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*Ben Holland of Ft. Worth, just before his first jump at the Alvarado DZ.  
Photo by E. L. Bounds.*

## We believe

DZ-USA is dedicated to disseminating information to students, such as Barbara and Ben:

By printing views of all jumpers from "A" licenses to "D" tickets . . .

We all learn from each other in the final analysis and knowledge is the key to safer and more enjoyable sport parachuting.



*Barbara Thompson, Ft. Worth Cow-Town Sky Divers DZ, Alvarado, Texas,  
just before her first jump. Photo by E. L. Bounds.*

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# - SPECIAL DELIVERY -

## AN EPIC OF A SUPER-JUMPER, ROQUERFORT J. STRONGHEART

Byline: Jerry Ryburn, D-1100, Vietnam

It was inevitable in this day and age of Super-Heroes, that one such hero should emerge as the defender of the rights of the oppressed, a beacon of light and strength in the sea of the sick, lame and lazy, a champion with straight teeth . . . and using as his mode of transportation: A PARACHUTE!

Our hero, of course, is a jumper. But what a jumper! And in addition to his accomplishments in this field, he was also a three-time World Champion Tiddlewinks Player, seven-time First-Runnerup in the Crab County Marble Shooting Contest, seller of the most Girl Scout cookies of 1927, and winner of the 13th Annual Pie Eating Contest at Hangnail, Oklahoma. Yes, an all-around athlete is Roquerfort J. Strongheart. The "J" stands for jumper, what else?

As our epic unfolds, we find our hero in the service of his country. As could be expected, however, Roquerfort is not satisfied with being the run-of-the-mill type individual. He is a member of the Army's elite Sparse-Farces. Our hero wears the coveted Green Beanie, with a propeller adorning the top which is the mark of great courage. A man you would not soon forget, having seen him only one time in uniform. He sort of stood out from the rest.

Unbeknownst to the other personnel in his outfit, the mild-mannered Roquerfort J. is, in reality, none other than "Super-Jumper"!! A fearless jumper who in one flash of his "Ring Tab Pull" from an empty Falstaff can, turns into a Piper J-3 and is able to soar to the fantastic height of 1000 feet or so, and then pulling his "Ring Tab Pull" for the second time, converts to his human form to which a Super-Cheapo .001 canopy is attached. Let us pause here and analyze our hero's parachute. It is a silk twill, 1948 manufacture date, modeled after a T7A reserve with a special 9TU modification reaching within three inches of the apex. Turns are great but the descent rate is 45 feet per second (or a little more), which Roquerfort softens on landing with his Super-Frenchies he had custom-made in Japan. Roquerfort believes his boots are best for stand-up landings, however, he hasn't had the opportunity to test his theory for stand-ups are a little hard on his Super-Cheapo. In fact, he says they are REALLY hard.

To continue, our drama starts shaping up with a conversation we can't help but hear between Roquerfort's First Sergeant and the Commanding Officer. They are discussing the problem their unit is hav-

ing in locating and then fighting the V.C. (Verified Crossbow-Owners).

Says the First Pig to the C.O., "Sir, I can't understand why our time delay fuses on our artillery shells have not been bursting 20 meters in the air as they should to produce the greatest killing effect on the enemy. We've soaked them in lemon-juice and still no results. I can't understand it."



"Yes," replies the C.O., "We seem to be having trouble keeping the shells in the air as they should be. They keep falling down and hitting the ground and bursting on contact. This is reducing our effect on the enemy tragically. To think I've been here 17 months and haven't killed a V.C. yet. Hard on my record, sergeant, hard on my record. Something

has to be done."

Enter our hero. A faint drum-roll is heard in the background and a hint of red, white, and blue cigarette smoke drifts around the building as Roquerfort is bringing in the company supplies. Struggling with the front door, he pushes the cases in. 8 cases of beer, 3 cases of Seagram's V.O. (returned by the V.C. because the initials were wrong), and one case of Coke.

"Ah," says the-sergeant, "rations for tomorrow."

"But why all that Coke?" inquires the C. O.

"For the privafes," replies the sergeant, "We can't forget the men."

"Sir," says Roquerfort J., "I couldn't help but overhear your conversation with the First Sergeant. I think maybe I can help. You see, I was a jumper in civilian life."

"Well, froggy, jump right back to K. P."

"But sir, I jumped out of parachutes . . . I mean, I . . ."

"Beat it!"

"Yes, sir."

For the first time Roquerfort realizes that these people know nothing of his daring exploits in the Amazon, of the time he spent on the barren wastes of Alaska, and the Civil-Rights parades he marched in while in Selma, Alabama, and the . . . "Oh, well," thought Roquerfort J., "I'll show them." His mind shazooms, carooms, crackles, pops, and finally snaps. "I have it. Eureka! I'll start tonight."

Silently, he plans the next day's operations. Gathers up his tools . . . a radio, hammer, Super-Altmaster, etc., etc. And the following day our hero complains to the mess steward. "Sarge, I got one helleva headache."

