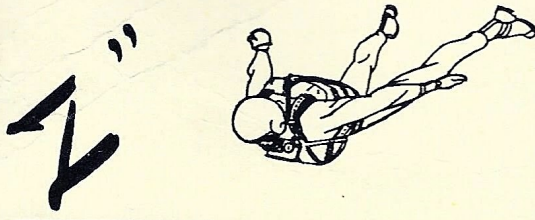


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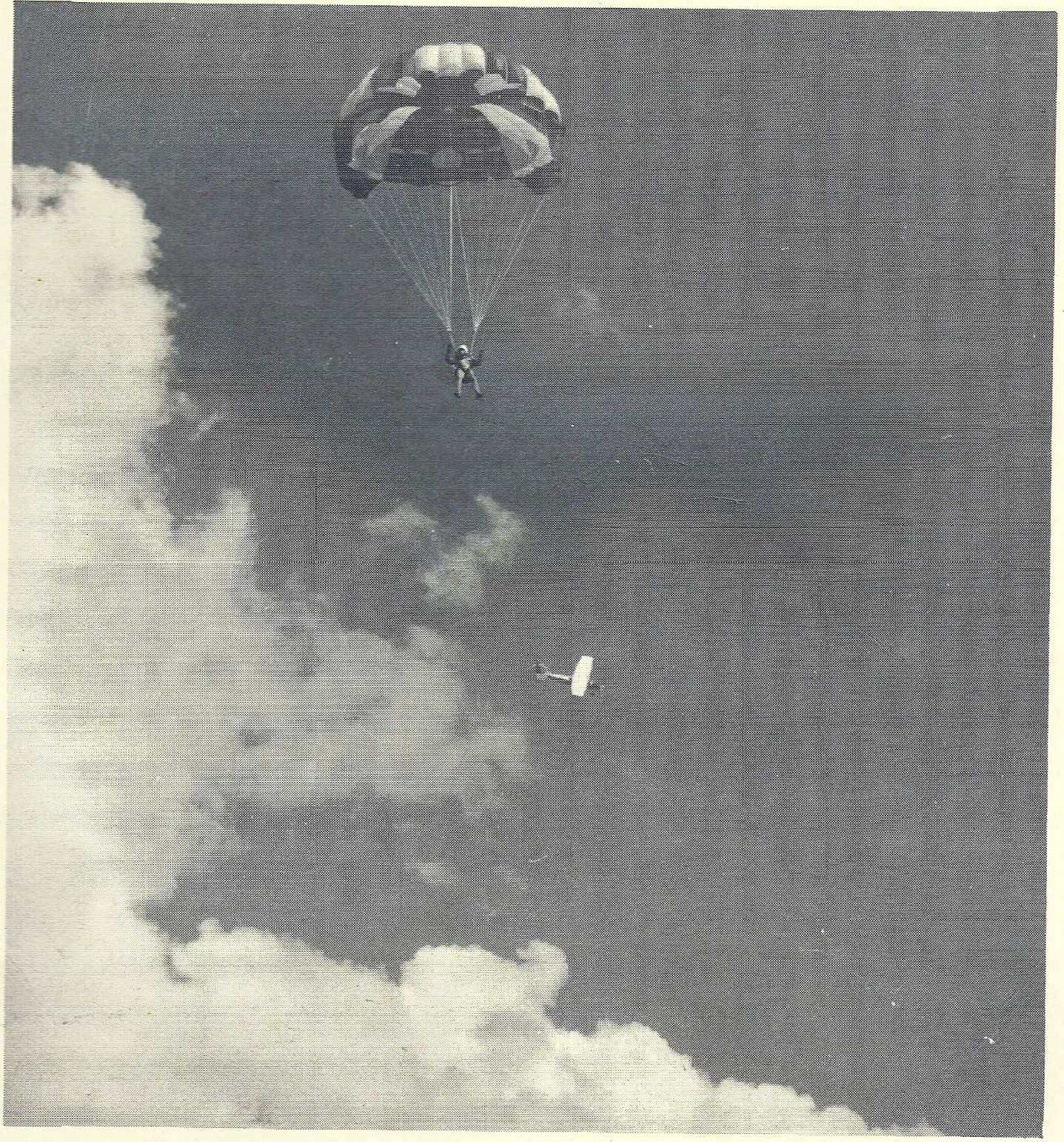
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# THE Anniversary



Dick Johnson, Nashville

It was just a year ago today that a buddy of mine, a guy we all called the "Old Eagle", bought himself a small share of our drop zone by not pulling. No one knows what really happened, for he was a good jumper . . . he just didn't pull. The guys with him said they waved him off at 2200 and he just smiled and kept on going. Things were pretty sad around the airport for awhile after that; and we all missed him at our weekly brew-drinking sessions. It seemed strange not to hear his laugh and hear him call out, "Greetings, fellow eagles", but the faithful healer of all wounds . . . time . . . came along and soon he was just a vague memory. The jumpers that knew him drifted away and the new students grew tired of hearing the stories of someone they never knew. So, the Old Eagle was stored away in the dusty files of my memory, only to be brought out when I was sitting by myself at the DZ after the last lift and just watching another beautiful day fade away. It was just such a day today . . . the first anniversary of the Eagle's death . . . that just at the last moment before the sun went down, I decided to get in one more jump. I caught our pilot, a wisened gray-haired ex-bomber pilot, and asked him if I could make one by myself. Usually he would have said "no"; it would be too expensive; but he too remembered the Eagle. He had flown him many times and he often commented on the booming laughter you could hear as the Old Eagle left the plane; so Jack just smiled and said, "Suit up. We'll get what we can before sundown".

Sitting alone on the floor of our 182, looking out at the fading day, I felt a sense of peace and well-being that only another jumper could understand. The drop zone was already in shadows and here in the sky was the last warm ray of the dying sun . . . I knew that this would be a great jump. At eight-grand, Jack nodded to me and turned in on jump run. Normally, I am not the world's best spotter . . . as the Eagle used to say, "if you let this guy spot, carry cab fare" . . . but this time I could do no wrong. It was as if I had the greatest jumpmaster of them all peering over my shoulder. As I came over the spot, I called for a cut and sailed out the door. As I did, I wondered what was so funny, for as I made my exit, I thought I could hear Jack laughing. I checked to make sure I was over the spot, and to my amazement I knew that this time I wouldn't have to track . . . everything was perfect. It was about then that I saw the reason for this story . . .

Slowly gliding in on me was the shadowy figure of a jumper. I couldn't believe my eyes. I knew I had been alone in the plane, but there he was . . . white Bell helmet, dark goggles, and a big grin on his face. The same grin I had seen a hundred times or more. I felt the soft touch of his hand as he made the perfect hook-up; for just a second we held, and then he let go and turned away. I could only lay there, completely paralyzed, watching him fade away. But just as he was almost gone, he turned and I realized that he was giving me his final wave-off. I shook my head, glanced at my altimeter and pulled; right on 2200. As my PC glided toward the ground, I wondered what tricks my vision and my brain had played on me. Was I getting too old to be playing this game? Had I hit the ground too hard too many times? Or, was I finally just coming unhinged?

As I walked to the packing area, I kept searching the sky . . . looking for I don't know what. The only thing visible was Jack circling to bring the plane in.

I met him as he stepped out of the plane . . . neither of us saying a word. We just looked at each other and I knew it wasn't him that had laughed as I left the aircraft. Jack gazed at the sky for a moment and as he turned to walk to the Pilot's Shack, he said, "Good hook-up, guy".

I don't guess I will join the crowd at the pub tonight. I think I'll go somewhere by myself and have a few. But then, maybe I won't be by myself . . .

Maybe none of us are ever really by ourselves.

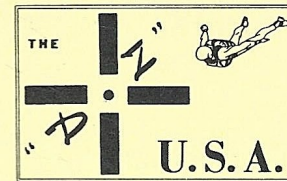
## BRAD GAGNE WOUNDED IN VIETNAM

Formerly one of Midwest Sport Parachuting Center's most active jumpers, and a one-time member of the U.S. Army Parachute Team, Brad Gagne was wounded in Vietnam on February 7, 1968. He stepped on a land mine and blew off one leg above the knee and injured the other. Brad (while jumping with the Midwest SPC, Taylor, Michigan), established the rather dubious honor of U. S. Streaking Champion by traveling 3½ miles down a state highway. This was properly witnessed by 3 "D" license holders. Bob McTaggart, D-176,

speaks for Brad's many friends and jump-buddies in wishing him a speedy recovery and in Bob's own words, "Knowing Brad as we do, we are sure he will bounce back with an artificial leg and continue his jumping career (and streaking) if challenged." Any interested friends can contact Brad by writing:

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## ABOUT THE COVER

There is jumping in Kentucky! Don Hathaway, C-4259, is shown over the Campbellsville, Kentucky DZ (Taylor County Airport) in a shot containing an interesting arrangement of jumper, clouds, and plane. Photo is by Mr. Ogen Shipp, owner of the airport, and shooting from the aircraft. The club offers a 90 ft. sawdust target, lots of open fields, and use of a C-172 & C-205.

## et cetera

### HURT . . . TWO WAYS

"I really appreciate the fact you sent me the September issue of DZ-USA . . . but what about the October, November, December, January and February issues? I mean I even kicked in a couple of bucks extra so I could get mine first class mail. Laid up with a broken shoulder (motorcycle) it's about the only thing I can do these days . . . hobble out to the DZ and watch the other guys and READ JUMP MAGS. So how about sending me the aforementioned issues (preferably in one bundle) and all will be forgiven . . . D. C. Jones, NAS, Pensacola, Florida."

*Editor's Note: If you think a broken shoulder is painful, try a broken bank account. That really smarts.*

**LA MARQUE, TEXAS:** Dr. C. B. "Gus" Anagnostis did a neat trick of leap-frogging his C-180 down the Gulf Freeway on 18 January. Seems it developed a nice fire in the area of the control panel at about a grand. Having no place else to go . . . he came up behind the traffic moving north, and when he saw a hole ahead of them, he gave the 180 a little power and flew over them . . . setting down ahead of them. With over 800 jumps, Gus wasn't wearing a chute, but will from now on as a "firm believer". Damage to the plane amounted to over a \$1000.

**INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA:** Mary Ratz reports that jumping in Naptown is almost non-existent with lots of winter. The club is still struggling along however, and Mary got in 5 jumps during December . . . but not one issue of DZ-USA. I think both the jumping and the magazine delivery will improve, Mary . . . don't lose heart . . . you gotta have faith.

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Seen on a sweatshirt in New Orleans:  
"Hire the handicapped . . . they are fun to watch!"

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Not to be outdone by the cover of the October issue of DZ-USA, the photo shown was submitted by Jim Wilson, University of Illinois SPC, Urbana, Illinois, as the **WORLD RECORD GAPE** . . . 30½-man type. All the gapers are members of the University of Illinois SPC with the exception of ASO's Bob Sprague and Bill Montague (if you can find them in the shot). And in case you are wondering about that ½-man . . . Kathy Kolacek (center) is in a state of motherhood and accounts for the ½-skydiver. Maybe I should have added Mrs. Kathy Kolacek is completely correct before the bad mail starts. Some of you guys must just sit around and think-smut.

### MY APOLOGIES TO A MICHIGAN-TYPE

In the October issue of DZ-USA, the editor made a horrible mistake . . . just one among many . . . but this one warrants an explanation. I'll let the letter speak for itself:

"Dear Mr. Hunnell: John and I received your last issue with your congratulations on our recent marriage. We thank you. Although I have nothing against the "western-type", I consider myself the "Michigan-type" since I have lived there until this past June. In fact, John taught me how to jump, back in Michigan. Thank you again for your congratulations . . . Sandi (Somerville) Treffers, Tempe, Arizona."

**KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:** The Ka-Mo Sport Jumpers are again active and in the air. Danny Payne has purchased a Cessna 180 and promises no more plane problems. Bill Weinberg is CSO and John Blackwell is just one of the smiling faces seen around the DZ.

### RANGERS SPORT PARACHUTE CENTER IS OPEN

On the 3rd of March, the Rangers Sport Parachute Center, Zephyrhills, Florida, kicked off the Grand Opening with two hours of free jumps from a Cessna 182. Glen McCullough, General Manager of the center, stated the free-zies were followed by suds-sipping. Things are off and rolling and additional information on the center is yours for the asking. Write Glen at P. O. Box 1101, Zephyrhills, Florida 33599 for the details on a great DZ. If its jumps you want . . . without the petty politics . . . you'll never find a better spot to unpack one.

**SO. BURNABY, CANADA:** Bill Hardman, D-33 (Canada), has been awarded the USPA Gold Wings by the United States Parachute Association. Bill is the first non-resident of the United States so honored. With well over 1300 jumps, Bill has been in the news before . . . the last time when he made 100 freefalls in one day.

### WHAT'S NEW?

The University of Minnesota has opened a new DZ at LeSueur, Minnesota. The first jumps were made in 28° weather on the ground, and a cool zero at jump altitude. Bob Johnson and Rick Schmidt were among the snow-birds.

### MAC WINS AGAIN

Byline: Bill Ottley

Silver bowls to individual winners and lots of beer followed the announcement that Mac McCraw of the Lakehurst Team had once again won the annual MEPA (Mid-Eastern Parachute Assoc.) championship trophy for 1967. The trophy, in it's illuminated case, has been setting in the Lakehurst Naval Air Station club for a year and was sprung loose just long enough to be given back. Mac won with a total of 112 points earned in five meets spread through the summer. The top ten MEPA season places were (1) Mac McCraw (Lakehurst); (2) Harry Hallman (Delaware Valley); (3) Ron Miller (Pelicans); (4) John Phillips (United); (5) Chuck Seymour (Lakehurst); (6) Ray Anderson (Long Island); (7) Ron Shifflet (Lakehurst); (8) Dave King (Lehigh Valley); (9) Vince Phillips (United); and (10) Tim McGrath (United). Winner of the Intermediate award was Bernie McDyer (Atlantic) with 54 points; and the Novice award went to Joe Longobardi (Lakewood Skydivers) with 23 points.

MEPA's 1968 summer schedule of either five or six meets will be determined at the MEPA annual business meeting, scheduled for sometime in March. At that time, other clubs interested in affiliating will be invited to attend, and those groups wishing to host a meet will be given their chance to divide up the available dates.

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**SPARTA, ILLINOIS:** Al and Pat Meyer are the proud parents of a baby girl, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, and dubbed Tricia Marie. Al says things are a little slow at the DZ because of weather and a few financial problems, but they are over the hump now and back in full swing. He also sent in a two year subscription to help DZ-USA over the hump. Al is a great pilot and the DZ is a smooth operation, so drop in on them.

**ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA:** The Rumbleseat Para-Scuba club (Ray Heald, president) have over 200 dues-paying members and just may be the largest in the U. S. Hector Nunez does the training and Walt Mercer does some of the flying. A couple of the members are also Star Crest Recipients for 8-man (or over) star formations. The complete story and list of recipients is forthcoming from Ray, if he ever gets around to it.



DZ-USA joins the Midwest Club in hoping Brad the best and no complications between Fitzsimmons and the next DZ. I'm sure many Denver jumpers will be dropping in on him, so if you are in the area, Fitzsimmons Hospital is in Aurora (East Denver) and is easily reached by driving straight east on Colfax from Denver.

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## Make The Rounds...

**COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO:** Mike Marthaller predicts: Bill Urbanowski is a jumper to watch if he keeps jumping and interested in competition. With just a little over 200 jumps, Bill is turning in the 10's (without practicing style) and becoming deadly in accuracy.

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**RICHLAND, WASHINGTON:** The Northwest Parachute Council has elected new officers as follows: Bus Bertram, Treasurer; Bill Johnson, Secretary; Terry Guske, Vice-President. With further assistance from jumpers like Joe Brockway, Jim Lansing, Paul Lawrence, and many others, this is one Council truly on the move.

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**SPRINGVILLE, NEW YORK:** Printed in the "New Para-Flyer", Frontier Skydivers newsletter: "Gene Hunnell lives - he just doesn't want to get involved. His October issue of DZ-USA is out. Some mumbling about two jobs and birth control pills." Clair Wimer is number one suspect as to authorship.

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**BURNABY, B. C., CANADA:** Reprinted from the "B.C. Paranews": "Have you heard about the jumper who got married and became a talkative bridegroom? All he did on his honeymoon was jabber, jabber, jabber." And just in case you haven't seen this excellent newsletter which contains many articles on safety and training (and sport parachuting in general), send \$4.00 to Barry Whittaker, 7471 Kingsway, #4, Burnaby, B.C., Canada. The January 1968 issue was 18 pages with a lot of good reading.

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**CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS:** As reported by Tom Stewart: "Our club recently elected a new president, Fred Weinert; Pat Meiron resigned as she is now working with Lowell Bachman and it is 300 miles to our DZ from Chicago. Tom Schapanski is also in Chicago. Sharon (whats-her-name) Johnson was first out on a "student weekend" we declared right after the NCPM Meet, and she did fine . . . although she chipped a tooth on the hardware." Editor's Note: The club news from SIU (as reported by Tom) is elsewhere in this issue . . . or the next one.

**ORANGE, MASSACHUSETTS:** Dan Poynter has flipped completely. First, he put a "L.A.G.N.A.F. Skydivers" cover on the "Spotter"; and then he headed for California with Lyle Cameron and Art Armstrong for a brief visit. Dan may always wear a suit and tie, but underneath there lurks the makings of a normal individual. Of course, the new beard he's sporting doesn't reflect this fact.

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### ATTENTION JUMPERS IN THE MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

A competitive parachute council was formed within the Mountain Conference. The goal of this council is to encourage the development of parachuting safety and skills through monthly meets that will encompass the competitive aspects of sport parachuting. All competitions are to be conducted in accordance with the rules of the U.S.P.A. and are designed to prepare Mountain Conference jumpers for the Nationals.

A Charter Meeting was held at the United States Air Force Academy Air Field, March 9th.

This is now your competitive council. It's success or failure depends largely upon you. Your help is needed.

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### LARRY MODRELL REPORTS ON SO. OREGON SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB

We number about 20 active members and have a Cessna 185 and a pea-gravel target. I am the training officer and our training program consists of a 3-weekend ground training course which includes parachute packing and regular ground school procedures, followed by a written examination. Our club instructors are required to have at least 100 freefalls prior to any training or jumpmastering of students. Each student is required to spend a considerable amount of time in the suspended harness for reserve

deployment and canopy control. We don't have all the answers yet but we are doing our best. We feel the student is the most important part of the sport and without him, the sport would not perpetuate itself. Without the student, the sport could easily die out entirely. The majority of our members are USPA members and we support the national organization even though we are not an affiliated club. We subscribe to DZ-USA and find it to be the most informative magazine on the market. I am particularly interested in the malfunction and reserve deployment information and this aspect alone makes DZ-USA the most superior publication available to sport parachutists. I would like to review other club training programs and make comparisons. If any other club would be interested in doing the same, please write me at 431 North Main Street, Ashland, Oregon 97520. Maybe we can help each other form a more effective training program.

**OMAHA, NEBRASKA:** The Midwest Sport Parachute Association (MWSPA) has elected new officers: Cliff Dodson, Chairman of the Board; Maurice Hoelting, Secretary; and John Meyers, Treasurer. The Association works on an annual master point competition system and the big winners last year (1967) were: Cliff Dobson, Lincoln, Neb., who took first in accuracy and was awarded a new Para-Commander plus trophy; and Stan Searles, Omaha, Neb., who took first in style and also received a new Para-Commander. Those free canopies should provide a little incentive to members of MWSPA.

**OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA:** Steven's Para-Loft is offering a free subscription to DZ-USA to anyone buying their special offer of a B-12 sage green harness and container with 1½-shot capewells installed for only \$24.95. This is the first time gear has been offered at a reasonable price with a full year of reading worth \$4 thrown in. Take advantage of the offer. No other company comes near their "don't fleece the jumper" prices.

## HAD YOUR FREEFALL PHOTO TAKEN LATELY?

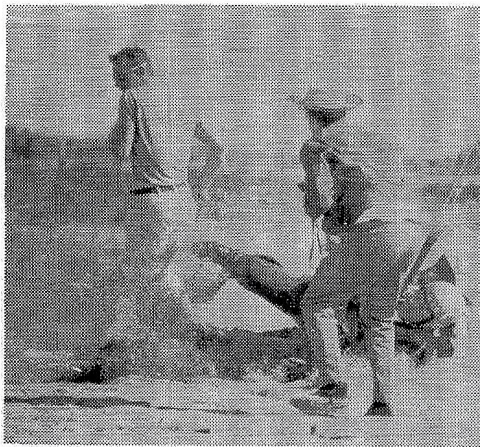
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Sherm Hawkins, USAPT, tearing up some sawdust and scattering the judges. Photo by Rick Miller.

This is one of several meets DZ-USA covers religiously every year, and the 6th was no exception to that rule. "Pop" has the DZ on a "constant improvement" schedule and each year sees the meet growing in contestants and enthusiasm. So far, Dan Poynter hasn't commented on the conduct of any of the contestants, so you know the meet was enjoyed by even the "pure souls". And best of all, this year's meet was attended by jumpers with just a little over 100 jumps as well as Gold-Wingers.

### THE CONTESTANTS

- BACHMAN, Lowell - Chicago, Illinois - 600 jumps
- BENSON, Frank - Riverdale, Illinois - 185 jumps
- BINNICKER, Woody - Viking Parachute Team - 1420 jumps
- BOWEN, Robert R. - Miami, Florida - 440 jumps
- BRANSON, Gilbert - Auburn, Alabama - 380 jumps
- BRIEDIS, William - Rochester, New York - 305 jumps
- BROWN, Lonnie - Flemington, New Jersey - 530 jumps
- BURLIN, Harry - Flemington, New Jersey - 1178 jumps
- CAREY, Donna - Chicago, Illinois - 85 jumps
- CASCIO, Carolyn C. - Jacksonville, No. Car. - 200 jumps
- CHMIELEWSKI, "Ski" - Tampa, Florida - 543 jumps
- COFFIN, Jeff - Ann Arbor, Michigan - 525 jumps
- CONNORS, Cappy - Denver, Colorado - 590 jumps
- CREWS, Johnny B. - Linthicum, Maryland - 1100 jumps
- CURTIS, Curt - New York City, New York - 680 jumps
- DAUBENSPECK, Mike - Plainfield, Indiana - 1000 jumps
- DAVIDS, Paul - Nunica, Michigan - 325 jumps
- DAVIS, Jimmy - Charlotte Hagalo Team - 1520 jumps
- DAVIS, Richard W. A. - Palm Beach, Florida - 200 jumps
- DUNN, John A. - Auburn, Alabama - 720 jumps
- DUPRIS, Gary - Deland, Florida - 1050 jumps
- DUPRIS, Joe - Deland, Florida - 1475 jumps
- EDWARDS, Ron - Flemington, New Jersey - 480 jumps
- GETZ, Lou - Horsham, Pennsylvania - 279 jumps
- GODWIN, Jimmy - Orlando, Florida - 1625 jumps
- GORDON, Bobby - Lake Worth, Florida - 150 jumps
- HAWKINS, "Sherm" - USAPT, Ft. Bragg - 1500 jumps
- HIGGINS, Francis J. - Norristown, Penna. - 131 jumps
- HUMINSKY, "Sky" - Chicago, Illinois - 1000 jumps
- JENKS, Rob - Ripcord Para-Center (SSE's DZ) - 315 jumps
- JOHNSON, Robert P. - Minneapolis, Minnesota - 392 jumps
- JORDAN, Bill - Watsontown, Pennsylvania - 460 jumps
- KAVANAUGH, Harvey - Irving, Illinois - 450 jumps
- KNOLLMEYER, Donald - Camp Lejeune, No. Car. - 141 jumps
- LANCE, Allan - New York City, New York - 270 jumps
- LEDBETTER, Bill - Scottsdale, Arizona - 1309 jumps
- LEDBETTER, Merle T. - Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. - 192 jumps
- LEIBACHER, John - Somerville, Mass. - 350 jumps
- LOCKE, Maurene - Washington, D. C. - 574 jumps
- LOCKWARD, Billy - USAPT, Ft. Bragg - 1601 jumps
- MARLER, Ed - Ridley Park, Penna. - 1000 jumps

