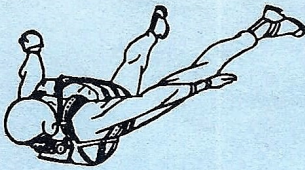


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FRESH VIEWS

THE PRESS & SKYDIVING PART 1 OF 2 PARTS

The following is a little off the beaten track in regard to skydiving news and activities, but I believe it bears telling. It is a letter from Jerry Montgomery, Staff Writer for the St. Paul Dispatch, St. Paul, Minnesota, and although it is written in all sincerity, I am sure Jerry isn't completely aware of the injustices frequently suffered by skydivers because of a free press and, in some instances, "sensationalism" type stories just to sell newspapers (at our expense). Anyway, here is his side, and as I said, I am sure he is sincere in his opinion:

"After reading DZ-USA last night, I think your readers might profit by knowing how they can improve their standing with their local newspapers and other mass media. Really, all it takes is some attention to a few basic points of public relations and common sense. First of all, word one will not get into print about a local skydiving club or clubs if the newspapers never hear from them. Unless the club members make a point of announcing their existence, they will continue to be viewed by the passing public as some strange breed of thrill-seekers. Each club should have at least two people who are press representatives for the club. It should be their job to visit the newspaper and broadcast media offices, to say "hello" and to offer to explain skydiving as a safe sport, not a thrills business. After writing about skydiving for the past three years, I am convinced that most people do not know enough about it in order to admit that it is a sport. Therefore, the clubs have a missionary job to do in educating the public about skydiving. Left untouched, the average stereotype of a skydiver is the same as the image of World War II paratroopers (an image too gruesome to describe in detail).

In fact, my active interest in skydiving is the result of a visit to our offices by a local club representative. Not only did I write a story on the sport, but I followed that up with a front page spread about my first jump. Since then, I have written a number of big and little stories about skydiving . . . enough to spur the other media in the Twin Cities to begin to pay some attention to this fast-growing sport.

There are only a handful of meets held in this area each year, but even those go generally unnoticed because the clubs involved do not know how to publicize the events. If they know, they certainly do not do anything about it. In fact, only one meet was brought to my attention this year, but this was second-hand information and too late to do anything about it. Yet our executive sports editor said he would have covered the meet if someone had only called to tell him about it a few days in advance.

Clubs should not be surprised if occasionally they are the subjects of a major feature story. Nor should they be heard complaining if only a couple of paragraphs are devoted to their upcoming meet or exhibition

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jump. No one can ever predict how much space will be available or what other events will be competing with a parachuting story for space in the paper. Skydiving clubs should expect no special treatment and take their publicity chances like everyone else clamoring for space in the news columns. Although I would say jumpers stand a 2-to-1 chance of making it over most of the other drivel that comes into the news room."

Editor's Note: And so far, I agree. However, this is a two part story and next month we will print Jerry's views on the reporting of jump fatalities and the clubs concerned. In the meantime, Jerry has pointed up some excellent ideas in how to improve our image to the public and I would like to see more clubs benefit from the wisdom of his words.

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"POPS" PLACE HAS MOVED

To all the jump bums and hundreds of just plain jumpers who have visited (or will visit, especially) "Pops" Place at Clewiston, this is a special announcement. South Florida Parachute, Inc., is now located at Indiantown, Florida. Indiantown is 30 miles west of West Palm Beach, Florida, and 15 miles west of the Florida turnpike on State Road 710. The mailing address is P.O. Box 246 (Circle T Ranch), Indiantown, Florida 33456 and the phone is AC 305, 597-2736. As Popenhagen puts it, "The facilities are much better than at Clewiston and much more accessible to Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, etc. The winter meet is still on for this year per usual and details will be printed in DZ-USA as soon as they are complete."

SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS ON THE U.S. TEAM

The U.S. Team is back (most of them arriving the last week of September) with the exception of Tom Schapanski who is due back soon, after his hospitalization in France. The results of the Bulgarian Meet and the French Meet were as follows:

Bulgarian Meet, 2nd Golden Sands Cup, Varna, Bulgaria:

Individual Accuracy (2 jumps)

- Men:** 1) Todor Popov, Bulgaria
2) Kolyo Totev, Bulgaria
3) Vatslav Klima, Czech

- Women:** 1) Tatyana Voynova, USSR
2) Martine Durbin, USA
3) Zdena Zaribnitzka, Czech

Water Jump (1 jump):

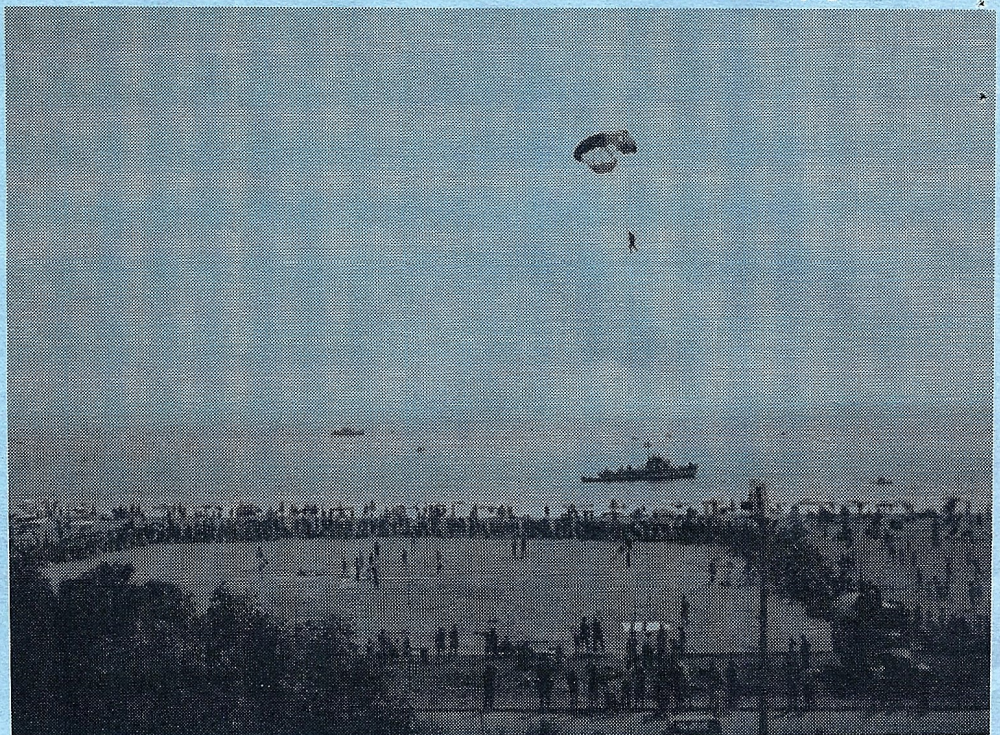
- Men:** 1) Vladimir Gumi, USSR
2) Vladimir Burdukov, USSR
3) Kush Rishard, Poland

- Women:** 1) Valentina Seliverstova, USSR
2) Alexandra Chmelnitzka, USSR
3) Martine Durbin, USA
tie) Aneshka Zuberska, Czech

Overall Individual:

- Men:** 1) Todor Popov, Bulgaria
2) Vladimir Burdukov, USSR
3) Roy Johnson, USA
- Women:** 1) Valentina Seliverstova, USSR
2) Martine Durbin, USA
3) Tatyana Voynova, USSR

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One of the Russian canopies closing on the very small target at Varna, Bulgaria. Photo by Dan Poynter.

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Team Event (2 jumps):

- Men: 1) USSR, 0.27 (4 men)
- 2) USA, 3.55 (4 men)
- 3) CZEK, 5.23 (4 men)

- Women: 1) BULG, #1, 10.05 (3 women)
- 2) USSR, 10.64 (3 women)
- 3) POLAND, 11.33 (3 women)

Overall Team:

- Men: 1) USSR
- 2) CZEK
- 3) BULG. #1
- 4) USA

- Women: 1) USSR
- 2) BULG. #1
- 3) CZEK
- 4) USA

Demo Jump: Men only:

- 1) CZEK
- 2) USA
- 3) BULG.