"Been nipping the First Pig's booze again, huh, Strongheart?"

Slipping the Sarge a confidential wink (which got him in trouble once in Los Angeles), Roquerfort shoots back a witty "Uhuh" with a negative nod of his head. (That's our boy! Always ready with a clever remark from his super-mind).

"Well, go on down to the medics and get yourself a handful of APC's. Have your tail back here in 30 minutes."

"Holy Skydiver, it worked!" thinks our Super-Hero as he stumbles back towards the dispensary. "Wonder how in the hell he knew I was in the First Pig's booze?"

Armed with the equipment he pilfered from the supply room last night, he checks it out. Radio, hammer, Super-Altmaster,



and empty Falstaff can, check! Sneaking behind the dispensary, he quickly pulls his "Ring Tab Pull" on the empty Falstaff can, and in a flash of yellow paint, fiber sides and complete with landing gear, Roquerfort is turned into a Superfast J-3. He taxis out the road and in 23 minutes is airborne, climbing at the unbelievable rate of 40 feet per minute.

Now, Roquerfort puts his plan into action. That is, he puts his super-plan into super-action. Cruising at a superfast speed of 42 miles per hour, he tunes in his radio to the artillery frequency . . .

"Coordinates 123786, enemy platoon dug in at coordinates 123786 . . ."

"THIS IS IT," thinks Roquerfort J. as he split-S's back to the coordinates. Increasing speed to 50 miles per hour (and almost tearing the fiber from the wings), he reaches the enemy platoon position and G-2's the area. Lo and behold, he spots the artillery shell immediately as it heads for the enemy below.

With blinding speed and almost as fast

as the opening shock on a sleeveless PC, he pulls for the second time on his "Ring Tab Pull" and is converted to his human body form with his trusty Super-Cheapo strapped to the re-worked Pioneer harness on his back. And with the Super-Cheapo begging to be released from the Czech PC container on his back, our Super-Hero, with hammer in hand, tracks toward the speeding artillery shell.

Constantly checking his Super-Altimeter (which measures heights in meters, feet, yards, inches, centimeters, and millimeters) with his Super-Quick eye, our Super-Hero counts off the meters. 24, 23, 22, 21, and then as the altimeter is reading 20 meters, he does some Super-Relative Work and eases up alongside the projectile and hits the fuse with his hammer (and all his might).

IS THIS THE END OF THE SUPER JUMPER??!! DEFINITELY NOT . . .

He super-tracks around the pieces of shrapnel as they pass by and the concussion of the explosion throws him back up to 1800 feet where he pulls his super-ripcord. Yes, Norman, he holds a "D"

and has a pilot 'chute on his reserve. As his beautiful green and purple Super-Cheapo blossoms out behind him, far below him the Allies are saying, "It's a bird . . . It's a plane . . . Nah, it's just some silly-ass skydiver with a bad spot."

Roquerfort glides his Super-Cheapo back to the mess hall, where he makes a deadcenter on a discarded gum-wrapper; does a superfast pack-job; and stuffs his Super-Cheapo back into the empty Falstaff can. He quickly stumbles past the garbage cans and into the mess hall where the mess sergeant yells, "Where the hell have you been? I told you to be back in 30 minutes and you were gone 31 minutes. The C.O. may have his shells firing right now but I don't have the same luck here. By God, Strongheart, you had better get with it and . . ."

Smiling to himself and knowing no one will ever know of his super-patriotic deed, Roquerfort thinks, "Just another skydiver serving his country," and reaches for another batch of potatoes to peel.

# THE SCENE

Dear Gene:

Just finished reading your great May issue of DZ-USA. Needless to say, I'm impressed. This just has to be the mag with the most current info that is presently out in sport parachuting. You have some great material and I wish you all the luck in the future.

*Butch Rubb, C-2884  
Springfield, Mass.*

Dear Gene:

I wish you people could offer an airmail rate for us at APO addresses. We try to keep up to date with things over here in sunny (?) old Europe, but it's kind of hard. I heard a rumor that my 7TU is no longer what's happening. Pioneer or Security come out with something hotter?? Late news is better than none.

*Harald M. Fostervold  
Airborne School, 8th Inf.  
APO New York*

"Alright! Flattery will get you everywhere! Many thanks for printing Tom's lovely picture of me in the October issue. My thanks to Tom also for his neat camera work. Please give him my regards . . . Beetle Bailey, Albuquerque, New Mexico." "Thanks so much for the "Pull-it-Her" Prize. It was quite a surprise and very much appreciated. It's certainly a change from the feeling of yelling into the wind and no one is listening . . . Jeannie Cousins, Oakland, California."

Dear Gene:

Just received DZ-USA and think it is great. Parachuting needs a publication that emphasizes safety rather than advertising. Wishing you the best in the future.

