



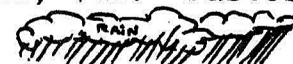
Newsletter of the RW Council

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THE KEN DOBELL MEMORIAL 10-MAN MEET, OTAY VALLEY, SAN DIEGO. This usually sunny valley turned dark for the Saturday start of the annual Ken Dobell 10-Man Star Meet October 14. Three Twin Beeches, a DC-3 and 11 competition teams sat on the ground and waited for blue. Sunday cleared enough for four good rounds. Ten of the 11 teams entered were from So. Calif.; one from Arizona.

It was a fast meet. Teams placing one thru four made all ten-mans and AVERAGED 28 seconds or less. National champions Jerry Bird's All-Stars took first with an average of 24.9; the Flying Farkle Family (revised) were runners-up with 27.0; a new team, NWLF, 3rd, and Arizona, 4th. Fastest star was out of the DC-3 by the All-Stars. .18.8 seconds.



MISSOULA \$\$\$MONEY\$\$\$ 10-MAN MEET, MONTANA. Ten crisp \$100 bills with a 10-man stamped imprint went to Jerry Bird's All-Stars for their first place win at the money meet of the year. Friday and Saturday the weatherman presented crappy weather. Eight teams from all over the Northwest USA, Calif. and Canada drooled over 3 sanitary D-18's and 2 DC-3's and waited for clear weather which came 11:00 am Sunday to blast off 4 rounds. All-Stars won with a 24.5-second average followed by Seattle with 28.5 seconds.

The first and second place teams both credit sequential, multiple-maneuver RW for their success. J. Bird said, "DC-3 exits make subterminal RW skill a must. Subterminal work gives you ability to cope with traffic jams and to establish a pattern for building the star in a smooth manner... You learn to judge the construction activity and time your entry... Subterminal cleans up your in-close RW act."

The 2nd place Seattle team was built of two 4-man RW teams, plus two. Besides big money, Montana provided big boogie and a world-record 11-man moon on the dance floor. .great band, good activities.

TEXAS TRIP-OUT. The Sutton Memorial Ten-Man Meet-Party at Valley Mills in October was termed a blast by all who attended from as far away as California, Ohio, Illinois and Florida. "Those crazy Texans" put on a party and a meet that'll be talked about until next year's. Their format was a good one for a fun-type, yet serious, meet: five jumps, three of them plain ol' vanilla 10-mans, one a reverse order and one a "draw-your-position-from-a-hat."

When the dust cleared from the hot and heavy competition, V-Mills came up the winner, followed by the Greene County-Atlanta group and Kansas Home-grown, third. Texas walked off with the C.G. Godfrog Good-Times and Good-Vibes Award, too, which was originally presented at the Nationals to A-1 Unlimited.

STAR-CREST SCRAMBLES. Ted Webster's 1972 StarCrest Scrambles and Tracking Contest was the biggest FUN parachuting event I've ever been to. Twenty-nine teams. That's 232 skydivers doing it out of three Twin Beeches and a DC-3. Many of the World Meet contestants stayed in the USA for the Labor Day Event. The scheduled RW consisted of three jumps: an 8-man star; an 8-man snowflake;

and an 8-man line. There was also lots of unscheduled RW including a 50-50 girl/guy 16-man attempt and several 30+ large-star attempts. Pete Gruber organized an All-Nation Star with RW people from other countries participating.

In addition to the many countries represented, it seemed that every state had a contingent. Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, Georgia, Ohio, Illinois, Oregon, Washington, etc. etc. Lotsa RW folks came to do RW and Boogie. Ted Webster had a Boogie Band and beer for Saturday night. The RW skill average of contestants was quite high. Many of the teams got it together in under 30 seconds!

You should consider having an 8-man SCR Scrambles meet in your area. This type of low pressure/high fun meet does a lot to promote RW. Remember the famous words of C.G. Godfrog, "Everybody is a one-man star; to build something bigger you gotta do RW!"

THE FIRST RELATIVE WORK FESTIVAL. A beautiful new event happened. . . a lot of people who love to jump outa airplanes in groups drove a buncha miles to be with their people in Richmond, Indiana September 9-10. A hundred-twenty RWers jumped at the first RW Festival...there were no prizes or competition, there were no judges or hassles, just RW for the sake of RW. The City of Richmond hosted it, Tag Taggard honcho-ed it and everybody loved it.