One of the prizes for the first place is "two weeks in the beautiful resort city of Varna". The current joke goes something like, God, I hope I don't win!"



MARTHA HUDDLESTON

We have made two jumps in the four days. Part of it is weather and part of it is the most incredible bit of nonsense I ever saw. They are really being venturesome if they jump in anything more than 8 mph winds. The DZ is equipped with a very delicate wind guage and if one gust goes above 6 (they measure wind in meter/second and 6 is the maximum or about 13 mph) jumping is called. Today there was about an hour in the morning which we would call marginal. The rest was beautiful and 15 whole jumps were made.

The officials here are afraid to make a decision. They wait until they see what the Russians want and then they start the wheels rolling. Then nothing happens for awhile and everybody loads up for a 45-minute break-neck bus ride back to the airport.

The DZ is a beach about two-thirds as wide as Watts, Texas DZ. On one side is the Black Sea, and there is 1,000 miles of it. The winds come in from the sea, and friend, it takes guts to spot long. Usually, only the last 60 yards or so are over land. I cry a lot when I'm spotting.

We really enjoy socializing with the other jumpers. So far, the Poles are my favorite. Another pastime is comparing equipment.



BOBBY LETBETTER

ABOUT THE COVER

Now, let's see. Where is the DZ? Bill Edwards, Elsinore instructor over the Elsinore, California DZ. Photo by Tom Schapanski, 1966 National Accuracy Champion.

These people are no slouches at making things. The Russian chute is sort of a PC with a TU type window. I've only seen them one afternoon, but overall we were not impressed. What is interesting is the Czech PC. In design, it is virtually identical to ours. It is a little larger (7 square feet larger) and is made of 1.6 ripstop. The apex is only pulled about half as low and they are much more stable on turns. We are told that they will hold in a 12 mph wind, but I seriously doubt it. They haven't shown us much speed. Brakes are very ineffective. A stall on it is much less radical than ours, and it isn't really a stall . . . just a fast sink. 75% of the people here are jumping them and they are good chutes, whatever they are.

From here, our plans are to fly back to Frankfort, Germany, for a week of practice (courtesy of the Air Force), however, I'm not at all convinced that this meet will be completed."

Martha Huddleston

Next is an article stolen from the "CPC Newsletter" written by Chuck MacCrone, who accompanied the U.S. Team to Europe:

"Much was learned on this trip. It wouldn't have been too bad had the travel schedule been less hectic. Also, we have all been spoiled by stateside meet organization. Friends, they just don't do it that way over yonder. The best description of the Bulgarian meet is "rinky-dink". The results were disappointing, needless to say. This is not an attempt to alibi for the Team but I will say that I'm glad I wasn't a competitor. It's hard to do your best when the deck is stacked. Organization, technical conditions, living conditions . . . blah! After three days, we all felt as though we had been there at least two weeks and looked forward to only one thing . . . getting back in the west. It took eight days and you've never seen a happier bunch of jumpers. One bright spot was the performance of Martine Durbin, and she actually did better than the results show. Stacked deck again.

Following our escape, we were guests for a week and a half of the U.S. Army at the Grenadier Kaserne, just outside Ludwigsburg, Germany. We were billeted with the "Sky Eagles" club house and fed in the chow hall. Transportation was provided each day to the DZ and an H-34 chopper to jump from. At the end of this stay, we were provided with a 42-passenger bus and drivers for the trip to Vichy."

Chuck MacCrone
Eastern Conference Director

So much for the Bulgarian Meet. The Vichy results were almost completely in our favor and went like this:

**FRENCH INTERNATIONAL MEET,
VICHY, FRANCE**

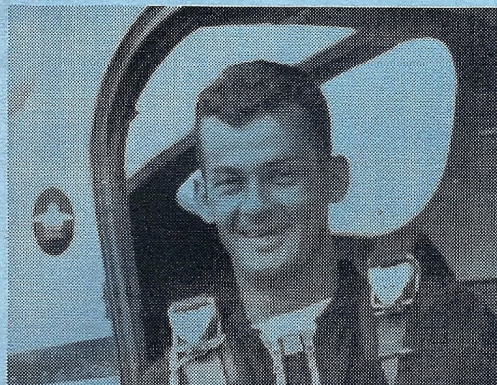
Individual Accuracy:

- Men: 1) Letbetter, USA
- 2) Harman, USA
- 3) Rode, France

- Women: 1) Bera, France
- 2) Laffitte, France
- 3) Blanchard, France

Style:

- Men: 1) Johnson, USA
- 2) Harman, USA
- 3) Letbetter, USA



Roy Johnson

The following is excerpts from letters by Martha Huddleston and Chuck MacCrone on the Bulgarian Meet and meet conditions: The first is Martha's:

"We flew here on a Bulgarian Airlines (Russian plane), about the size of a DC-7. Very plain inside and smelled like a dirt cellar. The pilot was a woman. We began to get an idea of what Bulgarian life is like when they served a perfectly horrible meal. Then we stopped at the largest airport in the country at Sophia. Greater Southwest, Texas Airport is busier. The building is old and in bad repair. I think the Johns are a prototype one step up from a two-holer . . . but they smelled like a two-holer just the same.

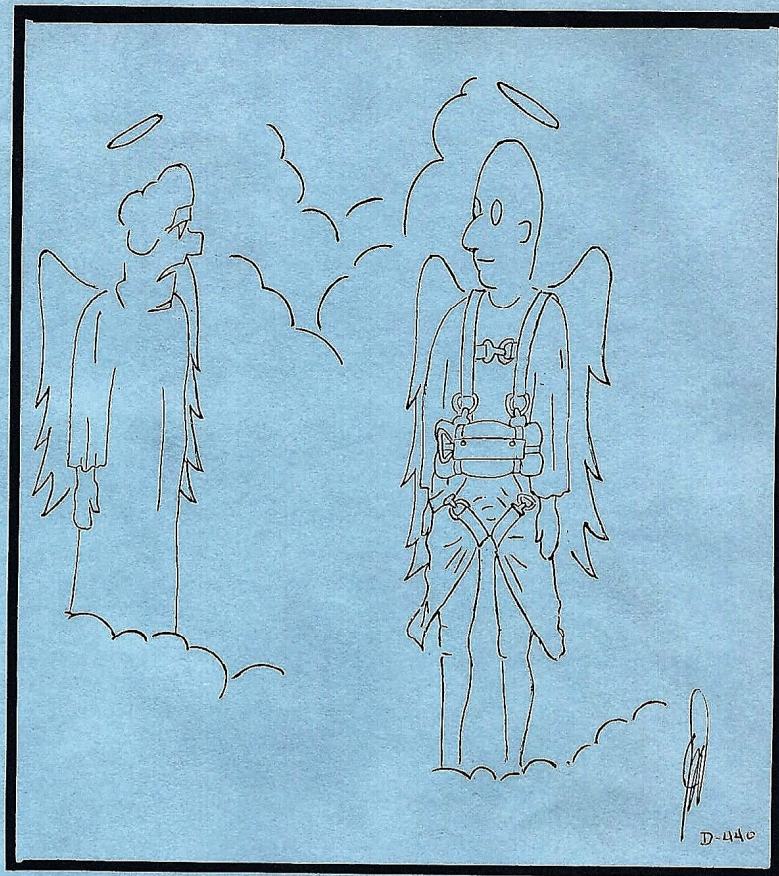
The landing here was interesting. Since there is no air traffic, they don't bother with landing patterns . . . just straight in. The let-down was so gradual no one was aware we were about to land. The seat belt and no smoking signs were not lit or anything. Just a sudden bump. Rather startling.

