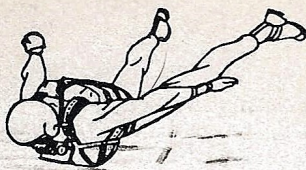


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Editor's Note: In the January 1966 issue of DZ-USA, I made a couple brief comments on the BOD Meeting. Since then, I have received a considerable volume of mail (pro and con) and this is as it should be. PCA's every action and every decision should be reported to EVERY jumper. It is, therefore, hoped that the following "in-depth" coverage of the Board Meeting will be of benefit to EVERY jumper (whether or not he is a member of PCA). Please bear in mind that the comments expressed are those of the editor and do not necessarily reflect any general attitudes or trends by any groups or persons in particular. So, if you have wondered about the workings of PCA and never checked in to it, here is a perfect chance to get acquainted with a body of men who are dedicated to promoting sport parachuting. You may not belong to PCA, as I said before, but they are still working for you. I'll attempt to stick to those issues which affect sport parachutists as a whole and will eliminate the lesser items on the agenda. We'll skip the adoption of the agenda and the minutes of the previous BOD Meeting (given by Dan Poynter), and start with Norman Heaton's General Briefing to the Board. Some of the points he covered were:

PCA Membership: There were 11,000 members during 1966 and it is expected to reach 12,500 during 1967. In 1964, PCA membership totaled 7,100. (Ed: This projected figure of 12,500 probably will account for about 40% of the total jumper population in the United States.) On this basis, active sport parachutists ("active" being jumpers with at least 15 jumps per year) in the United States will total about 30,000, and this is on the high side. Jumpers who average about 75 to 100 jumps per year would add up to about 2,000 (give or take a couple of hundred). First-jump students bring the totals up BUT many of them only make that first one. This distorts the picture considerably and doesn't reflect the actual number of "active" sport parachutists. It is, therefore, impossible to judge the total population on PCA's membership for many clubs require membership before the first jump so many of PCA's members are not dyed-in-the-wool jumpers, for this reason alone. We are still growing but definitely not at the rate we were enjoying during 1963 and 1964.

Licenses and Validation: Mr. Heaton voiced his opinion that there should be an easier method of license re-validating. Presently, only 38% to 40% of the license holders bother to send their licenses in for re-validating. Norman added that "D" and "B" licenses issued during 1966 were less than 1965 and that "A" licenses increased tremendously during 1966. "C" licenses were up from 1965 and this could indicate that many jumpers are skipping the "B" and going directly to a "C". This should indicate that the price-tags on the licenses could stand some revising, in DZ-USA's opinion, or more practically, that the licenses be spaced out by more jumps and the QUALIFICATIONS BE RAISED ON ALL LICENSES. It is time that a "C" license reflected a more capable jumpmaster than today's "C" implies. No man with 75 or 80 jumps is ready to put out students and shouldn't be allowed to by virtue of a license. Jumpmasters should be at least a "D" and carefully selected by either his Conference Director or ASO for jumpmaster responsibilities. (And before you blast away, remember that I hold a "C" and include myself as not fully qualified to put out a first-jump student. Fair enough?). A "C" license holder may be jumpmastering TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY but good intentions do not insure

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Tom Schapanski is back in the air after the shoulder injury he suffered in France with the U.S. Team, and get this ... he made 50 jumps the first month!! When he gets back with it, Tom doesn't fool around. Welcome back, Tom, you were missed by many jumpers. See you in the 1967 Nationals??

The "Golden Knights" have made an all-out assault on International Precision Parachuting Records and have raised the number claimed by the United States to 94 --- THE HIGHEST EVER. The new marks are the result of an intensive four-week effort conducted in Zephyrhills, Florida by the U.S. Army Parachute Team. The complete story (and pictures) came in too late for this issue but all the details will be in the March copy.

The Huntsville, Alabama SPC recently gave a trophy for a 2-mile "off spot" endeavor by Richard Dunn. It was witnessed by Wayne Sanders, Gene Crowe, Ray Davis, Jim Simmons, Chuck MacCrone, Roy Hatch, Jim Taylor, Steve Reed, this editor, and Dale Wasserman, among others. The figure on the trophy was an "out-house" complete with half-moon on the door and gold-plated. The other jumpers on that lift didn't applaud a whole lot when Richard accepted the award from Ron Radhoff (who also piloted the lift).

Susie Clements and Jack Joerns were married on Valentine's Day, 14 February, in Houston, Texas. Susie is the National Women's Style Champion and

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ABOUT THE COVER

A family gathering. Ray Heald drops in on Mr. & Mrs. Garrison, and Mr. & Mrs. Cox over the Oceanside DZ, California.

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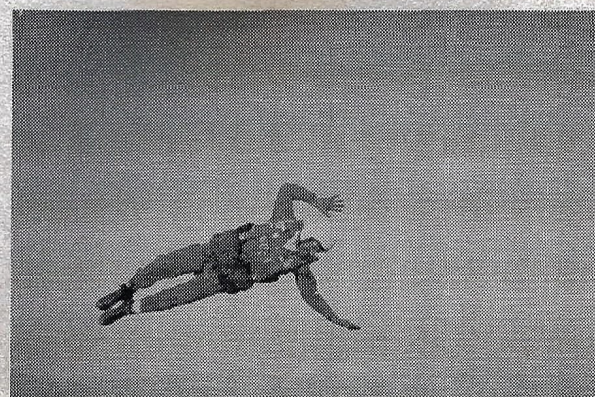
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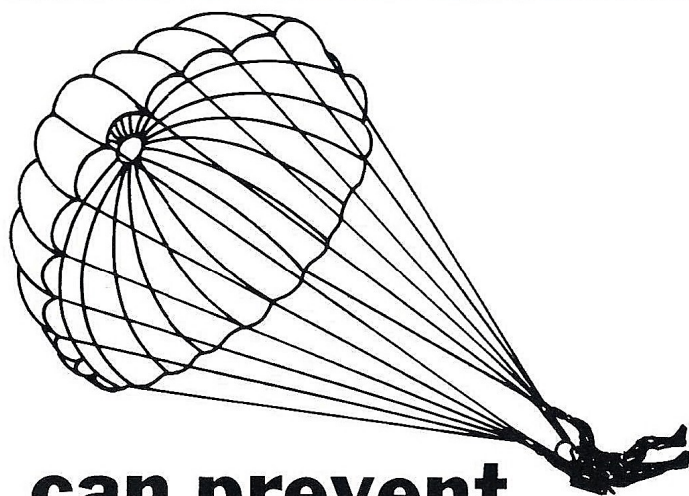
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Pete Chace, D-61, executing a right-barrel-roll over the Ft. Lauderdale, Florida DZ. Photo by F. A. Rodriguez.

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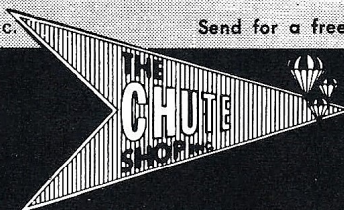
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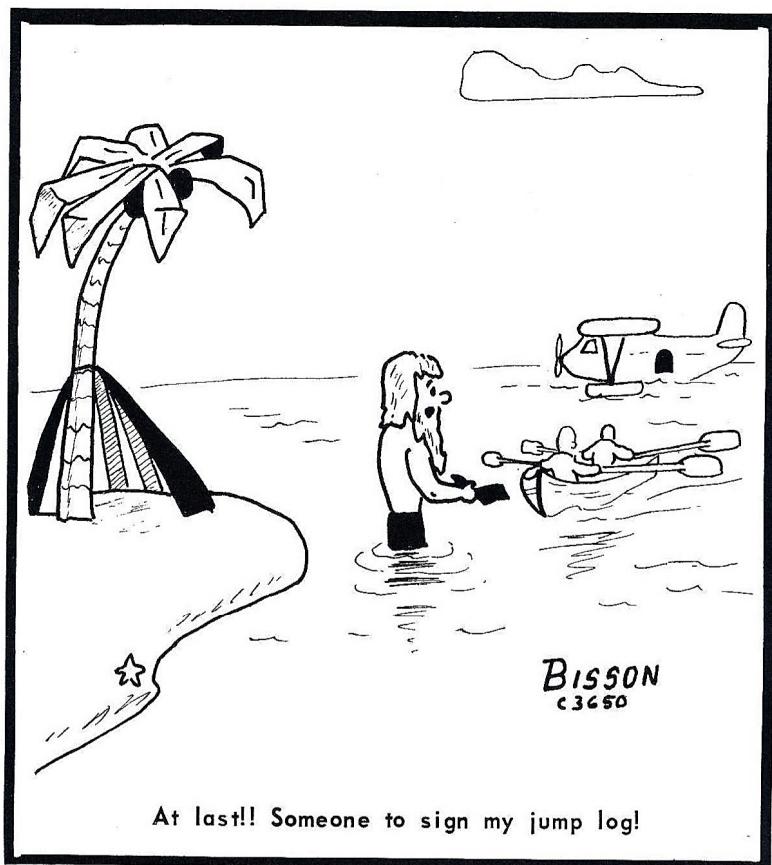
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the safety of his student. We must give every new jumper every possible break, not just what one man knows.

PCA's Financial Status: There will be approximately \$12,000 in surplus for 1966. This represents Mr. Heaton and Mr. Baron very well. When you consider a ledger full of "red" entries in 1964, PCA has come a long way since then. Expenses were down (percentage-wise but not in total figures) for 1966 and the overall picture is excellent. Revenues from such things as TV rights added to PCA's income and interest on monies invested in Bank of America helped. One area which could be improved is internal control on funds budgeted for the PCA office. A CPA should be commissioned to set up a workable system of accounting for that office.

PCA Insurance: A couple years back, PCA couldn't pay the premiums on the insurance included in your \$10 membership fee. 1966 was an entirely different picture, however. After all quarterly premiums are paid, we will still have a surplus of over \$3,000. It costs \$2.50 per member for the insurance we now have and there is a possibility that this will drop to \$2.25 in 1968. This savings will be used by PCA or it will be passed along to members. This is the result of only \$14,000 being paid in claims during 1966 (or about 40% of the premiums received).

New FAA Regulations: The regulations were not as bad as we thought they would be (as you all know by now) and in Russ Gunby's words, "the new regs helped band sport parachutists together and created unity out of an adverse circumstance". Dr. Fitch explained that FAA admits that we could regulate ourselves better than they could, however, a chain of bad incidents could force them into a crash-program of rule-writing. Dr. Fitch also pointed out that we had won only a temporary victory in May 1966 and voiced his alarm at the ability of FAA to easily put through regulations of their choosing. He pointed out that soaring-plane people are already concerned with the possibility of medical certificates being required of them (such rules infringing on personal rights when the only thing a person could harm would be himself), and that parachutists may come under government training and regulations if the trend continues. (Ed: This should be loud and clear to us all that we must make every effort to protect the sport through better organization and safety. I haven't always backed PCA but it is becoming more and more evident that we must seek the protection of a national organization . . . this can only be PCA at the present time.)

NAA and PCA: Outgoing President Russ Gunby explained that better unity between NAA and PCA was needed and added that NAA is caught between FAA and PCA when it comes to regulations

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Instant answers

Dear Gabby:

Since I have started jumping, I have lost my wife, my three kids, my car, my house, and my TV set. My friends and relatives won't speak to me and I've become an alcoholic trying for Cardinal. All I have left is my jump gear which includes a PC with a hole in it. What should I do?

"Busted and Lonely"

Dear Busted:

Get that PC fixed.

Dear Gabby:

My problem is unique in that my parents died 5 years ago and left me a considerable sum of money.

I have 2 Jaguar XKE's, a \$75,000 home, 2 yachts, and a summer place in Europe. I own a 49% interest in the "Playboy" Club and do not lack in female companionship.

My jump gear consists of only the best of everything I have 5 Para-Commanders, 15 sets of French Para-Boots, a different tailor-made jumpsuit for every day of the week, and I own my own personal airport with 4 Twin-Beech aircraft.

I hold every parachutist license issued including a Russian "D".

My problem is selecting my next PC. Do you think green and blue would go together without clashing?

"Undecided"

Dear Undecided:

Times are hard all over, friend. Why not buy the factory?

Dear Gabby:

What do the initials U.S.A.P.T. stand for?

"Major A.B., Ft. Bragg, N.C."

Dear Major:

Some say they stand for "Uniformed Skydivers Always Pouncing on the Target," but since the 1966 Nationals I understand they now mean "Uniformed Skydivers Almost Pulverized at Tahlequah."

Confidential to CEH in Wichita, Kansas: When did you start falling in love with your reserve?

Gabby

Have you been missing the DZ lately? Write for Gabby's free booklet, "How to Start Making Deadcenters in 500 Easy Jumps." Please enclose \$10.00 for handling and shipping charges. Mail to Fort Leavenworth Prison, Fraud Section, Left

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Wing, and mark it "Attention Prisoner #8632133".

Gabby is happy to give advice to the shop-worn, love-worn, and empty-pocketed skydiver. Do you have problems? Has your son placed first in the "Shirley Temple Look-Alike Contest?" Are you jumping less and enjoying "It" more? Gabby has all the answers.

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Jack is the Southwest Conference Director for PCA.

After reserve deployment has been completed, ever think to unhook the reserve belly-bands to put your body at a better angle under the reserve canopy? It will eliminate that "laying-back" attitude the tension on the saddle and lower part of the main container creates. With more freedom of movement, the PLF's are much easier, too.

Report of a fatality in the Austin, Texas area. Low-pull of a student-jumper as far as I know presently. No details at press time but it is number four for 1967 so far.

There are some of you out there with back copies coming. When you move and your copy is returned marked, "Moved, left no forwarding address", I have no choice but to drop you until I receive some notice. Norma Thaxter, Linda Thomas, Phil Norton, Joseph Ferland, Gary Meyer, Roger Blair, Duane Rigg, Dave Frantz, and Jerry Mathwig WHERE ARE YOU???

The "Super-Meet" (International Parachuting Pageant) which is to be held 1-8 August, 1967 in Athens, Tennessee, has come down from 1500 contestants to 250 contestants and is now just a meet. The new deadline date for entries is April 15th. The entry fee is now \$92.00 (this includes meals and lodging for four days) for 3 jumps from 2500' in Classes A and B, and 4 jumps (2 accuracy and 2 style) in Classes C and D. The trophies have shrunk a little, too. Complete details in the "Coming Meets" section of the March issue.

ASO Bob Pape has verified Ed Clucas' water jump after Ed landed on a water truck. Bob, by the way, is working on his eighth 500-entry logbook . . . one entry per page in each log. It all happened in Sparta, Illinois, at the Archway Sport Parachute Center, honest. Well, maybe not

against sport parachuting which are pushed by organizations such as ATA. Mr. Gunby also pointed out that the PCA President should be able to move in aviation circles and promote parachuting to the aviation industry. As a point of possible interest, PCA comes under NAA as a corporate, the same as ATA, AOPA (Aircraft Owners & Pilots Assn.), EAA (Experimental Aircraft Assn.), etc., and NAA is very similar to a Honorary Society. We contribute about 3.8 cents on each PCA dollar to NAA in the form of dues. PCA and NAA relations have greatly improved since General Allan has been in the NAA Office in D. C., and such things as transportation for the U. S. Team is arranged by the NAA Office.

