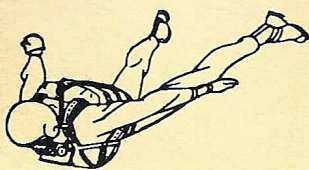


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# Just for the FUN OF! IT!

MARDI GRAS MEET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
SOUTHERN PARACHUTE CENTER

....OR....

"HEY, MISTER, THROW ME SOMETHING!"

Byline: Rick Miller, DZ-USA Field Rep.

It was chilly in Hammond but the weather held and there was a goodly number of bodies showing up for the greatest fun meet of the year. The jumping consisted of some real weird events, including a sack race....and the most hilarious "happening" I've witnessed in 5 years of sport parachuting. The winners were just as surprising as anything else in the meet. First place accuracy went to Ito Iglesias....who was jumping a cheapo! But I'm getting ahead of myself.

The jumping kicked off Saturday morning and, as I said, it was chilly. It had snowed the day before....the first time in NINE YEARS in Hammond....and many jumpers were bundling up for that first lift. With near 60 contestants. I'll list a cross-section instead of every name: Nokey Klutts, Edmond, Oklahoma; John Goad, Fayetteville, Arkansas; Lowell Bachman, Chicago, Illinois; Robert Blanchard, Milton, Florida; Dennis Clark, Dallas, Texas; Herb Thornton, Mobile, Alabama; Ed Lowder, Macon, Georgia; Laura MacKenzie, Fairfield, Conn.; Ray MacGuire, So. Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Jim Couchman, Meridian, Mississippi; Ron Carter, Memphis, Tennessee; and Henry Conner, Lake Charles, Louisiana. How's that for starters? Twelve states ain't bad for a meet to boast of. The judges this year were Ron Radhoff (SMSL #7, whatever that is); Rick Miller (SMSL #40, now you know I was lying); Herb Golden (who offered a re-jump to every contestant who landed with his coveralls unzipped); and Joe Morgan (the "Wing" man). The only DC went to Lowell Bachman who refused to take credit for it. He went against 3 judges and said he missed it... how's that for a switch? To make a great day of jumping short, there were some out-jumps and many dejected walks with a shifty, tricky wind.... and Saturday night....

Well, some of the group went into New Orleans despite themselves. Some of the jumpers had never visited the Crescent City and only wanted to see what it was like and to attend a good opera or Charity Benefit, I'm sure. I'm positive they were not influenced by Mardi Gras and the greatest wide-open party in the world today. Unfortunately, some of the jumpers suffered headaches Sunday morning, but most were caused by driving back to New Orleans....headlight glare and that sort of thing. Seriously, Mardi Gras is worth the drive in itself, and add the meet to that, plus Leon and Prissie's hospitality, and you have an unbeatable combination. This meet is one you should make every year.

Pushing on, Sunday warmed up and the jumping continued. The scores started looking a little lop-sided (probably caused by the Yankees which came down from the North) and the final results showed a Florida team; a Louisiana boy with a name I still can't pronounce; and a Tennessee Bad Guy all tak-

the top slots. The sack-race was, without a doubt, the highlight of the meet. Bob Sprague, all 280-pounds of him, luckily hit the peas and spared the surrounding landscape, and was quite a sight to see hobbling in that sack. Lowell Bachman landed so far out it took him 7 minutes and the help of Carolyn Cascio to hop in. And one group decided to make a "team" sack-race event all their own and came hopping in together: Bob LeBeau, Bob Blanchard, and Jim Gibbs (and dubbed Team #69). Art Derham didn't make out too well during the meet but that is due to absolutely no liquor (not even a beer) in over two months. All subscribers to DZ-USA are asked to report immediately if Art is ever seen near the bar....\$5 to the man who catches him and paid by Art.

The meet, like all good meets, had to end and the winners were as follows:

#### Accuracy:

- (1) Ito Iglesias (Southern Parachute Center)
- (2) Eddie Burns (Vulcan SPC, Bessemer, Ala.)
- (3) Herb Thornton (Gulf Coast SPA, Mobile, Ala.)

#### Team Event:

- (1) Bob LeBeau; Jim Gibbs; and Bob Blanchard (Milton, Florida)
- (2) Greg Watson (Okla. Univ. SPC); Nokey Klutts (12th Special Forces SPC); and Cliff Smith (Dallas Skydivers)
- (3) Don Hathaway; James Cazer; and Eddie Burns (Vulcan SPC)

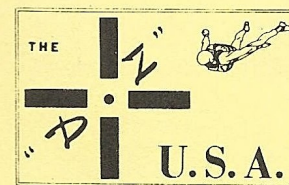
#### Sack Race:

- (1) Fritz Jackson (Memphis SPC) 12.6 seconds.
- (2) Royce Parker (Air Commando SPT) 13.1 seconds.
- (3) Mike Brown (Gulf Coast SPA) 15.0 seconds.