- MAY, "Bill" - Auburn, Alabama - 780 jumps
- McFADDEN, Bill - Watervliet, Michigan - 594 jumps
- McGARRY, Edward M. - Riverdale, Illinois - 280 jumps
- McGARRY, Pete - St. Petersburg, Florida - 292 jumps
- McKAY, Woody - Timmonsville, So. Car. - 1120 jumps
- MOORE, "Pope Patrick the Minor" - Tampa, Florida - 280 jumps
- NIXON, Bud - Hollywood, Florida - 281 jumps
- OTTLEY, "Bill" - New York, New York - 1000 jumps
- PATTERSON, Jim - Ann Arbor, Michigan - 95 jumps
- PEDRICH, Boch - Deerfield, Florida - 130 jumps
- PENA, Jim - Indiantown, Florida - 1190 jumps
- PHILLIPS, John - Reading, Penna. - 463 jumps
- RICKARD, Frank - Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. - 1275 jumps
- ROBERTS, Dick - Peoria, Illinois - 1010 jumps
- RODRIGUEZ, F. A. - Oakland Park, Florida - 669 jumps
- ROTHMANN, Heiner J. - Chicago, Illinois - 1020 jumps
- RUST, Norman - Novi, Michigan - 407 jumps
- SAUVE, David - East Lansing, Michigan - 1080 jumps
- SCHMIDT, Richard - Minneapolis, Minn. - 100 jumps
- SCHOEPPEL, Clayton - Hartwood, Virginia - 320 jumps
- STOYAS, Jim - Chicago, Illinois - 1500 jumps
- STRICKLAND, Don - USAPT, Ft. Bragg - 1050 jumps
- STRONG, Ted - Marshfield, Mass. - 1000 jumps
- WALLRATH, Robert - Miami, Florida - 121 jumps
- WIMER, Clair L. - Cheektowaga, New York - 430 jumps
- WINTER, William - Easton, Penn. - 395 jumps

Penna.; Dick Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. Donna Connors, Denver, Colorado; Nina Wolkow, South Lyon, Michigan (the first woman POPS and holds Pops #100); Judy Crawford, Doylestown, Penna.; Jack Johnson, Madison, Wisconsin; Ellen Drew, West Palm Beach, Florida; Fred N. Spillman, West Palm Beach, Florida; Kenyon McClellan, West Palm Beach, Florida; Lynn M. Tesser, Madison, Wisconsin; Noel Funchess (KNFOADZITUSA), Hialeah, Florida; Joe Morgan, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Steve Snyder, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Ron Radhoff, Huntsville, Alabama (SMSL and assistant judge during the meet); and Dan Poynter, Orange, Massachusetts.

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### VIP's

Jerry Ryburn and Gene Ritchie, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida were down for the first day of the meet, and Roy Johnson showed up on the last day for a month of style jumps. The Canadian Team (Harry Cole and Capt. Costello) were also staying on for training jumps before returning to Canada. And, of course, Rick Miller, DZ-USA Field Representative, was on hand taking most of the photographs included in this article.

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### THE COMPETITION

The style event was eliminated this year and everyone jumped accuracy only. 7 jumps for individual accuracy and 2 team jumps was the ticket with \$1300 in prize money at stake, plus trophies. There weren't any great surprises in the outcome, with the exception of Bob Jenks, who jumps at Steve Snyder's Ripcord Para-Center. The 18-year-old took second place with less than 300 jumps on a Para-Commander and 2678 points out of a possible 3500. Bob has logged over 20 deadcenters in his short jumping career, and with a lot of work, could be a man to watch. Roger Wolford, who picked up his Gold Wings just before the meet, walked off with first place with 3217 points. His total distance for seven jumps was less than 3 meters. Surprisingly, not one member of the U. S. Army Parachute Team was in the top 10. The USAPT took the Team Event, however, with 5 deadcenters and a meter-plus, which makes one wonder . . . Just how many deadcenters were logged during the meet is unknown to this editor but "a batch" would be a conservative estimate. Rick Schmidt, Minneapolis, put 2 deadcenters back-to-back with only 50 jumps on a PC and a total of 100 jumps since his first one less than two years ago. Rick had the misfortune of malfunctioning on the last jump of the meet (a tuck under) but ended up with a respectable score for any

Unidentified jumper just a little off course  
← but still trying for some reason.

jumper with his experience. Bill Ottley ("Super Skull") was carried to the center of the target and placed on (or under) the deadcenter disc several times, but even the handicap didn't help. I think Bill finished 94th out of 73 contestants. Mike Daubenspeck got up earlier this year and made the DZ on time . . . he also picked up 2573 points in accuracy and took 3rd. I missed Sauve's smiling face in the top circle this year but David came through on the 2nd place team and wasn't completely out of the running. Billy Lockward kept things

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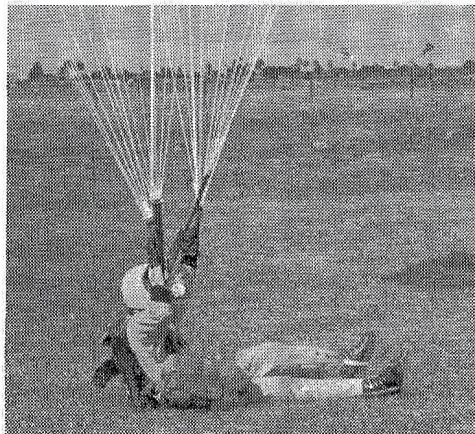
Judges Holmberg and Radhoff assisting Bill Ottley to the center of the target. Photo by Rick Miller, DZ-USA Photographer.

- WOLFORD, Roger - Fillmore, Illinois - 1000 jumps
- YOUNG, Rick - Bethesda, Maryland - 200 jumps

Others who may or may not have been competing (due to this editor's failure to properly observe every jump) were: Jim CURTIS; Keith AINSWORTH; and Hobie KENT.

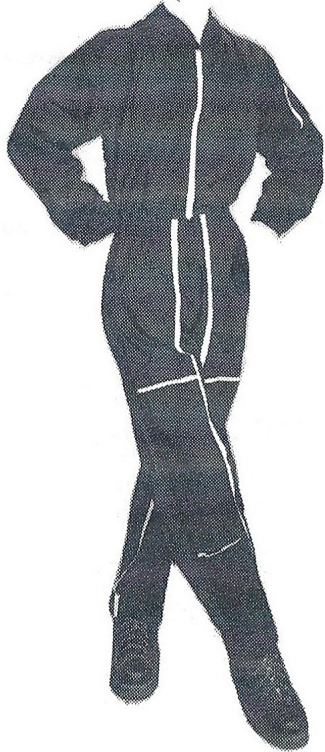
### FUN-JUMPERS

Some of the fun-jumpers present (but not competing) were Chuck Henderson, York,



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interesting and on one jump he almost cracked-up the spectators and competitors by running into his canopy before it collapsed and continuing his dash until he was completely wrapped up inside it. Between him and his teammate, Sherm Hawkins, they put many smiles on many appreciative faces. These two represent the USAPT very well and put a bright spot in any meet . . . even if Sherm does sport a mustache now.

It is interesting to note that the total jumps for the top 10 in accuracy comes to almost 10,000 (or an average of 1000 jumps per man . . . 951 to be exact). Not to be overlooked, however, is the fact that Bobby Gordon placed 7th with only 150 jumps in his logbook. Only 7 other contestants had less than his 150 jumps, and one of them was a female.

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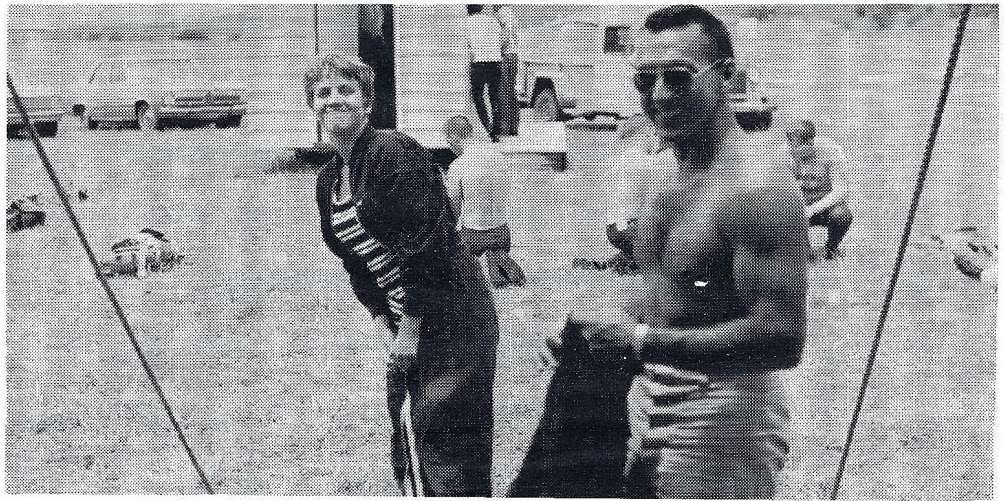
### SIDELIGHTS OF THE MEET

Donna Carey had an out jump which was attributed to the new diamond ring on her left hand (put there by "Sky" Huminsky). Seems the sun was too bright and the reflection on the "rock" blinded her . . .

Rick Miller, DZ-USA Field Representative and temporary "cripple", stood helplessly by while National Directors Bill Ottley and Dan Poynter broke his cane. Rick spent the remainder of the meet hobbling on a 49¢ replacement cane and taking the great shots of the meet from a folding chair about 50 feet from the target . . .

Chuck Henderson was the landlord for about five jumpers who slept in his Mayflower Van (truck-type which Chuck makes his living with) for five days. The quarters were more than comfortable with an abundance of furniture mats which made ultra-soft beds in the 40 foot bedroom. The quarters were quiet, never overcrowded, and completely free. I, for one, thank Chuck for accommodations superior to the Seminole Inn . . .

Cappy Connors was somewhat perturbed when I followed his car (carrying his wife in my car) to nearby Stewart, Florida, and not only lost sight of him ahead of me, but went completely past the town and 20 miles too far south. I finally arrived 30 minutes later with his wife, Donna, and had extreme difficulty convincing him that I (or Donna) had gone through the whole town without seeing it . . .