The coming move of PCA's office was mentioned and will be discussed in detail later. Right now, let's get to the Conference Director's reports:

Central Conference, Jack Bergman: Said he wanted clubs to be better informed of what PCA is doing. Primarily concerned in communication within his Conference.

Eastern Conference, Leon Potts: Discussed Rutledge fatality in his area and said two bills were pending in Congress. New Jersey regulations are being updated and Virginia regulations on sport parachuting are being worked on. The Rutledge case is presently in the State Court of Virginia and amounts to a minor FAA hearing at this time.

Mid-Eastern Conference, Bill Dolley: Voiced anti-PCA feeling in his Conference. Stated that jumpers were dissatisfied with expenditures of PCA funds and, especially, "Parachutist" magazine. Bill added that "mass withdrawal from PCA could result" if changes are not made within a reasonable period of time. Mr. Dolley informed the Board that he would hold meetings to better inform jumpers of Board Meetings and PCA business.

Mountain Conference, Steve Biljanic: Everything running smoothly and no serious problems confronting the Mountain Conference.

North-Central Conference, Charles Wagaman: Nothing of significance to report and no problems.

Northeastern Conference, Dan Poynter: Informed the Board of the FAI Award being presented to Nick Piantanida for his efforts to break the freefall record which resulted in Nick's death. Award was accepted by Nick's wife, Janice, and was presented by Jacques Istel. Northeast Conference running well.

Northwestern Conference, Ted Mayfield: Ted stated that Washington state had 100% PCA membership which has helped keep FAA on the side of sport parachuting in his conference. He stated that a Public Relations man for PCA would be very beneficial for the sport as well as bringing in new memberships. Ted added that jump activities are doing well and a very good relationship with FAA exists at all times.

Southeastern Conference, Jimmy Godwin: Jim suggested a new type of certificate or license for jumpers with over 1000 jumps. He stated he was concerned over the judging standards of meets in his conference, and believes more qualified judges should be available. He voiced his opinion that jumpers should be informed of WHY PCA wants the name change and not just IF it should be changed. Jim further states that he would be in favor of a \$1 increase in PCA memberships, with the \$1 reverting to the Conference for Conference Director expenses.

Southern Conference, Charles MacCrone: Stated his Conference was running well with the Cottonbelt Sport Parachute Council coordinating activities. Chuck stated he was ignoring the "other" sport parachuting association in his area and suggested others do so. (Ed: We need two national sport parachuting associations like we need two FAA's. 'Nuf said).

Southwestern Conference, Jack Joerns: Texas Parachute Council has continued to progress and now has 400 members. Jack added one other point on "Parachutist" magazine by stating, "it should be more interesting".

Western Conference, Art Armstrong: Stated that the Northern and Southern California Councils want reapportionment in the Conference. Southern Parachute Council is pushing hard on this point. Art stated his disapproval of "politics" appearing in "Parachutist" magazine (referring to Gunby's comment on who NOT to vote for in the November issue). A fatality in his area, Bob Buquor, was, in his opinion, a case of overconfidence. Art also pointed out that the beer drinking and fraudulent sale of PCA memberships on the Arvin DZ has resulted in the State of California refusing to renew the DZ registration. This DZ is closed. His last point was that Antioch was very displeased in the method by which the site of the 1967 Nationals was chosen. (Ed: This last point will be discussed in detail later on in the proceedings).

National Director, Jack Cleary: Explained fatality in his area which happened in Illinois and involved "one-shots" and a hard pull which the jumper confused with a partial malfunction. The pins did not clear the cones, however the jumper cut-away (from nothing) and apparently believed the main would deploy his reserve via the static-line connection on his piggy-back. This, of course, did not occur and the jumper did not deploy the reserve manually. Spoke of a second fatality which involved electrocution. Jack's recommendation on FAA was, "to work with them before they regulate us out of the sky for we can't stop them at present".

National Director, John Garrity: The major stated that the Air Force Academy had a great sport parachuting program going at present. He stated that he will continue to work on the NCPL (National Collegiate Parachuting League). He added that although the membership in the Colorado area was low, that they were attempting to reorganize similar to the Cottonbelt Sport Parachute Association in the Southern Conference.

National Director, Lyle Cameron: Lyle stated that the Parachutist Magazine Committee has made several recommendations to Heaton on cutting the cost of "Parachutist". To date, nothing has been accomplished and PCA still does not have an editor for the magazine. Cameron made several accusations which involved principles of PCA spending and, in particular, Heaton's expenditures for a picture window, target improvements which PCA

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THINK TWICE

COMMENTS AND CORRECTIONS ON ARTICLES APPEARING IN DZ-USA

It's the editor's turn to apologize first, so here's my mistake that could misinform jumpers wearing "piggy-back" rigs. A short "note" failed to appear in the January, 1967 issue explaining question #6 of the "Quiz to Think About" on page 6. Immediately following part (c) of question #6, this statement should have been included, "This question applies to 'piggy-back' rigs with STATIC-LINES REMOVED only." Go back and look at this question and WRITE IN THE LINE I LEFT OUT. Please don't leave the copy laying around without the explanation. I would hate to think that some beginning jumper would tack the snaps down with the static-line attached. That's a malfunction, or worse, any way you look at it. So, please, correct that question before someone else reads it who may not understand the danger involved. And most of you guys should read things more carefully. Roy L. Fox, Jr., Belleville, West Virginia, was the only jumper who wrote in about the error.

Butch Rubb, D-1305, Malden, Massachusetts, sends this one in. "In the September issue of DZ-USA, on page 10, there is a letter from David Miller, C-2797, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in reference to the modification of 24' 1.1 reserves. Last July, being the CSO for Connecticut Parachutists, Inc., I went to Dan Poynter (who is my Conference Director) and asked the same question, 'Why can't we modify 24' reserves?' Dan advised me that a modification would result in a great difference in the rate of descent. Still not convinced, however, I kept after Dan and here's what happened. Dan finally said he would cut a doghouse in a 24' 1.1 and let me jump it. I agreed and we came up with the following test figures. Modification was a small doghouse in the rear of the canopy. I did a jump-and-pull from 3,000 feet using my 'piggy-back' with the reserve canopy sleeve-deployed and on long risers (the same as a main). The opening was quick and the canopy was still unstable, even modified, and here come's the kicker... Rate of descent figured at 29 to 32 feet per second with my weight being 165 pounds. The drive from the modification was not enough to get me back to the bowl, even though it was a very short spot in 4 mph winds. I landed in a backward oscillation and damn near broke my neck. So you can tell Dave that he gains nothing from a modification of this type on a 24' reserve. As far as modifying 26' conical 1.1's, I am all for it. I have had three cut-aways, two emergency malfunction types and one intentional,

wearing a "piggy-back" system with an extra reserve on the front. I have the same modification as Security's steerable LoPo in my 1.1. Rate of descent is approximately 25 feet per second with my weight. Steering is excellent, better than the average 28' Gary Gore. The difference in price between the 24' and 26' conical is negligible considering the savings in broken bones, etc. I hope this helps someone."

The next letter is in regard to the Rutledge fatality which a letter appeared in the October, 1966 issue of DZ-USA. It is from Colonel Donald F. Moore, Suitland, Maryland, and stated, "I and three of my children are former members of the Targeteers (the club managed by Carl Rutledge). I'm sure you recall the tragic death of his 11-year-old son, Dana. It seems to me that some members of the parachuting fraternity were rather quick in their condemnation of Carl at the time. The letter from PCA which appeared in Newsweek magazine seemed particularly unfortunate. I happen to agree with PCA that 16 is probably as good a compromise as any if one must use age as a criteria in determining whether an individual is ready for sport parachuting. In fact, all three of my children were required to wait until 16 before jumping. I also feel, however, that most experienced parachutists would agree that age alone in no way establishes that an individual has the mental attitude or equipment to make a safe jumper. Is the instructor who puts out a student (but who has no business jumping himself) any less subject to criticism than a father who feels he knows his son and has every reason to

believe that he is capable of jumping safely? The above incident will probably cause sport parachuting clubs and training centers to establish 16 as the minimum age and this is probably a good thing, although it will penalize those under 16 who are fully capable of becoming safe jumpers. I am puzzled by an article that appeared on page 15 in the November issue of DZ-USA which refers to a 15-year-old jumper with a Class "C" license. With 97 jumps under his belt, he has apparently been jumping for quite awhile. At what age did he begin jumping and how does it happen that PCA has licensed him under 16 years of age? Are there other members of PCA under 16? Unless I am confused somehow, it appears the pot (PCA) is calling the kettle (Rutledge) black. How will PCA rationalize the death of a PCA member under 16 should one occur, in view of it's strong public condemnation of Carl Rutledge?"

Editor's Note: Don, presently I know of four members under 16 years of age who either hold licenses through PCA or have been granted waivers to jump. The jumper you are speaking of was granted a waiver at age 14 by PCA to make a sport parachute jump. In the past, Heaton granted the waiver based on the CSO and ASO's recommendation (after the parent's had given their consent). This was changed at the BOD Meeting in Dallas, however, and now the Board grants all waivers. Jack Bergman, Central Conference Director, has already promised serious repercussions if any jumper in his Conference becomes a fatality (under 16 years of age) with a PCA waiver al-
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Tom Copenhaver, making one of three deadcenters in a row at the Ellinwood, Kansas Meet on 11-12 February, 1967. Tom took home a couple trophies for his work. Photo by Darrel Watson.



Danny Payne, Ka-Mo Sport Jumpers, Kansas City, Mo., tearing up the sawdust in the Ellinwood Meet. Danny took up a berth among the winners and so did that "other jumper" from KC, John Blackwell.

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Finding out that the brahma bull heading for you in a farmer's field, is really only a hunched-back cow.

LITTLE KNOWN RECORDS

STREAKING Presently held by Michigan Pope #13, Brad Gagney, who "streaked" with only jump boots, 3½ miles down I-94 highway past Michigan's largest airport, Wayne County Metropolitan Airport. Witnessed by "Fatman" Bill Weber and "Old Man" McTaggard. (Note: It didn't do Brad any good, however. They still drafted him.) Submitted by Jay Archibald, Manchester, Michigan.

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paid in Tahlequah last year, and a 64-page report of the U. S. Team. He further stated that bids have been submitted on printing costs for "Parachutist" for three years and no changes have been made.

National Director, Phillip Miller: Phil stated that after accepting the slot on the U. S. Team as Head of Delegation, that his last six months work had been limited due to travel. He stated that, while in Vichy, he went to Paris and arranged transportation for the U. S. Team and then visited the FAI Office and secured the latest publications on changes which had occurred during the past two years in FAI rules and regulations.

National Director, William Ottley: Discussed the "Life" magazine article that referred to the Rutledge fatality. Further stated that the Mid-Eastern Parachute Association and Central Atlantic Association were strong and providing good jumping and competition in the area.

At this point, I would like to add a point. Okay, I know this is getting too long and drawn out, but this should be said. The caliber of the PCA Board Members is something to think about. Among them is a heart-surgeon (Dr. Fitch), two lawyers (Baron and Cleary), two majors (Burkhard and Garrity), one captain (Elliott), one colonel (Singlaub), and college degrees a batch. In all honesty, it is one of the finest Boards in the history of PCA and sport parachuting. We have tremendous talent to draw from. Let's take advantage of it.

The next item on the agenda should be of interest to us all.

Jury System: The jury system was revised and adopted with a vote of 14 members for the new system, and 4 abstaining. It is as follows: If a jumper is grounded by a CSO (this is only an example and will apply to any situation), he may request a Local Jury (3-man jury) and if he is still grounded (but doesn't think he should be, regardless of his reasons), he then requests a District Jury of four men. If this jury still upholds the CSO who originally grounded him, he can go on to a Conference Jury of five men. I won't go into the methods of choosing the juries for it is too long and this article is already exceeding its space allotment. However, the last jury is naturally the Executive Board which is the last resort and has a seven man jury. Cases such as Rutledge could utilize this jury, and Rutledge was, in fact, informed that he could attend the BOD Meeting and do precisely this if he wanted to appeal his expulsion from PCA. In summary, this eliminates "instant justice" and gives a man some recourse from "personal" decisions by CSO's and ASO's. The penalty is not lifted while the appeal is being handled by the next higher jury, but a jumper still has somewhere to go when he feels he has been handed an injustice. A full explanation of the new system will probably be included in a future issue of "Parachutist".

At this point, each Board Member was given \$100 to assist in defraying expenses to attend the Board Meeting. It marked the first time PCA has been able to pay anything toward expenses incurred and until something more equitable comes along, it will have to suffice. PCA presently pays the expenses for a Director, if he has approval by the Executive Board,

Riding Off

In All Directions

MANTENO, ILLINOIS: Mike McGowan made one of his one-legged stand-ups and broke his ankle. Dennis Parks drove him to the hospital and wanted to stick around to make sure Mike was alright. Mike told him to leave and not waste his time in a hospital on such a nice day for jumping, so Dennis went back to the DZ. Two hours later, Dennis returned to the hospital with a broken leg. Some days are like that.

HOUSTON, TEXAS: A new "Bad Guy" to an elite group of only eight in the United States. The Bad-Guy organization is ultra-secret and not too much is known on the qualifications for a member to join, however, Bill Nicholson, D-875, made it in. Wonder if he painted swastikas on Heaton's office door or made a jump into a barbeque party? I understand that either way will label you BG.

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI: "K-Bob" Kreigh, age 15, finally got a deadcenter and on Christmas Day. It was his 119th jump and a fine X'mas present to himself. He goofed off the next two jumps, however, with a 1-inch and half-inch miss (?). Eleven of his last 13 jumps have been within a yard of deadcenter and when he learns to stretch out for that disc, he could be a real tough competitor.

PERU, ILLINOIS: Jump conditions are really bad, as reported by Earl Ristau. The club is jumping a Stinson Voyager and the club pilot is retired and lives on the edge of the strip. All you have to do is bang on his door and he's ready to go. They have just leased an acre of land by the hangar and are planning on bringing in the pea-gravel this spring. And to top it off, there's a tavern on the edge of the DZ for after-jumping activities. A leap from 7200 usually runs \$2.50, just to give you some idea of how rough things are. Sorry about that, fellows. You probably have to pack your own PC's too.