*Brian P. Stone, B-4226  
New York, New York*

Dear Gene:

Finally got around to writing a check. Your mag looks great. Just what the clubs need. We'll be sending you our newsletter every month. Use anything that might be worth publishing.

*Dick Barber, President  
Connecticut Parachutists Inc.  
Warehouse Point, Conn.*

Dear Gene:

We received your subscription issue of "DZ-USA" and immediately our club members voted to subscribe to it. It is very informative and interesting to jumpers, and a much needed publication for all. Keep up the good work.

*Ron Newman  
Portland Parachute Club  
Portland, Oregon*

Dear sir:

Thank you for sending the first real magazine for the jumper. There has been a real need for a publication like this for a long time. Best of luck for a long and successful publication.

*Pete Ehmann  
Atlantic Parachute Team  
Manville, New Jersey*

Mr. Hunnell:

Enclosed is my check for a subscription. Here's hoping you have more success than you-know-who did with Parachute.

*G. C. Ayres  
Smith Center, Kansas*

*Gary, I'll have to admit I don't know the name of the loser but I hope my name is never linked with his.*

CEH

Gentlemen:

I would like to extend my compliments on your new and refreshing publication. I am sure that you will be hearing from more jumpers from Anchorage shortly.

*Leo Fancher, B-4592  
Anchorage Sport Parachute  
Center  
Anchorage, Alaska*

Dear Gene:

I was unaware that your publication existed. I would like to thank whoever is responsible for submitting my name to your mailing list.

*Larry Mitchell, D-422  
Erie, Penna.*

Dear Sir:

Just received a copy of your magazine; it was pleasant surprise. It sure contains a lot of info. Good luck from a California jumper.

*George E. Hessler Jr., B-4662  
Toros Sky Divers  
Los Angeles, California*



## "PULL-IT-SIR" PRIZE WINNERS

The following jumpers (male-type) were recipients of certificates for stories, articles or reports which were printed in DZ-USA during the year of 1966. Some received more than one award, but one man received four. This man was Jerry Schrimsher, Dallas, Texas. It took all of them though to put out twelve issues, so DZ-USA is proud to list the following:

### JANUARY ISSUE

1-66 JACK DILLINGER, for his article covering the trip to El Paso, Texas for the Sun Carnival, January 1966 (First Award)

### FEBRUARY ISSUE

2-66 BERNIE WARD, "What Makes a Skydiver Jump?" in the "Spotlight" section on page 2 (First Award)

3-66 ROBERT WESTENHEFFER, an article on jumpmaster responsibility in "Jumpmaster's Last Word" (First Award)

### MARCH ISSUE

4-66 JIM WEST, "60 Jumps in 10 Hours" in the "Spotlight" section on page 2 (First Award)

5-66 STEWARD GIESICK, an article entitled "The Long Awaited Day" in "First Jumps" section on page 4 (First Award)

6-66 PAUL LAWRENCE, Century Skydivers, for an article explaining a malfunction which he experienced on February 24th, 1966 (First Award)

7-66 JAMES HAASE, golden Eagle Skydivers, for an article entitled "The Past Catches Up" on page 4 (First Award)

8-66 ROBERT CARTER, for an article entitled "He Who . . ." which appeared in the "Fresh Views" section (First Award)

9-66 JOE COOPER, for an article entitled "Training Aids" which appeared in the "Safety Summary" on page 6 (First Award)

### APRIL ISSUE

10-66 EARL RISTAU, for his opinions on reserve procedure and short story on a "hard opening" on page 3 (First Award)

11-66 PETE PETROWSKY, for his opinions on reserve procedure which appeared in the "Fresh Views" section. (First Award)

### MAY ISSUE

12-66 J. J. (Pepper) MARTIN, report of a malfunction on his 33rd jump, which appeared on page 5 (FIRST)

13-66 OSCAR MENDEZ, report of a malfunction experienced on February 27th, which appeared on page 5 (FIRST)

14-66 TOM PRITCHARD, an article entitled "Lament" which appeared on page 5 (FIRST)

15-66 DON GRIFFIN, for a first jump story entitled "I Should Have Known", which appeared on page 6 (FIRST)

16-66 DON DEVINE, a safety tip which appeared on page 6 (FIRST)

17-66 DAN RAY WALLEN, a safety tip which appeared on page 6 (FIRST)

18-66 MARK COOK, a safety tip which appeared on page 6 (FIRST)

19-66 ROBERT KREIGH, a "Meet Editorial" on the Annual Rolla Invitational Meet, April 1966, and an article entitled "Record Sequel" on page 12 (FIRST)

20-66 J. D. (Old Man) DODSON, a letter supporting the KNOFOADZUSA Fan Club, appearing on page 3 (FIRST)

21-66 WM. (Bill) OTTLEY, for his support and cooperation in the reporting of the New Hanover air crash, May 7, which killed 5 jumpers and the pilot (FIRST)