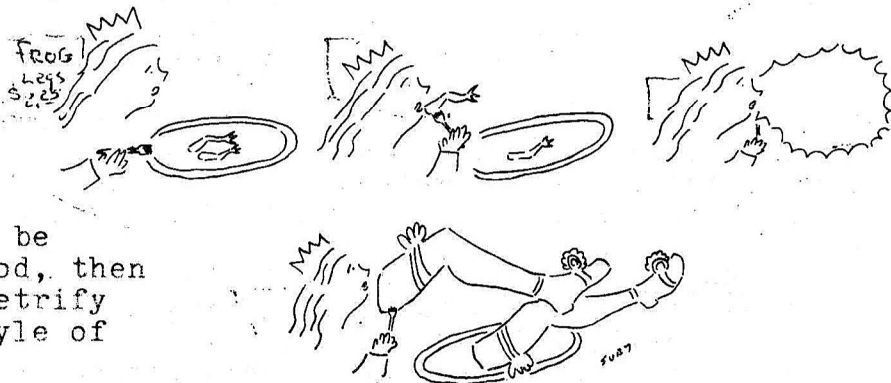
The city charged admission to whuffo cars and made several thousands of dollars to support the Boy's Club. The RW people made several big stars out of a Twin Beech and a DC-3. All the self-styled super-hero RW types made three tries at a 30-man and succeeded in FUBAR-ing all three in front of the lens of Carl Boenish. Two Stormville, N.Y. jumpers, two Hinckley "flyers" and one Indiana man deserve special mention for heads-up-the-ass arm flapping (the film is available from RW Underground.) One N.Y.-er was thrown off all subsequent loads for taking one out..."It wasn't me!!"...So he put himself back on the load and took it out TWICE the second time. Everyone else just giggled and went up and made 18-mans and other big round things with no problems on "garbage" loads. Saturday night saw bonfire, boogie and the most beautiful RW films ever seen...Carl Boenish's great flicks of Jerry Bird's All-Stars flying at the XI World Meet.

I believe the Richmond RW Festival was wonderful for the sport. The fact that 120 people from all over the Eastern half of the USA (plus Calif., Australia and Montana) came reflects the tremendous interest in good ol' RW jumping. I doubt that any recent local competition drew as many people. A lot of people had a lot of fun. More people oughta have old-fashioned RW Festivals, trackin' contests and Scrambles.

FORMATIONS OTHER THAN STARS IN RW COMPETITION?

This question drew predominantly favorable replies. About 20 per cent of respondents felt that while non-star formations should be included we oughta wait until after the '73 RW Nationals. One said "no". The feeling seems to be --wait 'til 10-mans are going good, then upgrade -- but not let 10-mans petrify into a mechanical ritual-like style of competition.

IN THE "FRENCH RESTAURANT"



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NEED TO RENT A DC-3? ? ? There are several DC-3's available in the USA for large-star work. . . Drop us a line with your needs and we'll put you in touch with the owners.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

TEAM NEWS

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The U.S. Army Parachute Team. Capt. Larry Spence, SCS-430, writes: "I guess you've heard about our 10-man team by now...The interest around here is unbelievable! Our practices have been few and far between, but have really been encouraging so far. Our first meet will be the 10-man competition at Z-Hills in November. Whether or not we'll go to the '73 Nationals depends a lot on our next season's schedule and how we do at Z-Hills."

V-Mills, Texas is gloating over their recent win at the Texas Party/Meet. The team has reorganized under Phil Mayfield as captain. They've been practicing all summer out of their DZ's DC-3.

Pieces of Eight and Get It Together (East coast) have changed little personnel-wise since last year. "Times are good and are shrinking fast. These two East coast teams should make headlines," says one correspondent.

The James Gang and Godfrogs (Illinois) are suffering from bad weather and sick aircraft. The Godfrogs are a new group and are starting to click together. The James Gang has made only about a dozen practice jumps but things look good and times are edging downward.

Ten High Bunch (Z-Hills, Fla.) "haven't been doing much," according to Billy Revis who they sent on a scout-out tour of the RW DZ's around the country.