We didn't go through customs here, either. Then we took the first of many bus rides 17 kilometers to the hotel. We have decided that this is one of the very few places in the world where you can stay in a luxury hotel and feel like you're camping out. The hotel has two neat elevator shafts but no cars. The place is very new . . . just finished in July.

Breakfast is a small portion of continental food and then weiners, tomatoes, onions and hot mustard. Arg!! Lunch and dinner are served four, very hilly, blocks away. We have occasional passable meals, but most of it is just sickening. Hungry all the time.



Elkhorn, Nebraska on July 3rd, 1966.
 Jerry Tyson, D-202, bellying (?) in at the St.
 John's Meet. Photo by Tom Copenhaver,
 Hutchinson, Kansas.



Cartoons by Jack Lankford, Dallas, Texas

You mean PCA says we have to wear one up here too?

PERSONAL NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

To Pete Pedersen, D-650, Dallas, Texas: Thanks for the subscription even though I spelled your name wrong in the June issue and once again in the July issue. From now on, it will be "sen" and not "son".

To Barbara Smith (who says she should be known as "Occupant" for that is the only mail she ever receives), Dallas, Texas: My sincere apologies for calling you Susan in the June issue and a second apology to the Smith family for not mentioning they were from Dallas. Several subscribers asked where the jumping family lived.

To Shari Barlow, wherever you are: Congratulations on your appearance in "Show-down", a television panel show, and your plugs for skydiving. I couldn't adjust my set well enough to see the other two names of your fellow jumpers, but would appreciate hearing from any of you.

To Jerry Mathwig, D-57, who recently was transferred by his company to the Wichita area: "Welcome to the land of high winds and low jump fees. With your friends including Jim Arender, D-13, and Doug Williams, D-58, we feel as though we have a celebrity to rub elbows with."

Jerry was a member of the U.S. Army Team (way back when) and was on the 1960 U.S. Team. Stories covering both are forthcoming, although I haven't told Jerry yet.

To Ed Dorey, D-241, the newest candidate for GoldWings by passing the 1000 mark. Ed was one of the first subscribers to "DZ-USA" and made over 200 jumps since his first issue arrived in January. Congratulations, Ed.

PARACHUTISTS OVER PHORTY-UNITE!!

If you're getting -

- (a) a little grey
- (b) a little bald
- (c) a little paunchy
- (d) a little ache in the back

And, if you're having difficulty

- (a) making dead centers
- (b) packing
- (c) with downwind landings
- (d) becoming a Pope or Cardinal

And, if you want to

- (a) promote fun in parachuting for men over 40
- (b) promote safety in parachuting for all

And if you are a member in good standing in the PCA, then unite and join the "POPS"—
PARACHUTISTS OVER PHORTY.

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Send your name and address, age, PCA number, club affiliation and license number to:

Lenny Barad
 1000 Washington Avenue
 St. Louis, Missouri 63101

You will receive:

1. A POPS canvas name tape to be worn on your jumpsuit;
2. An emblem (at cost) showing our mascot, "Father Time", in a parachute;
3. A list of names of all other POPS; and
4. An announcement of any meetings, dinners, competitions or get-togethers.

The membership at present already has 27 members (4 D's, 8 C's, 3 B's, and 12 A's).

**FIRST JUMPS
 S/L**

FORGET SOMETHING??

Jump off a table and roll! Jump off a table and roll! Just jump in the air and roll, but practice those PLF's! And of course, practice the emergency count and the correct procedure for getting out of the aircraft. So I did practice for two months until the Iowa weather was finally good enough for my first jump.

My brother Ron and I went up August 2 at Northwood, Iowa for my first jump and his 153rd. Somehow, even with the extra 50 pounds I made it out the door and into my stable position at Ron's signal. We decided earlier that the easiest thing for me to do would be to give a good cheerleading jump complete with the arched back. So I jumped at 2800 feet with a "Yea Team Fight" and was on my way down.

We had a big beautiful oats field as a target. Ron jumped immediately after me and I was to keep my canopy pointed toward him to the DZ. However, Ron caught his reserve handle on the aircraft door on the way out, so we both came down in the adjoining cornfield.

The trip down convinced me that no one can ever explain how wonderful parachuting actually is. I remembered (surprisingly) to turn into the wind before landing and all of a sudden I was standing in the midst of all that corn. That's right . . . a stand up landing! So what was my first thought upon landing? Oh my gosh! I forgot to roll!

*Jo Ann Green, Age 20
 Thompson, Iowa*

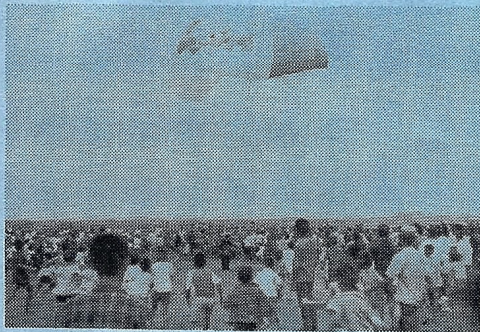
CLUB NEWS

JUMPING OUT OF THE ORDINARY

All of us from the "Freedom Chuters" here in Takhli, Thailand would like to say, "We are here and we are jumping". Just being here is quite an experience and jumping over here is twice as exciting. Man, you should see our DZ's... either rice paddies or jungle. When we give spotting corrections, we talk in terms of "paddies to the right" or "paddies to the left". It has even occurred to us to give our students survival training, just in case they miss the target. Seriously, our problem now is finding aircraft to take us up. They are few and far between, but when they come we usually hit the jackpot with a C47 or a Carribou. You can't beat them for putting out the whole club on one lift. Our jump suits are similar to the one fashioned in the snap



and the citizenry of the spectators is shown in the other photo. We are still making demonstration jumps and some altitude jumps. We have several Thailand records and the sky



is the limit. As we see it, we have a bright and happy future awaiting us. We only hope we can be instrumental in forwarding the great sport of skydiving here in Thailand. In closing, we would like to say, "We have only begun to jump". P.S. We extend an open invitation to anyone who might happen to drop-in. The Freedom Chuters SPC welcomes all new-comers anytime we have an aircraft. You all drop-in. Just look up David Wilson, D-1144, or Lewis Paproski, or Richard Nicholal, if you're in the area.

Moving?

Change your address in advance

FROM KNFOADZITUSA HDQRTS

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the K.N.F.O.A.D.Z.I.T.U.S.A. (Keep Noel Funchess Off Any Drop Zone In The United States of America) drive has been an immeasurable success. Concerned citizens have answered the call from near and far. Not many contributions but many calls. However, I feel it only fair to present both sides and as a result, I am enclosing a letter and photo received here at KNFOADZITUSA Headquarters.

Bill Dorroh,
Atlanta, Georgia

And here is that letter:

Dear Noel:

I want you to know that I am on your side, and that majority opinion is not always the just one. Having taken all matters into consideration, I feel that MARRIAGE will solve all your problems and return you to society as a whole being. In fact, you can be known as "Noel, the Whole". Enclosed is my photograph:



My statistics are 35-12-36 (biceps, foot size, calves). I have been jumping for three years and soon hope to have my "A" license. The members of my club have informed me that you would be happy to pay all my meet fees, so I hope to be with you at all the meets. Transportation will be no problem, as the club voted to purchase a one-way bus ticket for me. Hoping to see you soon, I am

Forever yours,
Gertrude Slapfinger

Editor's Note: This could be the biggest movement in Georgia since Civil-Rights. I'll try to keep you informed.

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NOTICE TO EQUIPMENT COMPANIES

"DZ-USA" has given in on the maximum size of ads. Beginning with this issue, ads may be full page... however, the maximum number of ads per issue remains at six. If you are considering an ad with a growing publication ("DZ-USA" naturally), it would be to your benefit to make arrangements while the space is still available.

JUMPING IN MINNESOTA

Byline: Jerry Schrimsher, "DZ-USA" Reporter

Now I know why they have 10,000 lakes there are that many clouds and each is dumping rain. Although the state is "way up north", the jumping goes on regardless of the weather. I met one guy who had averaged a jump per day for the first five months, and you can't knock that for weekend action.