22-66 DAN POYNTER, for his contributions through the Northeastern Sport Parachute Council newsletter and his personal support of DZ-USA (FIRST)

### JUNE ISSUE

23-66 DAVID R. KREISER, for an article concerning recommended reserve procedure on page 13 (FIRST)

24-66 BRIAN P. STONE, for a comment on reserve deployment on page 13 (FIRST)

25-66 TONY STROH, for an article concerning partial malfunctions on page 13 (FIRST)

26-66 JACK DEMME, for an article concerning the Sentinel and its value on page 14 (FIRST)

27-66 BUTCH RUBB, for a comment on dual pilot chutes which appeared on page 14 (FIRST)

28-66 H. HUNTER HANDSFIELD for an article concerning break-cord piloted reserves and partial malfunctions on page 14 (FIRST)

29-66 WENDELL F. STEIN, for an article entitled "St. Croix Drop-In" which appeared on page 10 (FIRST)

30-66 JERRY SCHRIMSHER, for his report on "Jumping in New York" which appeared on page 18 (FIRST)

31-66 S/SGT. WILLIAM WINTERS, for reporting of the malfunction of Jerry Jensen on a Vietnam DZ, on page 11, and an article entitled "Jumping the Hard Way - In Vietnam", on page 18 (FIRST)

32-66 EDWARD J. VAN COMPERNOLLE, for a letter printed as the "Jumpmaster's Last Word" on page 20 (FIRST)

33-66 MIKE DAUBENSPECK, for an article concerning a "Guideline for Judges" on page 10 (FIRST)

34-66 RICK MILLER, for an article concerning the Funchess Fan Club, which appeared on page 10 (FIRST)

35-66 PHILLIP D. SMITH, for an article explaining a malfunction experienced on April 24, 1966, on page 11 (FIRST)

36-66 DAVID E. OLIVER, for an article explaining a malfunction experienced on March 23, 1966, on page 11 (FIRST)

37-66 WILLIAM C. BROWN, for an article explaining a malfunction experienced on a new PC, which appeared on page 11 (FIRST)

38-66 PAUL BRUDER, for an article explaining a malfunction on jump # 140, which appeared on page 11 (FIRST)

39-66 CAPT. DEAN S. FRAZIER, for an article concerning recommended reserve procedure on page 12 (FIRST)

40-66 JACK CHAPIN, for an article concerning recommended reserve deployment involving old-type capewells on page 13 (FIRST)

41-66 DON SHIRLEY, for an article concerning recommended reserve deployment involving old-type capewells on page 13 (FIRST)

42-66 DENIS J. SYMES, for an article concerning recommended reserve deployment on page 13 (FIRST)

### JULY 1966 ISSUE

43-66 JERRY SCHRIMSHER, for an article entitled "Drinking on the DZ" on page 8 (SECOND)

44-66 TOM SCHAPANSKI, for an article entitled "Words of a Champion" which appeared on page 2 as a Spotlight feature (FIRST)

45-66 JOHN RUCKMAN, for an article entitled "Are License Numbers Necessary" which appeared on page 2 and a comment on DZ-USA on page 6 (FIRST)

46-66 DON BOYLES for an article concerning guide-line elastic retainers on the PC on page 2 and a second article on a "Static-Line Front Reserve" on page 9 (FIRST)

47-66 RICK MILLER for his reporting and support of the KNFOADZITUSA Fan Club in the July and August issues, and an article on reserve procedure which appeared on page 9 (SECOND)

48-66 DAVID A. WILSON for reporting the news from Thailand and the Freedom Chuters on pages 3 and 15 of the July issue and short comments on page 2 and 7 of the August issue (FIRST)

49-66 JOHN THAXTER for a report of a malfunction he experienced over Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, which appeared on page 5 (FIRST)

50-66 C. KING PICKETT for his reporting and support of the KNFOADZITUSA Fan Club and a comment on page 6 (FIRST)



- 51-66 NEAL GRIFFITH for a report of a malfunction he experienced on his 99th jump, which appeared on page 5 (FIRST)
- 52-66 BILL DORROH for his article on an "Automatic Backpack Opener" which appeared on page 7 and received more favorable mail than any other safety feature previously appearing in DZ-USA (FIRST)
- 53-66 WILLIAM "BILL" HARDMAN for his comment on "number of jumps on a PC" on page 8 (FIRST)
- 54-66 CHARLES R. HUFFMAN for his article on reserve procedure and instruction which appeared on page 9 of the July issue (FIRST)
- 55-66 WILLIAM WINTERS for his article on reserve activation on page 9 (SECOND)
- 56-66 LARRY B. SCHEIBER for his views on reserve deployment on page 9 (FIRST)
- 57-66 TED PERRIN for a short comment on student-practice of reserves which appeared on page 9 (FIRST)
- 58-66 JERRY FETTEN for a short comment on the reserve question which appeared on page 9 (FIRST)
- 59-66 RICHARD S. BUSHHELL for his reports on the U. S. Army Team which appeared on page 10 of the July issue and on page 10 of the August issue (FIRST)
- 60-66 CAPT. DEAN FRAZIER for his article on cut-aways which appeared on page 11 of the July issue and a report of a malfunction he experienced on his 405th jump, on page 5 of the August issue (SECOND)