So, with a few people staying on....the rest of us headed to Herb's Place (a local bar and flop house) in Baton Rouge to rest up for Mardi Gras day. And from this point in the article on....my boss and editor (Hunnell) will tie up the loose ends and put his two-cents worth in.

Rick Miller

Hunnell here...Rick covered everything pretty well, so I'll make my comments short. He did forget to mention that Herb Golden ("The Jumping Jew") was seen carrying around a crucifix and spearing Christian jumpers; that Joe Morgan was letting the wind fake him out occasionally; that Wet & Wild Hathaway was "hooking" the target and getting away with it; that contestant #59 dropped his ripcord (didn't get the name); that Bob LeBeau qualified as "Bad Guy"; "SMSL"; and other worthy titles; that Art Derham won the "Good Guy" award for the year; and Fritz Jackson was presented with his SMSL by Mrs. Hunnell (complete with a kiss on each cheek). I swapped jump stories with Greg Watson (Lew's boy....fast becoming known in his own right); Bill Cresswell; John Goad; Max Kelly (who is liable to be anywhere....anytime); Walt Hickerson (who makes almost as many meets as I do); Skip Van Antwerp (who is back in the air); and Jim Gibbs (ex-Wichita jumper). I also had time to go through some photo albums and borrow pics from Cliff Smith, Bob LeBeau, and Art Derham. Mr. and Mrs. Sport Parachuting were also present....J. D. and Lena Dodson... and no meet is complete without those two people. I didn't get a chance to talk with Leon and Prissie at any great length, but believe me, the two of them make the Mardi



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## ABOUT THE COVER

Photo #1 (North): Dan Rohn Jr., John Vonesh, and Hugh L. Johnson ready for the next lift in Anchorage, Alaska. Photo by Dan Rohn Sr.

Photo #2 (South): John Coppe, Harry Burlin, Bill Ottley, Woody McKay, and Paul Poppenhager (kneeling) at South Florida Parachute, Inc., Indiantown, Florida. Photo by Rick Miller, DZ-USA Field Rep.

Photo #3 (East): A. C. Murphy, vice president of the Mid-State SPC, Millinocket, Maine, carefully hangs the new club sign. Being a hard-working officer, Murphy seldom finds time to shave.

Photo #4 (West): Twin-Beech load landing at Elsinore, California. Canopies include jumpers "Jeep" Garrity, Kevin Donnerly, Ray Cottingham, David A. Wilson, Russ Benfield Taggart, Mike Sams, John Batta, Pattie and Jerry Myers. Photo by Faye Wilson.

Photo #5 (Center): Something all clubs should be practicing. Jerry Albino going out and using the velco-tape pilot chute assist system on his static-line jump. A great picture worth a 1,000 words. Photo by Cliff Smith. The jump is being made over the Watts DZ, Dallas, Texas.

## et cetera

### HODGE-PODGE & CURRENT

In case some of you are wondering what happened to:

Ken Russell (Texas "Gold Winger")  
Noel Funchess (KNFOADZITUSA hero)  
Walter Huminsky ("Sky"-type)  
Jerry Mathwig ("The Wig")  
Stu Giesick (Oklahoma Pilot-type)  
David Wilson (Freedom Chuter)  
Ken Roberts (Indian Giver)

They have all **married**. It is suggested that all DZ's from coast-to-coast set aside a day of mourning and fly the windsocks from half-mast. Some of these fine jumpers will never again be seen on the DZ; a couple others will make fewer jumps; and only one will continue to jump as usual. Time marches on.

Jay & Joy Courtney (presently in Africa and struggling to continue jumping) have one demonstration jump they won't forget. As soon as Jay hit the ground (at the golf course, Entebbe, Uganda), an officer of the Uganda Army Air Force rushed up and arrested him, plus confiscating his gear. Jay explained that he had permission for the jump, showed the officer the written permission for the jump, and the officer responded by locking him up at the nearest army camp for five hours. And to add insult to injury, Jay's wife (Joy), and the pilot (Capt. Barute), were also locked up after they accompanied Jay to verify his statements. The sympathetic Africans (with those beautiful military minds) proceeded to interrogate, search, harass, and detain all three people without giving any reason for the military arrest. Personal threats were made to Joy (even though she was not jumping with Jay) and several of the "interviewers" wanted to hold punch-call on Jay. In Jay's words, "My objective over here is to demonstrate the freedom that we, as jumpers,