Greene County-Atlanta has shown that the answer to good RW is RW itself; not necessarily a big plane. Having practiced lotsa 8-mans out of two Cessna 180's they won 2nd place at the Texas meet where they also made their first 10-man on their first opportunity.

St. Louis-Greeneville has a new team with the usual normal start-up problems.

Greene County-Xenia (Ohio) just got a beautiful bright green Twin Beech. They are putting a team together, too, and are expected to appear at Z-Hills.

Arizona. I jumped with some of the Arizona people at the Elsinore SCR Scrambles. Good people. Everyone, big and small, wears the bells.

Northwest. Not much news from these teams but the Oregon State Championships produced a 15-man and a couple of night stars (8 and 9). The Missoula team also plans an appearance at Z-Hills.

Flying Farkles. Have reorganized with Bill Boles as captain and have beautiful Patti Wilson on the team (she just received her gold wings.) Only 4 of the original Farkles are on this "new" entirely different team.

Jerry Bird's All-Stars are feeling perty good. . .their times averaging 25 seconds in both practice and meets. They plan to win Z-Hills and take a little Florida west with them.

Denver-Colombine. There's been an influx of Elsinore RW people to sweeten the RW. Some are gonna try out Z-Hills.

Beech-Nuts (Kalamazoo, Mich.) are getting ready for Z-Hills, too. Three weeks of bad weather prompted a fly-over to Illinois one recent weekend in a search for blue -- one jump and their D-18 fritzed out, stranding the team 'til Monday.

Riche's Raiders (New Orleans). This team has been having more fun than wins lately, but are planning a "comeback" at Z-Hills.

Kansas Homegrown looked good in their 3rd place win at the Texas meet. Some of their members drive faithfully many hundreds of miles every weekend for practice.

Incredible Ten-Man Flying Machine is a new team in the Carolinas, practicing for Z-Hills.

IS YOUR TEAM LEFT OUT? SO DON'T JUST GRIPE... TELL US WHAT YOU'RE UP TO! WE NEED INPUT TO OUTPUT

NOTICE **NSCR** NOTICE **SCS** NOTICE **SCR** NOTICE

Wild Willie Newell has a new address for the Bob Buquor Memorial Starcrest:

1001 Maplewood Way
Port Hueneme, Calif. 93041

He also has a problem and if your NSCR number is 49 to around 60 or so, you can help. Seems he lost a sheet of NSCR names 3 or 4 months ago -- names which had been already registered, numbered and a card issued. Since then he's kept all the new applications in order, but can't issue numbers 'cause he doesn't know where he left off. Dig? He's asking the NSCR's with numbers from 49 on to write and give him details of their night jump so he can figure out where he's at. Now that he has a new electric typing machine, says Billy, service should be considerably faster. SCS-69

THE SILVER SCS Trying to figure out a good Christmas gift for yourself or a friend? For those with an SCS number the Buquor Memorial Starcrest people offer a handsome, heavy sterling silver 1-1/8 in. replica of the 8-man insignia. Comes engraved with your name, SCS #, position, date earned and place. \$20.00 (heavy silver neck chain included.)

EQUIPMENT NEWS & RW TIPS

Poynter's Parachute Manual is The Bible on equipment: 480 pages, 2,000 illustrations. \$19.95. 48 Walker St., No. Quincy, Mass. 02171.

A-1 Jumpsuits are truly THE RW swoop-suit. If you don't jump the bell-cuffs yet it seems likely you will soon. Benefits: more stopping power, more recovery power, more control surface. A-1 bells start at \$60.00. 6-wk. delivery. You can write us for an order form.

The Para-Sled is touted to be 10 lbs. lighter and easier to fly than the Cloud. Aero Foil Systems, its maker, will sponsor a 4-man RW team from their Florida DZ near Cape Canaveral, Pete Picciolo reports. Sounds like an interesting idea.

The MK-3 "Competition" PC can be coaxed to open by more tension on the toggle lines, pumping the control lines on opening, or by switching to a bag. Any other ideas? Prayers and curses help a little.