## RIBS *by Russell* (Jeff)

Don Bohun, Harro Trempeneau, and Ralph Shaw (all members of the Carleton SPC, Ontario, Canada) drove 1300 miles to Pop's Place for a couple jumps. Because of a non-availability of jumpmasters and other considerations, they didn't get a single jump in, and ended up going with me to Tampa, Florida, where Jerry Ryburn and Gene Ritchie (Strike Commandos SPC) rolled out the red carpet for them. All three got all the jumps they wanted and returned to Canada more than happy . . .

Harry Burlin, The Chute Shop part-owner, was jumping a PC this year and has brought his opening altitude up considerably from last year. Seems Harry isn't as confident under the PC as the old rag he put over a 1,000 jumps on . . .

Steve Snyder made an "on-the-spot" repair of an Altimaster II and taught everyone watching a valuable lesson concerning altimeters. Steve has several new products coming on the market soon and all of them are just short of revolutionary. Steve recently received the Leo Stevens Medal for "the development, testing and promotion into general use of an automatic opener for the reserve parachute", after years of personal

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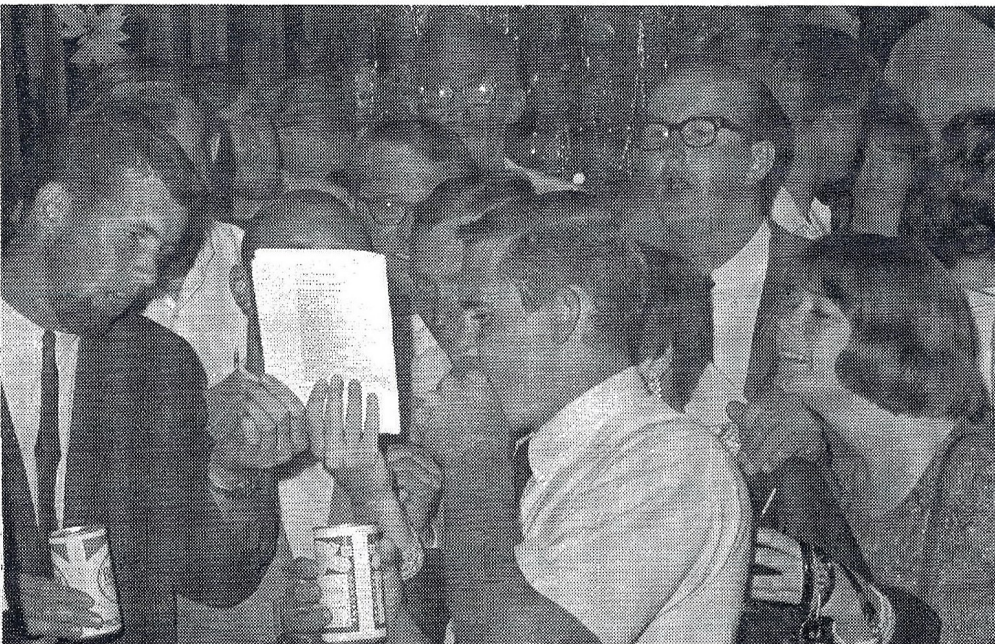
One lift during the meet took off with four members who had 7,000 jumps between them. Woody McKay, Bill Ottley, Harry Burlin, and flying Poppenhager were the four in mention. The lift could have been bettered by four other jumpers: Jimmy Godwin (1625); Billy Lockward (1600); Jimmy Davis (1520); and, of course, Poppenhager (2725). The total would have been near 7500 jumps, but then 7000 isn't a student lift, I guess . . .

And just in case you are interested, the top 3 in accuracy all had their lines shortened on their PC's. The average was about 3 feet cut out of the lines and it would appear it helps. But when you look at the accuracy statistics at the '67 Nationals and consider the lines were not shortened on those PC's, what do you come up with? . . .

### THE NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Just this once, I will please my 2% of subscribers and not give any of the details or happenings during a great time being had by all. It would only disturb the 2% to know that many jumpers were drinking and enjoying themselves and this we can't allow. I will, however, throw in one picture (worth a thousand words) plus one recipe for a drink you should try before you knock it. It was tested by over half the people at the party and not one complaint. First, here's the photo (and that ain't a song book you find on the back of the seat in front of you on Sunday):

*From left to right: Dan Poynter (sporting his new face foliage); Woody Binnicker (behind the song book . . . available for \$1 by writing: Songbook, 33 Prospect Hill Drive, Warehouse Point, Conn. 06088 . . . ); Woody McKay, who is between the songbook and Pope Patrick the Minor (covering his mouth with his hand); Chuck Henderson (all the way to the rear, wearing glasses); Carolyn Cascio (one ear showing below the other guy in glasses, and hidden by Pope Pat's head); and to the extreme lower right is Mrs. Donna Connors (the fairest of the fair and Cappy's wife).*



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Concluded

### ASSORTED ITEMS

The judges for the meet were USAPT members Mel Lavier and Larry Holmberg, assisted by Jack Johnson and Ron Radhoff. Most of the flying was done by Pop himself, and John Coppe, and I'm sure "Smiling Jim" Stoyas must have gotten at least one lift if not more. Helpers were wives, such as: Mrs. Don Strickland, Mrs. Ron Edwards, Mrs. Steve Snyder, Mrs. Harry Burlin, Mrs. Ron Radhoff, and other wives I apologize now for missing, plus helpers Dick Plummer, Paul Gatenby, and Clifford Wells.

Immediately following the meet, three guys (with Donna Carey doing most of the packing) were jumping like hell and rapidly nearing their Gold Wings. Ed Marler, Roger Wolford, and "Sky" Huminsky eased over the 1,000 mark on the 2nd or 3rd of January, with all three making their grand on the same lift. Ed Marler was rewarded on the target by a bikini-clad admirer; "Sky" was greeted affectionately by Donna (his wife-to-be); and Roger made a deadcenter to top the threesome.

Jim West (Greene County SPC, Xenia, Ohio), Ken Heismann, Mike Loudakis, and Paul Fayard (all members of Greene County's demonstration team), made a couple jumps together at Pop's and brightened the skies in all-red "Pepsi" Para-Commanders. The team departed after Jim West made his 1999th jump so that Jim could make his 2000th on his home DZ. A great group to have on any DZ!

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### THE FINAL RESULTS

#### Individual Accuracy (7 jumps):

- 1) Roger Wolford, 3217 points (trophy plus \$300 cash)
- 2) Rob Jenks, 2678 points (trophy plus \$200 cash)
- 3) Mike Daubenspeck, 2573 points (trophy plus \$100 cash)
- 4) Johnny Crews, 2523
- 5) Joe Dupris, 2508
- 6) Bill May, 2452
- 6) Bobby Gordon, 2441
- 8) Woody McKay, 2369
- 9) Gary Dupris, 2331
- 10) Jimmy Davis, 2323



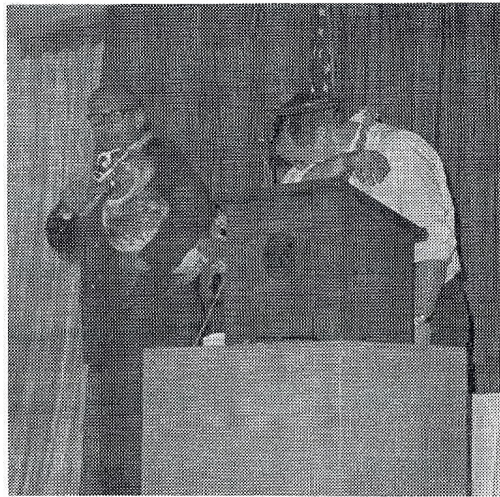
Photo by "Sky" Huminsky

#### Team Accuracy (2 jumps):

- 1) USAPT (Don Strickland, Sherman Hawkins, & Billy Lockward), 2865 points (trophies plus \$300 cash)
- 2) Mike Daubenspeck, F. A. Rodriguez, & David Sauve - 2829 points (trophies plus \$225 cash)
- 3) Bud Nixon, Bill Ledbetter, & Bill Briedis - 2518 points (trophies plus \$150 cash)

### THE AWARDS BANQUET

Gold Wings were also awarded at the banquet to Bill Ottley, Dick Roberts, and Heiner Rothmann. Bill and Dick have both been jumping for over 7 years and Heiner was "a little under the weather" at the presentations and I didn't find out how long he had been jumping. As an added surprise (mostly to Bill Ottley), his wife was on hand for his presentation. And in case you didn't know Bill was married, the photo below shows Bill holding Mrs. William "Sunshine" Ottley while



Steve Snyder cracks up on the rostrum. Steve read a short speech before the live pelican was brought in (complete with eye glasses) and handed to Bill. At one point, the bird almost removed one side of Bill's head with that huge beak. The pelican had been kept in Steve's room for a day and a night, in complete secrecy, and Steve and his wife had almost learned to live with the fishy-smell when the day to present the bird arrived. A classic part of the awards, and thoroughly enjoyed by all . . . even the bird.

A serious note to the Banquet was the Army Team stating that their prize money was to go to the fund for the wives and children of the Lake Erie disaster. Pop stated that he wished they had won all the events with the prize money going to such a worthy cause. And just in case you want to make a donation to that fund, the address is: Sky Divers Children's Memorial Fund, Citizen's Savings and Loan Bank, Wadsworth, Ohio. They need every dime they can get with 20 children left fatherless.

One last note, before we wrap this up. Roger Wolford was not present until later in the evening and wasn't on hand to receive his cash and trophy with the other winners. Seems he was hung up with a Florida Pigeon . . . must be some kind of relative of Mrs. Ottley . . . or something like that.

And last but not least, that recipe I promised (which by the way is my own invention), and is called a "Strip and Go Naked":

Pour two bottles (or cans) of beer (any brand) over ice cubes in a large pitcher; Allow to cool for a few seconds by stirring very slowly . . . do not shake . . . ; Add one bottle of Fresca, 7-Up, Teem, or Sprite; Add 2 ounces of Dakari mix . . . or a fresh lime (squeezed) if you can't find the Dakari mix . . . ; Add 2 ounces of Grenadine Cordial (25 proof) or enough to turn the batch to a light pink color; and lastly . . . Add 4 to 6 ounces of gin (or vodka) depending upon your courage. Serves 6 to 8 brave souls in 8 ounce glasses. Do not serve over ice but keep the pitcher iced, not the individual glasses. You may add more booze if you like and confectioner's sugar if too much gin or vodka becomes a little tangy. If you follow the original recipe I've given you here, the concoction should taste like a very tasty Hawaiian punch or Kool-Aid. Try it, and surprise yourself. But watch the number of them you put away . . . they are sneaky.

But most of all . . . make it to Indiantown, Florida next year. Compete (and remember Rob Jenks who walked away with second place if you think you don't have a chance against the Gold-Wingers) or just fun-jump, or just plain enjoy yourself in the warm Florida sun. Just don't miss the 7th Annual Winter Meet and Pop's hospitality . . .

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# Bugle Call

WHEN YOU'RE THREE MONTHS LATE . . .

"How about that October DZ-USA in January? I was beginning to lose faith in you. But just to show my confidence in your noble project, here's my \$4.00 for next year. I don't want the starvation of your wife and rug-rats on my conscience. I figure (with back issues) you now owe me 17 issues. Just don't get any foolish ideas like buying shoes for the wife and kids . . . Mike Marthaller, Hero #1, B-2310, C-3176, D-928, D-48 (Canada), ASO MT/12, FAA 1621722, SP 1551516 (you'd think with all this, I could get stable)."

"Dear C. E.: I sent you a check to renew my subscription last November. You can start 'em coming any time now. Parachutist just doesn't do the job . . . Rick Purcell, Reno, Nevada."

"Dear Gene: On August 14, 1967, I sent you my check to cover one years subscription to DZ-USA. You have cashed the check . . . but one slight trouble . . . I have never received a copy of your magazine. Will you please check in the matter and advise me? . . . Robert E. McTaggart, Taylor, Michigan."