as we'll as individuals, enjoy at home. However, we must (as we have in the past) combat all forms of "overcontrol" that is being pushed by the airline pilots and the FAA." *Editor's Note: You may not be pushed around with fixed bayonets (as Jay was) but making a jump which violated Federal regulations (if such controls ever came about) would be serious enough for at least "detention" even in the United States. Think about it before you are so hot to let FAA continue to put rule after rule into the books. The newest changes to the FAR's (Part 105, Subpart C, Equipment) could conceivably give FAA the authority to tell you what you will jump as a main parachute, and some people are actually for this revision to the present rags. Don't be as unthinking and blind as they are...the new changes are basically good but a couple are another step toward over-control. Keep Jay's story in mind...it may never happen, I agree...but the only thing that can guarantee it will never happen, Is You. Regard all changes and revisions to the FAR's as VITAL issues and never become complacent.*

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK: You can't please everyone. Roger K. Kenna returned his NOV-DEC issue of DZ-USA with the following note: "I am just a Sunday jumper who has met an awful lot of nice people in the sport of sky-diving and I'm all for the little guy trying to get started or make it on his own, but your magazine is of extremely poor taste. OR: In "DZ" language am returning your latest rag, it's not fit to wipe my butt."

*Editor's Note: I have had the same problem. Roger. Those covers are too stiff and just don't seem to get the job done. And as for "poor taste"; you didn't also try to eat that issue, did you?? You must be in a bad way.*

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### FOR NON-CHRISTIANS ONLY

It has been reported that a world record has been established for streaking, with verification by an ASO and an international FAI judge. The 9-man team (with one riding a bicycle) have asked that Florida be given as the site of the event but that their names be withheld (pending notification of next of kin). The Wolverine Bar is the only additional information available at this time, however, at least two SMSL's are known to have participated.

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### A RETRACTION IS IN ORDER

DZ-USA is in receipt of a letter from Brad Gagne, still hospitalized in Denver at Fitzsimmons General Hospital, and Brad informs me of an error in the article regarding his being wounded in Vietnam. The article included a statement that Brad is a former member of the U. S. Army Parachute Team, and Brad assures me he was not and has suffered personal embarrassment as a result of the statement. DZ-USA printed the article from information supplied by a friend of Brad's and had no reason to believe the information was incorrect. I, personally, apologize to Major Plummer and the members of the Team for the error and assure you that Brad had no knowledge of the article until it appeared in the March issue of DZ-USA. When some articles must be printed as soon as possible because of the urgency of the contents, there is little time (if any) to check out the source and facts submitted for publication. I am extremely sorry that such was the case when the article on Brad was received. Again, my apologies to Brad and the Team.

WICHITA, KANSAS: A fatality involving twin brothers and the wife of one of them. The date: the summer of 1923. One of the twins flew the old bi-winger; the other did wing-walking; and the wife did the jumping. She was killed when her chute failed to inflate from a 500 foot jump. Source of information: The patient in the next bed to this editor while in the hospital recovering from a damaged kidney from a hard landing. A good example of how far back our public image goes. Everybody has a story about jumpers . . . that they will never forget.

MARCH AFB, CALIF: Only David Wilson would do something like this: DZ-USA is in receipt of his four-page letter . . . all in shorthand. Knowing that the editor is illiterate probably prompted the foul deed. I also found the educational level of Kansas isn't too high either. I took it to a college professor and he immediately wanted to know where I found it. Seems he thought it was ancient Greek hieroglyphics.

MONTEVIDEO, MINNESOTA: Gerald Burg gave me a ring awhile back and a couple items should be passed along. Jerry feels that USPA should take advantage of the jumpers who would like to instruct and USPA should provide seminars for such people. A good point since we have few people who really want to take the time, and USPA's present policy which does not take advantage of these jumpers (unless they take an Instructor's Rating exam). Jerry, by the way, has over 200 jumps above 12,500 and over 6 hours of freefall time. This talent going to waste which could be utilized by someone, USPA preferably.

This one is copped from the Mid-Eastern Parachute Association Newsletter, 1967 Season, June 1967, Bill Ottley, news-gatherer:

"The Lakewood Sky Divers announce elaborate club program! We quote: 'No meetings. No elections. No initiation. No social obligations. Two dollar dues. All money remaining at the end of the year goes to one big beer blast.' How's that for a club?!!"

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Norman Heaton turned a flat-eight on a style jump last week and he was so pleased and happy about it....he didn't finish the second half.