If compact, light-weight parachute gear is good then feather-weight parachute gear is better. Right? So the Wild Man from Wisconsin (Jack Wallace) gets a bargain on a Tri-Con reserve canopy and rigs it into a dwarf-midget system (bagged) on his back. Small! Jack says the lower mass flies better. Descent is like a PC; removing the mesh gives faster turns. But don't try to open in a track, he warns.

TO BE FASTER DON'T THINK SPEED
... THINK GOOD RW:

From Chiang's advice to Jonathan Livingston Seagull. . .

"You will begin to touch heaven, Jonathan, in the moment that you touch perfect speed. And that isn't flying a thousand miles an hour, or a million. Because any number is a limit, and perfection doesn't have limits. Perfect speed, my son, is being there."

Wizard of Id



WHO'S BURIED IN GRANT'S TOMB?

We're Looking for People Who Want to Be In-the-Know

SPONTANEOUS DEMONSTRATIONS APPLAUD RW'ERS AT XI WORLD MEET. Relative work stole the show at the World Meet. The French, English, Russians and other top competitors from all over the world gave the USA National Champion 4-Man and 10-Man RW teams several standing, cheering ovations for their demos. Everyone knew at least two words of English: "All-Stars" . .and "Outa-Sight." At the USPA/World Awards the officials "forgot" to present the RW People and when a competitor from South America stood up and hollered out the glaring omission the whole place went bananas.

Jerry Bird's All-Stars made 27 demo jumps, and you can understand from the jumps why RW had such far-reaching impact. Here's a sample. . .



- * 10-man star, to line, to two 5-mans
- * snowflake, to a star
- * all men wear smoke. . .snowflake, then the outer five track. (EVERYBODY liked this one. Simple, but a real crowd-pleaser.)

The All-Stars showed how easy RW is when you do it right. They did their job very well. Good RW promotes itself.

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TWENTY-SIX (26!)-MAN STAR AT XI WORLD MEET. It just happened. It was supposed to be mainly just a free, fun mass jump/star attempt. Three monster helicopters chugged up to about 11-grand and 28 RW'ers jumped at once from both sides. 25 for the star plus 3 cameramen. It built to 22 and broke. Three people entered on this line to make 25 as they flew it back together (can you imagine trying to fly a 25-man line??) One of the cameramen got antsy, couldn't stand it any longer and entered. It broke again at about 5-grand and everyone did a severe track. The beautiful thing about it was the fact that it was a true RW-USA star. . .Army guys, East coasters, Southerners, Mid-Westerners, West coasters, etc. Everyone got together. . . and got together.

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Dan Poynter writes: "Many thanks for the fine RW UNDERGROUND; put me on the mailing list. . . Yes, the 'XX-Rated' star over Stormville was a joint effort by Pieces of Eight and Get It Together. It was done on the first try with twenty participants. I then left for Boston and they went back to make a 19-man. The next day we made several in the high teens. We would like to crack the record but we lack a sufficient number with the requisite talent. Maybe in a month or two. . . One one attempt at Stormville (29 out) we suffered a collision on a reformation. Pete Svirha broke his leg. On the same jump, George Morris cutaway and landed in the Greenhaven Prison. Luckily between the walls. In the center yard: the rejects from Attica.

"We have a 59 passenger Skool bus for the Z-Hills trip. It is being outfitted now. We just applied for special plates: "TEN-MAN". . Best regards from USPA Board's most active relative worker, "

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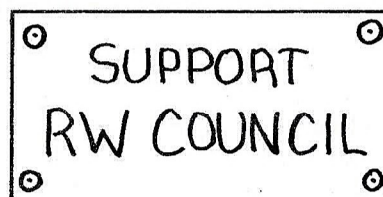
SPECIAL ROCKY J. SQUIRREL HOT RW HINT:

There are three basic track-approach techniques used on competition 10-mans. . .1) down, then across and enter; 2) straight 45° angle from the air-chine and in, and 3) horizontally, then dive down vertically. The first is the slowest, and while safer for novices, is actually hard to control. I can't figure out if #2 or #3 is the faster. #3 sure is fun tho. . .you have your eye on the star the whole time. (Any traditionalists who might want to argue... I didn't develop these... I just copied some people who consistently get in sooner than other people.) You have any ideas? If you're good at RW theory share it with other RW nuts.