FLUSHING, NEW YORK: Brian Stone, B-4226, has some good words on the Kodak Instamatic with an automatic advance (price around \$25) which has a shutter speed of 1/90th. Feeling the shutter speed was too slow, Brian decided to try it anyway. Says he was amazed at how clear the freefall shots

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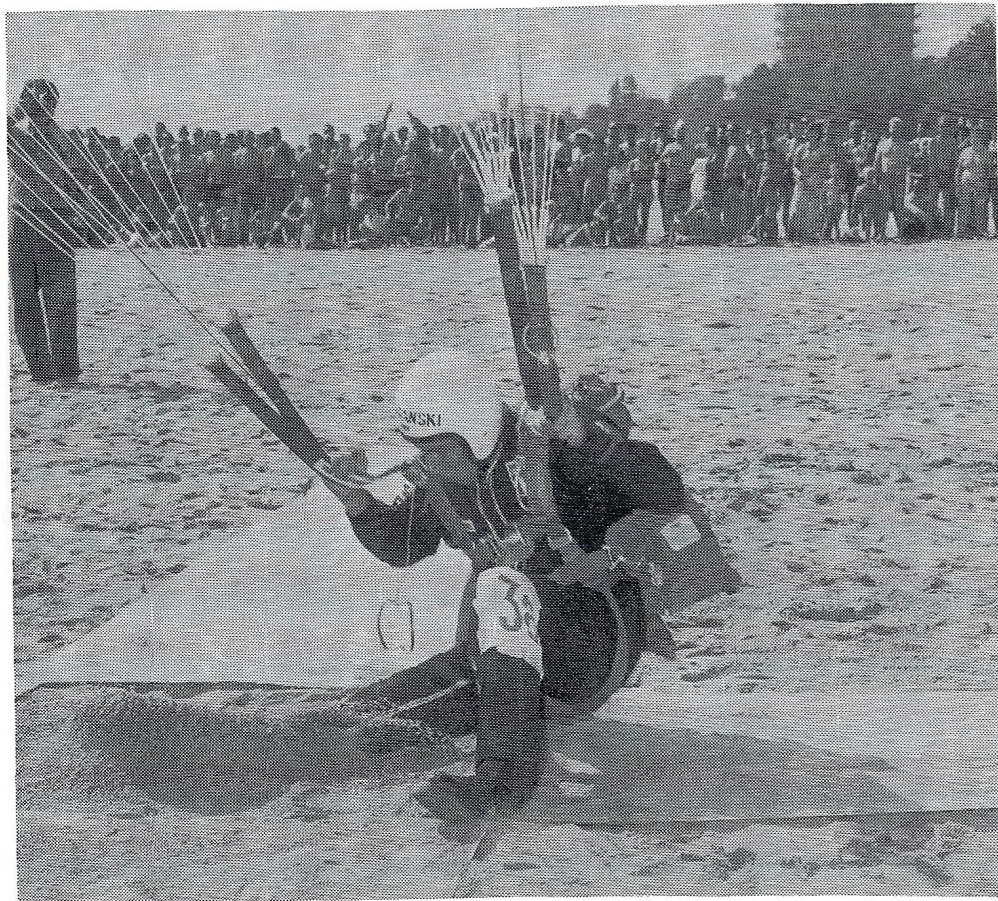
Norman Heaton, and the Treasurer (Baron) PRIOR to the trip. The trip must be dictated by necessity and in connection with PCA duties and total expenses are determined prior to the trip. I cannot see why reimbursement should not be made when it's possible for PCA to do so. More money is spent by elected Directors OUT OF HIS POCKET than you and I will ever be aware of. If you were sitting on that Board, you would vote for reimbursement of YOUR expenses, so let's be fair on this one and not complain about unnecessary expenditures by PCA.

The name change for PCA was brought up again at this point (U.S. Parachute Association) and the change was approved by a 10 to 6 vote with 2 abstaining. It will be put before the general membership in Tahlequah in June and proxy votes could swing the name change. Kicking around the country, I have heard many opinions (such as one very good one in Hammond, Louisiana), some for the change and some against it. How about writing DZ-USA and letting me know WHY you do or do not approve of the name change? Four or five jumpers could use the same postcard and we'll hold our own poll. Results will be printed just as soon as enough jumpers let me know their reasons. Okay?

The first report on a U. S. Team ever submitted in writing, was introduced by Heaton and the following points were of interest:

- 1) That the rules for the Nationals guarantee that specific jumpers who place in the Nationals will be named to the U. S. Team PRIOR to the competition in the Nationals. That is, whether all style jumpers will be chosen, or all accuracy, or the top positions in both events, or the overall winners only. In short, they would be picked in accordance with the type of competition they would be required to attend in World Meets. Martha Huddleston then addressed the Board and stated, "the Team is of ultimate importance; the individual is secondary. The competitor should be told which winners will be on the Team BEFORE the Nationals actually start". The subject was put to a vote and approved 15 to 2, with one abstaining.
- 2) Team Training Try-Out cuts after the Nationals should be eliminated. You should be able to go directly into Team Training, and Heaton suggested that the Board vote on dropping the try-outs and train the 9-man Team with alternates. Huddleston remarked that none of the U. S. Team for 1966 approved of the cuts and the alternates were their insurance.
- 3) Bids for training sites should be thoroughly investigated by sighting of a PCA official and the best site for the money be selected. The bids for such sites should be received before the Nationals and specifications should be spelled out and not assumed. Bad con-

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Tom Schapanski burying the disc in Bulgaria this fall. Eyes glued to the disc and in complete control. Photo by Joe Gonzales, USAPT.

THINK TWICE

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lowing him to jump in the first place. We'll just wait and watch, Don, and hope the new concern with age requirements is in time to spare sport parachuting more bad publicity.

In regard to the December, 1966 issue, on page 5, this letter was written in defense of the article "Points to Ponder". It refers to the incident of the jumper being hung up in the door and his main opening over the tail of the aircraft. It states, "Incidentally, the author was right about "not enough care being taken" on the exit he was talking about. But all clubs should modernize their airplanes and DOORS so they cannot become obstacles to jumpers. Especially, when the jumper makes the type exit that all students are taught to make out of a Cessna 180 or 182." Richard Hanna, Wichita, Kansas.

This next letter is further comments on the "Problems of Intermediate/High Altitude Jumps" as put forth in the October issue of DZ-USA. The author is David A. Orcutt, Brooklyn, New York, who was on the second "uneventful" lift. His comments were, "There were only two problems that I encountered on that lift ... first, COLD! I had the dubious honor of being Tail-End Charley in the 206's "cold seat" with a rather brisk 100 mph (plus) breeze slapping me on my right side. Morris, who was facing me, tried to keep his hands warm by placing them on certain parts of my body. Have you ever tried to slug someone wearing a helmet, sweatshirt, and hiding under a blanket?? The second problem occurred while on the jump run. I removed my mask too soon and passed it forward. On top of this, I was shouting

second-hand corrections to the guys up forward. I can remember the first man leaving the aircraft but nothing else after that until I came to in freefall with 10 seconds gone on my stopwatch. That shook me up a little but not as much as when I looked down to check the spot. You'd be surprised at how far you can track from 22,000 feet. I got a one-yarder out of it, but with the exception of one other, everyone else went to see some friends in Dickinson, Texas. Like Doc says, "What's wrong with 7500?" Keep that mag going, and tell Noel Baby to work a little harder on his Christmas decorations."

Bob Beck, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, submits the following on his letter which was printed in the December, 1966 issue: "This is to clarify the article by me, "Clear Up the Confusion". In it, I stated that I felt students should be taught both methods of reserve deployment, especially if the hand deployment method is being taught and I still do. However, the impression I gave was that students should be taught both methods to start with and this is wrong. Even though I think cutting away is the best method, I would not teach both methods to a student who is on static-line or delays of less than ten seconds, especially, if it was required in the area I was jumping to teach the hand-deployed method as the primary reserve procedure. Students in this category should be taught only one method at a time, regardless of which one it is. But when a student has progressed to ten second delays, he is supposed to be taught the use of instruments and turns by the time he is on 15's. He then has enough jumps under his belt to be familiar with what he is doing so that it is not so likely he will make serious

mistakes. It is about this time he should be taught to cut-away if he was not shown how originally. I would like to thank Butch Rubb, the CSO at Orange, Mass., for bringing this to my attention. I deeply appreciate his taking the time to write to me and helping to clear up what I meant to say. When the article was written, I had this point in my mind but failed to convey it properly. There is one other comment I'd like to make at this time. Don Boyle's article on Air Force procedure concerning the cutting of suspension lines was very meaningful and significant. I had the opportunity to jump with Don recently and witnessed him trying out the method he described. I am convinced that what he is suggesting is much safer than riding an uncontrollable reserve all the way down. His idea has merits from the safety standpoint such as avoiding obstacles and facing into the wind on landings. You won't be able to even keep up with a double-L as far as maneuverability is concerned, but that little bit IS THERE when you need it most and gives you some choice on where you want to land. It should be given serious study by PCA as a means of cutting down on accidents."

Now, while we are still on the subject of Don Boyle's article, "The Air Force Method on Reserves", let's examine the thoughts expressed in two letters on the subject. We have already read what Bob Beck thought of the procedure, now let's see what Don himself thinks of it and then what Captain Craig Elliot, National Director for PCA, believes. First, Don's letter. "I made a test jump on a 28' flat-circular, and using the Air Force method, cut the four back lines. The canopy quit oscillating and got real

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GET DOWN TO EARTH BUT UP OFF THE GROUND...

YOUR SAFETY-CHECK

I pulled my reserve in the garage to repack it and the container stayed closed. It had a pilot chute in it (an MA-1), and the cones were in good shape. I think the pilot chute was pushing up against the cones so hard, the grommets couldn't slide over the cones. The cones were on a stiffener. It was a 28' rollpack which was cut down for a 24'. A slight tap and it opened. No sweat on a front reserve, but what about a piggy-back reserve? I'm jumping a homemade piggy-back and I installed a line from the pack opening band to the front of the harness so it can be opened manually if it should hang up. The reserve has capewells and I carry a riser-knife. Other jumpers should think about this.

*Don Boyles
Tulsa, Oklahoma*

ABOUT THE PARA-KILLER

"In the January issue, on page 6, I almost got snuffed out doing what Hugh Price went through. The D-rings were hand-stitched with cotton thread ... one broke loose before the other. I was not too high fortunately. Para-Sails can tear bumpers off cars; lift the rear-ends of vehicles; and jerk boats off the surface. I have seen one guy DIE with a P-S, and know of one other. I have seen several people seriously injured. I can't stress enough the danger-strength of these things. They ARE NOT to be toyed with. I've seen, and I believe, brother. Amen."

*Lyle Cameron
Sky Diver Magazine*

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MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA:

Here's a jump sent in as a record jump and someone has missed the point. DZ-USA is not trying to set a "Fatality Record" of any kind so don't try to better this one. "Reserveless Jump, three-man, no reserves or helmets worn. Three-man hook-up. All jumpers had PC's that were just sleeved before the jump. Names withheld for obvious reasons." Somebody has got to be kidding. And just in case they're not ... records of this type will never end up as permanent recorded deeds, but the jumpers may. With little gray stones marking the spot.

GET YOUR EQUIPMENT NEEDS FOR ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. VALUES UP TO \$9.50 FOR ROUNDING UP FIVE SUBSCRIPTIONS. SIMPLE AS THAT.

ditions existed at Lumberton last year and should have been evident before the Team arrived there.

- 4) Heaton recommended that the same pilot be used during the training so that he will become familiar with the Team members before he is to be used as a U. S. Team pilot. Combined coordination between the pilot and the Team is imperative.
- 5) There were too many people accompanying the U. S. Team to Europe and too much gear and equipment was taken along. (Ed: There were 19 persons in all in the U. S. Team Delegation. Several others accompanied the Team at their own expense. Two of them were Leon Potts and Chuck MacCrone, and in Norman's words, "these two were among the hardest workers".) Recommendations concerning the size of the Team were as follows: Phil Miller, "No definite number of people required can be determined when no one knows the circumstances which may exist in the future". Russ Gunby, "We need our own interpreter with the Team and this time we need one who thinks like us not a Bulgarian". Major Garrity: "The Team Administrator should handle nothing but the paperwork, period. The Board will determine what his specific duties are prior to his departure with the Team". Phil Miller, "Every Team has it's own problems and no two Teams are the same. You will encounter different problems on every different Team sent to Europe".
- 6) One of the female members of the U. S. Team was discussed in particular and after considerable discussion, it was decided that the Board was unable to act upon the matter. Mark Baron remarked that incidents which affect the U. S. Team is a matter for the Team Trainer or Team Captain to decide and that they have the power to ship any individual back to the States if the individual is bringing embarrassment to the Team. Discussion was limited to thirty seconds and the subject was passed over for the time being.
- 7) It was recommended by the Report on the U. S. Team that riggers be made available for use by the Team. This would afford the Team more time for more jumps during training. (Ed: The recommendations for the next (1967) U. S. Team came almost at the end of the BOD Meeting, however, I will insert them here to complete the subject of the U. S. Team. The suggestions were made by Cameron, and were as follows:)
- 1) The training pace should be slower at the training site;
- 2) Future U. S. Teams need more water-jump training;
- 3) There must be more definition of responsibilities and duties of Staff;
- 4) More money is necessary for Team expenses;
- 5) The U. S. Team Administrator should not go with the Team; and
- 6) That a U. S. Team Report not be repeated and that the one for the 1966 Team was unnecessary.

Lyle stated that the morale of the 1966 Team was bad; there was too much regimentation; the Staff personnel for the Team should either be all military, all civilian, or whatever future circumstances dictate; and that transportation arrangements for the 1966 Team were inadequate and should be improved considerably for future Teams. "All in all," Cameron added, "the Team performed very well in spite of the temporary setbacks and incidents." Heaton mentioned at this point that the \$400 insurance policy bought by PCA to cover the Team, saved a considerable amount on Schapanski's and Kay Jones' injuries. Tom's injury alone amounted to a couple thousand dollars. In conclusion, DZ-USA can't help but believe that the 1967 U. S. Team could be one of the best ever. Many valuable lessons have been learned and the next Team will profit from this knowledge. Support the 1967 U. S. Team to make sure everything we have gained is not wasted.

PCA Office Move: The Board was informed by Norman Heaton that the PCA Office has been moved to a location on Cannery Row after only 38 days notice to move prior to the relocation. Rent on the new space is \$277 per month but with little time to make the move, Norman found the best he could with adequate floor space and suitable for PCA's needs. These new offices had to be remodeled, however, and again the "picture window" complaint made by Cameron earlier, was re-voiced. Because Norman had paid for the window without the approval of the Board, a motion was introduced to censure Mr. Heaton for going beyond his capacity as Executive Director. The Board voted NOT to censure Norman by a 5-2 vote, with 9 abstentions. Mr. Heaton then informed the Board that a second move would be necessary ~~prior to 1 September 1967 because of an urban renewal project~~. This second move will be voted upon by the full Board after the suggested locations are presented by Heaton to the Executive Board. This move could conceivably end up in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. More on that later. (Ed: It should be pointed out at this time that the Executive Director has the authority to sign checks up to \$600 without the approval of the Board. The Treasurer, Mark Baron, signs all checks for over that amount. The Assistant Executive Director, Scott Hamilton, also has the authority to sign checks up to \$600 in the absence of the Exec. Director. The President of PCA may act as the contingent for the Treasurer.)