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"The Inn", Orange, Massachusetts is open for 1968 and the Gorham's (Pat and Irene) are in charge of serving the homemade food, providing dorm facilities, and getting that cold beer into circulation. If you're on the east coast and anywhere near Orange, plan to stop in. Bring a picture of yourself and get a free beer.

"The Falcon's Disciples" is book-of-the-century and should be required reading for anyone who puts a rig on his back. Watch the DZ-USA ads for honest appraisals of the book and a peek at what you'll be buying... Howard Gregory is author and a man who knows what he's writing about....you, as a jumper, will understand what he's writing about....and enjoy it more than any other book on sport parachuting. How can you loose on a deal like this? Get that loot in the mail.

ARE YOU GUILTY OF READING  
YOUR BUDDY'S COPY OF DZ-USA . . .



# DZ DIRECTORY 1968 -

DEDICATED TO THE CLUBS AND DZ'S BACK IN THE AIR THIS SPRING....DROP BY....

This issue is a special one (of sorts) for it contains information on clubs and DZ's from coast-to-coast (including some out of the U. S.). I have also included a listing of newsletters which may be of assistance if you are the traveling-type, or just plain interested in other clubs and areas. This issue was prompted by two facts: First, I have had extreme difficulty in working in all the club mail I receive and some of it was becoming out-dated and would soon be unusable (and I hate to see any letter go to waste, as you do, I'm sure), and the second reason was this note from Rick Schmidt, University of Minnesota Skydiving Club (and now the owner of the DZ-USA all-white PC, affectionately known as the "McElfish Special"): "SPRING HAS SPRUNG, AND THE JUMPING IS GREAT!" So, here are a few other clubs who feel the same way. Good jumping this spring and throughout the year.

## ALABAMA (BIRMINGHAM):

The Vulcan Sport Parachute Club is a new operation and, at present, is the only club in Birmingham. Gene Crowe, D-1157, is the ASO for the area and says things are off to a good start. He can be contacted by writing P. O. Box 9614, Birmingham, Alabama 35215. Bob (Robert Lee) Hartley is another Birmingham jumper and can be contacted by writing 508 Dyer Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35206. The operator should have his phone number.

## ALABAMA (HUNTSVILLE):

The DZ is at Harvest, Alabama, and with Ron Radhoff and Chuck MacCrone doing the flying (Cessna 182), it is a smooth operation with jump rates lower than most DZ's anywhere. Ron can be contacted by writing 2706 Dry Creek Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35810 or by calling him at 859-0495, AC 205. Another Huntsville personality is Ray Davis who can be contacted by writing P. O. Box 726, Huntsville, Alabama 35804. As I said before, you'll like those jump rates.

## ALABAMA (TUSCALOOSA/BIRMINGHAM):

Some jumpers in this area (such as Gene Crowe) do a lot of jumping in Huntsville with Radhoff's group, however, if you're in the area, give one of the following a ring.... Robert Lee Hartley (508 Dyer Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35206); Roy Hatch (3608 Brookwood Road, Birmingham 35223); Bob Way (824 10th Avenue, #10, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401); or Gene Crow (524 North 21st St., Birmingham, Alabama 35203). The 'Bama Sky Divers (University of Alabama) is near Tuscaloosa and you can write their club at P.O. Box 2125, University of Alabama, University, Alabama 35486. With the information I've given you, you have plenty to find a DZ with.

## ALABAMA (MOBILE):

See C. King Pickett (P.O. Box 6241, Mobile, Alabama 36606); Max Kelly (4825 Auburn Drive, Mobile 36618); Skip Van Antwerp (1001 Auburn Drive, Mobile 36618) or give Bob Blanchard a call in Milton, Florida. I know many of these guys put in quite a few jumps with Leon and Prissie Riche at the Southern Parachute Center at Hammond, Louisiana, so maybe your best bet would be to write before you drop in and surprise anyone.

## ALABAMA (OPELIKA):

Northwest of Columbus, Georgia, this is Auburn University's DZ and home of Gil Branson and John Murray, plus many other jumpers from the surrounding cities. Opelika is the DZ and you can call Gil for the directions. The University operation is affiliated with NCPL but you don't have to be a student to jump at Opelika. Write John Murray at 104 Hemlock Drive, Auburn, Alabama 36830 or Gil at P.O. Box 1014, Auburn, Alabama 36830.

