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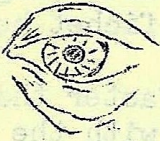
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THE SPOTTER (COVER)

EDITORIAL

CAN JUDGES SEE?

There was a time not too long ago when the judge at a parachute meet wore crutches or was someone who didn't jump or was a semi-interested camp follower. Then style was added to the list of events and judges began to take the task more seriously. Accuracy became a question of fractions of centimeters and style times were cut by 2/3rds; they became so fast that good judging became an art. Judges formed clinics and trained to assure proper calls. The placing of the fichet became an exacting move and undershoots were discernible to 10 degrees.

But many competitors indicated that they had progressed faster than the judges and their complaints were often loud. The judges countered with the fact that they had no way of knowing exactly what happened in style but that they graded themselves against each other.

At Team training this year, video tape was used for the first time. Team members played the tapes back to view their own recently completed jump and just to make it interesting, they played Art Armstrong's taped calls back at the same time. And you know what? Judges can see after all and see well!

U.S. TEAM FORMED



The U.S. Team delegation, now practicing in Italy, consists of the following: Head of Delegation: Lowell Bachman, Team Leader: Mike Schultz, Team Trainer: Loy Brydon, Judge: Art Armstrong, Pilot: Lud Lincoln, Men's Team: Clayton Schoelpple, Bill Hayes, Doug Metcalf, Jim Lowe, Don Rice, Bill Knight (alt); Women's Team: Susie Joerns, Susie Neuman, Sue Rademaekers, Nancy Black, Gloria Porter and Barbara Roquemore (alt).

Martha Huddleston, Overall Champion, and Dave Sauve, alternate, declined to join the Team this year and others moved into fill their slots.

PERKS SWEEPS CANADIAN NATIONALS

Neil Perks took first in style and second in accuracy for a first in the combination at the Canadian Nationals held the last week of July at the Damascus DZ near Toronto. Results were as follows:

MEN

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|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Perks | 6. Chemello |
| 2. Sutton | 7. Catherwood |
| 3. Wykeham-Martin | 8. Borghese |
| 4. McCarthy | 9. Valiquette |
| 5. Bishop | 10. Johnson |

WOMEN

1. Hardman
2. Menard
3. Brand
4. Kangas
5. Brunet

The first five men and first five women will attend team training but only the men will go to the World Meet in Bled, Yugoslavia unless the financial position of the CSPA improves. Mike Saul, CSPA Vice President, will be the Head of Delegation.

USPA PROVIDES AIRCRAFT SAFETY PLACARDS

The first four of a series of aircraft safety placards have been designed and produced by the USPA. The colorful 1½"x5½" plastic labels have a pressure sensitive backing for easy installation. The first four state: "PROTECT RIPCORD HANDLE", "WEAR HELMET ON TAKEOFF", "NO SMOKING", and "WATCH THAT FIRST STEP". More are slated for production in the near future.

WING MEET SCHEDULED FOR INN

Buddy Keefe has scheduled a Volplane, Para-Plane, Para Foil, etc meet for the Inn at Orange on 3 October, a second event for less exotic canopies is also planned.

THE MAIL CHUTE

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor: I am the editor of our local club magazine and the secretary of the South Dakota Skydivers Inc. How about setting up some sort of exchange program whereas I'll send you a copy of my magazine and your people can send me one of yours. This way we'll both get a picture of what's happening in each other's area.

Kevin Falon
Sec. SDSI
Sioux Falls, S.D.

ED: The Spotter exchanges subscriptions with several other parachuting publications. Feel free to reprint anything from the Spotter but please give us credit.

To the editor: I didn't get my Spotter - Why? What are you trying to do, copy SKY-DIVER magazine? I have waited and waited with everybody getting theirs but me. Please kinda check in on it and maybe lick on the stamp a little better this time.

Robert LeBeau
Florida

ED: We print, address and mail them. What happens after the post office gets them is beyond our control.

To the editor: Pardon my stylish stationery but I'm visiting my daughter Linda-better known as Billy's sister (A-3212) (Tom's wife). Just returned a few days ago from dandy, earthquake stricken Lima, Peru, where I volunteered to jump into some small towns in the Andes and set up emergency hospitals, count the dead and other fun projects.

With my luck-(and nobody seems to want to believe this)(even my hobby horse died when I was a struggling sibling)-anyway, I got a king size case of pneumonia and the doctors sent me home. However, I'm going back to Peru after I lie on Waikiki and get my lungs inflated or blown up (whichever comes first). Lost one lung segment from jumping (no more).

By the way, I am the unofficial, self-appointed, first and possibly last Prez. of "G.W.U.P.S." - Grandparents Who Usually Parachute Sundays. Please ask all the fuddies who have legitimate(or otherwise) grandbrats to write me and clue me in. We are dying an ignoble death due to lack of participation. Help! Help!

Enclosed is my loot, send the Spotter when you can.

Dr. Bill Lockward C-1354
Pops #75 G.W.U.P.S. #1

USPA CANDIDATE DEADLINE NEARS

September 15 is the deadline for declaring candidacy for the December USPA Board of Director elections. Those wishing to run for Nationals Director must be nominated by another USPA member and submit a biographical sketch and a photograph for the magazine. Incumbant Nationals Directors need only indicate their intention by submitting the biography and the photo.

Those wishing to run for Conference Director must submit a petition signed by 10% of the conference constituency, the biography and the photograph.

As of 19 August, only one letter of intent had been received. Inquiries and declarations should be directed to Monterey.