#### AUGUST 1966 ISSUE

- 61-66 CHARLES LEEK for a comment on the jumping in his area, which appeared on page 2 (FIRST)
- 62-66 JACK DEMME for his reporting on the KNFOADZITUSA Fan Club as evidenced by his open letter on page 2, and his views on reserve deployment and procedure on page 9 (SECOND)
- 63-66 BOB POPE, for a report on jumping conditions in Iceland which appeared on page 3 (FIRST)
- 64-66 JUNIOR REED for a report of club activities (Naval Air Station Memphis), appearing on page 3, and a question on a possible method of avoiding hazards by use of a reserve on page 7 (FIRST)
- 65-66 BILL OTTLEY for a timely report on the U. S. Team's departure to Europe, appearing on page 3, and various news items appearing in the August issue (SECOND)
- 66-66 BOB HULSEY for his amusing answers to a DZ-USA Quiz, and appearing on page 2 (FIRST)
- 67-66 RICHARD HANNA for a report of a malfunction he experienced over Benton, Kansas on a new PC, which appeared on page 4 (FIRST)
- 68-66 DAN POYNTER for his article entitled "The Magnificent Packing Machine - Part II" which appeared on page 6 (SECOND)
- 69-66 DAVE HENSON for his article on dual pilot chutes which appeared on page 7, and his views on reserve deployment on page 9 (FIRST)
- 70-66 SAM WILSON for his views on reserve deployment and procedure which appeared on page 7 (FIRST)
- 71-66 JACK B. SHELLEY for his article on cloth-extensions which appeared on page 7 (FIRST)
- 72-66 JERRY SCHRIMSHER for his articles "Jumping in Michigan" and "Jumping in Minnesota" in the August and September issues (THIRD)
- 73-66 HARRY HAWTHORNE for his views on the reserve procedure controversy, which appeared on page 9 (FIRST)
- 74-66 JOE A. VROMAN for a report of a malfunction he experienced on his 21st jump, and appearing on page 9 (FIRST)
- 75-66 THOMAS MURRAY for his article entitled "Another Jumping Family" concerning the Chapmans, and appearing on page 11 (FIRST)
- 76-66 LEE WALKER for his Meet Editorial on the Clarksville Jaycee Skydiving Meet, August 27-28, which appeared on page 15 (FIRST)
- 77-66 PAUL LA ZARRUS for his "Tribute to JM's" which appeared on page 16 as the "Jumpmaster's Last Word" (FIRST)

#### SEPTEMBER ISSUE

- 78-66 JERRY MONTGOMERY for his two-part article entitled "The Press and Skydiving" which appeared in the September and October issues on page 2 of those issues (FIRST)
- 79-66 EDWARD KIMBLE for his article entitled "Something to Think About" which appeared on page 8 as the "Jumpmaster's Last Word" (FIRST)
- 80-66 MICHAEL MAKULOWICH for his article on the U.S. Army Parachute Team's replacement problem which appeared on page 11 (FIRST)
- 81-66 GERRY RYBURN for a comment concerning the jumping situation in Vietnam which appeared on page 8, and his report entitled "War is Hell" on page 13 (FIRST)
- 82-66 BEACHCOMBER'S SPC for their Meet Editorial on the Annual Get-Together Meet, 20 August 1966, held in Milton, Florida and which appeared on page 15 (FIRST)
- 83-66 JACK LANKFORD for his cartoons which appeared in six issues of DZ-USA during the year of 1966 and which expressed a very necessary part of skydiving: the all-important ingredient called humor (FIRST)
- 84-66 CHARLES MAC CRONE for his article concerning the U. S. Team in Europe which was written for the SPC Newsletter and stolen by DZ-USA, which appeared on page 3 (FIRST)
- 85-66 BILL DORROH for his reporting and support of the KNFOADZITUSA Fan Club, one such article appearing on page 5, and his Meet Editorial of the Georgia State Championship Meet on page 15 (SECOND)
- 86-66 DAVID WILSON for his article on "Jumping Out of the Ordinary" which appeared on page 5 and his comment concerning his club, "The Freedom Chuters", on page 6 (SECOND)

