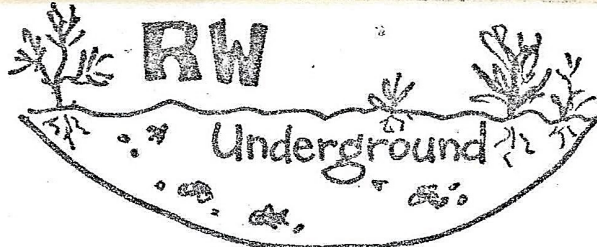


NEWS OF THE 1972
NATIONAL PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS



** Scene of the first 10-man
national championships **

THE NEW 10-MAN RULES LOOK GOOD. Authored by Skratch Garrison and based on the "California Star Rules" which were formulated by RW people, these new rules are the same ones we have all competed under. They are clean, simple, concise and fair. They are so good that no groundhog has (yet) "fixed" them. Basically, there are three main points:

- 1) All competitors shall have an equal chance to compete.
- 2) The aircraft will make all jump runs at the same speed and manifold pressure.
- 3) No circus exits. You gotta have at least one hand or foot on the door on exit: no ladders, steps or outlandishly strange stuff.

With your active vocal support our rules will be accepted by USPA as a Part with no hassle. Skratch deserves our congratulations.

Skratch Garrison will chair a meeting Thursday, June 15, for Large-Star Relative Workers only. Since the purpose of this meeting is to be sure that the important things that need to happen in RW actually happen, please help keep "interested" but non-RW people at home. Try to avoid lengthy hassles. This is one of the few opportunities that a group of RWers representing the entire USA will have for discussion. See that it's used effectively. Think about it.

A lot of people have helped to get this 10-man thing going, but two have really kept it on track and protected our interests during the fragile months of development: Skratch and Curt Curtis. Curt jumps on a 10-man team and is not only sensitive to our wishes but effective in presenting them to USPA. Curt will be the USPA rep at the Thursday RW meeting.

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PETITION.

Attached petition was drawn up by the Hinckley 10-man team. If you agree with it, please have jumpers in your area sign it. Then, bring it to the Nationals (send a copy to your Conference Director.)

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DOPE, BOOZE, SEX & BOOGIE.

Since this is the Nationals, followed by the XI World Meet, EVERYTHING that happens in public may freak some little old lady in Dubuque who sees us on the TV. Therefore, try not to drink, stumble or trip in public. Wear clothes. Remove or cover patches that glorify booze, pot, tobacco or sex. (3" wide adhesive tape works neat.) Remember, YOU represent the United States to other World Meet contestants. Your private life is your own. . .but at the Nationals, your public life (and part of your private life) belongs to any TV camera crew or fleet-footed FBI agent who cares.

Since the 10-man RW event will probably be THE big-draw TV event, you may be interviewed. Be friendly, warm and open with the interviewer. Try to convey some of the beauty and pleasure of freefall RW.

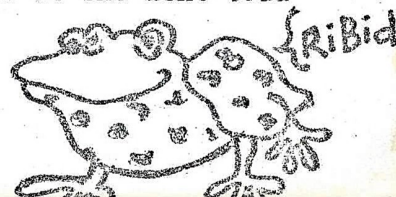
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RW TIPS

. . . Adidas tennis shoes are neat for serious RW. Makes you feel like you got hands on your feet. Try the "Superstar" model. The high price reflects the quality.

. . . Large-star RW requires other people to relate to. Smile at the next toad who goofs.

. . . Frogs are lucky for RW people. Kiss a frog today.



WE HEAR. . .the Security Mini-Pig system is rated tops by some. However, it's said that tall, lanky flyweights find 'em hard to fly. . .A semi-rigid flying cap is neat for big star RW with good people. The extra vision and lightweight feel is a rush.

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QUESTION: How do you define "semi-rigid?" ANSWER: Unzip your pants.