"Just received the October issue, with insert letter explaining the delay. I figured you were probably in a bind, and for the reasons cited in your letter. In my present situation, there isn't much I can do for sport parachuting. Can't even jump myself. Hope what I can do will be of benefit to sport parachuting. Since 1962, I figure I've averaged about \$50.00 per year for equipment or jumps on civilian DZ's (you know us military types - civilian DZ's are for days when those great big beautiful FREE military airplanes are otherwise engaged). I've been here 13 months now with no jumps and no need for equipment. So, here's the fifty bucks I would have spent on jumping anyway. Just keep the mag coming until the

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money runs out. And if the money runs out first don't worry about it. We'll know you tried. Please don't use my name in connection with this, and don't regard it as a noble gesture. Noble, I ain't. Skydiving NEEDS your magazine. Perhaps in happier days to come, we can get in a couple together. Good luck and "Illegitimii non Carborundum" . . . name withheld as requested."

*Editor's Note: This letter is completely above-board and authentic. And rather than go on and on saying thank you, I'll just say this: You meet a few "characters" in the sport, unfortunately, but once in blue moon you run into one jumper who makes all the rest worth it. This one person reminds us that we have a sport that is still far above anything we knew before we put a rig on . . . because of the people involved in it. I've given the "anonymous donor of the fifty bucks" an airmail lifetime subscription, and as badly as I needed that check, it was honestly the very least I could do. With this kind of support, how can anyone even think of giving it up? And before you say, "yeah, but that's the only guy who would do something like that", here's another example of sincere concern that you always hope for but never believe it will happen:*

"Gene, I'm a very patient person and can wait until you get the best jump mag back on the presses. I'm also including a check for \$3.50 to bring your mag by airmail. If you will accept it, I will start sending \$10.00 a month until you send me a letter to stop. I'm doing this because I do believe in DZ-USA as you do, and I don't want to see it stop coming. I haven't been active in the sport since October 1966 when I made my last jump in Spa, Belgium. I don't know of any jumpers in this area and I, too, support a family of my wife and three kids. I'm doing this while serving my country. However, don't worry. I can afford the \$10.00 a month. Please accept the money at least until you get back on your feet. Thanks, sincerely, John."

*So, believe it or not, here are two reasons (you've just read) that keeps me going. I've had guys offer stamps because of postage rates going up; and others who said I should raise the subscription rate to \$5 to bring in the necessary money to keep DZ-USA going. As long as someone wants the magazine to stay around, I'll bring in a few bucks on the side to keep things above the sinking point and keep the subscription rate at \$4.00. One way or another, we'll make it. The loan that*

*kept DZ-USA alive for 1968 was also from a jumper, so what more can I say? I may get low money-wise but never spirit-wise, thanks to some of you.*

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The members of the star are (from one to the other): Joey Hood, Rick Miller, Bill O'Keefe, Cliff Bartlett, Mike Lewis, and Lewis Labree. Photo is by James Chism. All members of the Fort Huachuca Sport Parachute Club, Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Notice the outstanding form of each member and the freefall beauty in the excellent example of supreme coordination. The caption we used was: 1,493 . . . 1,494 . . . 1,495 . . . 1,496 . . ."

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### THE SUPER MAGICAL SHROUD LINERS

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- SMSL #4 — Gene HUNNELL, USA
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- SMSL #6 — Harro TREMPENAU, GERMANY
- SMSL #7 — Ron RADHOFF, USA
- SMSL #8 — Ben BOYT, POLAND
- SMSL #9 — Lyle CAMERON, USA

As you can see it is an International organization with over 40 members to date. Just to mention a few of the SMSL's: Ray DAVIS, Huntsville, Alabama; Dennis LaMAR, Los Angeles; "Hobie" WARD, Tampa, and Chuck BEHLER, Wichita, Kansas. Some other members have asked that their names be withheld. They feel they can function more effectively if they are not known by name to other jumpers. In any event, be on guard while in their presence and remember their motto: "You can harm us . . . fate cannot." And because they are ever conscious of the image they must project to the general public, I am pleased to list their Golden Qualities:

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# CROSSBOW CORNER

This column is especially for owners of "hog-backs"; piggy-backs; "systems"; or whatever you prefer to call it.

The following letter is from Robert H. V. Pope, Lakehurst, New Jersey, and refers to Gene Ruck's account of a hesitation on a piggyback after a breakaway:

"Gene stated that he began to hit the container with his elbows in his article and I would like to suggest that he try and hit the container with his elbows on the ground and see how he makes out. The only way possible to hit it with your elbows would be to have it on upside down and mounted high, or have the chest strap in your mouth. I have cut mine away once with complete success and a very rapid deployment and have popped it every time re-pack time comes. When you pop it on the table, the side flaps won't pull away enough to expose the complete chute but the pilot chute has always popped out to the end of the bridle cord. I would say he (Gene Ruck) had one of three things wrong: (1) The pilot chute didn't have enough spring; (2) his bridle cord wasn't long enough to get into the air without having the additional load of the canopy; or (3) the pilot chute caught on something.

I use a 12-inch bridle cord on mine and the pilot chute always goes to the end of it. I use a long bridle so that the pilot chute will get into the air prior to having any weight on it. One way you can assure the side flap pulling away, is to put a cable stop on the ripcord which will pull away the side flap, however, THIS CAN ONLY BE USED IF THE RESERVE LANYARD HAS BEEN REMOVED!!"

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the current Crossbow Manual will be made available to anyone requesting it, free of charge.

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## BITS AND PIECES

The pictures of Larry Schell's malfunction in November Sky Diver Magazine were enough to shake many strong-willed jumpers . . . but apparently Larry took everything in stride. The bones have knitted and Larry has and is now wearing his Gold Wings after that last 20 or so for his grand. Welcome back, Larry.

Jim DeLap, D-1040 has received his Gold Wings (number 106) and asked that I don't forget his free subscription to DZ-USA. Jim, that practice was discontinued in 1967. As much as I'd like to, the "Over 1000's" were extended once for free subscriptions, but I can't do it again. There would soon be more "free-zies" than paid subscriptions.

### 3 MORE w/1000...



#### INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA

A "Gold" lift. From left to right: "Sky" Huminsky; Ed Marler, and Roger Wolford (all going for the 1000st jump); and Jim Stoyas, pilot for the lift. Photo by Donna Carey.

Pope Jim the Generous, Jim Wilson (Champaign, Illinois), is back in the saddle after a broken leg he picked up hooking a target. Jim says the Univ. of Illinois is giving honest support for 15 hotdogs and 25 students by providing an 80-acre bluegrass field and peas. A 30 is going for \$3.50 out of a 182. Lastly, Jim graciously agreed to give this editor a demo for Pope and even sent along a "Free Ticket" for one prepaid demo. Al heart.

The Ka-Mo Sport Jumpers have some competition with a neighboring club, the Mo-Kan Sport Parachute Club. The newly-formed club is north of Asbury, Missouri (between Joplin and Pittsburg, Kansas) . . . if that helps . . . and has a 182, three fine pilots, and training and jumpmastering by Ohmer Miller, B-5751. Seems this editor remembers Ohmer from a demo jump into a trout-farm a couple years ago . . . or so. But to continue, the club represents the Kansas State College of Pittsburg and will soon be NCPL Affiliated. Bill Pace, B-5952, submitted this bit of info

and says he'll be glad to keep us informed on future developments. Didn't know that, did you, Bill?

David Woodhouse, D-1710, has gone straight and sent in \$4 after sponging copies of DZ-USA for over a year. Dave jumps in San Diego, California, and near San Diego; and over San Diego; and around San Diego; and . . .

Omaha Sky Divers ran into a bit of bad luck when they ground-looped their 180 on take-off with 4 jumpers aboard. Only one injury (the pilot) and not seriously. Plane was totaled but it could have been much worse.

Rudolph Polak has made the head of DZ-USA's Bent-Pin List. He called the editor a "fellow POP" . . . not that I have anything against the POPS . . . but it is sort embarrassing to a 21 year old kid.

Maxine Nellen (Hartman) would like to clear up a point concerning the U. S. Team Jackets . . . She did not buy all one size . . . she is not responsible for another bungle-job by USPA which costs the membership again . . . and quote, "After the treatment I received from USPA, I am not planning to renew my membership. I've had it." unquote.

Seems Pam Mackenroth has found her way to Kenya, East Africa, someday or another. Jay Courtney (Fearless Pilot for Safari Air Services, Ltd., Trainer of African Jump Students, and Proud Possessor of Joy) reports saw her there recently. Jay also said the DZ there borders the Nairobi Game Refuge and students stay well clear of it . . . many, many lions.

Guy Thiel is now in the service of Uncle Sugar (USAF Section) and has graduated from Iowa State after only 12 years as a Typing Major. He will be the oldest commissioned officer to attend OCS since the Revolutionary War . . . but not really.

Frank Rodriguez reports that the jumping in Florida is fine . . . if you don't count suicides, that is. Who writes your material, Rod?



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# FAMOUS / INFAMOUS "QUOTES"

"Tell Gene to hang in there and try to keep his magazine going. It's not "great" reading material, but at least it is informative!"

... Karen Sue Davis  
Baltimore Skydivers Club

"Did you know Bill Ottley before he moulted, Jacques?"

... Leon Potts in a conversation with Jacques Istel

"If you think having Lyle Cameron on your back is bad - try having him on your side for awhile."

... Norman Heaton  
Exec. Director, USPA

"Small "Okie" towns should stay small "Okie" towns."

... Jim Wilson  
Urbana, Illinois

"How about some articles on style in DZ-USA? Like what do the experts think is best: double-breasted or single-breasted? one button, two button, or the traditional three button?"

... Tom Anderson  
Reyn's Men's Wear  
Honolulu, Hawaii



## Any way you look at it

### STOLEN FROM NEWSLETTERS

**MID-STATE SPC NEWSLETTER (MILLINOCKET, MAINE):** "Some of us have been mumbling lately about the clubhouse being cold. The reason we do not have a furnace is that we can't afford one. However, if everyone would be good enough to pay their back dues we would be able to buy one. Please pay your dues before you die, we don't want to chase all over hell looking for you."

**NEW ZEALAND NEWSLETTER:** "The proprietor of the Clevedon "pub" (which is directly across the road from our DZ) has offered us the exclusive use of the dining room (after removing the cutlery in case we do) as a private bar. I am not sure whether we are so popular that they want to treat us well, or so unpopular that they want to segregate us from other customers."

**OMAHA SKYDIVERS, INC. NEWSLETTER (OMAHA, NEBRASKA):** "The Soviet Union claims a world record for parachute jumps, set by Air Force Lt. Col. Ivan Savkin. Savkin has made 5,000 jumps over a period of 32 years, floating 614 hours in the air and falling 7,828 miles. They claim no one in the world is anywhere near this mark. Any challengers?"