The state of Minnesota has laws requiring clubs, jump centers, DZ's, and training programs to be licensed, however, the laws are based almost 100% on PCA regulations and are practical.

Most of the jumpers are from the Twin City's area and there are three drop zones nearby. Stanton Airport is one of them, and is the home of the "Minnesota Sky Divers". When I approached their DZ, I was greeted with a big "hello" and informed that this was the "most safety-conscious club in the country". After spending three days with them, I was a believer. If I am asked to name the most safety-minded club, I still answer that Minnesota Sky Divers are #1 (including Dallas Sky Divers). The club was started in 1958 and has many "D's", many of whom have 700 to 900 jumps logged. Dick Wagaman, D-543, is the big gun on the DZ and is a great guy.

The ride up at Stanton is in a rented Cessna 180 (with a door). The DZ is about 100 acres of plowed ground with a pea-gravel bowl and, get this, a thirty goes for \$2.00 for club members and \$3.00 for visitors. There is also a small student-flying group and a soaring club but the field is ample for all three activities. There is an indoor and outside packing area and well situated. Most of the jumping is competition-type and not too much student training nor relative work is apparent.

Jerry Mathwig, D-57, is co-owner of a commercial center called "Twin Cities Sky Divers", which is located about two miles from Osceola, Wisconsin which is across the river. This is where most of the student training is accomplished for jumpers in the St. Paul, and nearby Minneapolis, area. A Cessna 182 is used and a thirty is \$4.09, with a sixty going for \$6.50. There are about twenty jumpers with four "D's" in the group. The runway is asphalt with a plowed target, and two indoor packing tables are available to keep chutes out of the rain. I didn't have a chance to observe the student training program but if it is the caliber of Jerry Mathwig and other jumpers in the club, it is outstanding.

The "University of Minnesota Sky Divers" jump at Monticello from a Cessna 180 into an 87-acre farm. This is a collegiate club and they have a favorable working relation with the University. The club is still less than a year old and about fifty persons have jumped so far. The rates are \$3.00 for a thirty, and \$4.00 for a sixty. Dave L. Turner, C-3264, is the president and Ed Dorey, D-241, is the advisor.

There are other clubs around the state, and if they are like the three I visited, it is a sure bet that the jumping in Minnesota is more than good.

See you next month where the jumping will be in Florida.

All special notices, such as meets, planned activities, invitationals, etc., are printed at no cost.

**THINGS YOU WILL NEVER,
NEVER HEAR IN THE JUMP WORLD**

“C” license holder to a student who is having stability problems: “Go ahead and put the first jump on my new PC. I’ll just use my old rag.”

Club Treasurer to a club member with money problems: “Don’t worry about paying for that last sixty. The club will take care of it, buddy.”

Ground-crew member to a student jumper who has just landed: “So what if you did step through the lines and invert your canopy. Go have a coke and I’ll straighten it out for you.”

“B” license holder to the hot-dog who is frantically looking for his ripcord: “Don’t worry about losing it. I won’t tell a soul that you dropped it on opening shock.”

ASO to jumper who opened at 600 feet for the second time that day: “Those things happen, old friend. Just don’t let it upset you and try not to do it next time.”

Plane-owner of a new Cessna 180 to local club president: “You can use it anytime you want and just pay me for the gas and oil. I’m not trying to get rich off jumpers.”

Norman Heaton to PCA applicant whose check was marked “Insufficient funds”: “Don’t give it a second thought, friend. I’ll take care of it out of my pocket and you needn’t bother about paying me back.”

Tom Schapanski to the editor of “DZ-USA” bulletin: “How about some pointers on accuracy, Gene? I could really use some help.”

(And as you read these, remember that they are statements you WILL NOT hear).

Lyle Cameron to a first jump student who is seeking advice: “And if you have the slightest doubt about your opening, get your reserve out as soon as possible. I always do.”

Parachute equipment company in a letter to a customer: “We are only charging jumpers the price we pay for cheapo’s, therefore, we are returning \$20 of your \$30 check.”

Non-jumping wife to jumper-husband who is pushing hard for his “D”: “Don’t worry about the money, dear. Just jump as often as you can and I’ll cut down on my spending.”

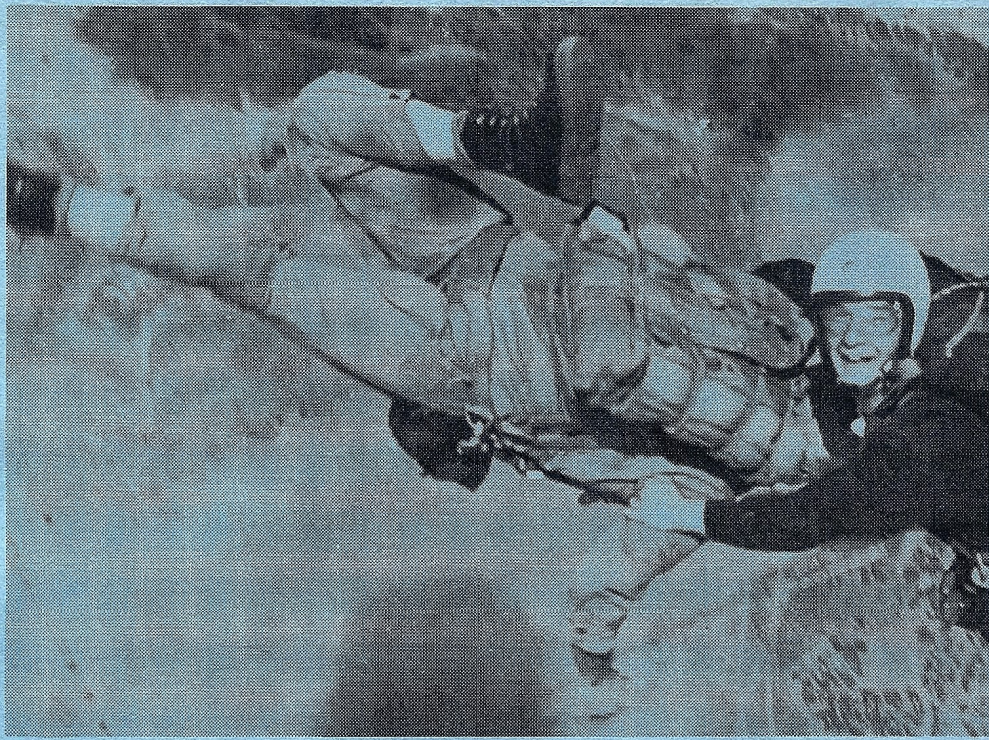
FAA Office to a calling jumper who is filing a NOTAM: “Don’t bother to call in every day you want to jump. Just call on the first of each month and we’ll keep your NOTAM in effect. We want to help jumpers in every way we can.”

Farmer who lives across the road from a drop-zone to an off-course jumper: “So you knocked down an acre of corn and walked through my wife’s garden. You come in and have a cold beer while I get the car out to drive you back to the airport.”

Spectator to a jumper who is packing up for the next lift: “As soon as the jumping is over for the day, tell your buddies that my wife and I brought all the beer they could drink in appreciation for letting us watch today.”

And, finally, we come to the classic statement of Russ Gunby to the waitress at an Awards Banquet: “Bring all the fellows a drink but skip me. I haven’t touched a drop in years.”

C. E. Hunnell



Clyde Hazelip and Jerry Ryburn, D-1100, somewhere over Texas and enjoying themselves. Photo by Johnny Christoff. (Ryburn is the top guy, by the way).

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Although we are not jumpers, we have been enthusiastic buffs ever since our son, Capt. Dean Frazier, of El Paso, Texas started jumping in 1962. We attend all of the jumps of our local Aloha Sky Divers Club at the Kunia DZ in Honolulu . . .