## ALASKA (ANCHORAGE):

I haven't heard from this area in a while but Marcia Rohn (313 East 13th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501) would be one person to contact. Another would be Leo Fancher (The World's Most Beautiful Jumper) at P. O. Box 3-3912, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Things are going strong in the spring at the International DZ with jumpers from the Anchorage Club, the Alaska Skydiver's Club and Fort Richardson Sport Parachute Club. The winter jumping is a little stiff (as shown by the photo) but the white stuff disappears like anyplace else in the world. You can give the Alaska Skydivers a call at 279-1820 or 279-4055. The photo is by Dan Rohn, Sr.



## ARIZONA (TUCSON):

The DZ here is at Ryan Field and the target is very soft sand and plowed ground. There is a C-180, packing tables, restrooms, and Bob Sauer, C-669, who keeps things running smoothly. Rigger service is available and student training is just \$20 for the first jump course. There is year 'round jumping and about 20 experienced and active members in the Avra Valley Skydivers (all members must be at least "B" license holders). All jumpers are welcome and fun-jumping is the order of the day. The address to write is: Bob Sauer, Sells Star Rt., Box 22P, Tucson, Arizona 85700. Bill Ledbetter (of literary fame) is also in the area (7445 E. Hubbell, Scottsdale, Arizona 85257) and could fill you in on anything I've left out. Kurt Grant; Jay Miller (6502 E. Santa Aurelia, Tucson (85715); and Pastor Carl E. Groom are club members you'll meet most any weekend.

## ARIZONA (YUMA):

I have only one address in the files for this area, so here is the whole list: Angel R. Chavez, 970 Rose Wood Drive, Yuma, Arizona 85364. I'm sure he can help you if you'll drop him a line or ask an operator of the Bell System for a little help.

## ARIZONA (PHOENIX):

There are two DZ's here...one on Bell Road and 32nd Street, the other at Union Hills Drive and 43rd Avenue. The Bell Road DZ has a C-182, pea-gravel and plowed ground target, and about 40 members. Facilities are a little lacking but fun-jumps is the ticket. The Union Hills DZ has a C-185 and a Twin-Beech (D-18) with a pea-gravel and plowed ground target. There is a shaded area for packing. The club has about 15 active jumpers (including 3 active Gold Wingers), and style jumps and accuracy practice is mixed in with the fun-jumping. Mike Marsh (Rt. 5, Box 693, Phoenix 85009); Dr. W. H. Lockward (Billy's Dad); Terry Cooper (1123 East Sierra Vista, Apt. #5, Phoenix 85020); Jerry Backhaus (2133 W. Nicolet Avenue, Phoenix 85021) and Courtney Varner (3141 W. Joan De Arc Avenue, Phoenix 85029) are some members you can contact.

## ARKANSAS (IN GENERAL):

Unfortunately, the jumping is almost nil in Arkansas. Billy Kiehl has hung it up, as has other jumpers in the state, and there are only two "D" licenses in the whole state. I have a few addresses (scattered) but they may help. Ray A. Hightower, Box 122, Gillett, Arkansas 72055 can help you out if you're in the Clarksdale/Pine Bluff/Greenville area of Arkansas, or just across the line in Mississippi. S/Sgt. Chuck Dobis, U.S. Marine Corp Recruiting Station, Second and Spring Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 will lend a hand if you're in his area and looking for a DZ. George Trousdale is also in Little Rock at 9210 Adkins Road. Bruce Barnes is in the northeastern part of the state (1813 Wood Street, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401), and he'll help if you are in the Paragould / Jonesboro / Blytheville section. And, of course, John Goad can fill you in on jumping in general throughout



the state. John's address is Rt. #8, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701. I don't have anything for the Fort Smith area, but John can also clue you on that part of the state. Lee Walker is in Foreman, Arkansas (Route 2) and you can call him at 542-6231 (AC 501). Past that, I have nothing on any active clubs within the State.

#### CALIFORNIA (BAKERSFIELD):

This is an airport facility DZ with a hard target. Aircraft includes a C-180, C-172, and a C-206. People to contact include Kurt Hamman, 2413 Alturas Drive, Bakersfield, California 93305. He is also in the book.

#### CALIFORNIA (ELSINORE):

Some of the keenest competitions in the state are held here. Bill Edwards, D-974, Bill Shear, Bobby Deagen, Hector Nunez, Floyd Glover, D-1851, and David Wilson, D-1144, call the DZ home and hang around the deadcenter disc. Norman Heaton and Lyle Cameron drop in occasionally but the regular faces are affectionately known as the "in group" and fun-jumping and relative work is the only way to go. Aircraft includes a Twin-Beech (the "Elsinore Queen") and a C-180 w/door (called the "Yellow Jacket"). There are three different and separated targets in a 3½ mile by 2½ mile valley, plus a lake for water jumps, and rates as follows: 3500 (\$3); 5500 (\$4); 7500 (\$5); 10,500 (\$6.25); and 12,500 (\$7.50), and up. On weekends, your first jump is half price if you arrive on the DZ before 8:30 AM....regardless of altitude. Call 674-2500 (Elsinore DZ) or 674-3500 (Rumbleseat Tavern). There is a snack-bar and restaurant on the premises and some of the faces below will be around:



Back row (left to right): Jeep; Tag; Ray Smith (pilot); John (camera); and Ray. Front row: John; Pattie; and David Wilson.