#### OCTOBER 1966 ISSUE

- 87-66 MAC MC CRAW for his article "A Message to Jumpmasters" which appeared in the "Spotlight" section of DZ-USA on page 3 (FIRST)
- 88-66 PAT WORKS for his article taken from a letter to Gus Anagnostis and concerning high altitude jumps, which appeared on page 3 under the title "Considering a High One?" (FIRST)
- 89-66 GUS ANAGNOSTIS for his safety message concerning high altitude jumps which was taken from a letter to the Dallas Skydivers, Inc., and appearing on page 3 under the title "Considering a High One?" (FIRST)
- 90-66 BOB DRAKE for his open letter to the Tulsa Tribune concerning the death of an 11-year-old in Virginia, and which appeared on page 5 under the title "Why Did This One Happen?" (FIRST)
- 91-66 HARRY HAWTHORNE for his article entitled "Then I Made My Second Jump" which appeared on page 8 (SECOND)
- 92-66 JIMMY F. GODWIN for being responsible for the only biography ever printed in DZ-USA which was both interesting and beneficial to all jumpers in general, and which appeared on page 13 (FIRST)

#### NOVEMBER 1966 ISSUE

- 93-66 DAN TRUE for his article on "Considering a New Jump Plane?" which appeared on page 2 (FIRST)
- 94-66 NORMAN HEATON for his safety comment which appeared on page 3 under "A Note from NEH" and his personal support of DZ-USA throughout the year of 1966 (FIRST)
- 95-66 ROBERT KREIGH for his article entitled "The First Signs of Trouble" which appeared on page 3 and his continued reporting of his sons' activities (SECOND)
- 96-66 LYLE CAMERON, Sky Diver Magazine, for his comment on the Nationals on page 4 and his personal support of DZ-USA during the year of 1966 (FIRST)
- 97-66 TOM SCHAPANSKI for his comment concerning his injury in France which appeared on page 4 and for his many photographs and personal support of DZ-USA during the year of 1966 (SECOND)
- 98-66 ROY DOWNING for a report of a malfunction he experienced on 25 August 1966, and which appeared on page 5 (FIRST)
- 99-66 ED CLUCAS for his report of the "Hot-Dog Club" which appeared on page 9 of the November issue and the rules for the Club which appeared on page 11 of the December issue (FIRST)
- 100-66 ED DOREY for his article concerning the PCA Elections and his support of Bill Ottley which appeared on page 11 and for his personal support of DZ-USA during 1966 (FIRST)



- 101-66 ED McINTYRE for his article entitled "Another Salute to a JM" which appeared on page 13 under Jumpmaster's Last Word (FIRST)
- DECEMBER 1966 ISSUE
- 102-66 LYLE CAMERON, Sky Diver Magazine, for his article entitled "About That Newspaper Reporter . . ." which appeared on page 3 (SECOND)
- 103-66 TREVOR M. BURNS, "Australian Skydiver Journal", for his article on "Jumping the PTCH-6" which appeared on page 3 and for his personal support of DZ-USA by exchanging news from Australia, such news being reprinted on pages 2 and 12 of the December issue of DZ-USA (FIRST)
- 104-66 BOB WESTENHEFFER for his safety message "Points to Ponder" which appeared on page 5
- 105-66 BOB BECK for his views on reserve deployment which appeared on page 5 and entitled "Clear Up the Confusion" (FIRST)
- 106-66 GERRY KELLY for his views on the Para-Commander which appeared on page 8 and was entitled "East is East and West is West" (FIRST)
- 107-66 JERRY SCHRIMSHER for his article "Drinking on the DZ" which appeared in the November issue and "Jumping in Ohio" which appeared in the December issue of DZ-USA (FOURTH)
- 108-66 DON BOYLES for his safety tip entitled "The Air Force Method on Reserves" which appeared on page 12 of the December issue and for his personal support of DZ-USA during 1966 (SECOND)

### "PULL-IT-HER" PRIZE WINNERS

The female-type jumpers aren't too talkative but percentage-wise they held their own. I only wish they would take up more space in DZ-USA and let their views be known. But for a few, the stories from the gals would have been non-existent. The following, however, did take the time to write in and even though the list is small, it is impressive:

#### FEBRUARY ISSUE

- 1-66 LINDA THOMAS, for an article entitled "Linda Leaps" in the "First Jumps" section on page 4 (First Award)
- 2-66 NORMA THAXTER, for an article entitled "The Water is Fine" in the "Believe It or Not" section on page 4 (First Award)

#### APRIL ISSUE

- 3-66 LINDA THOMAS, for a poem concerning her back injury, which appears on page 5 (Second Award)
- 4-66 PAM BANTA, for a first jump story entitled "A Very Good Rep" in the "First Jumps" section on page 7 (First Award)
- 5-66 DOLORES KOBRETZ, for a poem entitled "A Mother of Three" which appears in the "Ladies' Spot" on page 2 (First Award)

#### MAY ISSUE

- 6-66 JEAN COUSINS, for her letters concerning equipment and meet procedures for women competitors, appearing on pages 2 and 3 (FIRST)
- 7-66 BARBARA FINNIGAN, for her questions on jumpers (male-type), which appeared in the "Ladies' Spot" on page 4 (FIRST)
- 8-66 PAT DECK, for her part in a joint-effort article defending the female-type jumper, which appeared on page 4 (FIRST)
- 9-66 SUE CLARK, for her part in a joint-effort article defending the female-type jumper, which appeared on page 4 (FIRST)