*Capt. and Mrs. Dale Frazier,
Honolulu, Hawaii*

Lieutenant Ken Sisler is in the same outfit with me here in the Pacific paradise of Vietnam, and needless to say, we both are looking forward to receiving your very fine magazine. I would like to hear from anybody concerning anything new in parachuting, or parachuting in general. I don’t want to get too far behind while in VN . . .

*Lieut. Jim Garvey,
APO San Francisco, California*

As the new manager of my club, I speak not only for myself but for the rest of the members, when I say that we are grateful for any and all information we receive from the states concerning parachuting. We have really enjoyed DZ-USA in this regard. We have a fine club and will be happy to send you information concerning our activities . . .

*Rick Kolbaugh,
Trojan Parachute Club,
Bad Tolz, Germany*

Our club, “The Freedom Chuters” membership is soaring and now totals 65 and still rising. We have only two instructors here, it is quite a job, but, we make it. Our DZ’s around here are questionable - OURS or

THEIRS - JUNGLE or RICE-PADDY. Our students have quite an experience to take back to the States with them. They love every bit of it! Hope to see you in the blue skies of the U.S. soon . . .

*David A. Wilson, D-1F44
“The Freedom Chuters”,
Takhli, Thailand*

Even though our club has been in operation for a year, we still can’t get gear. The Navy promised us some canopies since we are a military club but that was last year. Still no canopies, so I am spending my part of our tach money trying to keep this club in the air. Students I got, rigs no got. In addition to the base club, I am training the Icelandic Rescue Team, so between the two I should have some news shortly . . .

*Stuart E. Eanes Jr., C-2083,
U.S. Naval Station,
Keflavik, Iceland*

Lost: Swedish Hasselblad camera. Dropped somewhere between Darwin, Australia, and lower California. Probably in orbit about 240 miles up, somewhere near dormant space object, Agena 8. Owner has sentimental attachment and would like any information. Note, it is moving 17,500 mph and should be approached with caution.

*Astronaut Michael W. Collins, pilot,
United States spacecraft Gemini 10*

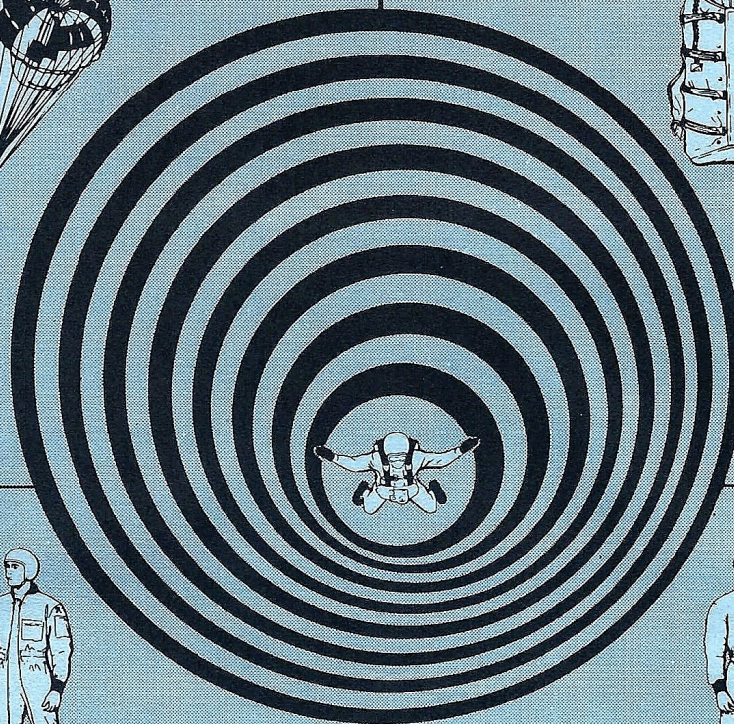
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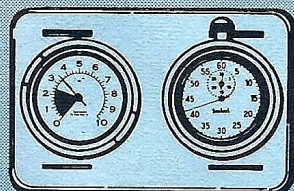
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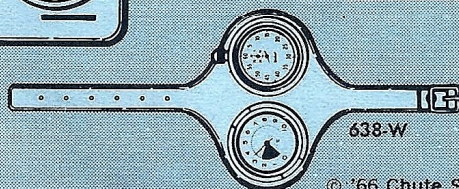
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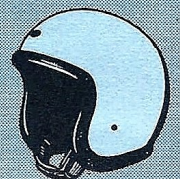
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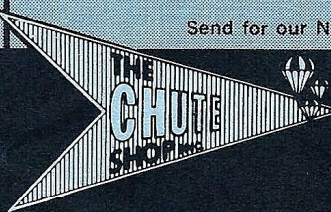
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Overall Standings:

- Men: 1) Harman, USA (7 DC's out of 11 jumps)
 2) Letbetter, USA (3 consecutive DC's)
 3) Rode, France

- Women: 1) Clements, USA
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Team Event (5 jumps):

- Men: 1) France "A" (21.37) (4 men)
 2) USA (26.57) (4 men)
 3) France "B" (33.26) (4 men)

- Women: 1) France "A" (30/4) (3 women)
 2) USA (30.76) (3 women)
 3) France "B" (244.89) (3 women)

It was here, on the last day, that Tom Schapanski suffered his shoulder injury that required surgery and hospitalization in a Vichy hospital. Chuck MacCrone stated that Tom was one of the team moral boosters throughout the entire trip and as the Team left the hospital to head back for Frankfurt, Germany, there were some mighty long faces and saddened hearts. In conclusion, the U.S. Team made its mark in international competition and is a team to be proud of. They are worthy of much more support than was given them, financially, by jumpers in general. Next year, let's make a special effort to give them the best. It isn't too late to send in that donation for this year's Team, for that matter. They will need all the help they can get when PCA starts totaling the expenses. Man for man, woman for woman, they all did an outstanding job.

HERE and ABOUT

FORT ORD, CALIF: A newsletter, appropriately titled "The Candid Canopy Observer" has appeared out of the blue and the thirty-odd members of the Fort Ord club can't uncover the spy-editor who is responsible. "Crash Beck" was victimized for indicating dump time by first hooking his ripcord and then flapping his hands; a certain Lieutenant was dubbed "Twinkle Toes" because of a southern exposure of five small, ugly toes encased in plaster-of-paris; and "Vanish MacPherson" was chided for a little overweight problem. Looks like a job for counter-intelligence, before "Big Brother" tells all.

VIETNAM: Jerry Ryburn reports he would trade a case of Coors for a hop-and-pop and has just about depleted a month's pay trying to bribe helo pilots to get a lift off. With no rigs or reserves, however, the situation is none too sweet even if a HUID did come through. The second obstacle is finding a DZ. Jerry believes a PLF on a Punji wouldn't be too pleasant. He also added that the picture on page 8 of the July issue of DZ-USA was not taken by him. Credit is hereby given Sp/4 Stien from Fort Polk, Louisiana.

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COLORADO DOES IT AGAIN . . .

In the last issue of DZ-USA, the "Club News" reported a rash of minor accidents and reserves being popped all over the mountain sides. This month, Colorado is back in the news with plane troubles. It went something like this:

"September 4th, the 182 had the left brake go out on landing, and the plane was grounded for the rest of the week. The brakes went out again a couple weeks later while landing on a dirt strip and the pilot could not stop the plane and was too far down the runway to take off again. The bird ended up with its nose buried off the end of the runway with a badly damaged propeller, a bent-up nose wheel, and possible engine damage. On the 11th, the pilot was getting ready to take off when flames began shooting up from the engine of the plane. The pilot kept his cool, and kept turning over the engine to absorb the excess fuel which was spilling out and the fire subsided. Labor Day weekend found the brakes again going out at Boutiful Airport, Salt Lake, Utah, on a trip by the Denver and Boulder jumpers."

So, if your club is having problems, don't feel too badly. It is an old Chinese proverb which states, "Smile, for things could be worse." So the jumpers in Colorado smiled, and sure as hell, things got worse.