#### CALIFORNIA (LAKESIDE):

This DZ is ran by Vance (D-987) and Loretta (D-1142) Breise and they can be contacted by writing 1456 Swallow Drive, El Cajon, California 92020. The DZ is located near San Diego (not far from the Mexican Border) and there is jumping year 'round, primarily on weekends. "Breise" is in the phone book.

#### CALIFORNIA (TAFT):

This is Art Armstrong's operation and as advertised in Sky Diver Magazine, it is a smooth and well-ran DZ. When Taft gets a 10-man star, Elsinore gets a 10-man. Taft gets a 11-man, and Elsinore gets one....Taft

gets a 12-man....and at present Elsinore is trying for a 14-man star. This is where it happens and if the stars get any bigger, Art will have to extend the sky over his DZ. There are many very good accuracy and style jumpers here and Art conducts a class of instruction for style jumping. In the words of Barbara Roquemore and Donna Connors, "the class knocked at least one or two seconds off their time"....a word to the wise. You can contact Art Armstrong by writing P.O. Box 216, McKittrick, California 93251. He has a great deal for a week or so of jumping.

#### CALIFORNIA (OCEANSIDE):

Near Oceanside, naturally, and home of the Oceanside Competition Team. Mike and Wendy Corah are frequent visitors (see photo) and Hector Nunez practices accuracy here as well as many other California jumpers. Mike Sams, D-1478; Ray Cottingham, C-3933; Patty Crocitto, C-3713; and Bob Hughes, C-3704, are some of the fun jumpers who drop in occasionally. Write David Wilson, CMR Box 477, March AFB, California 92508



for info on Oceanside and other California DZ's. The photo above shows Wendy Corah making a .12 cm jump with husband, Mike, fichting, and Hector Nunez observing. Photo is by Barry S. Laing.

#### CALIFORNIA (LANCASTER):

The DZ also duplicates Bakersfield in DZ and facilities but has a few more riggers around usually. Student training and instruction is available and the jumping is at Fox Airport, Lancaster, California. Phone WH 2-4820, AC 805, or 639-2347, (AC 213). Rich Jaeggi should answer either call. Mickey Parker is also there and can be contacted by writing 1449 E. Avenue "I", Space E6, Lancaster, California 93534. Mickey puts out one of best split-saddle harnesses to be had anywhere.

#### CALIFORNIA (PERRIS):

The Riverside Parachute Club instructs first jump students and does a great deal of fun-jumping at this DZ. Jerry Helms, D-378, is the master rigger and has a darn good rigger's shack to build any type of harness or modify any canopy. Aircraft is a C-206 and a C-172. The airport facilities are small but nice. A couple addresses to contact in the area is Tom Nolan, 2865 Ivy Street, Riverside, California 92506 and again, David Wilson (who is supplying most of the information on California DZ's, by the way).

#### CALIFORNIA (OAKLAND):

Here is some of the finest student instruction in the state and rigger work accomplished while you wait. Perry Stevens, Jean Cousins (now married), and Allan Silver are at your service, not to mention Tom Richardson. Write Steven's Para-Loft, Building 727, P.O. Box 2553, Oakland Municipal Airport, Oakland, California 94614 or call 569-5358.

#### COLORADO (DENVER AREA):

The jumping in this state is concentrated in the Denver area with little else around. Columbine Airport is the regular DZ (west and south of Denver, I believe) and some jumping goes on near the Emerald Isle Tavern, near Cherry Creek Dam on Parker Road. Phone numbers include Tom McFeeters, 444-4112 in Boulder, Colorado; Jim Halbert, 777-3752 in Denver. Kathie Johnson can be contacted by writing 750 Juniper, Golden, Colorado 80401, and she can give you the straight scoop on the Colorado Sport Parachute Council and jumping in the Denver area. Cappy and Donna Connors; Lud Lincoln; Carl Wolf; Art Stanberry; and Skip Brandon are familiar faces on the DZ.