SONNY'S THING

By George McCulloch

CLINTON, CONN. - The second annual edition of Sonny Dickey's Thing drew a horde of parachutists and their families. The \$25. fee scared off many from entering the meet and contestants numbered only 37, although more came for the fun jumping and barbecue. A sizeable tent colony sprang up on the grounds of Sonny's In-Laws for the weekend.

Weather was spotty and the accuracy record not impressive. Ken Benson and Parker Edson scored the only DC's.

In the Advanced class (25 entries), CPI's Vic (Silver Fox) Deveau walked away with \$300. first prize, his three jumps totaling 8'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Alan Konecny took second with 10'11", and Parker Edson third with 15'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

In the Novice group (25-100 jumps), (12 entries), Bob Trueworthy took the \$65. first prize with 44'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; John Ronalter second (52'6-3/4"); Roger Stuart third with 56'9-3/4".



AIR TRAFFIC COMPARISON From N.A.A.

The busiest airports of Europe rank far down the list when compared with U.S. airports. In fact, it takes the combined total of both Orly and Le Bourget Airports at Paris to equal the air traffic handled at El Paso, Texas, the 54th busiest airport in the U.S.

Stockton, California, (U.S. rank 190) matches all the international traffic at Amsterdam, while Columbus, Ohio, ranking 21 in the U.S. handled as much traffic last year as did both of the international airports serving London, Europe's heaviest air traffic center.

There are now more than 11,000 aircraft landing facilities in the U.S. and its territories. Texas continues to lead all states with 960 facilities, followed by California with 720, Alaska with 691, Illinois with 585, Pennsylvania with 453, Ohio with 451, New York with 409, all the way down to four for the Virgin Islands.

THE B-25 CRASHES AT ORANGE

In what may have been a fitting end, certainly an unusual coincidence, the infamous Lake Erie B-25 crashed and burned at Orange Sport Parachute Center on 9 Aug. killing the pilot. After the Lake Erie tragedy, the aircraft was sold and its new home was in Turners Falls, Mass. After sitting there for a couple of years, it was sold to someone in New York and a pilot with the appropriate ratings was found to ferry it to its new home. Loaded with 600 gallons of fuel he flew to the larger runways, 10 miles away in Orange to make the required five takeoffs and landings. On final, he experienced some difficulty and apparently had engine trouble. He crossed over the bowl and crashed. Several fire companies were called out to contain the blaze. The airport was closed to jumping the rest of the day; the wreckage was removed in a few days.

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Song Book @ \$1.00

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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 items which received attention since the last issue.

Miles driven: 1645

Letters written: 79

The past month has been busy but with less traveling and more desk work. I visited Sonny's Thing in Connecticut but arrived too late to enter. Too bad; they were paying to six places and only 25 entered. Deveau took the \$300 first prize. The barbecue that night was terrific and there were numerous fun jumps the next day. A lot of INN jumps were made on 15 August at Don and Linda (Chapman) Grant's party. Most of my time has been used to write articles for PARACHUTIST and in Safety and Training Committee work.

Now that Cesar Aguilar is in the Northeast and Don Grant will be living in Boston, I hope to set up another Instructor Certification Course this Fall. A competition circuit with point system is also planned.

I am declaring my candidacy for a fourth term as your Conference Director. Thank you for your continued support.



BLED, YUGOSLAVIA: WORLD MEET SITE ONCE AGAIN



The first World Parachuting Championship was held in Bled in 1961. Seventeen jumpers from six countries entered three events: accuracy from 2,000', accuracy from 6,600', and water jumps. Overall champions were Pierre Lard and Monique Laroche, both from France. After twenty years, the Tenth World Meet is returning to Bled where it all began. Bled is about 15 Kms. from Ljubljana in Northern Yugoslavia, not far from the U.S. Team training site in Aviano, Italy. The address for those who wish to write to team members is: X World Parachuting Championships, Lesce pri Bledu, Yugoslavia.



NORTHEAST CONFERENCE MEET SCHEDULED FOR ELLINGTON, CONN.

The 1970 NE Conference Meet will be in Ellington, Conn., on 10 October; the 11th is the rain date and the 12th (Columbus Day, a holiday in some states) is travel day. The prices are \$29.45 for accuracy and style only and \$19.50 for relative only. Extra banquet tickets will be available for \$3.25; the award dinner is included in the entry fees. Practice jumps may be made on the 9th.

The other bid which was slightly higher was from Ovid, N.Y., scene of last year's competition. For more information, contact Meet Director, Dan Poynter, (617) 471-9319. There is no advanced registration.



CURTIS HIRED BY USPA



James F "Curt" Curtis III recently joined the USPA staff as Assistant Director to assist Norm Heaton and Jerry Rouillard. Curtis first made parachuting history by qualifying for his gold wings in just 27 months. He married Ann Gardiner last December, and later quit the New York Stock Exchange to move to California. Curtis has been active in USPA's public relations program and has attended the last four board meetings. He will be working part time until the first of the year when Heaton hopes to be able to create a full time position. Ann and Curt are living in Carmel.

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: 17 May 1970

Name: Kevin Neilson

Place: N.S.W., Australia

Age: ?

Jumps: 781

Cause of death: Deceased, using a borrowed piggyback, exited the aircraft on a jump and pull. His main horseshoed when the bridle tangled with the long toggle lines which had been installed for the short armed female owner. He did not break-away but deployed the reserve which entangled with the main. He was still trying to clear it on impact.

***Date: 23 May 70

Name: Ronald Hughes

Place: Black Butte Reservoir, California

Age: 29

Jumps: 221

Cause of death: The deceased was making an intentional water jump in 20-25 mph winds with his Para-Foil. He had nine jumps on the device and was beginning to master it fairly well. The Foil opened and functioned normally during the entire jump. About sixty feet above the water, the jumper made a radical left turn which witnesses said put him at the same or higher altitude as his canopy. He struck the water with such force that he died on impact with massive internal injuries. Other jumpers in the aircraft stated that the deceased was considering a "hook" landing because of the safety of water landings.