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IN NEXT ISSUE

Articles on safety by William C. Brown, Memphis, Tennessee and Stu Giesick, Tulsa, Oklahoma . . . a malfunction experience by "Tropical" Tom Pritchard, Hollywood, Florida . . . a first-jump story by Joe Langdon, Amarillo, Texas . . . a feature story on some "youngsters" jumping in Ohio by Jim West, Xenia, Ohio . . . and more. So make sure your subscription is up to date so you'll be receiving the March issue.

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PIONEER PARACHUTIST DIES

John Albert Dunkle, 53, former parachute jumper at air shows throughout the country, died of an apparent heart attack in Tulsa, Oklahoma on February 25th.

Dunkle made his first parachute leap in 1929 and won a National Spot Contest in a Cleveland, Ohio, air show in the late 1930's.

He had been a member of a barnstorming troupe appearing in air shows across the United States prior to World War II during which he served in the Air Force as a parachute technician. John was a licensed pilot and aircraft mechanic, a master parachute rigger and aircraft upholsterer. He had worked in the Tulsa area for the Spartan Aircraft Company prior to being forced to quit due to failing health eight years ago.

Sport parachutists today sometimes forget the appreciation we owe the pioneers in the sport, such as John, until it is too late to personally show their appreciation. He will be long remembered by his many friends and jump buddies who stretch back many years.

Spend a nickel... address an envelope—

Got a subject you want to air to other jumpers? How about an unusual photograph you have been treasuring? The story will be printed and the photograph will be returned after printing. Share your ideas with others. Sent it to PARA-PRINT, P.O. BOX 2131, Wichita, Kansas, 67201.



Jerry Ryburn, D-1100, and look at that Texas landscape! Photo by Johnny Christoff. Jerry is now in Vietnam and the landscape isn't so hot there either.

**MEET EDITORIAL FOR THE
FIRST ANNUAL MARDI GRAS MEET
FEBRUARY 4-5, 1967
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

*Byline: "Crossbow", The Unstable Ocelot
(Mascot, Southern Para. Center)*

The First Annual Mardi Gras Meet proved to be as enjoyable as the Mardi Gras festivities with good jump weather Saturday and only a light shower Sunday afternoon, which failed to dampen spirits.

Because of a less-than-expected turnout, the meet schedule was revised, the entry fee dropped to \$9 plus \$3.50 per jump, and the "C" and "D" license requirement dropped. The changes proved to be most welcome by the jumpers present, and a near-disaster was quickly turned into a completely enjoyable meet. Jumpers, who otherwise would not have been eligible to compete, got in on the action and there were many smiling faces accepting trophies, with little mind given the fact that the cash prizes had been withdrawn.

With ample time for repacking, plenty of aircraft, an unhurried schedule, excellent conditions and facilities, the meet met any competitor's expectations (student as well as advanced).

Some style jumps were made by jumpers who had never attempted a complete series prior to the meet. The SLOWEST series was in the 15's, with no zaps!! For new jumpers seeking a proving ground the meet provided every opportunity to test his ability.

For example, Donna Hughes, with only 13 jumps took third place in Intermediate Accuracy with her closest jump being 2 meters.

Hunt Dufour, with less than 50 jumps (and only 2 of which were on a PC), was in the pea-gravel on all three attempts and ended with a seven-meter average to take 2nd place, Intermediate Accuracy.

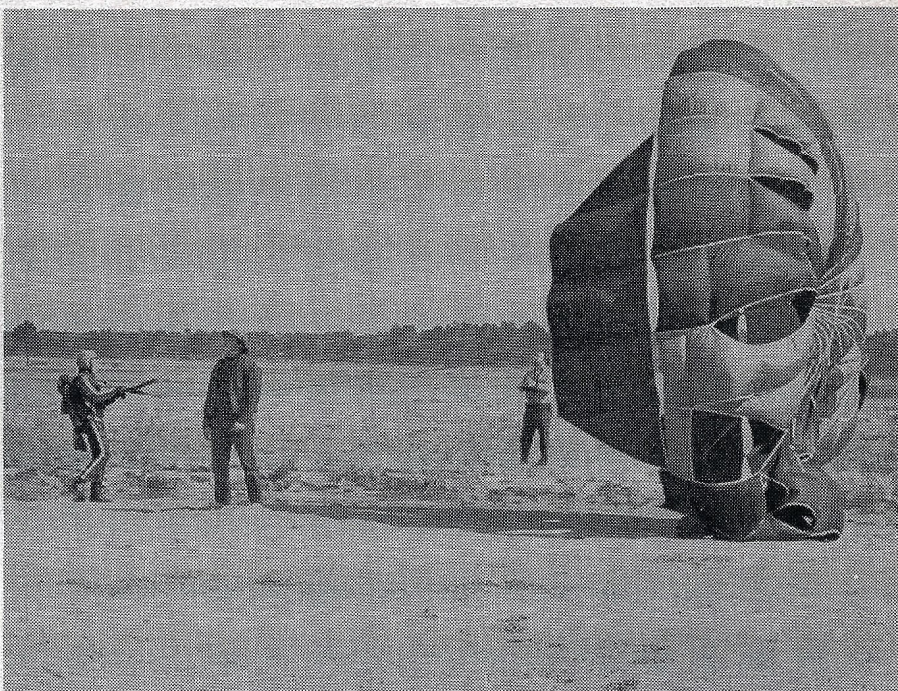
Advanced Accuracy produced some new threats to D-OO types (and some may have lost a trophy to lesser experienced jumpers at the meet). Would you believe that 2nd Place, Advanced Accuracy went to Jim Taylor, Fairfield, Connecticut, who started jumping in June of this past year and entered the meet with only 120 jumps. Being beaten by only John Snyder, who is headed for the U. S. Army Team, keep an eye out for Jim to make the '67 Nationals.

Accuracy jumpers contended with winds (almost equal to the first day at the '66 Nationals) and the tricky shifts found experienced jumpers logging an out jump once in awhile. A comment made by Gilbert Branson, Auburn, Alabama, summed it up when he was asked about his accuracy standings. "Out, for THEE third and final time!"

And in case you are wondering who bylined this article, come down next year and meet me. This year I watched all the

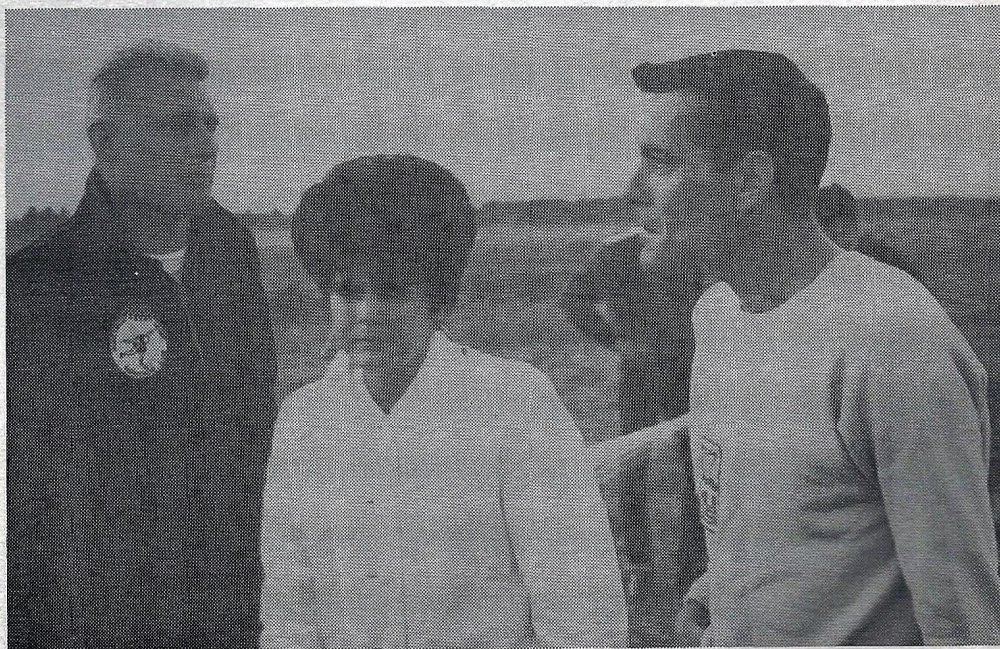
activities, but didn't even get a jump. Maybe that's why they call me "Crossbow."

where the fun is !



Jim Taylor, Fairfield, Conn., 2nd place accuracy, making room for the next man coming in, after getting another close jump for himself. Photo by Rick Miller.

THIS CENTER SECTION WILL BE RESERVED EACH MONTH FOR A MEET OR DZ IN PARTICULAR. NEXT MONTH WILL BE THE ARCHWAY SPORT PARACHUTE CENTER IN SPARTA, ILLINOIS. IF YOU WANT A PLUG FOR YOUR DZ IN THE JUNE ISSUE (AND CAN PAY MY EXPENSES TO YOUR DZ), CONTACT DZ-USA TO COMPLETE THE DETAILS. THE APRIL AND MAY ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESERVED BY GREENE COUNTY SPORT PARACHUTE CENTER AND OMAHA SKYDIVERS. WHEN WILL I VISIT YOU?



Judge Radhoff: "Did you get him with the binoculars, Gene?"
Scorer Marlyn: "I can't put them down if you guys can't see them!"
Judge Hunnell: "Are you sure the plane has taken off yet?"

**FIRST ANNUAL MARDI GRAS MEET
FEBRUARY 4, 5, 6
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

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THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

Intermediate Accuracy:

- 1) Lloyd Kelly, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
– Louisiana Skydivers
- 2) Hunt Dufour, New Orleans, Louisiana
– Southern Parachute Center
- 3) Donna Hughes, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
– Southern Parachute Center

Advanced Accuracy:

- 1) John Snyder, Ft. Rucker, Alabama
– Ft. Rucker SPC
- 2) Jim Taylor, Fairfield, Connecticut
– Stormville SPC
- 3) Herb Golden, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
– Louisiana Skydivers

Overall:

- 1) John Snyder, D-1134
- 2) Herb Golden, D-847
- 3) Leon Riche, D-1131

Meet Director: Leon Riche
Manifestor: Prissie Riche

Pilots: Jay & Joy Courtney; Bob Way;
Bill Monteleon; and Cappy Connors
Judges: Ron Radhoff, Gene Hunnell, and
Rick Miller

Judge's Helpers: Marilyn Radhoff, Gail
Miller, Claudia Golden, and Linda
Miller

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**STORIES & PEOPLE FROM
THE MARDI GRAS MEET**

Herb Golden, D-847, brought up some good ideas on modified reserves (conicals with a 3-panel, double-blank cut) and further details should be forthcoming from "Old Rotten Crotch" to help point the way for other riggers now that the modification is legal. No safety factors are violated unless the cut is made too high in the canopy and the new FAA regulations for a minor modification in 26' conicals is one of the best pieces of news to come along in a long time. By the way, Herb sucked up three trophies in the meet and livened up the awards presentations with some well-chosen words.

John Snyder, D-1334, who is waiting for the red-tape to be completed for his transfer to the U. S. Army Parachute Team (hopefully), was a tough man to beat in advanced accuracy and made the pea-gravel "a home away from home" in the meet. But . . . we found his weakness when it came to making Cardinal. John was still working on "Here is to . . ." as the bar closed. One fine jumper who

will be a definite asset to the Golden Knights.

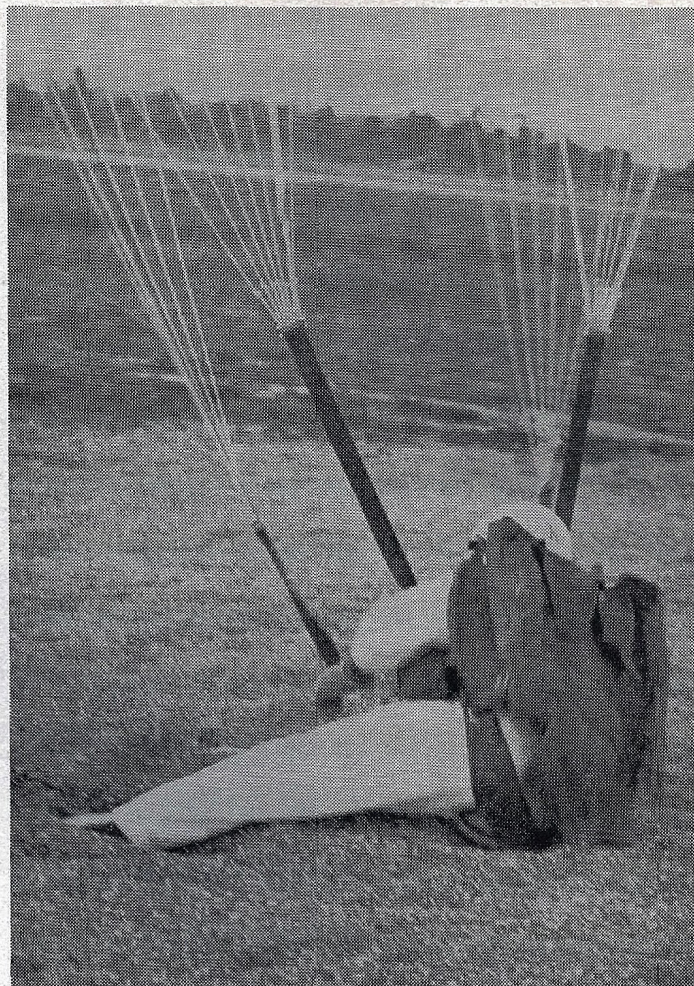
Rick Miller was the assistant judge and didn't let leg braces slow him down when it came to personal attention to female competitors. With only one woman in the meet, she was given more than her share of tender, loving care. Rick's story on his injuries appeared in the January issue of DZ-USA and PC owners should treat their canopies with a little more respect after reading it. He will be judging until he can get back in the air and from the determination he has displayed thus far, he will make it some way.

'Bama Skydivers were well represented by Richard Dunn and Roy Hatch. Richard gave excuses #3, #18, and #41 for three out jumps and Roy bettered him somewhat by circling the pea-gravel and helping his buddy save face. Richard repaid this kindness after the meet by mis-spotting Roy and Jim Taylor by two miles while in Huntsville, Alabama. Sometimes, no matter what you do to help . . .

Ron Radhoff, "The Tahlequah Bad Guy," was presented with the "Be a Good Guy" button which was presented

to this editor by Butch Harris at the Florida Meet on New Year's. Ron wore it dutifully throughout the judging of the meet and then promptly lost it (conveniently) when it came time for Mardi Gras celebrating in New Orleans. All I can add is, Ron passed all expectations and made his Tahlequah activities during the '66 Nationals look like a tea-party by comparison. He now holds the World Record for Bead-Catching in Mardi Gras parades. His best catch was 18 feet above the heads of the crowd from a "standing leap" position. With his wife, Marlyn, bagging the beads they were an unbeatable pair. I stood behind them during the street parades for three days and all that got through to me was cold air and, occasionally, a ray of sunshine . . . but no beads.