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SECURITY PARACHUTE COMPANY has been busy making the new Papillions, causing grief to people who have ordered other types of gear from them. The backorders should be filled soon.

King Kong Died For Our Sins



PLAUDITS, THANKS AND HURRAH!

RW is exploding into the most popular phase of parachuting so fast that it hasn't to date generated the requisite support from suppliers. However, there are a few individuals and companies who deserve praise and support for their contributions for the benefit of more and better RW. The RW Council is happy to present certificates of recognition to the following men with appreciation for meritorious service to relative work:

Lowell Bachman, Para-Gear, Chicago
 Chuck Embry, Parachutes, Inc., Orange, Mass.
 Joe Garcia, A-1 Unlimited, California
 Skratch Garrison
 John Higgins, Chute Shop, Flemington, N.J.
 Bill Newell
 Dan Poynter
 Ted Webster

Certificates are awarded based on nominations made by RW people. Where's yours?

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"Sunward I've climbed and joined
 the tumbling mirth
 Of sun-split clouds..."

SPECIAL READER BONUS

HIGH FLIGHT
 John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

1. War Story

The ride up is always a pain in the ass.
 If you fly at the back of the bus the windows in the Beech are too high to see out of.
 Conversation and the guys clowning at the door pass the time.
 On jump run you sit as long as you can so you don't have to stand crouched in the thin air.

When you do stand, ready for the sprint, you put your head in that state of aggressive, relaxed, total concentration you've found really lets you get it on.

Cut. Ready? 54321! Go! go go go go

Head low, down the hall, sharp right and out, you arch to drive
 and your left side stalls briefly in the subterminal air.

Into the dive. Far out! A valley of clouds.

The base disappears into the puffy side of a cumulus mountain and the swarm follows.

You dive, swoop, brake and set up your approach in sinewy movements,

While grey-white masses roar up around your ears.

Reflexive paranoia: Cloud Rush freight-trains you and the star.

Wet air. Your vision flashes in and out like a strobe light.

The adrenalin rush bobbles your approach and slows your entry.

Drop your ass for a wrist entry -- and you're in.

Shake and break. Check out the star as the white world waterfalls up around you
 with an eerie, silent roar.

Awed and exhilarated, you split as the star explodes like a Fourth of July rocket.

Sit up, pull, and the world starts.

DONATIONS TO THE UNITED
 STATES RW TEAM FUND!



RW Council members have suggested that USPA set up a separate 10-Man team fund to which donations can be made to benefit RW and RW competition. We're happy to report that such a fund already exists. As reported by USPA-BOD Poynter: "Ten-man teams will pay a \$10 per-member qualifying fee when making their proficiency jumps prior to attending the 1973 National Parachuting Championships. This money will go into a special fund earmarked for the specific benefit of RW teams."

Other benefactors may support their sport by contributing directly to this fund c/o USPA or Dan Poynter.

NOTICE! SERIOUS BOOGIE (DANCE) AFICIONADOS ARE CHALLENGED

Let it be known that the Hinckley Boogie Team is ready to meet any and all challengers in a full-tilt Boogie Championship. Does your drop zone have a Boogie Team yet? Don't miss out on the exciting new after-jumping craze. Doubles your sex life, increases your endurance, builds internal health. And it feels so good, too. Practice now for the 1973 Boogie Championships. Remember, RW People, the team that boogies together flies together.

"The Boogie Man"
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TESTIMONIAL

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THE RW COUNCIL. The Relative Work Council is a loosely knit group of active relative workers who are banding together to see that better things happen for RW more quickly. Some 42 relative workers at the Nationals, representing both 4-man and 10-man RW, agreed there was a need. The RW Council will act so supplement rather than supplant USPA. The USPA Competition Committee (J.P. Thacker and J.R. West) recognize the Council as an advisor to the Committee. All RW Council members must be active in RW and should be a member of a 4-man or a 10-man team. In addition, Council members must be SCR.

This newsletter will serve as the communications media for the Council. Duties of all RW Council members are: 1) to voice their opinions concerning the improvement of RW competition to USPA, fellow jumpers and this newsletter, 2) actively promote RW, and 3) make lotsa RW jumps. There will be no "Mr. Big" or non-jumping paper-pushers. All RW people will have an equal say in controlling their sport. There are no numbers or merit badges except for the SCR and SCS.