***Date: 24 May 1970

Name: Carolyn Reynolds

Place: Denver, Colorado

Age: 26

Jumps: 107

Cause of death: Deceased exited on a thirty on a four man relative attempt, did not make contact but took an active part and then tracked off at wave-off and remained in a delta until impact. She was under the influence of two tranquilizers (Phenothiazene and a muscle relaxant, taken for a mild back pain), and had an unusually high carbon monoxide content. The aircraft had an inflight door. Further tests on the aircraft are being made.

***Date: 27 May 1970

Name: Laura Goldenburg

Place: Orange, Mass.

Age: 21

Jumps: 13

Cause of death: Deceased exited the aircraft on a planned five second delay, her second freefall. She appeared to make a motion toward her ripcord and then lost stability, tumbled widely and pulled her main at less than 100'.

***Date: 15 June 1970

Name: Monathan Patrick Tarbox

Place: Taft, California

Age: 26

Jumps: Unknown (reportedly less than ten)

Cause of death: Deceased left the Beech at 12,500' to be base on a ten man attempt. He experienced some instability and the pin man passed him up; the star building continued on the pin man. Deceased pulled his main too low.

FATALITY REPORTS (cont'd)

***Date: 4 July 1970

Name: Eugene Francis Clark

Place: Idaho Falls, Idaho

Age: 26

Jumps: 277

Cause of death: Deceased exited on a planned five, opened, made a couple of turns and then cutaway from a perfectly good main. The lanyard was not hooked up on his Crossbow system and he was seen pulling in the area of the reserve blast handle until impact. It may have been a spur of the moment decision to practice a cutaway and air his recently out-of-date reserve. The clips on the blast handle had been bent in to make the attachment more secure, though the reserve was opened easily on the ground.

***Date: 5 July 1970

Name: Thomas A. Benson

Place: Timmons ville, S.C.

Age: 29

Jumps: 7

Cause of death: Deceased exited the aircraft for a planned five. On pull, his pilot chute burbled and caught on his boot as he went head down. The main horse-shoed and the pilot chute came off his boot but the canopy did not come out of the sleeve. He activated his canopy releases as he had been trained but did not pull his reserve.

***Date: 26 July 1970

Name: William A. Carter

Place: Camp Lake, Wisconsin

Age: 29

Jumps: 32

Cause of death: Deceased, who had six previous thirties, was on his third jump of the day. He left the aircraft at 7200' on a planned relative 30 with one other jumper, making slow stable turns to 3000' where he appeared to wave off, no contact was made. He remained in the slow stable turn until about 200' when he began to tumble. He made no apparent attempt to pull and both ripcords were still in their pockets. He had been somewhat quieter than usual. A blood analysis failed to turn up any drugs or alcohol.

***Date: 2 August 1970

Name: William Knox, AKA: Wm. Pirelli, AKA: Wm. Puella

Place: Elsinore, California

Age: 42

Jumps: 56

Cause of death: Deceased exited on a planned three second delay. At 4-6 seconds he lost stability and didn't regain it until 1000' when he was back to earth. He pulled his reserve without a pilot chute at 500'. It did not deploy and he remained in that position until impact.



ORANGE, FAA AGREE ON TRAFFIC CONTROL



Effective 1 Aug, Orange Sport Parachuting Center was allocated surrounding airspace, 3 miles in diameter and 8000' high by the FAA's Boston Center. For an indefinite trial period OSPC will only have to notify the FAA once each day prior to using this space and all other air traffic will be routed around it. Jumps outside this space will be conducted in the normal manner as set forth in FAR Part 105. The purpose is to eliminate constant communication between the jump aircraft and the ATC and the need for radar identification and the issuance of traffic information to the jump aircraft. The agreement grew out of an ATC Advisory Committee meeting in Boston which found some 20 parachutists in attendance, including two USPA Board members.



"THE FARMER IN THE PEAS" A TRUE STORY

By Bill Green

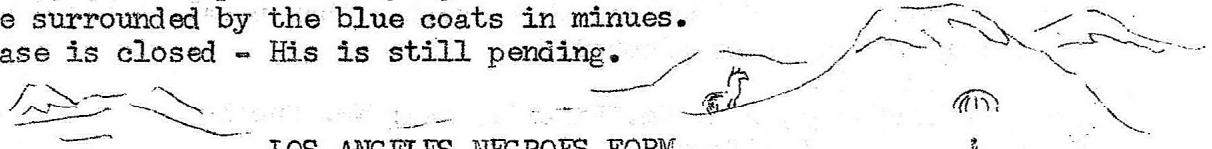


As jumpers we have all heard stories about, and have been exposed to "The Farmer". Some of our experiences have been pleasant ones; a ride back from a bad spot, an invitation to a hay ride for the whole club, and even a request that you jump in again sometime. However, most often "The Farmer" is referred to as "The Bad Farmer" and this story is about a real winner known as "The Super-Bad Farmer". Jumpers familiar with Horizon Parachute Club at Applegarth, New Jersey, know that this guy is the one who lives in the big white farm house on the south side of the runway. They also know he owns the bean field between the DZ and the packing tables, a red truck, and a shotgun.

There is another farmer, on the north side of the runway, a "Bad Farmer" but not "Super-Bad". This guy lives in the red brick house and spends his weekends sitting on his lawn watching the jumpers, for enjoyment yes, but more so because he keeps a tally of the bad spotters who land on his property. At the end of the weekend, he submits his tally sheet and collects \$10.00 from the club for each unfortunate. At least this keeps him quiet and avoids trouble.