DIDN'T GET YOUR COPY?

Again, I feel as though I am speaking to someone who isn't there, but I have had several letters stating they have not received their copies of "DZ-USA". In many cases, I am at a loss to explain the reason for non-delivery but am doing all I can to clear up the mysteries. Last month, for instance, I put "Return Requested" on the address section and the post office will return any undelivered copies to me. If it is not returned, I know someone has it and that it was addressed correctly. If you'll work with me, we'll eliminate the no-delivery problem. Just remember to INFORM ME IMMEDIATELY OF AN ADDRESS CHANGE and no sweat. It only takes one day to change your address - not thirty like other publications.

JUMPMASTER'S LAST WORD SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

This is an excerpt of a letter addressed to PCA by Edward J. Kimble, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. I will leave all names and incidents out of it, but the message is vital to all jumpers:

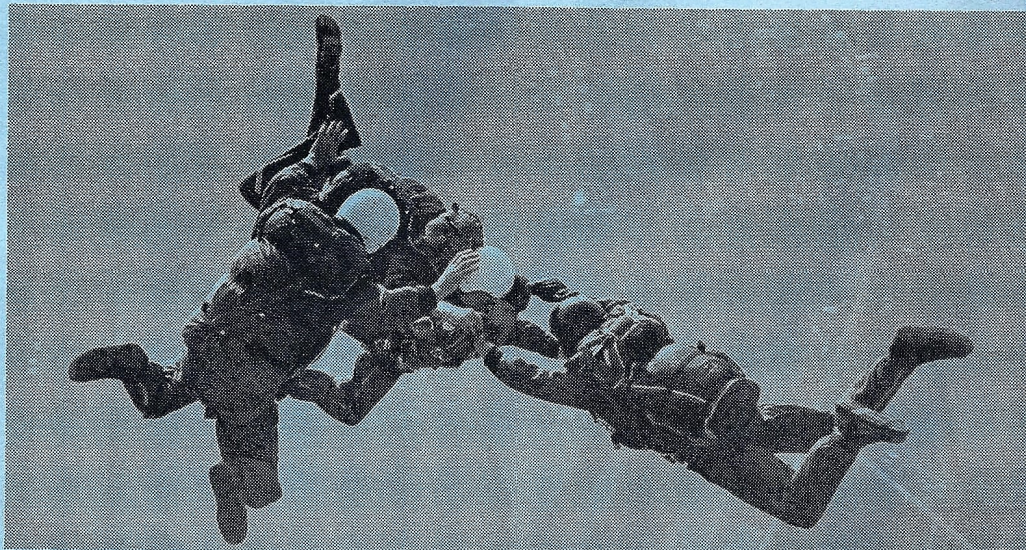
"I have never been convinced that number of jumps was necessarily an accurate method of judging a jumper's ability and psychological aptness for freefall. Because of poor psychological adjustment (and in some cases, unbelievably poor training, or no training at all), some jumpers may as well leave their reserve parachute on the ground. Inability to cope with ANY emergency situation in freefall (except when clobbered by another jumper in freefall) due to panic or difficulty in making sound judgement work for you, makes that jumper psychologically UNFIT for freefall jumping. On the other hand, that same jumper may feel little or no apprehension leaving the aircraft and during freefall . . . so long as everything is functioning properly and no emergency arises. For example, a freefaller experiences a malfunctioned main canopy and he simply pulls his reserve ripcord. His reserve canopy goes straight up and entangles with his malfunctioned main canopy. However, this individual was properly instructed in the CORRECT method of reserve deployment! He just simply did not follow it. Fortunately, the situation takes care of itself and both canopies separate and inflate, preventing him from being scattered all over the landscape.

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REPLACEMENT PROBLEM FOR GOLDEN KNIGHTS WORSENING

By: 1/Lt. Michael Makulowich

Finding replacements for the Army's Golden Knights is no easy task. It is especially difficult when 25 of the 49 highly skilled freefall parachutists leave the Team in twelve months. Since July of 1965, twenty-five "Knights" have departed to perform a variety of missions.

Ten have gone to Vietnam: (1) Major James L. Anderson, former commanding officer; (2) Captain Alan Gardner, executive officer; (3) Captain Jack Helms, executive officer; (4) First Lieutenant James Garvey, operations officer; (5) First Lieutenant Richard Miller, aviator; (6) Warrant Officer Norris Hargett, aviator; (7) Sergeant First Class Phillip Vanderweg, who was killed in action; (8) Sergeant First Class Walter Morgan; (9) Staff Sergeant Eugene Newtown; and (10) Staff Sergeant James Lewis.

Four have joined Special Forces: (1) Sergeant First Class Sebastian DeLuca; (2) Sergeant First Class Loy Brydon; (3) Sergeant First Class Joe Norman; (4) Staff Sergeant James Cassel.

Three have gone to Officer Candidate School: (1) Second Lieutenant Jerry R. Fry to Ft. Benning, Georgia; (2) Cadet William Wise (formerly Staff Sergeant) to Engineer's School at Ft. Belvoir; and (3) Cadet John Knabb (formerly Staff Sergeant) to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma for Artillery School.

Sergeant Charles Hornsby and Specialist Four Ronald Dykes were honorably discharged. Staff Sergeant Wayne West and Sergeant Mike Howard have departed for the 82nd Airborne Division.

Major Phillip C. Miller has retired. He was with the 82nd Airborne Division during World War II and during the past few years has acted as an international parachuting judge.

Sergeant First Class Gerald Bourquin is now attending Helicopter School after a tour of duty in Alaska.

Staff Sergeant Douglas Colaert is now the manager of the XVIII Airborne Corps Sport Parachute Club.

The future prospects for keeping members of the Army Parachute Team looks dim. It is anticipated that the current roster will change ten times this next quarter. With the Army's need for qualified personnel, it is only logical that the Golden Knights remain flexible.

How long they'll be around is difficult to say. What is definite is that the list of available competition and demonstration freefall parachutists is growing slimmer and slimmer.

USAPT TOPS FRENCH INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTE MEET

Byline: Sp/4 Richard Bushell

The Army Team has returned home after taking top honors in the French International Meet of Parachuting held in Vichy, France. The competition, which was entered by 80 top French jumpers and the U.S. Team, ended with American 'chutists in First Place Overall and most of the second and third places.

The style events were held first and Roy Johnson of Warren, Ohio, took first place with an average time of 8.6 seconds. S/Sgt. Dick Harman from Enid, Oklahoma, USAPT, placed second with a 9.0 second average, and Sergeant First Class Bobby Letbetter of Goldthwaite, Texas, USAPT, was third with a 9.8 average.

Overall in the men's division saw the USAPT coming through again. First Overall went to Dick Harman and Bobby Letbetter was close behind for Second Overall.

No one can say that the USAPT took so many high positions because of a lack of competition. Just how stiff it was, is shown by the fact that Roy Johnson was completely eliminated from the overall standings by a two-meter jump (in spite of closer jumps) during the accuracy trials. And Sergeant Harman, in taking top honors, had hit dead-center seven times in eleven jumps for an average of 27 centimeters from the disc.

RECORD JUMPS



6 Man Altitude Jump - Thailand - Two Air Force: David Wilson, D-1144 and Richard Nicholai, C-731. **Two Army:** Lou Paproski, D-808 and Maurice Vickers. **Two Navy:** Peter Slempla, C-2741 and Dave A. Wilson, B(?). Jump was from 20,000 feet from a C-V2 Carribou - All jumpers on target with one dead center - Winds were 5/8. - Overseas altitude record.

Water Altitude Record: Roger Christensen and Tom Pritchard - U.S. Virgin Islands - 100 second delay - 22,400 feet - Charlotte Amalie Harbor - January 11, 1966 - Cessna 206. - Salt water record.

