Calif for details.
- \*\*\*CHARLES DOUGHERTY says they jump every weekend in Morgantown WVa. They have a 182, an I/E and two USPA Instructors, not bad for a DZ no one has heard of.
- \*\*\*DON MACQUATTIE writes that the twice rained out Rhode Island meet will be held (hopefully) on 29 and 30 August. Well, the third time is supposed to be a charm.





## NORTHEAST CONFERENCE DIRECTOR'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.

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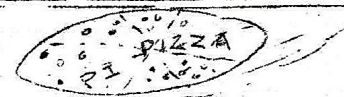
Letters written: 87

I participated in the spring meet at Turners Falls, Mass. Watched it rain at the Rhode Island meet, was smart enough not to enter at Greene, NY and, of course, I went to the Nationals. In Plattsburgh, I inspected equipment again and took part in the General Membership Meeting and the Board Meeting. I made a side trip to Lake Placid to firm up some of the details for this year's meet. Now that Cesar Aguilar is here in the Northeast and Don Grant will be surfacing in a few weeks, I have hopes of a competition circuit; a meeting will be held in August.

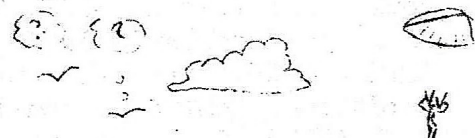
Your Safety and Training Committee of the USPA is very active and it requires a great deal of time from the members and advisors; all are researching projects and circulating their reports for comment. That means a lot of reading.



### ANOTHER SHAKE-UP AT PI



According to informed sources, there has been another management shake-up at Parachutes Incorporated. Rich Piccirilli, head instructor at Orange, was fired by center manager Dennis Ciccetti but refused to leave and telephoned Jacques Istel in France. Istel returned to the US and after the smoke cleared, Ciccetti was named center manager at Lakewood, Billy Lockward, Lakewood manager was moved to Orange to head up R and D and Piccirilli was named Assistant manager at Orange. Lee Guilfoyle, who had resigned effective 5 July, has reportedly stayed on for a few more days and Linda Chapman will leave shortly to marry Don Grant. That is the latest but it could change tomorrow.



### SECURITY REVIVES TRIANGLE

Security Parachute Company is currently testing their redesigned triangle canopy with an eye to the sport market. The apex forward canopy has a very low descent rate, good forward speed and is very stable; turns are only moderate at present. Security has been manufacturing triangle drag chute for several years.

### FULL TIME CENTER OPENS IN THAILAND

By Lyle Goodin

Thailand's first commercial parachuting operation and only full time DZ opened on 4 July at the Chul Buri Airfield. The target consists of rice husks, the softest "peas" that can be found, the 182 (Wren) will carry four jumpers and the fees are \$4.50. The owner is Prince Birabongse Bhanubandh, one of Thailand's aviation pioneers. The DZ Manager is Lt. Napha Preechatip who speaks English, has a C license and 500 jumps. On arriving in Bangkok, one should contact: BIRA AIR TRANSPORT LTD, 68 Chartered Bank Bldg, Rajprasong Sq, Bangkok. Telephone: 58613 or 916459.

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## WHO'S THAT KNOCKING AT MY DOOR?

A Viking tale by Bruce Boyce

One spring weekend in '68, Bobby Frierson, Woody Binnicker and Flo Trexel, devil may care wonder pilot, flew to Georgia for a meet. The meet was a failure but the trio did manage to place well in the indoor events. Flying back to Barnwell, S.C., in their 180, Bobby came to the realization that nature wasn't just calling, she was screaming. He strapped on his rig, opened the jump door, stepped out, closed the door, swung around the strut so as to face aft and proceeded to release his inner tensions. Unfortunately, Bobby forgot that his body would create a certain turbulence.....

Having completed his mission, a rather damp Bobby Frierson knocked on the door and pleaded for entry. Woody refused to open it. It was a long ride at 9,000' and 120 kts before Woody was overcome with pity and turned the handle.

## SAYLE WINS LAKEWOOD FOURTH OF JULY MEET

By George Applegate

John Sayle, PI's Chief Instructor, swept the expert class at the second annual Lakewood fourth of July meet; 43 entered the two jump meet which actually took place on the 5th because of weather. Results were as follows:

### NOVICE:

- 1, Bill Johns
- 2, Mike Burns
- 3, Dave Stump

### INTERMEDIATE:

- 1, John Hill
- 2, Pete Cantalupe
- 3, Larry Mullech

### EXPERT

- 1, John Sayle
- 2, Rod Rodriguiz
- 3, George Krieger

Meet Director Applegate, announced another fun meet on 1 August.