The "Super-Bad Guy" does not want money or apologies, he just wants the jumpers to disappear. Not long ago, all else failing, he decided to take matters into his own hands. He saddled up his trusty tractor, equipped with front-end bucket loader and set off in the thick of the night to put an end to the jumpers once and for all. He plowed into the peas, which are the softest around (four feet deep), and began gouging large holes. His obvious plan was to remove all the peas before daybreak. The "Bad Farmer" asleep in his brick house, counting jumpers and adding up the tally sheet, was awoken by the racket coming from the DZ. Having observed the dastardly deed in progress he promptly called the club president and advised him that if something wasn't done soon, the club would find only a large hole by morning. Obviously, the farmer's concern was self-motivated by his weekend activities and certainly not by any real concern for the jumpers. The president immediately called the New Jersey State Troopers. The New Jersey State Troopers have always been known to be efficient; but, can you imagine the efficiency when the trooper who got the call happened to be a jumper, a member of Horizon, and he's told somebody is stealing his own peas. Well, that "Super Bad Guy" just didn't have a chance. He and his trusty tractor were surrounded by the blue coats in minutes.

Our case is closed - His is still pending.



LOS ANGELES NEGROES FORM

The L.A.N.S.P.C. is a new jump club near Lima, Peru, (means "The Black Angels" in English), not a southern California Panther group. In just over a year, they have put in pea gravel, have 22 members and are making five mans regularly. Jumps from the ten place Stinson are usually free as are room and board. Current visitors are Pat Lawton (D-297) from Pittsburgh and the legendary Brain MacNamara (D-250) a Golden Gator from Northern California. FMI write: Fred Hodgen, LANSPPC, Las Camalias, 780-ofc 401, San Isidro, Lima, Peru.

JUMPERS ENTERTAIN ARCHITECTS

By Howard White

Nine P.I. instructors, led by retiring Vice President, Lee Guilfoyle, made an exhibition jump June 23 into Fort Warren, a civil war vintage fort on an island in Boston Harbor just a few miles from Logan Airport. The occasion was a national convention of the American Institute of Architects and the jump and the party were both smashing successes. The first P.I. staff member to leave the island managed to catch a 4:30 a.m. boat back to Boston.

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.

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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 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: Chuck MacCrone and Rick Miller (inc); North-east: Dan Poynter (inc).

Marthaller says he will retire if he can find a suitable replacement in the Mountain Conference. Cliff Davis is retiring in the SW, Jimmy Godwin is vacating his seat in the SE and Dick Allen is not running for re-election in the North Central Conference.

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

LAKE PLACID MEET PROJECTED LARGEST OF THE YEAR

The Lake Placid meet which drew 146 contestants last year, enabling Meet Director, Dan Poynter, to extend the prizes to \$1750. and twenty places, promises to be even larger the fourth time around. More slope soaring is planned for Sept. 11th on the ski jump hill near the airport and wings of every description will be there. The well-known resort area with its well organized, hard working, and friendly Chamber of Commerce, is a favorite of the wives and camp followers as well as the jumpers. Lake Placid is less than 2 hours from Montreal and Canadian money is accepted at par. This year's staff will be as follows:

Meet Director: Dan Poynter, Asst: Bill Avison, Announcer: Bill Ottley, Chief Judge: Jim Fenske with Cesar Aguilar, Dick Barber, and Jim Bates, Scorers: Myrt Strong and Sue Finlay, Manifestor: Paul Lindsay and Registrar: Norm Fraser. For more information and entry blanks for the 12 Sept. meet, call Dan Poynter (617) 471-4361.

SEE YOU AT LAKE PLACID ! ? ?

REPORT FORM
SPOTTER NEWSMAGAZINE

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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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.

BELL HELMETS - Bell has dropped the popular "no-snap" model helmet as the demand relative to the motorcycle snap model was too low. 86% of the contestants at the Nationals used the Bell, a dominant position it has maintained for several years. Unavailability of the clean lined no-snap model has encouraged buyers to seek alternatives.

PIONEER RECOVERY SYSTEMS - Pioneer reports sales of \$20,900,000. for the first six months, down $1\frac{1}{2}$ million from the same period last year. The drop was reported to be due to deficit operations in some non-manufacturing subsidiaries. Readers should be reminded that sport equipment represents about 3% of the company's gross. The big news is the Volplane, a wing with a double surfaced leading edge and a single surface trailing edge. Latest tentative price for the canopy is \$497.25 and initial color patterns are slated to be red/white/blue and red/black. Production begins mid-August and they should be for sale in the Fall.

THE CHUTE SHOP (P.O. Box 445, Flemington, N.J.) - A new line of jewelry is now available using the popular Chute Shop Skydiver figure. This new jewelry is in stock and available from most dealers. Bill Jordan is holding down the rigger's job until he returns to his teaching position in September. This will leave a full-time rigging job open if anyone is interested.

STRONG ENTERPRISES, INC. (542 E. Squantum St., N. Quincy, Mass.) - The rigging school has been very busy during the summer months catering to the college students and they're coming from all over the country. With 20 different backs and 13 different chest parachutes, there is little repetition in fulfilling the FAA requirements. Students learn to patch, chop lines, and make major repairs far in excess of what is allowed by the rating they seek. Complete ripcord manufacturing facilities have been installed and ripcords can now be made to order.

Interest in the three hole steerable modification for 24' and 26' canopies is increasing as they are being used in the field. 26' conicals are scarce but the 24s are plentiful and the alteration makes a marginal canopy into a very stable steerable. Figures show, interestingly enough, that the rate of descent for the 24' is only one foot per second faster than the 26'.