#### COLORADO (COLORADO SPRINGS):

A new center has recently opened here and Mike Marthaller offers the cheapest rates in Colorado. \$4 up to 7500; with accuracy jumps from 3000 for \$3. The DZ is described as fabulous and located at Meadowlake Airport, complete with a pea-gravel bowl. Almost 6000 acres of drop zone with anything and everything in sport gear offered. Custom harnesses, sales (new and used), PC work, with Mike and Art Ibanez doing some fine work. You can call Mike at 634-0634, Colorado Springs, and Art at 473-4764 (or write him at 1455 Howard Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909). And if two riggers aren't enough, throw in Dick Price for #3. Bill Urbanowski is #1 promotion man and frequent guest, so drop in. Bill is famous for a jump-and-pull from 17,500 feet ASL (along with Allen Hunt and Jim Kavalec) so you may only see him "going over" the state of Colorado.

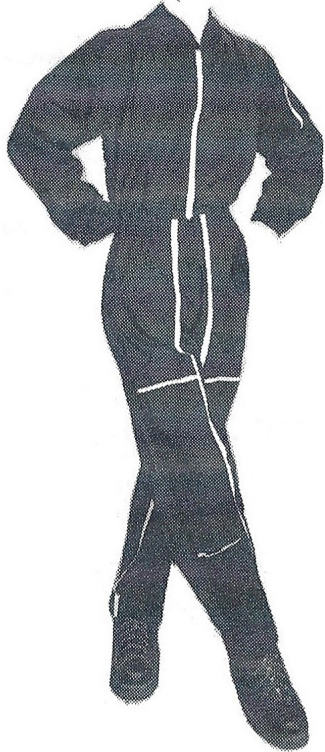
#### CONNECTICUT:

As reported by Major J. J. Joyce, except for a very few demo jumps (which requires special permission), the only jumping in the whole state is at Monroe Field, Monroe, Connecticut. It is located southwest of New Haven and the telephone number at the field is 268-9272. The jumping is run by Vinnie Chesto, ASO and over 1200 jumps. He owns the plane and runs the whole show. Jumping usually starts about noon on Saturday and Sunday. The plane is a C-180 and because of the small DZ, it is tough for students, which are not sought nor particularly desired here. Vinnie is very safety conscious and likes to have experienced male jumpers only on the DZ, if possible. The state Aeronautics Commission has granted Major Joyce, D-691, permission to start a club in the New London area, but the Major is expecting orders for a second tour in Vietnam. Major Joyce's number at New London (Groton) is 449-3808 at the Submarine Base there. Club Safety Officer at Monroe is Larry Sargeant, a C-license holder with over 700 jumps. There are a few other regular "C's" with anywhere from 100 to 250 jumps. A 30 at Monroe is \$4 and \$3.50 for anything less than 7200. Jumping was shut-down during the winter months but started again in mid-April.



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**CALIFORNIA (ANTIOCH/SAN FRAN/OAKLAND):** I'll kill two birds with one stone and give you the name of Mr. Smith, president of Diablo local DZ. Livermore DZ is nearby. Antioch and Oakland have DZ's, and he knows them all. Write him at 1729 Wellington Street, Oakland, California 94602 for the scoop. You can call him at AC 415, 532-6354. if you're headed west and he will arrange a tour of all the DZ's in the area. If you are military and passing through the San Francisco-Oakland area, you should call him by all means. He will arrange to pick you up and don't have to worry about gear...; just USPA membership and a logbook will get you a leap. Antioch is only 37 miles from the Bay Area, so get a leap while in CALIFORNIA. The photo below is a couple jumpers from Livermore (jumping not one but TWO krutch-bos) and added to the 11-panel Security LoPo, it makes an unusual shot at the Antioch DZ. Photo by Mr. Smith, D-953.



Ugh!! Who left the ficht in the pea gravel?!!

## RIBS *by* Russell ( Jeff )

### FLORIDA (KISSIMMEE):

This is the home of the Paragators and Jimmy F. Godwin, D-126 (and Conf. Director) providing rigger service, training, and parachute sales and service. There is a 12-meter pea-gravel target, a Cessna 182, and more of that Florida sunshine for good jump weather. You can call Jim at 424-3400, AC 305, or write him at 496 North Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, Florida 32805. Dee DuBois, the Dupris brothers, Becky Neal, and M. D. Schulke are some of the faces seen on the DZ regularly. Some great meets are held here each year with some fine competition.