2 Man Altitude Record: 24,350 feet - January 4, 1965 - Alderson & Ken Sisler - 210 Cessna - Arkansas State record.

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So, in order to bring DZ-USA up to a "break-even" basis, I want to try the following and see what you think of it. For every five subscriptions YOU can round-up, I'll send you a set of shot-and-a-halves for free. I got them fairly cheap, so it isn't costing me too much, but it is saving you from \$7.50 to \$10.00, depending on which source you go to. I can't be any more honest than that. Just tell your buddy to put your name (in small print) somewhere on his subscription form or letter, and after five, you have the capewells. The small margin of profit I make on the subscriptions will pay for the capewells and every little bit helps.

If the "booster" thing works well, each month will have a different item (such as oxygen bail-out bottles, or manifesting forms for your club's use, or free leaps at the going rate for your club or area). I'll keep track of each man's progress (or woman's, for that matter) and at the end of the year, try to come up with something really worth while for the leader of the pack. Something like a new reserve, or canopy. Like I said, let's see how it works out and maybe we can get something going. I am willing to try anything if you are.

I'll list your name every issue so you can see who you have to beat for the big one. In conclusion, thanks to each and every subscriber to date for the support you have shown.

By the way, as a matter of interest, California leads in subscriptions by individuals, with Illinois being a close second, and Texas holding third (only three subscriptions out of second place). New York is fourth and Kansas is fifth. I'll keep you up-to-date on the first five spots as the subscriptions increase.

Good Jumping, C. E. Hunnell

NEW ELECTIONS

The freshly formed "Frontier Skydivers" (the old Fabens Skyhawks of El Paso), are now organized in close coordination with a very capable ASO, Jim Barremore, and have elected the following officers:

President: Dean S. Frazier, D-843
Vice-Pres: Larry Stroup, B-4767
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The Board of Directors is comprised of the above officers, plus: John Barcio, Fred Hudson, Terry Garrett, Dave Moulton, Tom Pecot, and Ron Stover. All are either B's or soon-to-be B's.

COMING MEETS

MEPA MEET NOVEMBER 19, 1966 APPLEGARTH, NEW JERSEY

Points for the MEPA Individual Championship Trophy will be earned at this meet, to be hosted by the Horizon Parachute Club at their DZ in Applegarth (just off Exit 8 of the NJ Turnpike). Two individual accuracy jumps, plus a four-man team accuracy jump are planned. Further details by contacting Bill Ottley, AC 212, 582-7650, days.

WICHITA PARACHUTE CENTER (IN ASSOCIATION WITH "DZ-USA") 29-30 OCTOBER (HALLOWEEN) BENTON, KANSAS

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For further information contact:

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HERE AND ABOUT

HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI: Bad news from Rick Miller. He bought the farm at 2000 feet above Lucedale DZ by doing a front loop as his PC was deploying and dislocated (and broke) both knees. Though in great pain, he steered for the target, in the tradition of a true Skyranger, and upon landing was carted off to the Methodist Hospital, Room 258, Hattiesburg, Miss. As might be expected, Noel Baby (Funchess) was on the lift with him. Cards expressing sympathy and "I told you so" would be a grand gesture.

BOULDER, COLORADO: The Colorado Sport Parachute Council Newsletter reported that on September 3, "Tiny" Marcus (all 230 pounds of him) made his first jump and due to a miserable spot ended up in a small sewage pond for an unintentional water jump. "Tiny" swam to shore with no problem. Oddly enough, the sewage pond was cleaner than the lake used for intentional water jumps.

HOUSTON, TEXAS: The jumping is a little slow because of Carlos Wallace ground-looping the club 195, which burned. As a result, the club is now going to have a new 195 PLUS a twin-Beech for some mass jumps. Sounds like an insurance agent could be a club member.

STROUD, OKLAHOMA: A suggestion from Dave Miller on what to do in freefall when goofing off: "Everyone has tried a 3-man-in-line backloop, or if you haven't . . . try it for kicks. When that gets old, try a 3-man-in-line front loop . . . harder." Of course, first you have to teach the student types how to get together. That makes everything easier.

FOR FUN JUMPS

IF IN LOUISIANA . . .

Southern Parachute Center is located in Hammond, Louisiana, which is 45 miles north of New Orleans and 40 miles east of Baton Rouge. The DZ is at Hammond Airport and consists of 796 square acres of unobstructed flat land, three 5,200 foot runways, and a 30-meter pea-gravel bowl. Our present aircraft includes a Howard and a C-170. Open seven days a week, with student training mostly on weekends. Contact Leon Riche at P. O. Box 878, Hammond, Louisiana 70401, or call him at 345-6324, Hammond. You couldn't ask for a better DZ or instruction.

WAR IS HELL . . .

Read my August copy of DZ-USA 27 times and I'm starting on the 28th. Looks like that's as close to jumping as I'm going to get. That and Cardinal Puff. I went to Saigon last week to try and jump, but they were already at the DZ which is 15 miles away. And talk about 15 miles of bad road! As I understand it, the road is not secure and if they go out to jump, armed guards and the whole bit. If you don't make the trip in a group, you don't make it. What we go through to get a leap. So, being a confirmed coward, I didn't drive to the DZ. Maybe next weekend. May all your landings be DC stand-ups.

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WOOD!!!!

GEORGIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

Byline: Bill Dorroh, Atlanta, Georgia

Saturday, September twenty-fourth, found jumpers from all across the state of Georgia converge on Cartersville, Georgia for the Second Annual Georgia State Parachute Championship. Present were members from the Atlanta Skydivers, Georgia Skydivers, Crescent Skydivers, and other fine clubs in the Peach State.

The Championships were sponsored by the Crescent Skydivers under the direction of Lawrence Michaels. Two fine jump craft were available - a Cessna 182 and a Howard. The target area was eighteen inches of wood chips in a ten meter radius which allowed for near whipped cream landings. Judges were Ron Radcoff and Ned Smith of the Huntsville Sport Parachute Club, Huntsville, Alabama.

Beautiful weather prevailed Saturday morning so Ron set style as the first event. Winds allowed for exiting one mile from the telemeters much to the satisfaction of the judges. Base in this event was set by Skeet White with a clean 11.2 seconds. This was the beginning of an eventful two days for Skeet. Standings at the end of the event were: 1. Skeet White; 2. Ben Underwood; 3. Ed Lowder; 4. Ray Dale; and 5. Bill Dorroh.

Next was the individual accuracy event with three classes--Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced. Novice's "Hit and Run" provided many laughs during the day. The contestants could drag their chutes or come out of the harnesses. Have you ever tried to drag a chute with two entangled girls in a ten mile per hour wind? Mike Lewis took first place in the Novice class followed by Bob Durvae and Roger Dick. Winners in the Intermediate class were Ray Young, Neal Andrews, and Tommy Johnson. In the Advanced class, all Billy New had to do on his first jump was to decide which foot to plant on the disc. Skeet White had 2,000 points out of a possible 2,000 at the completion of his two dead centers. Skeet's third and last accuracy jump was a 1.70 which left him with 2,415 points out of a possible 2,500. Final standing for the Advanced class was Skeet White, Bill New, and Ben Underwood.

A one jump team event from 3500 feet was the final proceeding of the day. Points for this jump helped to make up the overall standings. First place team members were Ed Lowder, Ben Underwood, and Rick Valley. The second place team was composed of Ray Dale, Tommy Maynard, and Mel Beach. . Third place went to the team of Skeet White, Harry Ewell, and Bill Dorroh.

After tallying the overall scores, Skeet White was named the winner for the State of Georgia with 2,697.5 points out of a possible 3,000. Second place went to last year's champion Ben Underwood. Third place was awarded to Ed Lowder. Trophies were presented along with a "State Champion" patch for the overall winner. (Word is out that Skeet is going to have a replica of the patch tattooed on his forehead.)

With much field packing and "wait 'til next year", the Second Annual Georgia State Parachute Championship ended.

MEET EDITORIAL Byline: Beachcomber's S.P.C. ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER MEET 20 AUGUST 1966 MILTON, FLORIDA

The meet was a relaxed affair and the trophies, supplied by Ron Radhoff, were, in the opinion of most jumpers, the nicest offered in the CottonBelt competition this year.