A Velcro chest strap is now available and is easily installed on new or old Stylemasters. The flat, comfortable chest strap pulls the main lift web closer together.

NORTH AMERICAN AERODYNAMICS, INC. - You now have your choice of three North Star Altimeters. One with a 10,000' face which is calibrated to go twice around to 20,000', or a 20,000' face that goes to 40,000', and if you want to be different or live where they use meters instead of feet, you can have one with a 4,000 meter face. The North Star is available from all major dealers.

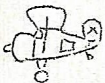
PARACHUTES INCORPORATED (Orange, Mass.) - Chuck Embury will take four Volplanes to the World Meet in Yugoslavia for demonstrations.

The new three pin elastic cone pack has pack opening bands once again; the pilot chute wasn't jumping high enough. One pin reserves of dark blue nylon are now in service. They are hard to close but very easy to pull.

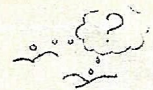
Billy Lockward and Buddy Keefe are working on R&D, testing the Volplane, main containers and a new sleeve. The 150jump blue log book now has a hard black cover.

BUCO - BUCO has dropped the popular flat edge PROTECTI model goggle and now supplies only a standard bubble type in its place.

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SHORT SPOTS



- ***SONNY THOREN, parachuting legend of the early sixties in northern New Jersey, has been found. After a five year disappearance, he was seen airing his cheapo in northern Michigan. He can be reached c/o David Sikorsky, 248 Main St., L'Anse, Michigan.
- ***LAURA MACKENZIE and BILLY LOCKWARD will be married on 4 September.
- ***BILL TOBIN is back in Miami making low budget children's movies with Barry Mahon.
- ***PAT GORHAM made what he declared has been his last jump, onto a beach in Nahant, Mass., for the 4 July celebration.
- ***LINCOLN DZ in California is closed and with it parachuting's finest target. The jump plane was severely damaged when it ran out of gas after letting off a load of jumpers.
- ***JERRY RYBURN is publishing "The Sharpchuter", an above ground newsletter for and by the skydiver in Vietnam. He sent an activity report into the SPOTTER consisting of a blank page. For a free sample copy, write SSG. Gerald W. Ryburn, 443-40-0140, USACDC Liason Det., APO, San Francisco, California 96375.
- ***DEAN WALLIS is the new President of the Cotton Belt Parachute Council. Jim Cazer is Veep and Jean Whalen is Secretary.
- ***DOUG GOODFELLOW, CSPA President, has landed a job in BC and recently moved from Ontario.
- ***DICK CLARK and ROGER WOLFORD made the demo jumps at the Calgary Stampede.
- ***ED MARLER was on Rose DeWolf's talk TV show (Dave DeWolf's sister) and is getting rave reviews.
- ***GENE RITCHIE has abandoned his Bartow, Florida, operation.
- ***TOM ANDERSON and wife, Linda, (Billy's sister) are back in Hawaii. They are jumping at Dillingham Field about 45 minutes from Honolulu.
- ***FREEFALL KIWI is the name of the publication of the New Zealand Federation of Parachute Clubs. The cost is \$5.00 per year but they will send you a free sample for the asking. Write: Jon Butterworth, P.O. Box 56009, Dominion Rd., Auckland, New Zealand.
- ***FIRST JUMP CERTIFICATES are now available from USPA; handsome blue and black printing on parchment.
- ***BOB HOBBS of Turners Falls, Mass., fame has finished his year of school in the Army and has now been assigned to West Point as a lab technician.
- ***JACK BUCKLEY is home from the Far East and out of the Army. Twin brother, Mike, is still doing time with the Golden Knights.
- ***APPLEGARTH MEET will be held in New Hanover, Pa., on Sept. 19 and 20. The site change was due to landlord problems.
- ***THE LAKEHURST SUPERMEET has been cancelled; the Navy ran out of funds.
- ***GARY PATMOR experienced a very close one. Cutting away from a malfunctioned main, his reserve caught on his boot bracket. He broke several lines to release the canopy which opened just in time.
- ***MICKY AULT and GEORGE KRIEGER have been appointed ASOs in New Jersey.
- ***BOB MAUER, President of the Joliet, Illinois Skydivers, invites traveling jumpers to drop in. For details write: 904 Lilac Ln. Joliet, Illinois or call (815) 725-0795.
- ***HADDEN WOOD just received notification from the FAA that they are closing their books on his jump into Central Park with "Fearless" Feeney back on 15 Oct. 1969.
- ***LOGAN DONNEL is performing an engineering study on the leaky roof of the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado.
- ***SCOTTY HAMILTON is carrying 19 hours in law school and working two jobs.
- ***JOHN "GOOD GUY" SMYTH is still giving away free samples of Can-Para to all who write. (Be honest, just write once). 616 Surrey Ln., Burlington, Ont., Canada.
- ***KEN CARVILLE has been pushing \$5.50 tickets for a clam bake at the Old Stone Lodge in Gill, Mass., on 6 Sept. There will be a two jump meet during the day.
- ***STORMVILLE, N.Y., will host the first eight man star competition on the east coast on 5 and 6 September. Danny Thompson is meet director.
- ***NEW ZEALAND recorded a ten man star on 14 June. That must be at least twice as hard when you're falling up.