Proposals of the RW Council (so far) are:

- ** 1. That circus exits be eliminated from both 4 and 10-man RW at the Nationals.
- 2. That since more USPA members are active in RW than in style/accuracy, USPA spend more money for the benefit of RW.
- 3. That other formations besides stars be added to competition.
- ** 4. That USPA refrain from prying into the private lives of parachutists.



** The USPA ratified these at the Board of Directors meeting in Tahlequah (see Parachutist, Oct. 1972, p. 30.)



RW UNDERGROUND and The RW Council have been well-received. In fact, the reception is fantastic. We've jumped from a mailing of 35 to nearly 300 in four issues. We're very pleased and surprised at the volume of mail from all over the USA. Subscriptions have paid off much of the operation deficit and produced enough to print and mail this issue. Special thanks go to the Giarrusso's, Jerry Bird, Dan Poynter and Bill Newell. Lyle Cameron is interested enough in our RW news to send in a subscription, too.

Good RW promotes itself. Large-star RW is where it is today, now. It was non-created. RW just happened and grew. Being non-created RW is transcendent over acceptance or rejection. Unfettered, it does not ossify into ritual mechanistics and so continues to grow. Since it is represented and lead by participants rather than a ground hog "leader", it grows. If directed by a brotherhood of freefallers this growth can strengthen us through unity in numbers. Look how many of us there are today. We are all newcomers. We are all just beginning. Let's begin together. Do some RW on the ground so we can do lotsa RW in the air.

Sincere, active RW'ers should be encouraged to improve and maintain the good-vibes of RW. Send us news; make lotsa RW jumps. Also, in your best interests you should get your buddies to subscribe to RW Underground so they won't drool on or steal your copy.

-----see what you've been missing?-----

Send me a year's subscription to the RW Underground newsletter published irregularly (whenever there's enough news) for registered makers of freefall formations who need to know what's haps in the world of large-star making and related matters. Tell us what your name is and where you hang out most of the time. Send with your moola to:

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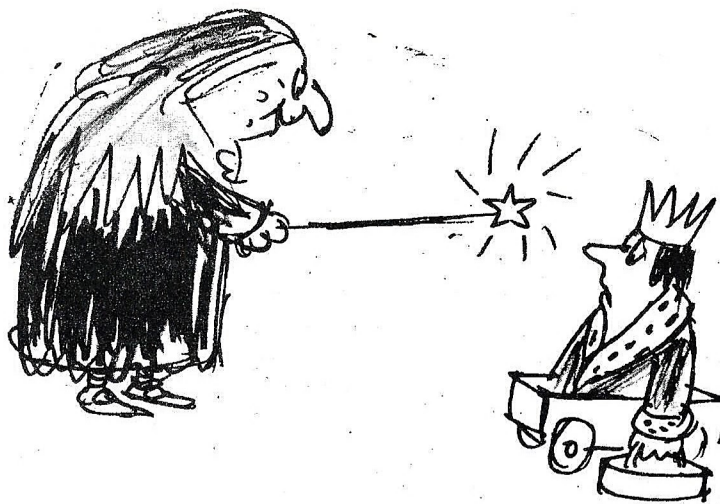
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NEWS FLASH! Bill Newell has still
another problem (excuse?)

He writes: "My last secretary went out to lunch and stayed there, and even though her physical body came back, her mind stayed at the local diner...the dingbat typed every last one of my gold SCS cards starting from #1 and going on through till all the cards were wasted which was #146. Not counting the loss of time which I'm getting my ass eat out daily for being too lazy to get the work out, these many cards cost me close to \$25. untyped. I can take them to the furnace, or I can paste them all over my walls to remind me of how many friends I have, or I can advertise the fact of what happened and promise instant service for anyone holding an SCS # up to 146 who would like a duplicate card."



S.GROSS

"There, you are turned back into a prince again, and incidentally, the frog's legs were delicious."

"AS AN UNLIMITED IDEA OF FREEDOM,
YOUR WHOLE BODY, FROM WING TIP TO WING TIP,
IS NOTHING MORE THAN YOUR THOUGHT ITSELF."

--Jonathan Livingston Seagull

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