The meet started with Frank Rickard dropping the wind drift indicator which, much to the surprise of the jumpers, landed in the target. Frank exited directly over the target, had a choice of making his approach from any direction, and made a stand-up dead-center, a la Schapanski. Chief Judge, Dave Orcutt insisted Frank's heels touched first, 21 centimeters from the disc. Frank stated there wasn't any doubt in his mind as to a dead-center but since this was a "fun meet", Dave's word was accepted (with Frank filling the day with a lot of mumbling). The next few loads saw jumpers coming in on their runs from all directions, with more out-jumps than normal because of the no-wind jumping conditions that most jumpers were not prepared for. The first round saw no DC's, although Noel "Baby" Funchess beat out Frank with a 13 cm jump. Tight judging. Round two started with a slight breeze and Dick Steinert came in for the only DC for this round. Round three and the winds were really blowing. Jumpers were grateful for the 200 foot plowed circle and ten-meter pea-gravel center. We had some interesting crash-and-burns. Results were as follows:

Individual Accuracy:

- 1) Frank Rickard
- 2) Dick Steinert
- 3) Noel "Baby" Funchess

Winning Teams were:

- 1) Beachcombers (Payne, Rickard, Steinert)
- 2) Mobile (Kelly, Funchess, and Price)
- 3) Panama City (Scott, Kudson, Barth)



Georgia State Champion, Skeet White, complete with trophies.

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FT. HOOD INVITATIONAL FT. HOOD, TEXAS SEPTEMBER 24-25 1966

Senior Accuracy:

- 1) Nels Lindblom, Space City SD, Houston
- 2) Bill Nicholson, Space City SD, Houston
- 3) Frank Rodriguez, Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio

Intermediate Accuracy Event:

- 1) Claude Pepin, Ft. Hood SD
- 2) Rick Sack, Dallas SD, Dallas
- 3) Mike Calbreath, Temple

Novice Accuracy Event:

- 1) Mike Golas, Ft. Hood SD
- 2) Gary Jacobson, U. of Texas, Austin
- 3) Tom Borovicka, Ft. Hood SD

Team Accuracy Event:

- 1) Neil Smith, Nels Lindblom, Bill Nicholson, Space City SD, Houston
- 2) Fritz Jackson, John Berke, Sam McGill, Space City SD
- 3) Roy Barnes, Chuck Aguilar, Jerry Bell, Ft. Hood SD

Overall Winner:

Bill Nicholson, Space City SD, Houston

Overall Club Trophy:

Space City Skydivers, Houston

The only deadcenters of the meet were made by Arlo Ellefson of Ft. Sam Houston (two of them) but blew his third jump due to a broken toggle line. Did you ever see more "Bad Guys" placing in one meet? Jackson, McGill, Lindblom . . . almost old home week.

GALVESTON SKY DIVERS ANNUAL LABOR DAY MEET AUG. 66 GALVESTON, TEXAS

Novice:

- 1) George Seel
- 2) Claud Pepin
- 3) Chuck Baxter

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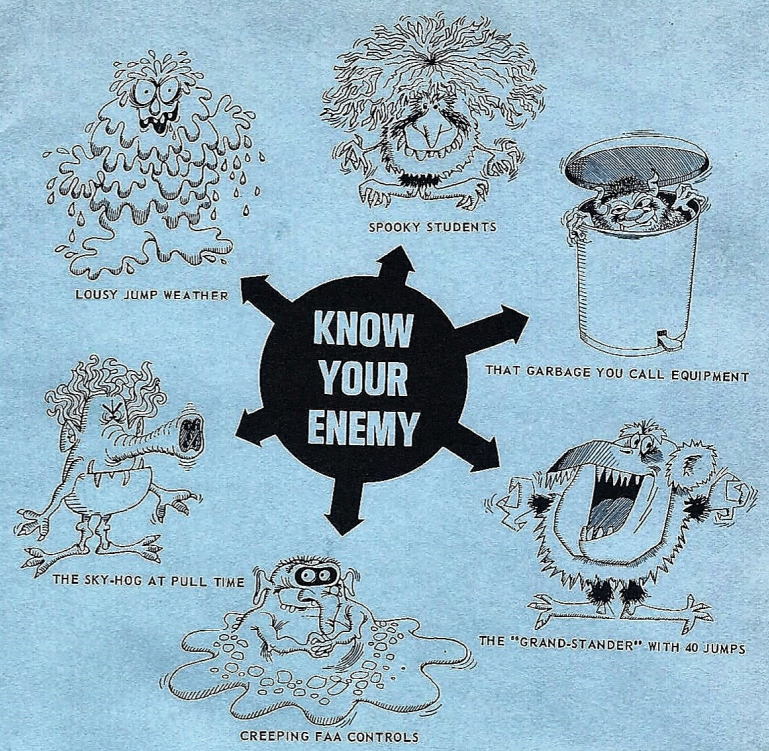
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This is the time to look at one's self and honestly and objectively ask "What will I do if I experience this situation again?" This is also the time for his jumpmaster or instructor to ask the same question and take effective measures to see that this problem is reckoned with or minimized. This would be the time to evaluate the jumper as to whether or not he is a "defensive free faller" or the possibility of that jumper developing into one. I would venture to say that there are several freefall parachutists in this country today that are "accidents looking for some time and place to happen" and, if given the right circumstance, will become future statistics in the fatality column. The reason being that many freefallers may be psychologically unfit for freefall activity because of the tendency to **MENTALLY MALFUNCTION** in a given emergency situation. By this, I mean a partial or total inability to maintain one's self-control and succumb to panic in an emergency situation that could have been easily overcome by clear thinking and positive action.

Every student I have ever trained knows by my word, "KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING, DO WHAT YOU KNOW, AND DON'T PANIC". Easier said than done. Everyone IS NOT psychologically adapted for every endeavor. Contrary to the popular myth, intestinal fortitude has little to do with one's ability to adjust to freefall. If that were the case, Mrs. Kimble's little boy would NEVER jump out of an airplane. Bravery may permit one to do something that he is afraid of, however, it will NOT necessarily permit one to think clearly and effectively. The only sensible reason to be making premeditated jumps out of an aircraft (except in the case of military functions) is for pleasure, and not primarily

to prove a point to someone or to one's self. This may possibly be excusable or, at least, understandable at the beginning. However, after reasonable parachuting experience and training, one should evaluate one's self as honestly as possible and be objective about it. Can everyone be relied upon to do this? **OF COURSE NOT.** Then what is the answer?

An automatic opening device in the main parachute may be one solution. A Sentinel on the reserve parachute is another approach. "But Sentinals are for students", you cry aloud with indignation. I was told by an USAPT member that Sgt. Dick Fortenberry, 1964 World Parachuting Champion wore a KAP-3 (an automatic opening device for the main parachute) whenever he was shooting film in freefall. Sensibly, this champion parachutist conceded the possibility of finding himself in a "main strain" while being distracted filming during freefall.

If there is a method or piece of equipment that will save lives, it seems foolhardy not to take advantage of it. It is another margin of safety. How many relative workers have been accidentally railroaded in freefall by an eager, would-be Skyhawk at some time or another? If knocked unconscious or injured to the point where reserve activation was not possible, the Sentinel would be a welcomed friend. Sentinals should be mandatory for ALL FREEFALL ACTIVITY, regardless of the jumper's experience, rather than filling more caskets with the shattered remains of sport parachutists. "Well, all this nonsense doesn't apply to me. I'm a "D" license holder, I have taught freefall and I've used my reserve a few times, and I've got a whole lot of freefall time". So did many other jumpers, baby. How much is your life worth?"

Editor's Note: This is one of the best articles I have ever read on the freefaller who "won't turn himself in" in spite of a deep-seated conviction that he shouldn't be jumping because of doubts as to his own ability.

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