MORE SHORT SPOTS

- ***CLAIR WIMER, bearded team daddy of the Frontier Relative team of Buffalo, replaces Bob McDonnell (D-10) as ASO for western N.Y. McDonnell has been Northeast Conference Director and an officer in the old PCA.
- ***GEO. McCULLOCH will put you down for a year of the Pioneer Valley Sport Parachute Club News for just \$1.00. Write Box 372, Turners Falls, Mass. 01376.
- ***COLLECTIVE VOTING, a subject that took up most of the General Membership Meeting at the Nationals, will be aired in Parachutist. Presently, each member has ten votes and may use as many as he wishes to vote for up to ten of the fifteen candidates. Under collective voting, he could give all ten votes to one candidate or split them up any way he wished. Heated discussion is expected.
- ***ZEPHYRHILLS, FLA., will have another Big Z Relative Meet during Thanksgiving with the big name stars from California (relative work type, not movie star type) expected.
- ***NORM HEATON reports that an earthquake, centered in Monterey Bay, toppled a few trophies in the office.
- ***BIG PAUL HEALY became stuck in the stainless steel slide in the B-25 at Z-Hills.
- ***RAY DUFFY reportedly has his Army Team troops jumping with guitars.
- ***TWO JUMPERS FROM TEXAS are bouncing checks drawn on a Dallas bank. They have worked over the Southern California DZs.
- ***WOODROW RUSSELL, up in Idaho, reports three malfunctions in 48 jumps on area wings.
- ***PIONEER VALLEY SPC of Mass. has affiliated with USPA.
- ***DAVE DAVIS, Idaho PIO, is investigating canyon jumps. So far he's looked into the Grand Canyon and Hell's Canyon on the Snake River.
- ***THE CAD has withdrawn approval of three manufacturers of crash locator beacons after complaints from six other companies about testing procedures. Beacons will be required on all California aircraft soon.
- ***DAN POYNTER reports that over 200 jumpers have sent in \$10.00 for his Instructor/Examiner Course.
- ***RICK YOUNGQUIST picked up another 450 engine for his Cessna 195 at Z-Hills. It will carry six jumpers and will fly from his Rainbow DZ near Milwaukee.
- ***POPE PATRICK (Moore) made his 100th DC recently.
- ***BOB KOLLINER earned his Gold Wings on 9 August.
- ***BUD SELICK, who wrote SKYDIVING, which has been out of print for a couple of years, has submitted a new manuscript to Prentice-Hall.
- ***USPA DIRECTORY is out and for sale for \$1.00. Write Monterey.
- ***LYNN AND BERYL (Blakemore) PULLIS just added a third jumper to the family; it's a boy.
- ***DON AND LINDA (Chapman) GRANT threw quite a party at the Inn at Orange on 15 Aug. The overflowing crowd watched plane load after plane load jump in and then retired for loads of good food and many kegs of beer.
- ***ELLINGTON, CONN., has a new pilot: Lew Sanborn, D-1.
- ***LEN POTTS, USPA V-P, broke his neck and suffered other damage in a motorcycle accident.
- ***ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA, reports consistent five mans including one at night, all from 7200'. Practicing for the big stars are Jim Hooper, Bob Taylor, Jeff Searles, Phil Smith, Ron Brissey, Step Lively, Larry Gosler, Ron Schott and Bill Burr.
- ***TONY FURMAN, USPA's N.Y.C. public relations man, will not receive a new contract; The old one just expired. USPA did not receive any TV rights money this year and cuts had to be made somewhere.
- ***GARY POTTER has the only Delta II ParaWing in Vietnam and hasn't been able to get a jump on it yet.
- ***ASILOMAR in Pacific Grove near Monterey, California, will be the site of the next USPA Board meeting scheduled for 29-31 January.
- ***INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING COMMISSION (CIP), Chuck MacCrone, President, will meet in March of '71 and will pick the 1972 World Meet site.
- ***NANCY BLACK suffered a hair line fracture of the left heel at the end of Team training in Marana. The week of travel time may be enough for repair.

MORE SHORT SPOTS

***FAA is considering changes to FAR Part 65 (Parachute Rigger Ratings); comments on their "notice of proposed rule making" must be in by 29 October. USPA's Safety and Training Committee is studying the proposal.

ORANGE BURGLARIZED AGAIN

The OSPC office was burglarized on 2 August for over \$4,000. The safe contained the receipts for Friday through Sunday center operations, as night deposits had not been made.

This was the second burglary in as many months.

SOUTH AFRICA BARRED FROM WORLD MEET

The South African Parachute Team has been rejected as a competitor in the 1970 World Meet to be held in Bled, Yugoslavia; exclusion came shortly after South Africa's expulsion from the Olympic movement and the Davis Cup tennis competition earlier this year. However, the team will compete in a four nation international meet to be held in Finland in August. Mike Hellman, Chairman of the parachuting subcommittee of the Aero Club of South Africa, will be Head of Delegation, and the team will consist of John Benham (Captain), Cecil Bosch, Ashley Leach and Dave Devinish. The Helsinki contest will probably be the last international meet South Africa is invited to in the foreseeable future.

AMERICANS WIN MONTANA INTERNATIONAL

By Dave Davis
Idaho PIO

The third annual Kalispell, Montana, Meet took place on August 1 and drew 30 plus contestants—a number from Calgary, Alberta. Winds were very light and shifty on Saturday but the accuracy was outstanding. Results were:

1st overall-Bob Iverson (Spokane)
1st Senior-Rick Reed (Spokane)

1st Junior-Mike Stova (Calgary)
1st Novice-Marilyn Olmstead (B-8097)

Sunday jumping was rained out but the beer flowed freely at Moose's Saloon. In traditional boat races, the hastily organized American team beat the over-confident Canadians. Gordon White gave a lot of cardinal demos, but didn't initiate any new ones. It was a very successful weekend—look for it next year—first weekend in August.