And speaking of physical endurance tests, Mac Kelly and Skip Van Antwerp got their chances on Cardinal rituals. Max, however, made a run on a blond at the end of the bar and completely blew his cool (and the ritual), while Skip continued the rituals with his own versions. Each departed without a card and Max



**Lloyd Kelly, Baton Rouge, Louisiana,
on his 100th jump and in the pea-gravel
to score. Photo by Rick Miller.**

without the blond. S.A.T.

And before we pass the subject by, Van Witchen, "The Beard," got all the way down to turning over the glass . . . and then came up with some home-made rules. During Mardi Gras he was seen in the constant company of a blond (oddly enough, the same one Max was tracking down) and sharpening up on bottles of wine.

"Cappy" Connors had shoulder trouble during his first style jump and almost blew the minds of the style judges (Radhoff and Hunnell) when he did a 90 degree turn to begin his series; came back on heading; made a good delay; and pulled. On the ground, he was down and not getting up because of his trick-shoulder which slips out of socket occasionally. It had gone out when he cranked into the first turn and he made a left-handed pull with a righthand ripcord. An operation is now on the agenda for Cappy and when that shoulder is patched up, we'll all be watching a damn good jumper back in the air and cranking out style in the manner he is accustomed. (Sure hope the dampness in Hammond didn't aggravate his injury . . . inside joke.)

Jim Taylor, one of the most promising young jumpers I've ran across in some days, makes a very colorful picture on the DZ with checkered-plaid jumpsuit and the inscription "Para-Commander commanded by Jim Taylor" lettered on his "piggy-back" container. You may smile when you see the jumpsuit, but he'll take the smile off your face if you're up against him in accuracy. And in addition to being also good in style, Jim prides himself on stand-up landings with about an 80% record going for him in over 100 jumps. He can make a stand-up out of a crash-and-burn and my legs ache just watching him. During the Mardi Gras days and nights in New Orleans, Jim again excelled. From the way he greeted complete strangers (female-type), it was very evident he was a breast-fed baby.

I suppose I may as well admit to a malfunction in Hammond and get it over with. Even the editor is entitled to a mistake or two, right? The story is in the "Malfunctions" section on page 19. The first subscriber who laughs gets his address plate lost. I will add one note here on Ed Douglas who witnessed the malfunction. He said, and I quote, "Thanks for the reserve deployment demo . . . It's great if you dump above 5000 feet." I get the feeling he believes I took too long in deploying the reserve. I could be wrong though . . .

Bob Blanchard, Beachcomber's SPC, Milton, Florida, is one man every meet should have around. Among many other things, Bob is a rigger and a good one. He is always in possession of literature on rigging and anxious to help would-be riggers. He will repack reserves, pass out a flight suit, and all in all, just be

one helleva good guy without expecting anything in return. The sport has very few of these men left, and I for one, won't forget the favors he did me. Too few of us are willing to help fellow-jumpers and it's a sad thought. I hope Bob's attitude rubs off on a lot of us. Thanks again, Bob.

Two pilots were on hand that deserve mention. Jay and Joy Courtney flew their 206 to everyone's satisfaction and proved the 206 is an excellent jump plane IF YOU HAVE THE PROPER PILOT. Jay holds a "D" ticket and Joy a "B", but at this meet they were flying only. Jay popped a load of five of us up to 7,000 in a little more than 10 minutes just to prove that the 206's used in the Nationals last year could have made a better showing. Jay and Joy are presently enroute to Africa and they will be missed by many jumpers. Two very fine people.

Another interesting personality was a non-jumper, 13-year-old, Tommy Shoemaker, who can pack up any rig as quickly as the owner of the rig . . . and he probably does a better repack job. Tommy helps Leon around the airport and is probably going to be an excellent jumper one of these fine days. Say, around 16 or 17 and Leon insists on this. Here is a perfect example of a youngster who knows as much about sport parachuting as any beginning jumper would know (or more) but he is willing to wait until Leon says he's ready.

Spoke briefly with Joe Morgan who says Mark V bags are the only way and the only thing he is against is motels who charge \$3.00 for your dog to stay the night.

The most comical landing during the meet goes to Gil Branson, Auburn, Alabama, who in addition to being built like a tank, comes in like one. He came in sitting down (thoroughly disgusted with himself for an out jump) and after one hard, sliding, grinding crash . . . remained sitting up and being pulled by his canopy which didn't have the strength to change his position in the least. When it finally gave it up, Gil was still sitting just as he landed, and had plowed up twenty feet of hard ground, and the disgusted look was still on his face. Any other jumper would have busted his back, both legs, and threw his hips out of joint. Gil came out of it with a little mud on his backside and some choice words.

Not much time was spent on anything other than the meet by Leon and Prissie Riche, but I did get a few minutes to watch a training session of a student, Fred Host, and the instruction looked adequate. If you are thinking of a jump in the New Orleans area, get to the other side of the lake and drop in at Hammond. A good place to unpack one.

To end this, I'll add one final note. Mardi Gras was the greatest. A mob of people you wouldn't believe, but an ex-

perience I won't soon forget. This alone made the meet a must. Where else can you have your cake and eat it too? You could watch "mooning" on tops of pianos, listen to Gail Miller's sad story of eating some kind of Hawaiian flower bulbs that were supposed to be next to LSD and turned out to be next to crabgrass and only made her unhappy; you could have had a sweatshirt made especially for you with such jolly slogans on the front as, "Lee Harvey Oswald . . . where are you, now that we need you?"; you could be crushed by crowds (which helps break the monotony); stumble in and out of bars with Andy and Pearl Kaletto who were down from Detroit for the festivities and journeyed on to Huntsville, Alabama (with me bumming along); or you could watch frantic people searching for a doorway to vent off excess beer; and last but not least, be frisked for firecrackers by the local cops if you happened to be with Skip Van Antwerp as I was. No joke, something everyone should see once (at least), so make it to Hammond and Mardi Gras next year. See you there.

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MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING COMMISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AERONAUTICS PARIS, FRANCE (31 JANUARY - 3 FEBRUARY)

This report is basically intended to inform jumpers in general on the how and why of World Parachute Championships. I think you'll find it of interest even from a fun-jumpers viewpoint. The article is based on a personal interview with Chuck MacCrone (Parachute Club of America's FAI Representative) immediately following his return from Paris. The first two days of the meeting involved the five-country Sub-Committee discussions between Czechoslovakia, Russia, France, Spain, and the United States. This part of the meeting was preliminary to the subjects discussed by all countries (the Plenary Session on February 2nd and 3rd which was attended by 20 countries) so, we will go directly into the Plenary Session and see what has been decided for the 1968 World Championships. For being a new face at the FAI Meeting, I don't think you can help but notice that Chuck MacCrone worked constantly in the interest of sport parachuting and repre-

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sented in an excellent manner. Here's how it went:

The first item on the agenda was the report on the VIII World Championships (Leipzig, East Germany) and nothing of significance was presented in the verbal report. The report was made by the East German organizers and the Chief Judge, CEPZAS, and both stated that the Meet was well ran and the only problem was weather. (Editor's Note: Off-the-cuff reports do not necessarily agree with this opinion.)

The 1968 World Championships were then opened to discussion (at Chuck's insistence) and it was soon evident that only two countries were interested in hosting the Meet, these countries being the United States and Brazil. Brazil, however, withdrew their bid in favor of the U. S. bid, IF the United States could come up with a guarantee within three months. (Note: The guarantee refers to a ruling allegedly adopted at the Athens FAI General Conference in 1962 and it states, essentially, that any country submitting a bid to host a World Championship must guarantee that all member countries of the FAI will be allowed to participate without discrimination. Chuck informs me that a resolution will be submitted to the General Conference in August or September of this year for reconsideration of the ruling.) This could very well mean that our bid will be accepted if our State Department will see things our way and that the World Championships may be held in Tahlequah, Oklahoma in 1968. However, if we cannot come up with the guarantee, the bid will go to Brazil. And there is always the possibility that Russia will obtain a bid within the deadline period of three months (2 May) from another country. There are no indications at present that this will occur, however, and in fact, at the closing of the session, KOKKINAKI, USSR, stated he was very pleased with the U. S. bid and wholeheartedly agreed with it. This also would indicate that no country is intending to boycott the United States if we host the Championships. This is contrary to what some people have been preaching in the United States, but Chuck assures me, that absolutely no Iron Curtain countries showed signs of possible non-attendance. This could be the most significant product of the FAI Meeting, as far as all jumpers in general are concerned. A very promising sign that some of the politics can be taken out of World Championships if we will meet other countries half-way.

The five countries at the Subcommittee Meeting were represented by some names you may be seeing from time to time, especially if the World Meet came to the U. S., so meet them now. BALESI is president of IPC (International Parachuting Council); CEPZAS represents Czechoslovakia; LISOV is the representa-

tive for Russia; CARTIER speaks for France; MUNOZ is the Spanish rep; and MAC CRONE acts in our behalf. The new president of FAI (International Federation of Aeronautics) is KOKKINAKI, USSR, and he attended both days of the Plenary Session. Now, let's move on.

A Czech proposal was introduced to change events and event points (such as partial completions of style jumps) and, essentially, the Czech proposals were aimed at enabling less proficient jumpers to score points in a World Meet. One other point presented by CEPZAS was to drop the altitude on style jumps to 1500 meters to assist the judging of the event. This would also allow for completion of the style event in the case of marginal weather. (Editor's Note: By checking the quality of some jumpers who are allowed to enter our Nationals, should convince anyone that World Meets do not need any more "watering-down".)

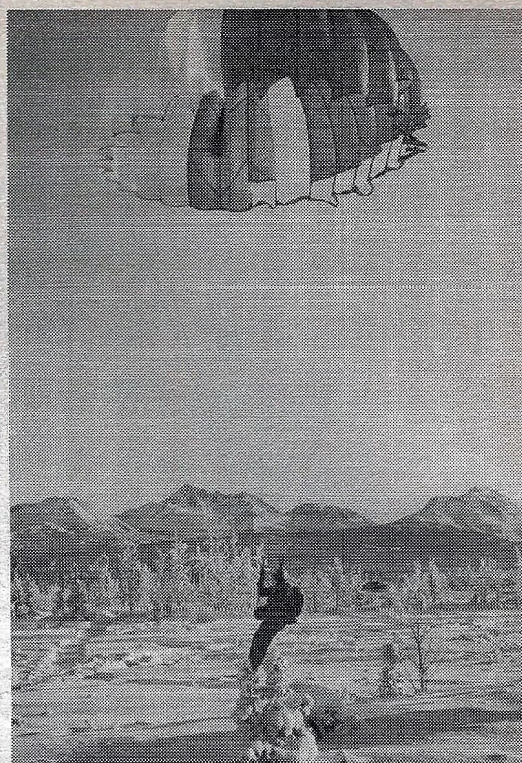
A baton-pass event was proposed by the Czech delegate but points would not count on the World Meet points and would be an experimental event. Such events are now permissible in a World Meet even though the 1966 Meet did not run one.

CARTIER, France, felt it should be more difficult to get into the World competition and MAC CRONE feels we should align with them on this point. One example of stiffer rules would be to eliminate the throw-away jump which Russia has insisted upon. This move alone, if we can get the throw-aways out of World Meets, would affect the less proficient jumpers and keep the standards for entry higher. The French view, in short, is the opposite of the Czech proposal of easier entry. The French, however, do not want to eliminate the small nations and feel we have too few international meets. This point seems to indicate that they feel as we do on encouraging the sport in other nations by helping them set up their sport parachuting programs.

A slight change was made in the FAI appointment of judges for the World Championships by adding the appointment of a Vice-Judge. It is a rather misleading title but the Vice-Judge would cover the possibility of the Chief Judge being absent and carry out his duties in this event. So, in 1968, FAI will appoint the Chief Judge and 11 principal judges plus the Vice-Judge.

Chuck's proposal on the cross-arm target (with four 1 x 5 meter panels, placed 5 meters out from the disc) was approved and will be used in the '68 World Championships and in all subsequent championships.

The free-style event (maneuvers which are determined by the jumper prior to the jump and given to the judges on a written form, with the judges then scoring on the "degree of difficulty") was entertained



Phil Sinclair, Alaska Skydiver's Club, brings in a rag with the Chugach Mountains for a backdrop. The hoar-frost on the trees is indicative of the sub-zero temperatures the Alaskan jumpers contend with. Photo by Dan Rohn, Sr.

by the French but they indicated no concrete proposals.

One very important discussion at this point was Olympic participation. Jacques ISTELE (Honorary President of CIP), prior to this meeting, had approached the Mexican officials who will host the next Olympics in Mexico City. ISTELE's proposal to Mexico was that the Olympics include sport parachuting as either a standard or demonstration event. No definite answer was given by the Mexican government, however, and there is little chance that either alternate will be approved. FAI has been recognized by the Olympic Committee, however, ISTELE's report was to the effect that the Olympic Committee feels the events are too numerous now in the Olympics due to a time factor and events are being eliminated, not added. Even if parachutists were allowed to enter the Olympics, one problem would immediately face participants (United States participants or any other country), and that would be the determination of professional or amateur classification. This, in our case, would be determined by the U. S. Olympic Committee (and not the International Olympic Committee) and PCA would not make the determination (although their advice may be asked). This individual determination by EACH country could mean that each country would use different methods or more than likely, each country would set

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PCA Elections: Over 10,000 ballots were mailed to PCA members for election of Conference and National Directors. Only 3,301 were returned and of these, 16 were incomplete or incorrect, 5 were blank, 107 were mailed too late to be valid, and 33 did not give either the man's name or his PCA membership number. So, in percentages, the elections were based on about 30% of the total membership. The returns were counted by an accounting firm to avoid accusations of mishandling by PCA. Mr. Heaton reminded the Board that the ballots could be easily counted in the PCA office and for much less money.

License Requirement Change: The requirement that a recipient must reside in the United States, it's territories or possessions, was deleted by a 17-1 vote, with 1 abstention. In short, jumpers from foreign countries may now apply for a license through PCA if they meet our requirements and have been checked out by an American ASO.

Parachutist Magazine: Considerable discussion was devoted to this item on the agenda but rather than go into any detail, let's just hit the high spots. Comments were as follows: Norman Heaton, "I have received no bids on printing from the Monterey area for Parachutist and I am against sending it to Kansas City, for instance, for printing. It can best be done in Monterey at the present time." Art Armstrong, "Cartoons have no place in Parachutist Magazine, especially 16 pages of them which appeared in one issue." Major Garrity, "To hold the interest of readers, cartoons and 'Foto Funnies' are necessary. The humor makes the magazine more appealing." Russ Gunby, "Parachutist should be the source of new equipment and new parachutes. It is a technical publication." Bill Ottley, "The April 1967 issue of Parachutist should include a 'buddy subscription' blank to be used by non-PCA jumpers. More PCA applications should be available to clubs and individuals too for renewal or new memberships." So, in short, nothing was accomplished. One point was established in the Parachutist Committee meeting and that was to itemize the cost of the April issue of Parachutist. This will give the committee some figures to work with and a basis for study on the cost of the publication.