Then this from the Omaha Sky Diver's Newsletter, June 1967, Lori Meile, editor-in-chief:

"Meanwhile, back at the ranch in Omaha, jumping was going on. Most of the club being at Norfolk made for a quiet weekend, with the exception of a new Para-Wing being tooled by none other than "the orange glow kid" . . . Bob deMalignon. That's a beautiful canopy, Bob, as long as you don't have to turn it. But still there was more to our excitement, for our colorful Mr. Walkup, after careful mental calculations concluded that with precision-

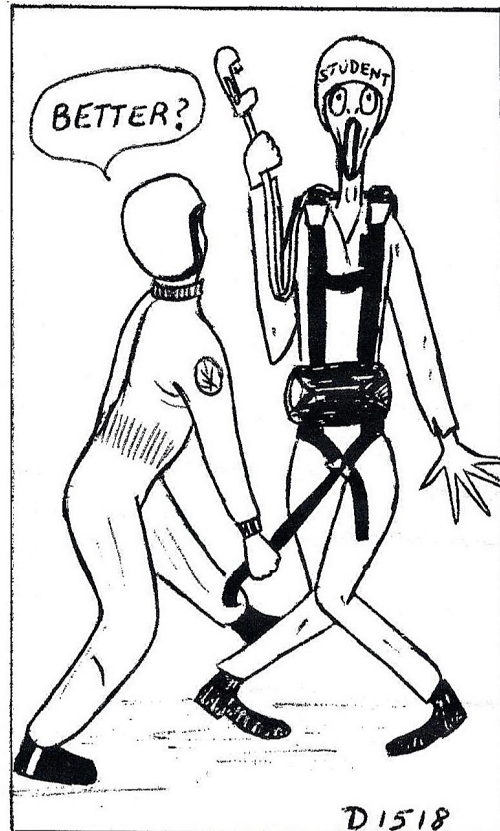
like handling, the Wing could be mastered. And that he did . . . for he was successful in stalling, not one side, but both sides. All kidding aside, Dick. Have you ever had a ride like it in an amusement park?

**TOGGLE LINE, DALLAS SKYDIVERS (TEXAS):** "LBJ NEGLECTS PARACHUTISTS: Would you believe: Listened to President Johnson's one hour and ten minute State of the Union Message and while he talked about everything from foreign aid, economics, social security, income taxes, and Viet Nam . . . not once did he mention the problems to be resolved between the FAA and sport parachuting! Could it be we parachutists are being neglected?"

**THE SPOTTER (ORANGE, MASS.):** "PETERSEN GETS VIETNAM REPRIEVE: Fred Petersen ("the Magnificent Packing Machine") received his orders to go to Vietnam as a Para-Medic. When he reported for his physical, the doctors took one look at his knee (4/5th of the cartilage removed) and said he couldn't possibly jump. In fact, he shouldn't even walk. Pete celebrated by taking the afternoon off, driving to Orange, and making six jumps."

**THE LINK (SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA):** "Honorable "Bill" Kellam said, "average is the best of the worst, and worst of the best." Something every jumper should keep in mind when he strives JUST to earn the title of "Skydiver."

**THE EMBLEM (TUCSON, ARIZONA):** "Dodie finally qualified for her "D" a couple weeks ago . . . after 4 years, a couple of sprains, a break, some reserve action, and 3 kids. Man, such a long hard road. First female "D" in the State, I think."



Cartoon by R. P. Finneran



## SHOT DOWN!!

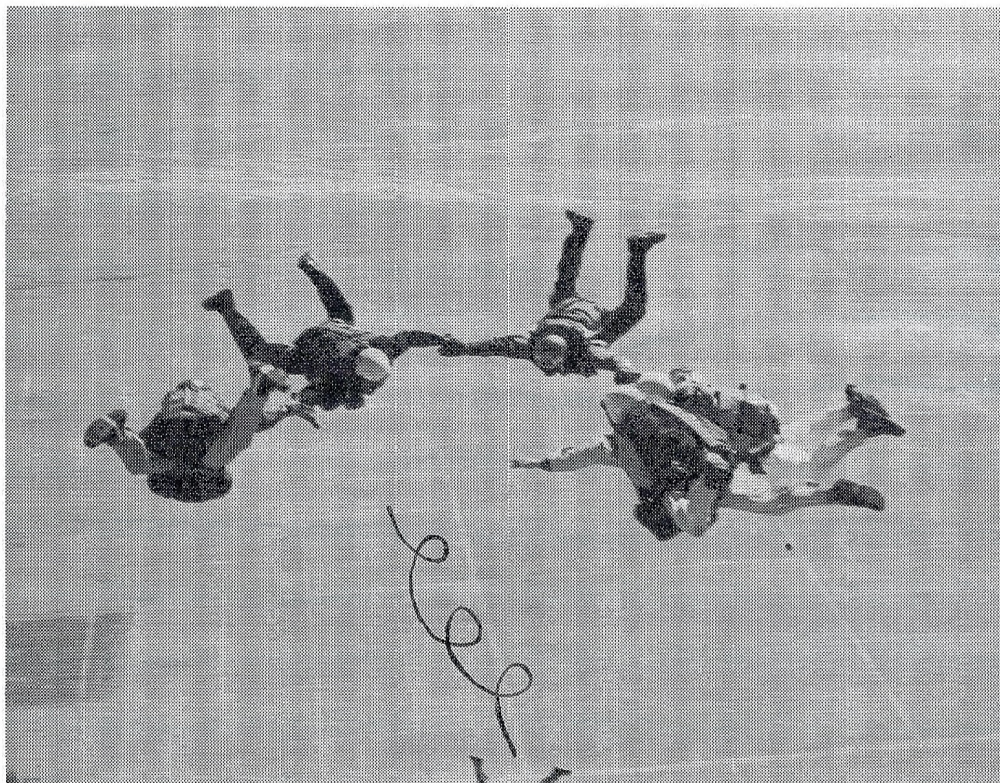


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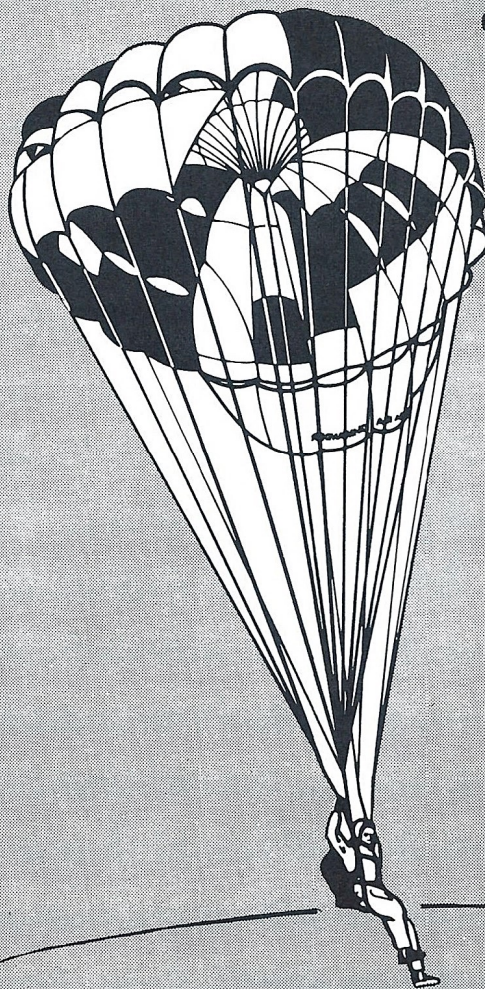
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| #14 Blue and White checkerboard with solid Black apex.                  | #34 Black and White checkerboard.  |
| #15 Black spider on White with Red stomach.                             | #37 Red and White alternating gore with Black keyhole and Black stabilizers. |
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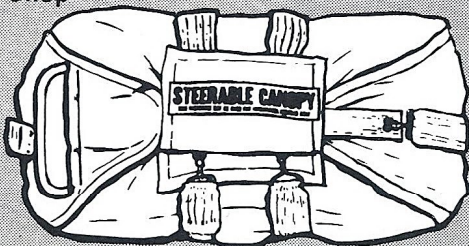
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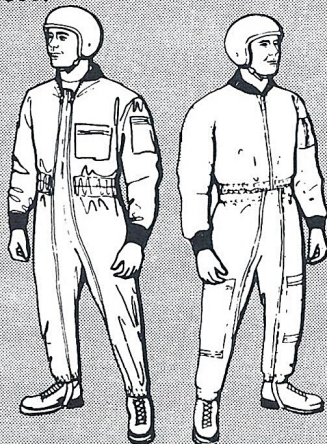
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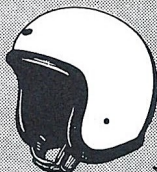
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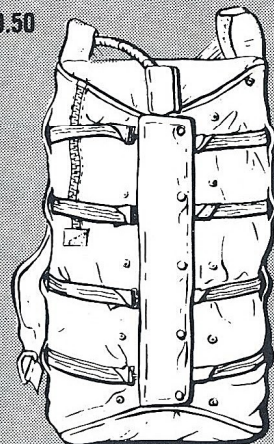
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Note: Instruments NEED NOT be in working order. Send quantity, part numbers, description, condition, price, etc. to: Purchasing Office, The Chute Shop.

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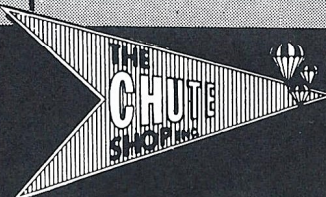
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# MEET RESULTS

This was printed incorrectly last issue. This is the complete results of the meet, as it should have appeared:

**CENTRAL ATLANTIC SPA MEET  
ALL ACCURACY  
PELICAN DZ, RIDGLEY, MARYLAND  
26 NOVEMBER 1968**

**Advanced Accuracy:**

- 1) W. Jordan
- 2) M. Sweeney
- 3) L. Brown

**Intermediate:**

- 1) D. Sweeney
  - 2) D. Stuaftenberg
- All others out

**Novice Hit-and-Run**

- 1) B. Bradigan
- 2) Silverman
- 3) B. Nelson

Only 1 round of accuracy had been completed when the death of Sara Thompson occurred. Sara's main streamer on her 27th jump and due to improper hand deployment of the reserve, it also streamered. Reserve inflation was hampered by the jumper holding on to the suspension lines until impact. Submitted by Karen Sue Davis, Baltimore Skydivers Club.

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**SOUTHEASTERN PARACHUTE MEET  
DELAND, FLORIDA  
24, 25, 26 NOVEMBER 68**

**Advanced Accuracy:**

- 1) Frank Rodriguez
- 2) John Gaffney
- 3) Linda Meals

**Novice Accuracy:**

- 1) Merrill McMahan
- 2) Bob Spaulding
- 3) Harold Michael

**Style:**

- 1) Gary Dupuis
- 2) Wayne Beall
- 3) John Gaffney

**Team:**

- 1) Frank Rodriguez; Dee DuBois; L. B. Mixon
- 2) Bob Malott; John Gaffney; Duffy Nathan
- 3) Hobie Kent; Gary Dupuis; Joe Dupuis

**Overall:**

- 1) Frank Rodriguez, 3432
- 2) John Gaffney, 3343
- 3) Gary Dupuis, 2613

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**ERROR! MISTAKE! APOLOGY!! ZOUNDS!!!**  
Lee Killian, well-known, well-heeled jumper (who drives a red Cadillac), was not mentioned in the Nashville Meet on page 8 of the October issue of DZ-USA, in large enough type. My apologies for not putting his name in bold type and mentioning that Lee had four out jumps (during practice) but got lucky and came through with several deadcenters during the meet. Sorry about that, Lee.

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## NEXT ISSUE:

**2ND ANNUAL MARDI GRAS MEET  
SOUTHERN PARACHUTE CENTER  
HAMMOND AIRPORT, LOUISIANA  
24 - 25 FEB. 1968**

### FOR MEET COVERAGE BY DZ-USA

A phone call will get Rick Miller on the the scene IMMEDIATELY. Just let him know the date well in advance (at least 45 days), and complete coverage of your meet will appear in DZ-USA. Rick can be contacted by writing:

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# NEIGHBORS

## PERSONAL COLUMN

Thanks, Little and Kelly, for the send off you gave us at the meet in Hugoton . . . MM and DP, Colorado.

Sorry about that phone call I made to France on your phone, Don . . . DL, Calif.