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USER TAXES
FROM SPORT AVIATION By David Scott

The Internal Revenue Service has just released details on how the registration fees and fuel taxes will be collected.

Registration fees of \$25 minimum plus 2 cents per pound for aircraft weighing over 2500 lbs. must be paid by owners as of record on July 1, 1970 in the registration files of the FAA at Oklahoma City. IRS Form 4838 will be mailed to all known owners shortly after July 1, 1970. At least one-fourth of the yearly fee must be paid by August 31, 1970. The FAA ownership records are not perfect so if you fail to receive the proper form, it is still your obligation as an owner to file one prior to the deadline.

If you buy a used plane between July 1, 1970 and August 31, 1970, make sure that the previous owner has paid at least one-fourth of the registration fee. Likewise, if you sell a plane during that period you are obligated to have paid the fee but you could ask for proportional reimbursement from the new owner. If your airplane is out of service on July 1, 1970 you do not need to pay the tax until it is flown. An aircraft put into service after October 1, 1970 will pay 75% of the annual fee, 50% of the fee if flown after January 1, 1971, and 25% if flown after April 1, 1971.

The new Federal tax of 7¢ a gallon on non-commercial aviation fuel will be paid for at the pump so no additional paperwork by owners or operators is required.



U.S. TEAM USES VIDEOTAPE



U.S. Team training in Marana, Arizona, made parachuting history when video tape was used to monitor style. It paid off by allowing the team members to see themselves and it raised the confidence level in the competency of the judges. Each morning, Paul Tag would arise early to tape each competitor on two style jumps. TV sessions were generally held in the late afternoon in the airconditioned lounge on a 21" screen. For the first time, the competitors could see their own recently made errors and plan corrections rather than having to rely on the judgement of someone else. They also played back the taped recording of Art Armstrong's calls as he looked through his telemeters and all were amazed to find how accurate he was.

Accuracy champ, Bill Hayes, who was in the 11s and 12s at the Nationals, is in the 9s. All the rest including the alternate are in the 7s, except Metcalf who has been breaking into the sixes. Metcalf turns "clean" but is prepared to speed up if he finds the World Meet judges lax on penalty calls. Susie Joerns is setting the pace for the women in the low eights while alternate, Roquemore, is in the high 8s. The rest of the women are in the nines and are speeding up; benefiting greatly from the videotape coaching.

Team Leader, Mike Schultz, stated "this system will unquestionably revolutionize competition judging, judging instruction, and approaches to training for competition".

The Team spent 21 days making 1142 jumps of which 150 were televised. Metcalf and Schoelpple led the pack with 108 each.

The Team left Marana and traveled to the east coast for a 21 August military charter flight from McGuire AFB to Rhein-Mein in Frankfurt; another military aircraft then flew them to Aviano, Italy to practice until 2 September. The Army has supplied an Otter, room and board due to arrangements made by USPA Chairman of the Board, General John Singlaub. Singlaub also set up the training for the Team in Germany last year. The Aviano base is only a few miles from the World Meet site in Bled, Yugoslavia.

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PARACHUTES INCORPORATED LOSES A NORSEMAN



One of PI's five Noorduyt Norseman aircraft crashed on takeoff last month at Lakewood Sport Parachute Center, seriously injuring the pilot and the jumper in the co-pilot seat. The other eight jumpers aboard escaped with cuts and bruises. In critical condition after the crash but now recovering was pilot Russ Whiting. George Frey, in the co-pilot's seat, sustained broken legs. Reportedly, the fuel tank in use at the time ran dry just after takeoff, forcing the plane down in a wooded area.



JERRY BIRD'S TEAM WINS STAR MEET

To make star demos at World Meet



The All Stars, captained by Jerry Bird made four consecutive ten mans averaging 31 seconds each to win the Elsinore meet and a trip to Europe. "The United States Freefall Exhibition Team", as it will be known for the meet, leave for Bled on 1 September. The Arvin team was second and Jerry "Meyers Misfits" of Northern California were third. The team has been working on a variety of spectator appealing demo jumps. The team consists of: Ray Cottingham, Joe Morgan, Stan Troller, Mike Milts, Russ Benefiel, Dick Gernand, Sam Alexander, Bob Feuling, Hal Hurley and Jerry Bird. Alternates are Max Kelly and Donna Wardean. Jerry Bird even applied for a "C" license and now holds C-6407.

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FAA CONSIDERS RIGGER REQUIREMENT CHANGES



In a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, the FAA suggests to ease the requirements for the Senior rigger certificate. The new rules would allow applicants to be signed off by Senior riggers, allow senior riggers to instruct and lower the time in grade requirement for the master rigger to three years. This is the latest turn of events stemming from an FAA/Industry meeting held in June of 1967 which was attended by USPA Board members Mike Schultz, Bill Ottley and Dan Poynter. Several months after that, FAA published an "Advanced Notice", to which USPA responded but the notice was withdrawn 9 months later. The current notice reflect very little of the USPA's original or more recent suggestions. A draft of the USPA answer is currently being review by the Safety and Training Committee. The reply must be in by 29 October.

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ELEVATOR DEEMED SAFEST



The safest means of traveling is by elevator, according to a report filed recently by the National Transportation Safety Board. The accident rate is one in 97 million passengers, the fatality rate is one in every 4 billion riders.

..... PARTING SHOTS --late news as we go to press.....

***Declared Conference Director candidates: Harry Johnston: W, Gene Thacker: SE, Ken Glover: ME, Mac McCraw: E, Chuck MacCrone: S, Mike Linz: SW, Bob Sprague: C, Bus Bertram: NW, Mike Marthaller: Mt and Dan Poynter: NE.