A refreshing pause in the routine matters being considered by the Board was the arrival of the Tahlequah Committee. A five or six-man group of businessmen representing Oklahoma and Tahlequah (in particular) wheeled in mixed drinks and really livened things up. Dr. Fitch was made an Honorary Member of the Sycamore Tribe of Tahlequah, Oklahoma (complete with Indian head-gear) and the presentation got under way. The speaker was one of the finest examples of Public Relations I have ever seen. The delivery was to the point and it was very obvious that even the smallest detail had been given every consideration. In essence, we were "invited to become a part of rapidly growing Oklahoma." It was pointed out that aviation is the third largest industry in Oklahoma and that the Nationals there this year would be better than ever. The committee promised more cars and trucks for use by the Nationals; more publicity; dormitory space confirmed; a 42-meter target; free gas and oil for our aircraft donated by the State of Oklahoma; a Guest Speaker for the opening day; a "Sportsman Award" presented by Tahlequah; \$1000 donated by Oklahoma to the city of Tahlequah for assistance in hosting the Nationals; Cessna aircraft from Cessna distributors throughout the state; and last, but not least, a red carpet 40 feet long and 4 feet wide. And if this wasn't enough, Tahlequah disclosed their plans to assist PCA's Office move by assuring us that plans for our required buildings had already been included in airport improvement plans for the Tahlequah Airport. The State of Oklahoma was prepared to assist us by lending financial aid to the tune of over a quarter-million dollars for PCA's "center concept." They assured us that no commercial air traffic passes over or near Tahlequah and that none is contemplated. Finally, they voiced their desire to host not only the Nationals in 1967, but the World Championships in 1968. All in all, a very complete and concise presentation and a gracious welcome to sport parachuting. Dr. Fitch summed it up by his statement to the Committee, "Gentlemen, sport parachuting, by whatever name it has gone by for 15 years, has been waiting for you for 15 years."

The next subject on the agenda wasn't so pleasant. Cameron had accused Heaton of dereliction of his duties by disposing of equipment which belonged to PCA, namely the canopies used by the U. S. Team which Norman gave to Team members and, because of an excess of chutes, to members who had been cut in the try-outs. A 17-3 vote absolved Heaton of dereliction and a motion was introduced to prevent future complications. The motion was made "that individual equipment given to individuals of the U. S. Team must be given with the understanding that such equipment cannot be resold by the person it was given to." This was passed by a 14-3 vote.

A motion was made by Jack Cleary for PCA to extend an invitation to CIP for the 9th World Championships to be held in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and the motion was passed unanimously. Cameron stated that East Germany would not come to the U. S. because we supposedly cheated them in 1962 and then snubbed them in 1964. (Ed: As seen by MacCrone's visit to the FAI Meeting in France, there is no idle gossip circulating at the present time which would indicate that the Iron Curtain countries would not attend.)

The question of waivers was raised at this point and Jack Bergman stated that, "a 15-year-old had a waiver granted by PCA in his area." He further stated that PCA violated a BSR by granting the waiver and that if the waivers continued to go down a year at a time, that soon we would be granting waivers to 8-year-olds. It was then determined that the Executive Director grants waivers of this type based on recommendations by the ASO and CSO on the particular individual. This is after parental consent has been given to the ASO and CSO. Art Armstrong suggested "that a copy of any waiver granted by PCA should be mailed to the ASO". Heaton then made a motion for the Executive Board to grant waivers and not the Executive Director and this motion was passed. The duties of any ASO was commented on by several Directors before the subject was changed. Dr. Fitch stated, "that an ASO cannot hide his head when he sees an 11, 14 or 15-year-old jumping." Art Armstrong asked, "What gives me the power to stop a man from doing so when I have no control or

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KEN SISLER, D-157 KILLED IN VIETNAM

Not having known Ken personally, I will reprint a letter from the Department of the Army to Ken's wife, now living in Dexter, Missouri. Ken was killed on February 7th and the following explains the circumstances under which he died:

"Ken died doing what he wanted to do. He volunteered to take a platoon on a reconnaissance mission into an area that was known to contain North Vietnamese troops. Ken rallied his men and with tremendous determination defended his position. He personally saved the lives of two of his men who had been wounded by rushing forward into the enemy fire and dragging them to safety. He then reentered the fire fight and was mortally wounded. We know he personally accounted for more than ten of the North Vietnamese. As a result of Ken's example, his force was able to hold off the enemy and call in air strikes that disrupted the attack.

"War is never a pleasant business and there are some who condemn us for being in Vietnam. However, from your experiences as an Army wife, you know how we in the military feel about aggression and oppression. Ken gave his life in the defense of an oppressed people and for a cause in which he believed. The Army has suffered a tragic loss, but we are all better soldiers for having known him."

I think I speak for sport parachutists as a whole by adding that this loss to sport parachuting, like others we have experienced, will leave a vacancy we may never be able to measure. But for a few, none of us would be enjoying the sport as we know it. Ken did more than his share to advance the sport for thousands he will never meet. He gave again of himself for other thousands he will never meet. No man can give more of himself and so unselfishly. We have suffered a great loss.

MISSOURI

CAMDENTON, MISSOURI: Notice to jumper's anywhere between the Jefferson City and Ft. Leonard Wood area. Hugh A. Price, C-3508, has access to both a plane and a little used airfield but no jumpers. Hugh works for a resort that pays for weekly demonstration jumps during the summer so it could also mean a few free jumps for visitors. Write him in care of General Delivery, Camdenton, Missouri 65020 or call Tan-Tar-A Resort, Fireside 8-2283 in Osage Beach, Missouri, and get in on something.

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up their rules to allow the best jumpers to qualify, while our rules might cut out the best jumpers. This is because of jumpers in the United States being able to compete in money meets or for cash prizes and taking them out of an amateur category. There are no money meets in Russia, which places them all in an amateur status, however, half the proficient jumpers in the U. S. have been making a buck on demonstration jumps or money meets and would be eliminated. It is a problem we must consider.

Persons now working to have sport parachuting included in the Olympics, are: Charles Hennecart, France, and Director General of FAI; Lisov, USSR, and President of CIP; Kohnke, West Germany, and Vice-President of CIP; Forrer, Switzerland, and President of the FAI Sporting Committee; Jacques Istel, United States, and Honorary President of CIP; and Cartier, France, who will direct his efforts toward the European Games only. Kohnke, West Germany, has already approached the organizers of the Munich Olympics to be held in 1972. This again is further efforts to involve sport parachuting in the Olympics. One other effort was made by the French to have a parachuting event in the '68 Winter Olympics in spite of Mexico's refusal. The Winter Olympics will be held in France and may have some degree of success where all other attempts have failed. (Editor's Note: Kohnke was honored by all countries for his 50 years in sport parachuting by delegates attending the meeting. Quite an honor and quite a man.)

It just occurred to me that possibly you would like to know the countries attending the FAI Meeting. They were: USSR, East Germany, Hungary, United States, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria, Brazil, Finland, Australia, Italy, France, Austria, West Germany, Spain, Turkey, Belgium, Yugoslavia, and Great Britain. The Netherlands, Switzerland, and Norway are members, however, their delegates were not present. Sweden attended the Sub-Committee Meeting but could not remain for the Plenary Session.

The word "discrimination" was constantly used in connection with which countries could meet the guarantee. This, of course, was because of our non-attendance at the Leipzig World Championships. Later in the meeting, when the question of high cost for European countries traveling to the U. S. was broached, Chuck's request was that they "not discriminate against the U. S. on a cost basis." This reversal of the word "discrimination" brought an approving chuckle from many of the delegates. (Chuck's argument on this point was that it cost us as much to go to Europe (per individual) as it does for the Europeans to come to the U. S. and is a very good point. The Russians

and the Czechs were the only countries to voice disapproval during the discussions on travel costs to attend a U. S. hosted meet. However, again it should be pointed out that no indications of a boycott was inferred.

The bid for the United States, which was presented by Chuck on the behalf of PCA and NAA, triggered lengthy discussion on the guarantee required. Chuck argued that the ruling of the Athens General Conference was a desirable goal and certainly reflected the desires of all sportsmen, however, it was a contractual stipulation and was invalid for it was not realistic and could not be imposed. France, Russia, and Czechoslovakia immediately opposed the U.S. stand. Chuck, at this point, caught everyone short by proposing that they accept the United States' invitation with the guarantee, provided we can provide it within three months. The three month stipulation was proposed by Chuck on the premise that no country present at the meeting could make the guarantee for the Championships which are over a year away, if asked to do so without time to arrange such a guarantee. Chuck's point was that delegates spoke for their Aero-Clubs and not their governments and they could not make a decision on the spot. Russia objected to this statement, and "was surprised at the U. S. delegate's remark that no country was capable of making such a guarantee." (Editor's Note: This statement, of course, implied that Russia could make on-the-spot guarantees and we couldn't. I wonder if Russia could guarantee admission of Red Chinese jumpers over a year from now even though Red China is not presently a member of FAI. How can any country foresee the political picture that far in advance?)

A new list of American FAI judges which will supercede the old, out-dated list, was approved as follows: Art Armstrong, Lyle Cameron, Phil Miller, Gordon Riner, and Ron Radhoff. The choices were based on proven proficiency and currency in sport parachuting judges. It is an up-dated list we have needed for some time.

The meeting was closed after each delegate was required to submit to FAI, within three months, the three following proposals:

- (1) Amendments to the FAI Sporting Code;
- (2) Changes to Meet rules for the '68 Championships; and
- (3) Changes to Meet rules for Championships subsequent to the '68 Meet.

We'll be hearing more of the 1968 Championship discussions in the months to come and I'll try to keep you current. We will certainly be hearing more of Chuck MacCrone and we are fortunate to have a representative of Chuck's caliber speaking for PCA, which is in turn, all sport parachutists. Support them both.

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stable and had some forward speed. Turns are real slow; I would guess about 15 seconds for a 360 degree turn. Normal rate of descent, however. I thought I should make the jump since I recommended the procedure."

Captain Elliot had this to say, "I must call your attention to the fact that the information contained in the article, letter, or whatever it was, is, when given the title "The Air Force Method on Reserves" is misleading and erroneous. Mr. Boyles in no way speaks for, and by his information, represents the U. S. Air Force. The article is inconsistent, and some of his recommendations are dangerous. The so-called "Four Line Cut" is highly recommended in Air Force directives for use under certain conditions, and these conditions are clearly specified. Use of this modification is not recommended unless proper instruction is given and it is assured that the procedure and its application is understood. I understand what Mr. Boyles is trying to say, but he has not said it correctly or in a safe manner. I highly recommend that no parachutist base any decision to perform such a modification on the information contained in that article. I do not recommend cutting any lines on a 24' or 26' reserve canopy until sufficient data has been collated and it is determined to be a safe procedure. With the information available at this time, I do not believe it will ever be considered a safe procedure. Furthermore, one doesn't repair cut suspension lines, he replaces them, especially in a canopy with such a high "Q". Request you please be careful what you print under the auspices of the Air Force."

I have stated this before and I guess it's time to say it again. I have never failed to print a letter submitted as long as that letter will help convey a safety point or the lack of safety implied by the article. I firmly believe jumpers are fully capable of determining for themselves what is best for them. Sure, we have some "dud" jumpers (which I am reminded of occasionally), but 99% of them are fully capable of sorting fact from fiction and come up with a damn good answer. To refuse to print one man's opinion because I don't happen to agree with it, is against the whole goal of DZ-USA. Call it a "rag", or whatever, but it will continue to be the only sounding-board for sport parachutists from coast-to-coast. We learn from other people and if you send in your opinion, on any subject you feel should be heard, I can guarantee you it WILL BE PRINTED. Fair enough?

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police action over such jumpers, but I'm still held responsible in any event." Major Garrity added, "that PCA is a paper-tiger and can do nothing but advise. There is almost nothing we can do about it. An ASO can only report to the limit of his power, and past that, he should not be censured for what he was unable to accomplish."

A discussion then developed on ASO's and their responsibilities in connection with the Rutledge fatality. Heaton informed the Board that PCA had no legal power to stop Rutledge past reporting him. The only recommendation that could help relieve the problem was to distribute an ASO's Handbook. It would at least outline ASO duties and responsibilities.

The next item on the agenda was one of the most important:

Election of Officers: The first name mentioned for Chairman of the Board was Lew Sanborn. Major Garrity stated, "Lew would be a worthy Chairman and has done more for sport parachuting than any man in this room." This was followed by a discussion on changing the election procedures (which did not occur) and then Major Garrity read a letter from Col. Singlaub. It went something like this, "I am not in a position to accept any responsibilities involved as an officer for PCA. My rotation date from Vietnam is June 1968 and officers should be available and close at hand . . .". The Board did not agree with this and nominated Singlaub as Chairman. Dr. Fitch was also nominated but he immediately refused the nomination in favor of Singlaub. Colonel Singlaub was then unanimously elected Chairman of the Board.

Dr. Fitch was the only nominee for President and the vote was unanimous.

Vice-President was blessed with many nominees. Too many. Baron, Garrity, Potts, Elliot, and Cameron. At this point, the Board was reminded that some of the nominees could better serve in another capacity and that to elect that nominee as Vice-President would leave other positions in want of a capable officer. The vote was then taken and Major Garrity was elected by a one vote margin.

Secretary was voted for with two nominees, Dan Poynter and Captain Craig Elliot. Captain Elliot was elected by a one vote margin.

Treasurer was an easy vote with Baron winning easily over Jack Cleary. (Ed: Jack has considerable talent as a lawyer and his ability to serve PCA will not be lost. This man shows considerable promise in any position.)

The elections progressed to the Executive Board members and, on this vote, I wholeheartedly agree. We came out with five fine members of the Executive Board. Dr. Ed Fitch, Mark Baron, Capt. Elliot, Leon Potts, and Chuck MacCrone.

All in all, the new officers fill their new positions very well. Oh, I admit that I may have had doubts the day after the BOD Meeting, but hindsight has mellowed my opinions.