## US TEAM TO TRAIN IN MARANA



The US Parachute Team will begin team training in Marana, Arizona on 25 July according to late word from Monterey. It had been hoped that the base at Aviano, Italy would come through in time, there wasn't time to cut the orders. Marana, site of the Nationals for two years offers outstanding facilities and this year they have a video tape unit with a 2000 mm lens for recording style. According to Norm Heaton, there is a possibility that the team will practise for a couple of weeks in Marana and then proceed to Aviano for another week of training. Aviano is near Trieste, not far from the site of the World meet, Bled, Yugoslavia. Bids were received from Greene Co., Ohio, Tecunseh, Mich, Winterhaven, Fla and Issaquah, Washington. The Aviano bid would constitute a considerable savings to the team fund as the aircraft and other facilities would be provided by the Army.

### MORE SHORT SPOTS

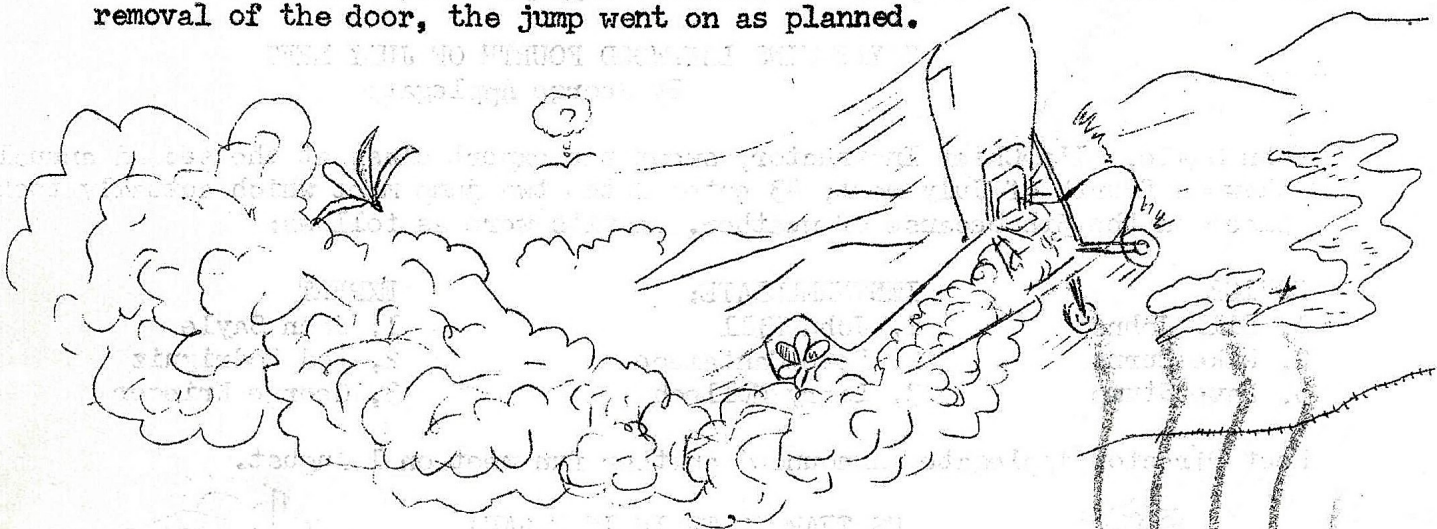
#### more short spots

- \*\*\*DAVE ORCUTT and KEITH ARMSTRONG are on the T J Gary cruising the north atlantic and the Med, looking for DZ but with no luck yet.
- \*\*\*P J Crosby is married and hiding around Taft and Elsinore trying to look respectable.
- \*\*\*Bob Bashaw should go to the Navy Team at Lakehurst after another 18 months of sea duty.
- \*\*\*LEO DUQUETTE, Pres of Les Cerf Volants Ehr., reports they are jumping at Bel Air Airport near Quebec City but plan to move to St Croix de Lotbiniere, PQ soon. If you plan a trip to Quebec, call him at (418) 839-6483
- \*\*\* DANNY THOMPSON reports that the Stormville, NY Ten Man meet scheduled for 5 and 6 September will be an eight man meet instead. USPA Membership and flotation gear is required. Having made some eights, Stormville made a nine man on 5 July qualifying Larry Overton and George Winter.

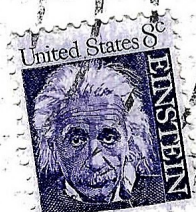
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Flying to a New Hampshire Demo were, Butch Rubb, Dirty Dave Lemkowitz, Scotty Wilson and pilot Ted Twiss (Bananas) in PIs Cessna 180 with Snohomish door. Dave was sweating his first jump in demo while Butch was strapping on his smoke. Some miles later, Butch moved about the aircraft and there occurred a "pop". Dave was heard to say "We have ignition, we have smoke"..... The cabin was filled in seconds and the pilot couldn't even see his own hands on the wheel, much less out the windshield. All four occupants grouped for window latches as the aircraft began an unusual semi-controlled internal IFR journey. Then someone found the door handle and the inflight door smashed upwards into the wing causing considerable damage to the closure. Once Butch stuck his foot out, the cockpit returned to VFR conditions. After landing and removal of the door, the jump went on as planned.



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