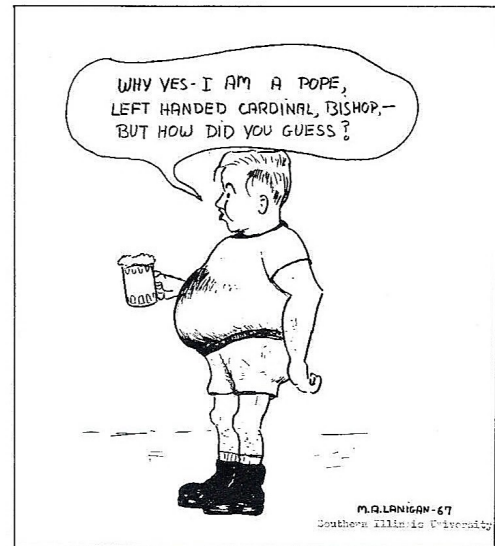
I've wanted to call you, Barb, but I can't remember what nights your husband works . . . RM, Mississippi.

To HR: You were given your Gold Wings while you were here, just in case you are having trouble remembering . . . PP, Florida.

Rick, "rushin' packing" will eliminate tuck-unders on that White Hog I sold you . . . CEH, Kansas.

Sweat pants, leopard jacket, bakes cakes, plucks chickens, mother, rocket retriever, story writer, female. Sees all and writes better. Don't hesitate to be friendly. Introduce yourself to Pat P., newest member of FSD.

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# FLASH!

## THE NATIONALS IN ARIZONA

The 1968 Nationals will be hosted by Inter-Mountain Aviation, Inc., Marana Air Park, Arizona (near Tucson). Dates are 29 June through 7 July. FFI, contact USPA Hdqrs., P.O. Box 109, Monterey, Calif. 93940.

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Ray Hightower exits in a delta - over the Russellville Collegiate Skydiver's DZ, Russellville, Arkansas. Photo by Bill Kiehl.

# What more could any cat ask?

## DURING MY TRAVELS

Byline: Hunnell

In June of last year, I managed a hop on a Lear Jet ("bum" type and absolutely free) and ended up in Hartford, Connecticut. From the airport I went to Warehouse Point, and sucked up Dick Barber's beer until he got home from work, and from there to Vic Deveau's pad. It was close to the weekend, so the next stop was Orange, Massachusetts. I'll pick up on the tour from there.

Because of a low overcast, light rain, and generally lousy weather, the first day was spent talking with Butch Rubb, Dan Poynter, Pat Gorham, Bill Viets, Lew Sanborn, and Steve Boyle (manager of Orange). Butch gave me a lift in the shuttle-truck from the flight line out to the "bowl" and if nothing else about Orange's facilities impresses you . . . the size of that target will. The winds can sometimes fool you coming into that super-DZ but it's quite a pile of sand. There is also a complete communication system on the target, including a phone to the flight line; loud-speaker for talking in students; and always a qualified instructor to man them during jump operations. From there, we went back to the flight line and I got a look at the two Norseman aircraft. They are big and beefy and slow but unique. Students must exit from the left side and have one small step to balance on, but the safety record doesn't call for any major changes. So far, no fatalities at Orange since its beginning and speaking of training . . . I sat through one of the sessions and would like to comment on the Telsan (which is the "tel" of Istel and the "san" of Sanborn) System of training used at Orange. You can't argue with success, but nothing is perfect either.

Al Smith was the instructor for a couple students and this phase was excellent. Al spoke clearly, intelligently, and interestingly. So, the flash-cards used in the Telsan System are only as effective as the instructor . . . observation number one. Al, by the way, has since departed the East Coast and is presently in Aeronautical Engineering School in California after putting in 3 years at Orange. He was highly respected by the other instructors and it was easy to see why while listening to his delivery to new students. All in all, the system was comprehensive but short. The "pull and punch" method for reserve deployment is inadequate and almost relies on the fact that the student will not malfunction in the first place. Sentinels are on all Student reserves and radio-equipped. The pilot-chute assist system is used in addition. This may account for the lack of time spent on reserve deployments. Overall, however, the course is fair and prepares a jumper-prospect to a satisfactory level of awareness of his equipment and procedures. Again, Al's method of instruction was flawless and is an integral part of the system.

Next was PLF training by Butch Rubb and the first thing that came to mind, "wonder if I could still whip out several hundred a day without dying from the pain?" Butch pulls those elbows in and makes you tired just watching, but its a good presentation and every student walks away knowing how and

why a PLF is necessary. Butch's training segment also includes exits from a mock-up of the Norseman (or 180 if that's the case), and this phase is complete in every respect. Some of the instructors we are speaking of are pictured below. Back row, left to right, is



Al Smith; Chuck Embry (glasses and back of the group); John Carlson; and Bill Taft. Front row, left to right, is Howie White; Butch Rubb; and Judd Raymond. Carlson just started this year at Orange (working weekends), and Bill Taft is the ASO for Connecticut and a charter member of CPI (Conn. Parachutists, Inc.). Howie White is a reporter for a large Boston newspaper; and Judd Raymond holds a commercial pilot's ticket. A very impressive group, though some of the faces have changed at Orange since I visited them.

I also met Fred Petersen, the Magnificent Packing Machine, which is still an unbelievable memory when I reflect on his speed of packing . . . and not a malfunction in a carload. I also recall a man walking up to me and saying, "Hello, I am Jacques Istel." Never did find out what his exact duties were but he was everywhere and sending up weather balloons every thirty minutes. Someone said he was riding bulls in Oklahoma a



## SPECIAL NOTICE

Would the person who parked his car in the center of the pea-gravel target in Benton, Kansas, please move it soon? At the last accuracy meet, one jumper almost hit it. You are warned now that the DZ assumes no responsibility for possible damage to the car or contents.

year or so ago . . . so he must not live there. Seriously, Jacques has made many contributions to sport parachuting, and should never be sold short. With a man named Lew Sanborn; and a couple other guys known as Deke Sonnichsen and Darrell Branstetter, Jacques was a member of the first formal U.S. Team to compete in international competition. It was 1957 and Joe Crane was Head of Delegation. The total jumps of all four men (Istel, Sanborn, Sonnichsen, and Branstetter) was less than the least experienced Russian girl competing for her country in the Adriatic Cup, Tivat, Yugoslavia. We've come a long way since then, thanks to them.

My visit to "The Inn" was covered in the July issue, so that about winds it up. I would like, however, to thank the personnel at Orange for their hospitality and assistance, and Gene Parrott, Chief Pilot for the Fuller Brush Company who flew me there in the "Punkin". I met many people there and, I hope, made many new friends. Below is a group shot of a few of the CPI (Conn. Parachutist, Inc.) crew that call Orange home.

So, if you are headed that way . . . drop in at Orange . . . it's all you've heard about it and more.

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Group at top of picture: Top three, left to right: Butch Rubb, Fred Petersen, and Jim Kelly. The two below them: Vic Deveau and Marge Bates. Back row, left to right: Tom Irwin, Frank Gleason, Don Sataline, Sue Rademaekers, Ted Gibbons (behind Sue), John Hudak, Danny Wheeler, Ray Robadoux, Pete Fusari, Ben Cowie, and Dave Goldberg. Front row (kneeling) is: George McCullough (oldest active "D"), his wife Harriet, Ron Blake, Bud Walz, Jim Morin, Jim Bates, Gary Hayes, Bill Taft, and Dick Barber.



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#1018

Byline: Jack Sowle - POPS #33

## PARACHUTISTS OVER PHORTY SOCIETY WORTH THE WAIT

All you POPS that ordered Back Patches should be proudly wearing them by now. I don't know what you guys think of them but I think they are absolutely great and as I suspected, mine has certainly brought a lot of neat comments. You POPS that were too chincy to order any sure did miss the boat. They are the greatest in every respect. The design, color and quality is "fantabulous". Credit is due as follows: Me for the original "idea" design. Dave Koepp, a young draftsman-artist buddy of mine, for the final refined design. Lenny Barad, POPS #1, for finding a manufacturer and closing the deal. The Nord Company for such an excellent finished product.

### POP WITH GUTS

Ask any whuffo and they will tell you that stepping out of a perfectly good airplane from thousands of feet up in the sky takes a huge amount of courage. (Some say your just plain ding-a-ling). Well, we got a POP in the crowd who is not only daring enough to sky dive but, at his age, had the guts to take the "biggest step" of all. Congratulations to POP #91 and his lovely bride, Sylvia. Drink up to Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Gracon, still on their honeymoon and may it last forever!

### RETURN TO THE FOLD

Joe Negard, POPS #31, had just about hung it up as he had to drive 65 miles to make a jump. According to Bill Bailey, POP #10, old Joe is becoming a little more enthusiastic now that they have a DZ going in Wisconsin Rapids, only a 15 miles jaunt for Joe. (Hell, he has no excuse for not jumping now!)

### POP IS A HAM

POP #34, John "Gramps" Schaefer, invited me to drop in and jump with him and the other members of the Long Island Sky Divers. I am certain that would be a real pleasure as they sound like a top group. Imagine, 18 members, all "C" or "D" license holders and all wear white jump suits! "Sanitary" John's other hobby is amateur radio. He has been trying to contact POPS #6 who is also a Ham. (I bet after all the stuff I read about J.D. Dodson.)

### OLD BUT TOUGH

Recall in BULL #1013 that I reported POP #60, Don Moses, flew his car off the road and busted himself up? Don broke his back among other items. Well, you can't keep a good man down. Don is back in the air again despite his injuries. He jumps now though with a little extra equipment. Under his jump suit is a back brace to hold him in one piece. POP #60 is a member of the Pacific Coast Sport

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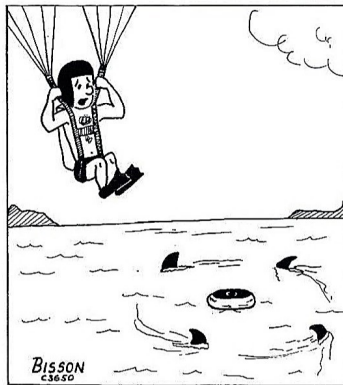
Parachutists and even got in on their Exhibition Jump for the Los Angeles County Fair recently.

### BUSTED WING

POPS #21, John McManaman, had a pretty hairy one around the first of August. John dumped his reserve at terminal after having a total malfunction on his main. He says "those reserves really grab you at terminal". He finally opened over a bunch of houses and trees but lucked out and slipped across them and over a road into a field. He landed on the wrong end of an oscillation though and fractured his right arm. By the time you read this POPS #21 should be flying high again!

### SWEATING IT OUT

POPS #76, Vern Toler, sent his loot to Lenny Barad for a POPS Sweat Shirt but instructed Lenny to send it to his home address. Vern was writing from "Vietnam" and said, "this is the last damned place I'd want to wear a sweat shirt."



Would you believe a deadcenter, stand-up, water jump??

### NEW POPS

- # 94 - Camille A. Cote - 26 Andrew Street, Manchester, New Hampshire 03104
- #112 - Rudy Polak, - 933 Main Street, Williamantic, Connecticut
- #113 - John F. Lee - The J. F. Lee Const. Co., Worcester, Mass.
- #114 - Alan B. Chenoweth - 488 Brook Line, Chicago Heights-Illinois 60411
- #115 - Floyd Edwards - 10831 St. Martins Road, Franklin-Wisc. 53132.
- #116 - Bill Smith - 4630 South Pine Ave. Milwaukee, Wisc. 52307.
- #117 - Don LeMay - 2873 North 29th Street, Milwaukee, Wisc. 53210.
- #118 - Steve Duell - 11325 Parkview Lane, Kales Corner-Wisc.
- #119 - Bill Fink, 214 North Pine Street, York-Penn. 17403.
- #120 - Bob Martin - 365 Atlantic Street, Buffalo-New York 14212.
- #121 - Bill Beavers - 8512 Keystone Drive, Omaha-Nebraska.
- #122 - George Sage - 10418 Quiet Hill Road, La Porte, Texas 77571.