***The USA was 3rd in the CISM (international military meet) competition. France took first and Austria was second.

***\$1,500. money meet will be held in Watsonville, Calif on 24 and 25 October. Billed as the West Coast Professional Championships, it will boast Norm Heaton as meet Director and John Scott as Chief Judge.

***Bob Hulsey is the new editor of the Texas Parachute Council Windlane; he's taking over from retiring Paul Ross.

***Florida in late November: The Collegiate at Deland and the Big Z relative Meet at Z-hills. Same Weekend: Thanksgiving.

PARACHUTE MEET AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Meet dates are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Please check the SPOTTER before scheduling a meet in order to avoid conflict. Conflict-ing 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.**

- Sept. 5-6: Eight Man Star Meet, Stormville, N.Y. FMI: Dan Thompson (617) 586-6135.
 Sept. 6: Old Stone Lodge jumpin and clam bake. Two jumps. Turners Falls, Mass. FMI: Jess James, (413) 863-4575.
 Sept. 5-7: 9th Annual Labor Day Meet. Galveston, Texas.
 Sept. 5-7: X Annual Northwest Championships. Abbotsford, B.C., FMI: (604) 853-1354.
 **Sept. 5-7: 6th Annual Nashville Meet. Equipment prizes. FMI: P.O. Box 295, Nashville, Tennessee, 262-0456.
 Sept. 5-7: XII Annual Far Western. Livermore, California. FMI: Mike Potts, (415) 537-5644.
 Sept. 6-20: X World Meet. Bled, Yugoslavia.
 **Sept. 12-13: IV Annual Lake Placid Championships. \$1500.00.
 Sept. 14-16: Parachute Symposium. Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.
 Sept. 19-20: MEPA Meet. Horizon SPC, New Hanover, Pa. (Site change)
 Sept. 19-20: Central Conference Championships '71. Pekin, Illinois.
 Sept. 19-20: Ohio-Kentucky Championships. Bardstown, Kentucky. FMI: Greene County SPC, Rt. #15, Xenia, Ohio.
 Sept. 26: Governor's Cup, Orange. FMI: P.O. Box 96, Orange, Mass. 01364.
 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. 3-4: Rhode Island Sweepstakes. 3 jump accuracy. \$100-1st; \$75-2nd; and \$50-3rd. Richmond, R.I. FMI: Don MacQuattie, 40 Waldron Ave., W. Barrington, Rhode Island.
 Oct. 6-7: N.A.A. Annual General Meeting. Washington, D.C.
 Oct. 10-11: U. of M. Collegiate Meet. Howard Lake, Minn. FMI: Roger Nunn, 1617 Univ. Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. 55414.
 Oct. 10-11: Northeast Conference Meet '71. Ellington, Conn. FMI: Dan Poynter (617) 471-4361.
 Oct. 17-18: MEPA Meet. United PC, Pa.
 Oct. 24-25: Raindate, Northeast Conference Meet.
 Nov. 7-8: 4th Annual Ten Man Championships. Taft, Calif. \$36.00 per entrant. Half price for teams traveling over 1000 miles. 4 jumps. FMI: Garth Taggart, (213) 944-7433.
 Nov. 7-8: Arizona Parachute Council State Meet.
 Nov. 14-15: 4th Annual Diablo SD Meet. Antioch. FMI: Stash Murry, 2020 Foot Hill, Oakland, California (415) 532-2127.
 Nov. 26-29: NCPL Meet. Deland, Florida.
 Nov. 26-29: Big Z Star Meet. Zephyrhills, Florida.
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- **Jan. 1-3: IX Annual South Florida Winter Invitational, FMI: Paul Poppenhager, Indiantown, Fla. \$2,075. to ten places.
 Jan. 29-31: USPA BOD Meeting, Monterey, California. Seating of the new Board.
 Feb. 20-21: V Annual Mardi Gras Meet. Covington, La. FMI: Leon and Prissie Riche, P.O. Box 70433, (504) 892-6311.

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AN INTERIM REPORT ON THE EDIBLE PARACHUTE PROGRAM
From The Arrowhead, Army Combat Developments Center

Submitted by Jerry Ryburn



Even before The Arrowhead could invite user comments on the CDC Edible Parachute, our Armor Agency at Ft. Knox suggested the panels be fabricated and marked in menu combinations for any desired ration cycle.

Further in-process review within CDC surfaced such menu-modifications as meatless chutes for dieters, even a low-cal chute for fat assaulters. Special religious needs were acknowledged in the suggested fish-base chute and the Kosher canape-canopy.

For jumpers who have trouble exiting from the aircraft because of tired blood, an iron-reinforced chute was proposed. Insulin-fortified panels may be the answer for troops who have trouble getting going after they land. For soldiers who need to nibble on the way down, an attachment called the snack-sack was proposed. A follow-on to this was a unique reserve chute for jumpers who need seconds.

Additional program notes:

Program still eaten by problems. Pizza models again failed ground tests. Sub-contractors use too much seasoning.

Waffle configuration abandoned due to squares blowing out during opening shock, while cereals tended to sogginess during high humidity jumps.

The unique salt water taffy model showed great promise but was never used. It was devoured by ants at the airstrip. The raisin bread approach also looked good but a major flaw surfaced--troops eat the raisins before jumping.

NATO studies uncovered unique problems. West Germans wanted potato pancake while Italians preferred a salami canopy (the Dutch claim the odor gives them away on night jumps). The Swiss finally relented on their cheese model due to aerodynamic problems. Meanwhile work continues on the British Intelligence requirements for a spy-chute which eats itself and the bubble gum chute with self-repairing, re-inflating properties. One sub-contractor missed the requirement and made a chute which eats the man. Three action officers were lost before this phase could be stopped.

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