#### JULY ISSUE

- 10-66 PRISSIE RICHE for her reporting and support of the KNFOADZITUSA Fan Club and a comment which appeared on page 6 (FIRST)
- 11-66 JEAN COUSINS for her answer to the "Anonymous Girl Jumper" which appeared on page 7 (SECOND)
- 12-66 BETTY FRAZIER for her reporting of club news which appeared on page 3 (FIRST)

#### AUGUST 1966 ISSUE

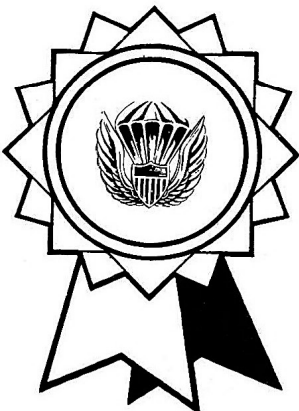
- 13-66 KATHY JOHNSON for a report of a malfunction she experienced on July 7th 1966, and her reporting of club activities in the Colorado area via the Colorado Sport Parachute Council Newsletter (malfunction on page 5) (FIRST)

#### SEPTEMBER 1966 ISSUE

- 14-66 MARTHA HUDDLESTON for her article on the U. S. Team in Bulgaria and which was taken from a letter to the Dallas Skydivers, Inc., which appeared on page 3 (FIRST)
- 15-66 JO ANN GREEN for her report of her first jump which was entitled "Forget Something?" and appeared on page 4 (FIRST)
- 16-66 "GERTRUDE SLAPFINGER" DORROH for her open letter to Noel Funchess and which appeared on page 5 under "From KNFOADZITUSA HDQRTS" (FIRST)

#### NOVEMBER 1966 ISSUE

- 17-66 LORI MEILE for her efforts in making the Omaha Sky Divers Newsletter possible, thereby affording DZ-USA a chance to "cop" articles such as "Close Is An Understatement" which appeared on page 5 of the November 1966 issue; and for her personal support of DZ-USA during the year of 1966. (FIRST)
- 18-66 DOROTHY CARTER for her reporting of club news in the Albuquerque area and the article "A New in Albuquerque" which appeared on page 9. (FIRST)



### ABOUT THE CERTIFICATES

"Thank you for the "Pull-it-Her" Prize thing, It's really cute . . . Prissie Riche, Hammond, Louisiana" "Gollygee!! Your letter was so complimentary and just plain "nice", it ought to be framed . . . no kiddin'. Again, the pleasure is mine in receiving the certificate . . . Jean M. Cousins, Oakland, California" "I was pleased to become a "Pull-it-Sir" Prize winner. I looked through the envelope for the \$100,000 check, which usually accompanies awards of this nature. I guess you just overlooked it, and will probably send it along soon. All

kidding aside, I sure got a jar out of it . . . Bob Hulsey, Amarillo, Texas" "I received your certificate for my August article. I was very pleased that you would take such action . . . Capt. Sam Wilson, Augusta, Georgia" "I was surprised to get the "Pull-it-Her" award. I feel honored and am really tickled with it . . . Kathie Johnson, Lakewood, Colorado" "Received your most welcome (and was I surprised) award. It was just another one of your many ways of showing your consideration for even the smallest contribution. This will be one of my proudest possessions . . . Ed Van Compernelle, Independence, Missouri".



## REFLECTIONS ON JUMPING IN EUROPE

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It occurs to me that lots of jumping type folks would like to know what members of this years U. S. Parachute Team saw while jumping in Europe, and what the haps are "over there". The facts and flicks of the U. S. Team have been reported in other mags; here I shall talk of the many interesting, and sometimes even important, sidelights of the trip. You decide which are important.

We competed against and spent a great deal of bad weather time with jumpers from Austria, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria, and Russia. Behind those funny looking rigs, what are they like? Actually, all were really quite friendly; eager to converse; and enjoy recreating just as American sky-divers do. They were as curious about us and our gear as we were about them.

The food, as you may have heard, was poor tasting by American standards, particularly in the State run mess hall in Bulgaria. Most meals were low in protein: no meat, milk, or eggs. Would you believe a raw onion and a pepperoni for breakfast??? Even a stale "radar sandwich" would be preferable.

The poor quality of the food was eclipsed only by the judging, unfortunately. Our representative, on the judging staff, Cameron, was the only judge in close enough to call the accuracy strikes reliably. Dead centers were issued for plowing up the disc regardless of whether the strike was actually heel short or not! As a result of this type of judging, the other competitors foot work on the reach for the plate was really poor as compared to the USA Team. All those who complained about the infamous sniveling calls at last years Nationals should realize that these calls were in reality an excellent training aid. And the only way to call an accuracy event is as close as human judgement will allow. For the increased effort and improved performance our competitors are indebted to Chief Zappo himself, Lyle Cameron.