- #123 - Lindsey U. Davis - 2850 East Independence Blvd., Matthews, No. Car.
- #124 - Wilfred Pienkoski, - 117 East 15th St., Homestead, Penn. 15120.
- #125 - Andy Caleca - 84-19 51st Street, Elmhurst, New York 11373.
- #126 - Vic Politi - 69 Flax Road - Fairfield, Conn. 06430.
- #127 - Duane Nansel - 24013 Benhill Ave., Lomita, California 90717.
- #128 - Bill Law - 10210 West Montana Ave., Milwaukee, Wisc.
- #129 - Robert J. Finn - 3507 Wyoming Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.
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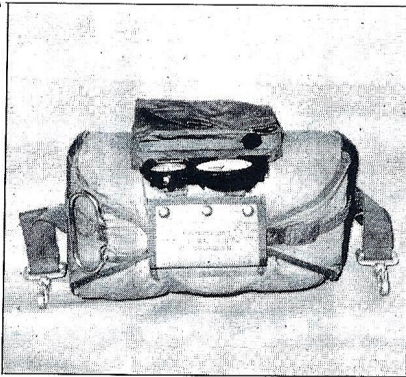
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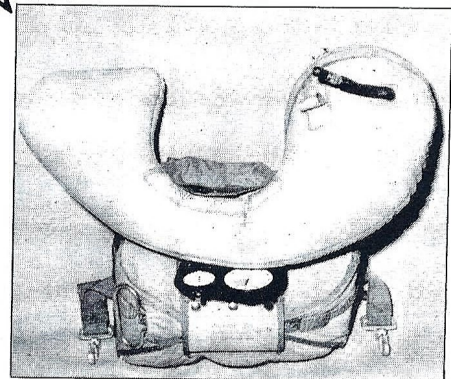
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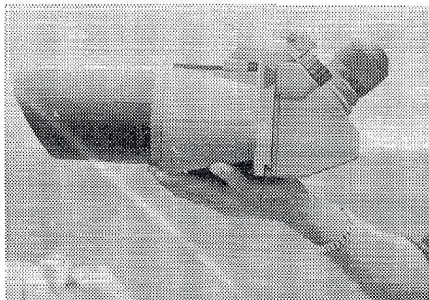
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BLUME, Dave, D-1088	550

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WHO IS IT?? WHAT IS IT???

This is the first part of a collection of photographs that could win you a new Para-Commander or Security piggy-back system . . . or both. And there are monthly prizes as the "Who Is It" game goes along. You can win every month and the big one at the end of 1968 . . . and learn more about your fellow jumpers in the meantime. This month's prize is an oxygen bail-out bottle, complete with face mask and regulator. All you have to do is identify the people pictured below and mail your answers before **25 APRIL 1968** ◀ The names are scrambled but will help if you're trying to decide between two names, and the locations are given as an extra means of identification. Good luck . . . the earliest postmark wins . . .

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This one should be fairly easy. Identify the gentleman with his finger doing a little probing and just one of the other three in the group. The four scrambled names are: Nojh Cotts; Yottsc Mithalon; Fejf Retnuhe; and Jim Salngin. Remember, just identify "finger" and one other; not all four (unless you can). Photo taken at the Nationals.



A religious jumper repacking on a Mississippi DZ. The name, is none other than Onle Schunfse.

How do you score ?  
Where do you begin ?

You must enter every month to be eligible for the end-of-the-year grand prizes (which will be based on percentage of correct answers). The monthly winners must have all four photos correctly identified to win each issue. The end-of-the-year winners, however, are based on the 12 sets of pictures for the whole year. So send in your answers even if one or two are omitted or wrong — you'll maintain your eligibility this way.

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Answers next month & Quiz No. 2  
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This photo was taken in Illinois and the jumper is De Sacluc.



**This is QUIZ #1**

"How the devil does this thing work?" Obviously a student by the name of Yell Maeconr. Photo taken at a meet in Michigan but the jumper is from California.

BOENISH, Carl (Calif.)	500
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DEMME, Jack, D-1427	525
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EDWARDS, Ron, D-1171	500
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FITZ, Bob, D-759	500
FRAZIER, Capt. Dean, D-843	525
FREEMAN, Max	575
GUTSHALL, George, D-217	550
HALLMAN, Harry, D-764	575
HALLMAN, Patricia, D-1123	550
HEALD, Ray (Star Crest Receptient)	500
HEATON, Norman, D-565 (Exec. Dir. USPA)	500
HORNE, Sgt. James, D-563	575
JACOBSON, Jim	500
JOERNS, Susie, D-860	575
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JONES, Kay	595
JOYCE, Major John, USMC	550
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LE BEAU, Robert Chad, D-1491	500
LEE, Dick	500
LEVIN, Don, D-758	575
LEWIS, Dick, D-522	550
LEWIS, Gary, D-1373	500
LINCOLN, Lud, D-670	550
LITTLE, Jerry, C-2495	590
LOCKE, Maureen, C-2049	575
MEIRON, Patricia, C-2680	500
MYKS, Pete	500
NEUMAN, Susie, D-1511	550
NEUSTEL, Ken, D-939	575
NEWELL, Bill (Ten-Man Star)	565
PARRISH, Ed, D-1442	500
PARRY, David, D-347	525
PATMOR, Gary, D-720	500
PAYNE, Danny, C-398	575
PELTER, Joseph B., USAPT	550
PHILLIPS, John, C-2892	500
PHILLIPS, Vincent (Penna.)	575
PIERSON, Bob, D-1113	530
PLUMMER, Dick, D-1012	599
PRICE, David, D-1085	550
QUINN, Dan	500
ROACH, Karen, D-1365	550
SCHERRER, William R., C-2472	525
SIMBRO, Muriel	500
SMITH, Al	500
STUCKEY, Dan	500
SULLENBERGER, Henry, D-1239	575
TANBER, Ron, D-728	565
TOZER, Helene, D-774	525
WEBER, William, D-679	500
WHITE, "Skeet", D-972	599

WILSON, David A., D-1144	550
WOOLSEY, Dave, D-463	590
WRIGHT, Ron, D-312	590

**DO WE HAVE YOURS?**

# COMING MEETS

**ARCHWAY SPC 4th ANNUAL MEET  
SPARTA, ILLINOIS  
1-2 JUNE 1968**

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5 X 10 scoring. Trophies for first 3 places all accuracy events PLUS \$50 for Intermediate (25-150 jumps) overall. Cash for overall winners (who have entered accuracy, style, and team events) as follows: \$300.00 for 1st; \$200.00 for 2nd; and \$100.00 for 3rd. Registration ends promptly at 10:00 a.m., 1 June. Practice jumps all day Friday, May 31st. Contact Al Meyer, Archway SPC, Hunter Field, Sparta, Illinois for further information.

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**COTTONBELT MEET  
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2-3 JUNE 1968**

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For more information write or call Ron Radhoff, 2706 Dry Creek Drive, Huntsville, Alabama, 35810; phone, 859-0495.

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8-9 JUNE 1968**

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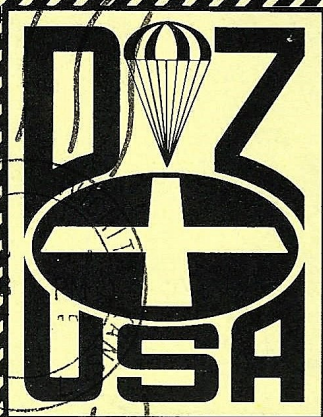
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## MEET RESULTS

This was printed incorrectly last issue. This is the complete results of the meet, as it should have appeared:

**CENTRAL ATLANTIC SPA MEET  
ALL ACCURACY  
PELICAN DZ, RIDGLEY, MARYLAND  
26 NOVEMBER 1968**

### Advanced Accuracy:

- 1) W. Jordan
- 2) M. Sweeney
- 3) L. Brown

### Intermediate:

- 1) D. Sweeney
  - 2) D. Stauffenberg
- All others out

### Novice Hit-and-Run

- 1) B. Bradigan
- 2) Silverman
- 3) B. Nelson

Only 1 round of accuracy had been completed when the death of Sara Thompson occurred. Sara's main streamer on her 27th jump and due to improper hand deployment of the reserve, it also streamered. Reserve inflation was hampered by the jumper holding on to the suspension lines until impact. Submitted by Karen Sue Davis, Baltimore Skydivers Club.

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**SOUTHEASTERN PARACHUTE MEET  
DELAND, FLORIDA  
24, 25, 26 NOVEMBER 68**

### Advanced Accuracy:

- 1) Frank Rodriguez
- 2) John Gaffney
- 3) Linda Meals

### Novice Accuracy:

- 1) Merrill McMahan
- 2) Bob Spaulding
- 3) Harold Michael

### Style:

- 1) Gary Dupuis
- 2) Wayne Beall
- 3) John Gaffney

### Team:

- 1) Frank Rodriguez; Dee DuBois; L. B. Mixon
- 2) Bob Malott; John Gaffney; Duffy Nathan
- 3) Hobie Kent; Gary Dupuis; Joe Dupuis

### Overall:

- 1) Frank Rodriguez, 3432
- 2) John Gaffney, 3343
- 3) Gary Dupuis, 2613

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**ERROR! MISTAKE! APOLOGY!! ZOUNDS!!!**  
Lee Killian, well-known, well-heeled jumper (who drives a red Cadillac), was not mentioned in the Nashville Meet on page 8 of the October issue of DZ-USA, in large enough type. My apologies for not putting his name in bold type and mentioning that Lee had four out jumps (during practice) but got lucky and came through with several deadcenters during the meet. Sorry about that, Lee.

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## NEXT ISSUE:

**2ND ANNUAL MARDI GRAS MEET  
SOUTHERN PARACHUTE CENTER  
HAMMOND AIRPORT, LOUISIANA  
24 - 25 FEB. 1968**

## FOR MEET COVERAGE BY DZ-USA

A phone call will get Rick Miller on the scene IMMEDIATELY. Just let him know the date well in advance (at least 45 days), and complete coverage of your meet will appear in DZ-USA. Rick can be contacted by writing:

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## NEIGHBORS

### PERSONAL COLUMN

Thanks, Little and Kelly, for the send off you gave us at the meet in Hugoton . . . MM and DP, Colorado.

Sorry about that phone call I made to France on your phone, Don . . . DL, Calif.

I've wanted to call you, Barb, but I can't remember what nights your husband works . . . RM, Mississippi.

To HR: You were given your Gold Wings while you were here, just in case you are having trouble remembering . . . PP, Florida.

Rick, "rushin' packing" will eliminate tuck-unders on that White Hog I sold you . . . CEH, Kansas.

Sweat pants, leopard jacket, bakes cakes, plucks chickens, mother, rocket retriever, story writer, female. Sees all and writes better. Don't hesitate to be friendly. Introduce yourself to Pat P., newest member of FSD.

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# FLASH!

## THE NATIONALS IN ARIZONA

The 1968 Nationals will be hosted by Inter-Mountain Aviation, Inc., Marana Air Park, Arizona (near Tucson). Dates are 29 June through 7 July. FFI, contact USPA Hdqtrs., P.O. Box 109, Monterey, Calif. 93940.

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Ray Hightower exits in a delta - over the Russellville Collegiate Skydiver's DZ, Russellville, Arkansas. Photo by Bill Kiehl.