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A REPLY TO THE
FIRST RW UNDER-
GROUND NEWSLETTER

(in part) by Dirty Billy Bishop, SCR-549, SCS-107, Farkle.
"Team captains are ...not always the team innovator or real carrier of team opinion. A team captain's first responsibility is to coordinate the team in practice. ..in competition, he ..takes care of ..decision-making for ..the team. ..But he is not The Team. Teams are made of individuals ... Each member has his own ideas about how something should be done and how we all can improve. ...we all deserve an equal voice in the arena of public dissemination, not to mention team management or...the very course of RW itself. ...the team captain is...only 10% of the team. ...RW belongs to the jumpers; don't expect team captains to be our nannies and/or dictators; let's keep RW...open to anyone and their ideas."

OUR REPLY TO
DIRTY BILLY BISHOP

There are, of course, many people involved in large-star RW. Where there is team consensus, some one person should speak for any given 10-man team. These spokesmen don't have to be team captains but MUST be actively involved in large-star RW. A team captain isn't the team but he can poll members and present their point of view. RW is open to anyone and their ideas. All we are saying is that policy-makers for RW should be involved in RW. (No whuffos, groundhogs or toads.) Let's not let some wierdo who "used to do stars in the old days" run our sport.

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TEAM NEWS

- . The Farkles are moving along real good. Although they didn't place in the recent Ron Dow meet, they have fun and do a fine job, too.
- . The Downers (now A-1) are into a good boogie. They are feeling fine after winning the Ron Dow meet. Their demo jumps at Transpo will give them some concentrated practice.
- . Jerry Bird's All-Stars had people problems for a while. (Illness, broken bones and normal stuff). However, they've been working at it and made a 21-second star out of a DC-3 recently at Taft.
- . Hinckley hasn't made very many practice jumps. Seven straight weekends of bad weather were followed by no aircraft. The guys just shrug and smile a lot anyway.
- . Z-Hills Ten-High have a super good-vibe swoop going. Their times are averaging 27 seconds out of a small door plane.
- . Texas V-Mills has been building bigger stars -- recently added an 18-man. Their times are "fantastic" according to a team member (Texan).

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Regarding real-flying-type RW --- many people, in fact everyone I've talked to, wants to see more than stars in 10-man meets. For example, snowflakes and etc. etc. etc. Other ideas on the same subject include a meet where one of the jumps (or more) is a 10-man

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for time, while other of the jumps would be for formations like a snowflake or whatever.

Or, another idea: Team members exit in order drawn out of a hat AT THE MEET. This would be quick graphic demonstration of the RW potential of the total team.

Finally, support the SCR Scrambles idea in your area. No other event will help invigorate the sport so fast. Think about it: WHO in your area (non-Calif.) would compete with your team at a local 10-man meet? They'd know you'd win it and they wouldn't come.

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RW Questions with Answers by USPA

I spent some time talking to people about the 10-Man National Event. Overall reaction was positive. Most jumpers believe that this will open the door to stronger relations between all parachutists. Without going into detail, I will list some of the negatives:

Q Most jumpers with whom I come in contact do not do style and accuracy. There is some question about the applicability and relevance of the USPA license system to relative workers.

USPA. "The main reason, Pat, that I seem to hear about this licensing system is that just because a person has a license does not make them a good relative worker. In all honesty and reality, the exact same is true of style and accuracy people. Just because a man has a license doesn't mean he can turn a 6-second series or bang out 5 or 10 consecutive dead centers.

"There are style/accuracy people who do not believe in the USPA licensing system. Susie Neuman, for one. However, it is much the same as just because a person has a driver's license, it does not mean that this person will be a good driver. It is something that is required by each state and we follow it whether we like it or not.

"The same, I am sure, is true of the USPA licensing system. Perhaps someday it will be revised but I must admit that I doubt it will be done before the 1972 National Championships.

Q Many parachutists believe that USPA's Board of Directors are isolated from the mainline of the sport. They feel most of the effective Board of Director members are either non or infrequent jumpers or are tied to the style and accuracy camp.