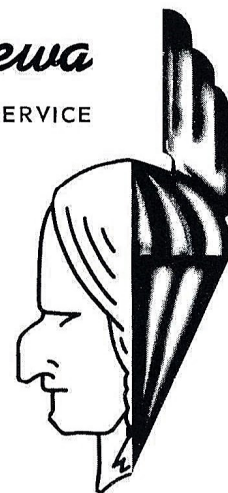
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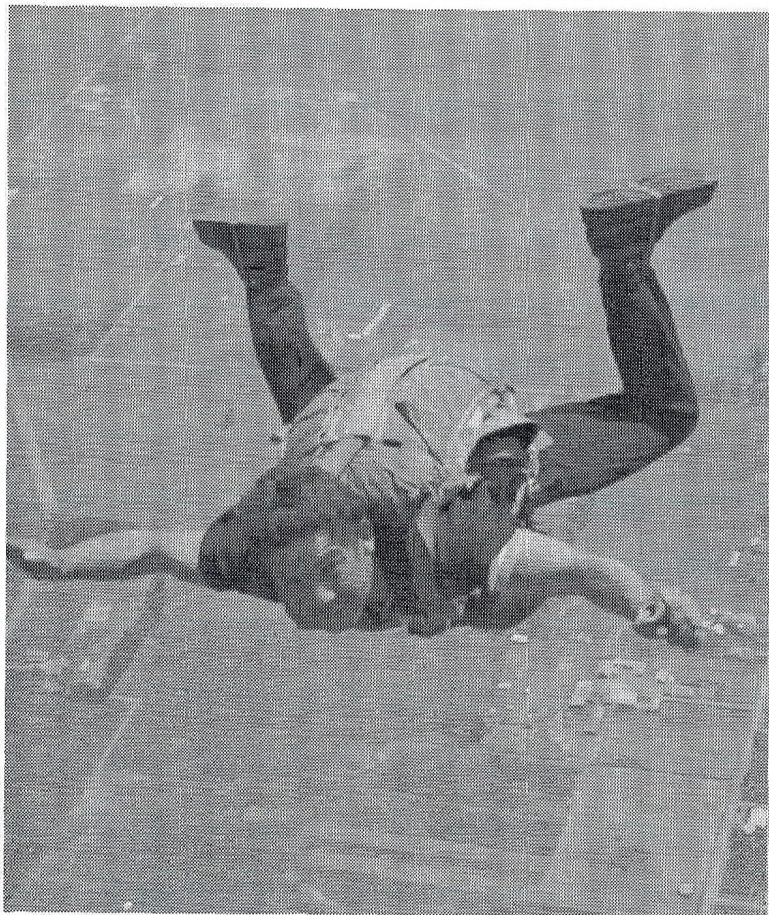
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Dino Pierce, The Red Baron of California, with hand-held smoke that didn't work, over Schellville DZ. Photo by K. C. Roberts, Vallejo, Calif.



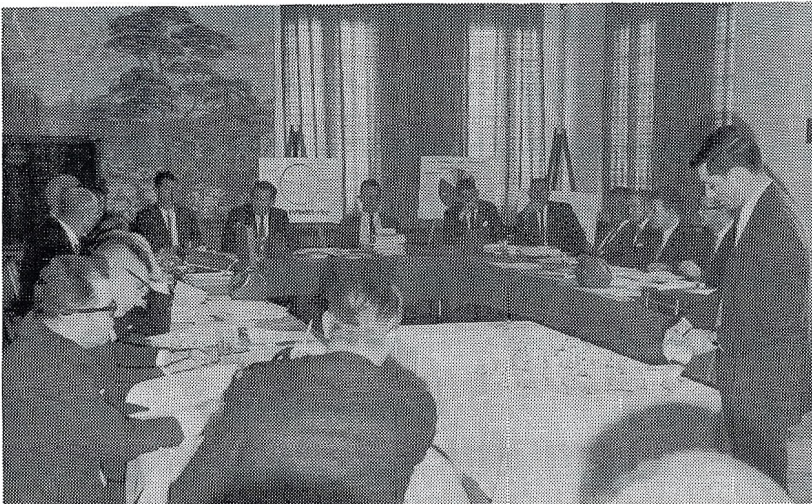
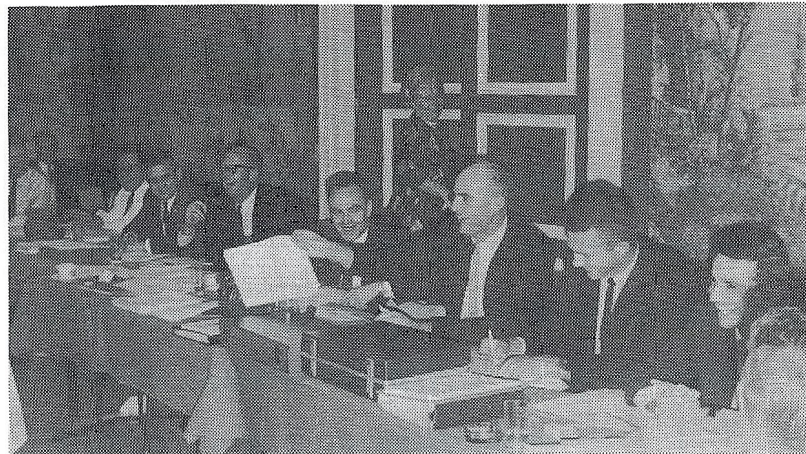
A perfect stand-up by Nels Lindblom, "Bad Guy", Houston, Texas. That jumpsuit is one way to beat the heat. Photo by E. L. Bounds, Alvarado, Texas.

Introducing

Upper Right: A lighter moment (left to right): Jack Bergman, Bill Dolley, Bill Ottley, Ted Mayfield, Major Garrity (holding papers), Capt. Elliot, and Mark Baron.

Lower Left: Facing camera (at far side of room): Dan Poynter (with tree growing out of head), Russ Gunby, Dr. Ed Fitch, Scott Hamilton (meditating), Norman Heaton (also meditating), (down right table now): Jimmy Godwin (next to Heaton), Maj. Burkhard, Jack Cleary, Chuck MacCrone, and Mark Baron pouring the coffee. Leon Potts with his back to the camera, with Bergman and Dolley in the lower left of shot.

Lower Right: Starting at lower left of picture: Maj. Burkhard, Jack Cleary, Chuck MacCrone, Lyle Cameron (standing), Art Armstrong (in deep thought), Steve Biljanic, Jack Joerns (behind Steve's dome), Bob Richardson (leaning back toward wall), and Phil Miller (sitting at end of table and facing camera). Your faithful editor at rear of room (and scribbling).



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was between Phil Miller, Lyle Cameron, and Chuck MacCrone for FAI Rep. The vote went to Chuck by a considerable margin. (Ed: I spoke with Chuck immediately following his trip to France the latter part of January and the results of that interview are included in this issue.)

The vote for the NAA Representative involved three nominees (Mark Baron, Jack Cleary, and Dr. Fitch), however, Baron and Cleary withdrew in favor of Dr. Fitch. (Ed: Here is one man who is a noted heart surgeon but still finds time for PCA and sport parachuting. We need about 20 more Dr. Fitch's sprinkled liberally around the country. When you consider Ed's contributions, how can you possibly begrudge giving a little of your own time?)

The elections were completed with Russ Gunby being nominated to attend the Aero-Sports Meeting which followed the BOD Meeting, as PCA's representative at the meeting. As outgoing President of PCA, Russ will continue to serve PCA in various capacities. He also holds the distinction of being the only PCA President who stepped down and wasn't chopped in two by PCA machinery. The first signs that PCA has matured and is leaving the "name-calling days" behind them. In all honesty the 1967 Board is a truly impressive one. None of the "old-school" jumpers (with some exceptions) are using the meetings for "threat-sessions" for they have been replaced by the second-generation of sport parachutists, men who started jumping in the 1960's. Nothing but good can come from this.

There were many committees formed and you'll be reading the composition of them in Parachutist. I will, however, cover some of the recommendations made by the various committees.

Finance & Budget Committee: Jack Cleary was the Chairman of this committee and the new budget proposed was for \$129,000 during 1967. This included an increase in salaries of \$2,000 (which will go to Scott Hamilton as Assistant Executive Director) which brings total salaries paid to \$37,000. Operational expenses were set at \$67,700 and \$15,000 was budgeted to Parachutist Magazine. \$15,000 was ear-marked for the U. S. Team with \$5,400 allotted for the Nationals in 1967. (Ed: The budget was revised on this point later in the meeting and \$8,500 was voted for the Nationals by a 17-1 vote.) The last item on the budget was \$2,300 for awards.

Awards Committee: Art Armstrong, Chairman, made the following report. NAA's trophy will be awarded after the recommendations are made by the committee. A "Phil Vanderweg Award" will be established, however, no further awards will be based on personnel killed in Vietnam. Steve Snyder and Small were nominated for the Leo G. Stevens Award by the committee. A last recommendation was that a PCA certificate for Life Membership be presented. (Ed: Presently, a lifetime membership is \$250.) Art also added that certificates are being given to Gold Wingers.

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Riding Off

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came out, and on his first try at any kind of freefall photography. He says the guys that paid from \$300 to \$500 for their cameras are a little peeved and jealous of his first shots. So, you guys who want to practice without sinking a lot of loot in a camera, this could be the answer.

SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA: This is a little late but Frank Rickard would like to publicly express his appreciation to Woody Binnicker, Woody McKay, Chris Lowry, Bob Freit, Cason Agaular, Charlie Hall, Hutch, Bill Jackson, Col. Kawalek, and also the Citadel, Ft. Stewart, Savannah, Orangeburg, and Spartanburg Sport Parachute Centers, not to mention Bob Ferguson, Jimmy Davis and the Denmark, South Carolina, crew. Frank says the drop zones were nice, the prices fair, and all in all, damn good jumping in the South-Eastern Conference.

INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA: John Coppe has made his 1000th (remember the J-3 problem in the January issue?) and was closely followed by Jim Pena making his 1100th the same day (would you believe, the same lift). A steak cook-out and a barrel of beer followed the jump, with everything being washed down by three

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MALFUNCTIONS

I have my "Bow" in an extended B-4 container which makes it rather tight, as you can imagine. I had about 35 jumps on it when that over-grown pilot 'chute', with the monstrous spring, started hanging up in the container. While trying to free what I thought was a "normal" pilot chute hesitation, the whole works fell out of the container and deployed in a big ball. The canopy opened properly, but the second time this occurred, it blew up part of the top of the sleeve. I packed it all up carefully again and made a "ten" so somebody could watch it open. They said the pilot chute came out and just seemed to bend double and flutter. It did, finally, catch air and come out the way it should ... but it took it's own sweet time. I now have a standard Para-Commander pilot chute installed, which works very nicely and, so far, seems to have corrected this. Have you heard of any other instances of this happening? I thought it might be interesting to find out about.

*John Thaxter, ET1
NavOrdTest Unit
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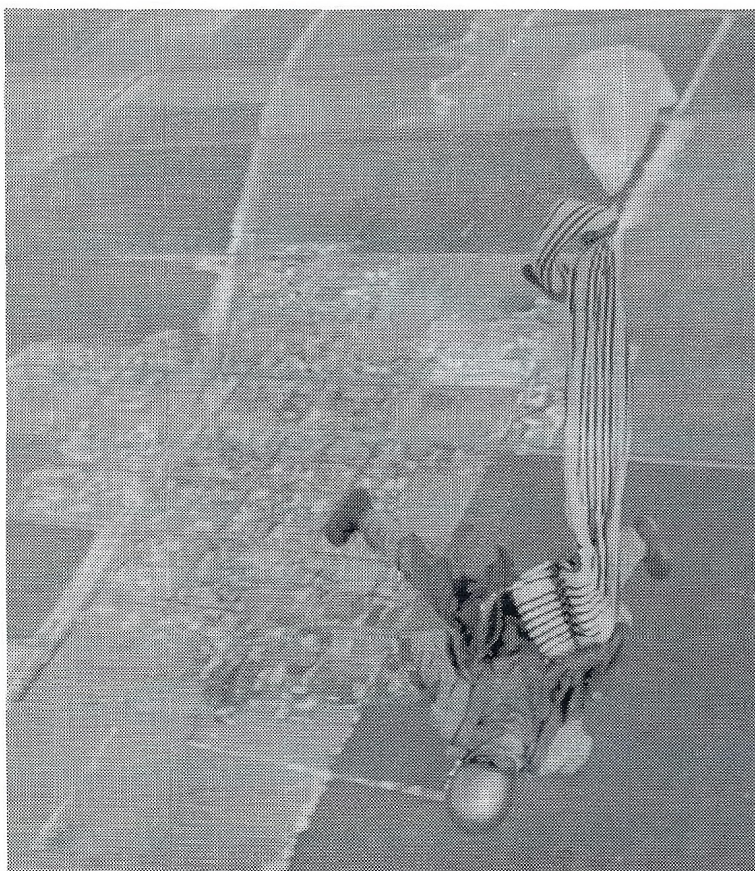
Even the editor is entitled to a bad jump once in awhile. Upon opening I felt a "second" shock and knew I was in trouble. Looking over the canopy, I realized that the pilot 'chute was through the modification and hung up tight. The retainer line is long enough to prevent this normally, so something had to be hung up in the apex area. There is a possibility that the sleeve did not clear the apex soon enough as evidenced by burns on the inside of the sleeve. There were many burns in the high-pressure section caused by the retainer line (between the modification and the apex). Observers on the ground stated that they had seen an "instant" opening right off of my back and before I had everything stretched out. Several retainer bands were broken on the first stows and two 3-cornered tears were found in the lower sections of the canopy. These are in addition to a cigarette-roll which occurred on the right side of the canopy, near the modification, that went over two feet up from the skirt. This could have been caused by the tension created by the pilot chute in the modification. I was experiencing a spin, much the same as a Mae West, however no lines were over at any time. The spin was being caused by the cigarette-roll, I

suppose. I deployed a reserve, using the "feed-out" method, just to play it safe, however, I probably could have rode the main in if I could have stopped the spinning. After reserve deployment was complete, I cut the main away and made an acceptable landing on my T10 ripstop. I took too long on the reserve deployment for I was in no real trouble and time was on my side. Again, that's the beauty of a "feed-out" method. The reserve is completely out and just standing there waiting for use THE INSTANT THE JUMPER DECIDES TO COMPLETE THE DEPLOYMENT. In my case, if a problem had cropped up immediately, the reserve could have been out and inflated within 4-6 seconds. Enough of my problems.



LITTLE KNOWN RECORDS

ORIGINAL GAPER Bill May is presently the "World's Finest Gaper" but Woody McKay, Timmons ville, South Carolina, has him beaten by being the "Original Gaper" with Ed Lowder being second as the "Ugliest Gaper". Submitted by F. M. Babineaux, Jr., North Hollywood, California.



Unidentified student who could have malfunctioned ... but didn't. Note the half-hitch in the pilot chute bridal cord around the top of the sleeve. Photo by Tom Copenhaver, Benton, Kansas DZ.

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SOUTHWEST CONF. ELIMINATIONS SAN MARCOS, TEXAS 29-30 APRIL 1967 RAINDATE: 6-7 MAY 1967

Hosted by the University of Texas Skydivers at Lowman Field. Registration cut-off is 10:00 AM, Saturday, April 29. Entrance fee is \$35.00 for four accuracy jumps from 600 meters and three style jumps from 2000 meters. Practice jumps will be available after 12:30 AM Friday, April 28, at the rate of \$3.00 up to 7200'. Contact Mike Mullins, 203 W. 19th, Austin, Texas for further information.