The wind limit in Bulgaria was 13 mph, which was strictly enforced, much to our displeasure. One little puff over 13 and everyone quickly found something other than parachuting to be of immediate and absorbing interest. I sadistically wished to see the other competitors jump as we do in the Midwest, with a stiff 18-22 mph, spotting 2 miles away and aiming downwind at 5 meters of gravel surrounded by hard ground! But then again, does the best accuracy jumper emerge from this type of crash and burn festivals? Not at all.

Since the only way to be consistantly accurate with the canopies available today is via the downwind shot, accuracy really shouldn't be conducted over 13 mph and very probably not over 10 mph.

Too many meets turn out to be a contest of physical endurances for the winners and hospital time for the losers. Accuracy should be a contest of spotting, precise canopy manipulation, and practiced judgement. NOT a crash and burn festival. This is particularly true for the weekend jumper; those who have seen plaster; the old duds who enjoy competition; and anyone, who for reasons of family and job, just can't afford injury. Other solutions? Sure. Why not have bonus points for stand-up landings, or score only stand-ups? The ultimate accuracy jump is a one foot stand-up on an outline of your foot print.

The target in Bulgaria had canvas cross-arms. Huge, heavy canvass cross-arms! Oh well. Just before jump run, up to the minute meteorological conditions, including accurate wind readings at all altitudes important to the jump, were radioed to the aircraft. Wind was checked constantly while each canopy approached. Just try convincing the judge you caught a gust with that system.

Jumpers from the Iron Curtain countries were spotted by their captain during individual accuracy. Some went without helmets cause they just didn't have them. Jumpsuits other than ours were either non-existent or aerodynamically so poor as to be completely ineffective.

After the water event, our team as well as the three Austrians, took care to dry the rigs. Everyone else just packed up for the next day's jumping. They seemed mildly amused at our carefully washing out the salt water and drying the canopies. (But then, they don't own their own gear.)

Reserves had assistor pockets sewn around outside their apex! It looked as if a small-top pilot chute had been installed in the apex but without the spring. In other words, some of the extra boost needed to lift the apex on a reserve deployment would be provided by these pockets, but with less danger of entanglement, should the reserve be deployed under a malfunction. Less danger that is, than with a separate pilot chute attached to the reserve. Sounds good for student rigs and where a break-away is not made.

Many imitations of the Pioneer PC were seen, but none measured up. We still have the best canopy flying in the Para-Commander.

What were the Russians like? Well, they were generally more reserved than the other foreign competitors; friendly when befriended, but not out-going. Their training and competition evidently is a very serious business to them. Remember it is only during recent Olympics that the Russian athletes have been allowed to mingle with the free world athletes. I suppose there was some extra rivalry between Russians and the U.S. Team, but in reality politics were never discussed among the competitors. What-

ever we felt about wanting to best the Russian Team, because they did so well at the World Meet (which we did not attend), was fairly insignificant, particularly as compared to such historic sports struggles as the Russian-Hungarian water polo match after the Hungarian uprising. It would probably take something of that magnitude to cause jumpers to carry on any personal vendetta. The international fellowship of parachutists and all that . .

The Russians all wore KAP-3 automatic back pack openers! We were mildly amused at that, and I asked Viadimir Burdukov why he used one. He simply said, "Even though I have 3000 free falls, it is a rule of my country, and I follow it." It must be remembered that the Party Line is against risk of life in sport, and all you have to do is look at the fatality reports of U.S. parachuting to see that the automatic opener is a dandy way to prevent many, many fatalities from ever occuring. Danger is not allowed in Soviet sports; no car racing, no motor-cycle racing, no mountaineering, and no free-falling without a reliable automatic opener to make sure the pack gets opened on time.

On the other hand, the Party Line favors teams and team work, logically enough, and the government supports the parachute centers with aircraft, fuel complete training and equipment. But don't get the idea all this subsidation is out strictly to beat everyone in parachuting, or at the Olympics, for propaganda purposes. Athletics are supported extensively in the Iron Curtain countries in order to stage high quality contests which are a tremendous outlet for the energies of the masses, which might otherwise be released in some manner not in harmony with the State wishes.

You say you want to defect to get all those free leaps and goodies? Forget it! There is no fun jumping, only training. They couldn't conceal their amazement at free-fall flicks of relative work and fun and games in the air over the good old USA.

And then there's the Bulgarians who when they wish to express the affirmative, wag their head horizontally, and when they want to say "no" shake their head up and down. That custom was almost as curious as the Bulgarian competitors who never jumped without their 29¢ shower togs tucked firmly under their reserve bungies.(?)

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*"Do it safely"*

*—before it's too late*





*"Gene" Hunnell, "Pops Place", Indiantown, Florida, December 1966. Photo by Pat Meiron; printed and processed by Tom Schapanski.*

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