USPA. "This point...is a debateable one. However, it should be pointed out that this USPA BOD is an elected board and it is the members who put this board in office. A very, very small percentage of the USPA membership votes in the BOD elections. However, maybe now with the inclusion of 10-man relative work in the National Championships, more people will sit up and take notice as to what the Board is doing and will have more of an interest come election time. This point can be changed. Anyone can run for the Board of Directors. It would be up to the membership, themselves, to get the "good" guys to run for the board and then campaign for them and see that they get elected."

Q Some years ago style and accuracy meets were a lot of fun. For some reason, this fun aspect was lost. There is a very real fear that USPA may "organize" the fun out of relative work. Many jumpers feel it is imperative that the relative work teams at the Nationals determine their own destiny with minimal help from the national organization.

USPA. "I couldn't agree with you more that 'some years ago the style and accuracy meets were a lot of fun'. I think the main reason they are not so much fun anymore is that the days of a guy lucking into a victory spot are over. To do well in style or accuracy competition these days takes one hell of a lot of practice. The same, I believe, is and will

be true of 10-Man Star Relative Work. Once something becomes competitive, those that aren't quite so good at it start to lose a little bit of interest -- and some of the fun goes out of it.

"There are already some who are disappointed that 10-Man Relative Work is becoming so competitive. Bill Newell, for one. This, however, is human nature and I'm afraid there is not too much we can do about it.

"In regards to USPA 'organizing' the fun out of relative work, I believe we have this potential problem beaten. ...it is the relative workers and the relative workers, alone, under the guidance of Skratz Garrison, that are making up the rules and regulations for 10-man competition. . .In my meeting with Skratz, I pointed out to him that we ought to get as detailed as possible in the rules and make them absolutely water-tight so they will be accepted, in total, by the USPA BOD as a USPA Part. Our style and accuracy and 4-man team rules and regulations are a USPA Part. If Skratz and his committee do their job correctly (which I am sure they will), the rules and regulations will be accepted in total. Then this particular USPA Part for large star relative workers will have been written BY large star relative workers."

Q The 10-Man National Event will be a test situation for both USPA and relative workers. Obviously USPA may later decide to again ignore large-star relative work, or relative workers could decide to operate without USPA. It is a two-way street. There should be understanding on both sides that a major split in the organization could be detrimental to both.

USPA. "The 10-Man National Event will be a test situation for both USPA and relative workers. I couldn't agree with you more. However, I am not really worried. I have the utmost confidence that if we all use common sense and are willing to bend a little bit here and there (that's both sides) then we will have a most successful 10-Man Championships at the Nationals. ...if everyone comes to the Nationals (USPA staff, organizers, style/accuracy, 4-man and 10-man people) looking for a well-run Championships and outstanding display of skill, a real desire to see the Championships and all-inclusive events a success, and have an enjoyable time, I can guarantee you that they will get it."

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GOOD NEWS -- Jim West (4300 jumps), very active in relative work, style & accuracy, and top jumper Bobby Heatt (1250 jumps) of the Greene County, Ohio DZ's were invited to attend Transpo by virtue of their 2nd place RW 4-man win at the '71 Nationals.

BAD NEWS -- The invitation was withdrawn by USPA less than a week before Transpo. The reason: Neither has a "D" license!

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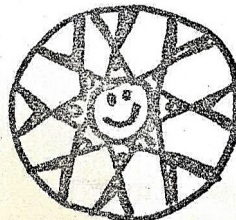
CLOCKWORK ORANGE: The state of Tennessee has outlawed all sport parachuting.

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Happy News Item: Dave Ellis, SCR-129, Greene County starmaster, quit his work-type job and now is owner-operator of Greene County-Cleveland DZ.

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The Bob Buquor Memorial SCR & SCS are the only "merit badges" in skydiving that reflect true skill.



CRAZY PAT
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