AKRON SKY DIVERS ANNUAL SPRING MEET ORRVILLE, OHIO 6-7 MAY 1967 RAINDATE: 13-14 MAY 1967

Novice event, 0-25 jumps, 3 accuracy jumps, 2500', 3 trophies. Intermediate accuracy event, 26-100 jumps, 3 jumps, 2500', 3 trophies. Senior Event, 101-300 jumps, 4 jumps, 2500', plus 3 style jumps, 6600', 6 trophies plus overall cash prize. Master Event, 301 and over jumps, 4 accuracy jumps, 2500', plus 3 style jumps, 6600', 6 trophies plus overall cash prize. Last event is a Team Event with 1 jump with 3 first place trophies for winning team. Entry fee for novice and intermediate events is \$12.00. Senior and Master events are \$25.00 or \$17.00 with no style jumps. Hosted by the Akron Sky Divers. Contact Paul Kully, Orrville Air Service, Orrville, Ohio for further information.

MONEY MEET STROUD, OKLAHOMA 13-14 MAY 1967 RAINDATE: 20-21 MAY 1967

All accuracy events (one for 1.1 and 1.6 canopies and one for PC and XBO canopies) from 3500', five jumps each event. Prize

money to each six places. Registration fee is \$2.00 plus \$10.00 for 5 jumps and \$8.00 for Prize Fund (total of \$20.00). Contestants may enter in one event only and registration closes at 9:30 AM, May 13. Jumping starts at 10:00 AM. PCA membership required, all jumps scored to 10 meters. Pea-gravel target. Prize money fund will be paid as follows: 40% of total fund to 1st place in each event; 25% to second; 15% to third; 10% to 4th; and 5% to 5th and 6th. The more contestants who enter, the more loot to split up. Contact Bob Drake, c/o Tulsa Para-divers, 5908 E. 20th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74112 for further information.

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3-4 JUNE

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Event III Senior Accuracy (200 and over), 4 jumps, 3000', all count \$6.00 reg., and \$12.00 for jumps;
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For further information, contact Harold Lange, 8747 Brandt, Dearborn, Michigan 48126.

MID-EASTERN CONF. ELIMINATIONS MIDLAND, MICHIGAN 20-21 MAY 1967

Entry fee is \$20.00. Contact Billie M. Dolley, 936 South Magruder Road, Route 1, Shepherd, Michigan 48883, phone AC 517, 835-6190 for further details.

ALLIANCE SPC ANNUAL SPRING HIT-AND-RUN MEET ALLIANCE, OHIO 3-4 JUNE 1967 RAINDATE: 17-18 JUNE 1967

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Hosted by the Peoria Kiwanis and located north of Peoria on route 88. Registration fee is \$5.00 and ends at 9:30 AM on the 17th. Two accuracy events (1.1's and 1.6's -- PC's and XBO's), each from 3200', three jumps, \$9.00. Style event, two jumps, 7000', \$7.00. Team event, 3-man teams, 1 jump, 3800', \$9.00 per team. \$1,000 in money and prizes. All jumps count for overall winners, including team jump. Jumpers must be PCA members and hold a "B" license or higher. Trophies awarded to top 3 places in each event. Sawdust target. Reserves will be checked. Raindate is 24-25 June 1967. For further information, contact Clay Scott, 903 W. Kensington Drive, Peoria, Illinois 61600.

LAWTON'S 5TH ANNUAL MEET 17-18 JUNE 1967 MARK'S FIELD, LAWTON, MICHIGAN

Located off I-94 between Benton Harbor and Kalamazoo, Michigan. Entry fee is \$25.00 and all events are accuracy only, scored to 25 feet. Three accuracy classes (0-100 jumps; 100-and up jumps; and women's accuracy), 3 jumps in each event, 3500'. Bell Helmet for 1st place in each event; Para-Boots for 2nd; and Pioneer coveralls for 3rd in each event. Event IV is a Team Event, two jumps, one from 3500' and one from 5500'. All team members scored on the first jump (and this jump counts on overall), however, on second jump, only the first man to exit aircraft will be scored for accuracy, with 2nd and 3rd men attempting a hook-up between 5 and 15 seconds out. \$75.00 for 1st; \$45 for 2nd; and \$30 for 3rd place in this event. Overall prizes are \$100 for 1st; \$75 for 2nd; and \$50 for 3rd, plus trophies. Free beer party and chow on Saturday Night. Contact Bill McFadden, 465 South Fair Avenue, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022, AC 616, 927-1750 for further information.

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WHY DON'T YOU WRITE?

Competition & Records Attempts Committee: Lyle Cameron, Chairman, and most of his report you have already read in connection with the U. S. Team. Other points in the report included his recommendation that the Training Judges will be chosen for the Nationals by each Conference Director submitting two names from his conference with resumes and backgrounds of his nominees. The Competition Committee will then select the Training Judges from the total nominees received. Art Armstrong was voted Chief Judge by the Board for this year's Nationals and the following Principal Judges were voted in: Ray Heald, Gordon Riner, Ron Radhoff, Lowell Bachman, and Lyle Cameron. Heaton was appointed as Meet Director and Bill Ottley will be the Publicity Director for the Nationals. About here, Cameron voiced his disapproval of the site for the Nationals (Tahlequah, Oklahoma) and stated that Tahlequah's bid had been incomplete and that the cost of the Nationals held there last year still had not been determined. He discussed Antioch, California's bid and made a motion that future sites for the Nationals be determined by the full Board and not just the Executive Board. This motion was passed by a 17-1 vote. His next recommendation was that all bids close the same date each year (on 1 January) and that all bids include a breakdown of facilities in accordance with the PCA appendix. This was approved by the Board. The jury for the 1967 Nationals was formed with Dr. Fitch as Chairman, and Leon Potts and Jack Cleary as members.

Membership & Development Committee: Bill Ottley, Chairman, presented the following recommendations. That a contest-type of promotion be offered for new memberships. That a packet be sent to airport operators from PCA which includes a brochure, an issue of Parachutist, and other information. Bill also suggested posters be sent to drop zones and individuals, but his most important recommendation involved Public Relations for PCA. He asked permission of the Board to hire a PR man and "test-case" national magazine releases and promotion of the sport through various other medias. \$1000 was requested from the Board to launch this program and it was approved.

Parachutist Sub-Committee: Poynter presented the report of this committee by stating the recommendations of the sub-committee would be delayed until a strict accounting of the April issue of Parachutist was made. On other related matters, a motion was passed to mail Parachutist via airmail to Conference Directors, ASO's, Instructors, and members of the Board. Dan stated that General Allan will provide PCA with 5,000 NAA forms for inclusion in an issue of Parachutist.

Reapportionment Committee: Jack Bergman, Chairman, stated that the issue will be studied very carefully and presented to the Conference Directors for their comments and discussions before the reapportionment recommendations are presented to the Board for a vote. (Ed: The Board at this point did vote to include Montana in the Mountain Conference, and a second vote included five boroughs of New York, Nassau, Manhattan, Richmond, Brooklyn, Bronx, and Staten Island to be included in the Eastern Conference. From all indications, it looks as though Illinois will be taken from the Central Conference and at least one new conference may emerge.)

Safety & Training Committee: Major Garrity, Chairman, and a new license was first up on his recommendations. A "Master of Parachuting" license was proposed which will rate higher than the present PCA Instructor Rating. Part of the criteria for this license could possibly be 500 jumps, and completion of the Instructor's Rating. Nothing however is firmed-up yet on the license so I'm merely speculating. Major Garrity recommended that the instruction required on all licenses (from "A" to "D") be upgraded and, especially, that "C" license holders must be certified by the ASO or CSO to even jumpmaster himself. It was further stated that students must be trained and jumpmastered by at least a "C" who has been appointed qualified for such duties. Other points presented were, (1) that waivers cannot be made on the BSR's except by the Executive Board. A very few can be waived by

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bottles of champagne. During a lull in the festivities, John's friends livened things up by throwing him into the river.

ALLIANCE, OHIO: D.O. Credicott hasn't made his first jump yet (back on the 20th of February) but he wishes to thank his instructors at Alliance Sport Parachute Club for their time and effort to date. He says they are a bunch of guys who are really interested in the sport both fun and safety-wise. DZ-USA was also mentioned as a great help to him and he is sure skydiving is the greatest sport ever. One thing you should keep in mind . . . Alliance, DZ-USA, and the sport also need you, so welcome aboard. I'm sure you have a lot of good jumping ahead of you.

MILLINOCKET, MAINE: You see signs around reading, "Ford Country", right? Maybe we should start putting up "DZ-USA Country" and "SDM Country". Especially after reading A. C. Murphy's letter which states, "All of us here enjoy your magazine. The letter in last month's edition concerning Cameron, Chief Salesman for Security, was very good. You are 100% right in not turning your magazine into a twenty-page testimonial like Skydiver has become." No doubt about which sign to put up there.

MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN: The "Noel Funchess Fan Club" hasn't been completely forgotten. Feller Dewitt, in fact, is going to make a try at stealing Gertrude Slapfinger away from Noel Baby. Feller says, and I quote, "If Noel isn't going to marry Miss Slapfinger (the real doll, ugh), I might ask her myself. On a day when the clouds are low, the winds are high, my reserve is being repacked, and I'm not really sober". Maybe someone should tip off Bill Dorrah about these new developments.

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John Treffers, D-1287, boarding a PT-19 for a jump and pull, over the Grand Rapids, Michigan DZ. Just walk the wing and nothing to it, says John.

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the ASO, however, none may be waived by the Executive Director. Major Garrity also stated that fatalities, injuries, and malfunctions would be studied by the Safety Committee and printed in Parachutist if warranted. One other minor point was that pocket-sized BSR's would be distributed (the same size as the present licenses). Periodic inserts for the BSR's and other information will be printed in Parachutist for use by members of PCA.

Nominations & Elections Committee: Charles Wagaman, Chairman, and the committee has the primary function of seeking jumpers qualified to serve as Conference or National directors. The committee will submit sketches of new talent to the Board and let prospective candidates know they are needed by PCA. This could be a very important committee, if it operates smoothly, when you consider the number of jumpers who were candidates in the last election.

NCPL Committee: Major Garrity presented the guidelines and goals of this committee (National Collegiate Parachuting League) and they were approved by the Board. You'll be hearing more about the NCPL in future issues of DZ-USA. By the way, Bob Richardson was present during the Meeting in behalf of NCPL.

So, after three days, it was over. The next BOD Meeting will be immediately prior to the Nationals (which will be from 1-9 July 1967 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma) and will be a two day meeting. To sum it up, it was a constructive meeting and more productive than most. There are many problems to be worked out, but all in all, we are in the best shape possible to cope with them. We have a dedicated board with new talent pumping new blood into PCA. Some of the faces seen during the meeting (who were not Board members) were Martha Huddleston, Jon Sheppard, Jack Lankford, Hank Brawley, and "Tee" Taylor Brydon. Friday and Saturday saw the magic hour of midnight roll around before the sessions ended (after a 9:00 a.m. start) and Sunday afternoon ran a couple hours past proposed adjournment time before we all headed home. If you get the chance next BOD Meeting, drop in; you're bound to walk away a wiser man.

NEXT MONTH

The "Records Section" and "Jump Totals" will be printed again next issue after being brought up-to-date. From now on, these two features will be printed every-other-month. Get your corrections in now for the March issue.

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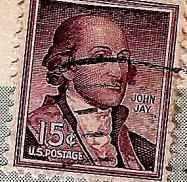
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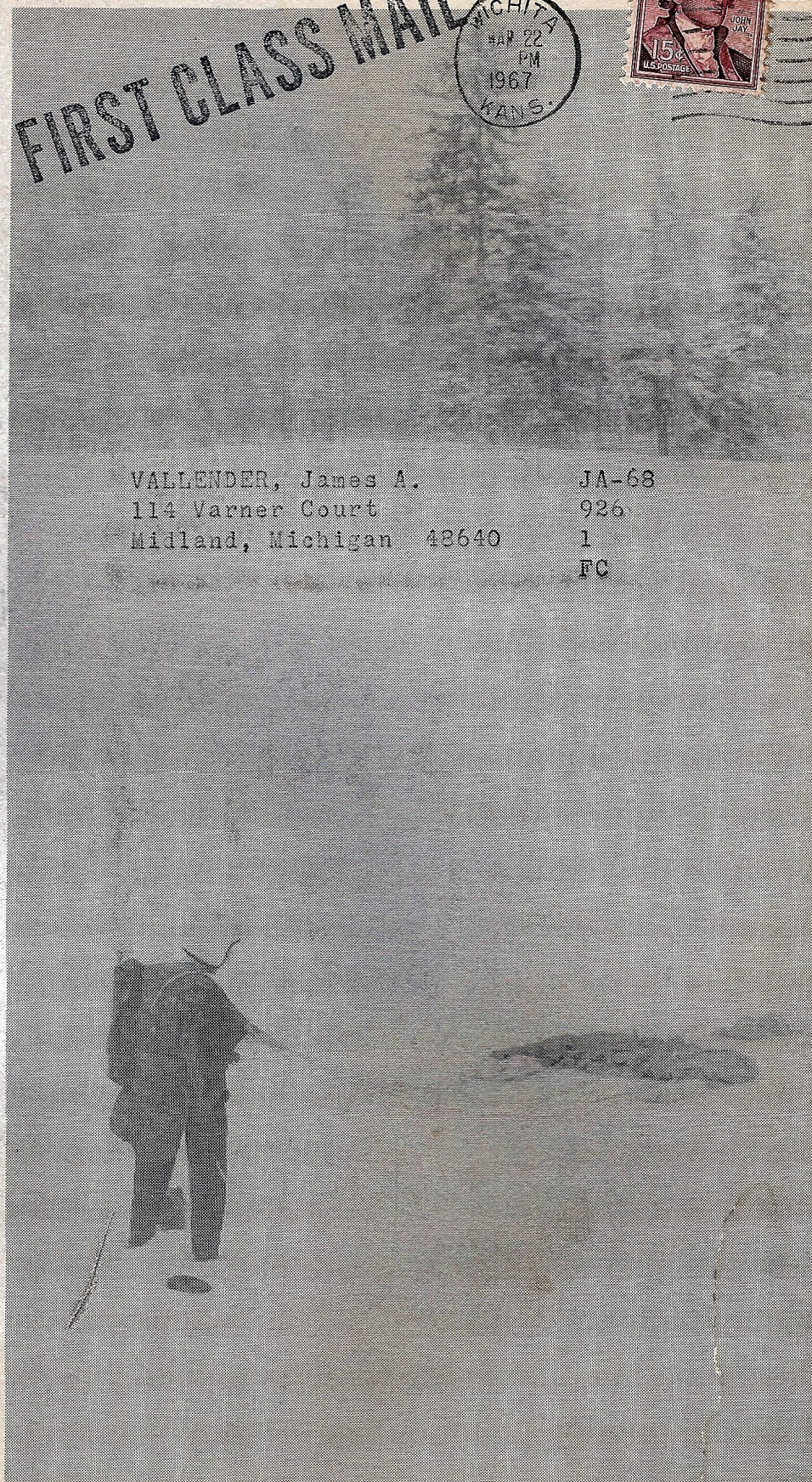
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