### FLORIDA (SARASOTA):

This is "Duffy" territory and he will assist in finding a DZ for you. Call him at 958-3668 or write him at 402 Erie Court, Sarasota, Florida 33577. Jim DeGroot is also in the area, 2066 Hillview St., Apt. #1, Sarasota, Florida 33579 and may be of some assistance. And for safety here is Brian Carroll, 8150 Broughton Street, Sarasota, Florida 33580.

### FLORIDA (TAMPA):

To be exactly correct, it is Zephyrhills and the Rangers Sport Parachute Center. Getting underway two months ago, Glen McCullough has it running smoothly and the welcome mat is out. The target is the same one used by the Army Team during their record jumps last year and will be used this year by the U. S. Team during team training. There is a C-182 on hand anytime, weather permitting, and rigger service is available. People like Gene Ritchie, Jerry Ryburn, and other MacDill AFB personnel are frequent visitors and jumpers in the area include Lance Lanier; Ski Chmielewski; Pope Patrick the Minor; Ben Boyt; Greg Dix; Paul Duncan; Paul Healy; and on and on. It's a great DZ and you can call 782-2516 (AC 813) or write the Rangers SPC, P. O. Box 1101, Zephyrhills, Florida 33599. Jerry Ryburn, Box 4311, C.S.E., U.S. Strike Command, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida 33608 can also send you the info on the club, so write him...but most importantly, drop by the DZ. Just ask for directions to Zephyr Aviation, Zephyrhills.

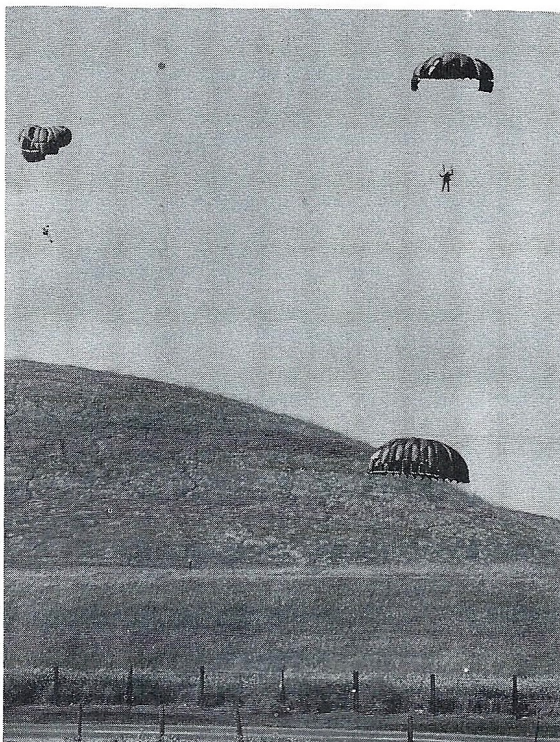
### FLORIDA (FT. WALTON BEACH):

No information was submitted on this club but Bobby Blackburn (Town Trailer Park,

Lot #3, Ft. Walton, Florida 32548) and Lowell A. Payne (148 Barks Avenue, Ft. Walton Beach 32548) would be the people to get in touch with. Frank Rickard also jumped with this club, but until he gets out of the plaster, he won't be in the air for awhile. You can write Frank at Box 372, Ft. Walton Beach 32548. Frank is, as far as I know, holder of the lowest opening on record (about 5 feet above the ground) and he has the scars to prove it. He didn't plan it that way....it just came out that way.

### FLORIDA (MILTON):

The club is growing nicely and night jumps are possible (with the Boy Wonder, Bob Le Beau, D-1491, making a deadcenter on his last night jump). And with all that Florida sunshine, there is plenty of good jump weather. The Milton DZ has a 10-meter pea-gravel target, surrounded by 10 meters of freshly disced dirt. Two of the members (Robert Gatto and Russ Ingram) have purchased a C-195 and the jump rates are \$3 for a 30; \$4.25 for a 45; and \$5.50 for a 60 for it. Forty active members are carried on the roles and the club is proud of it's safety record. Jumping weekends and holidays with student instruction and a master rigger available. Five "D's" and 10 "C's" are always around to lend a helping hand. Call Bob Blanchard at 623-5582 for information if you're in Milton, Florida, and watch for the character below while on the DZ. He loves to entertain and tries desperately to uphold our public image.



### FLORIDA (DELAND/DAYTONA BEACH):

The man to contact in this area would be John D. Gaffney, 339 E. New York Avenue, Deland, Florida 32720; and another address would be James Craft, 2727 No. Atlantic Avenue, Apt. #111, Daytona Beach, Florida 32018. And if all else fails, here's another address for a "safety"....John B. Spencer Jr., 504 Elizabeth Place, South Daytona, Florida 32019.

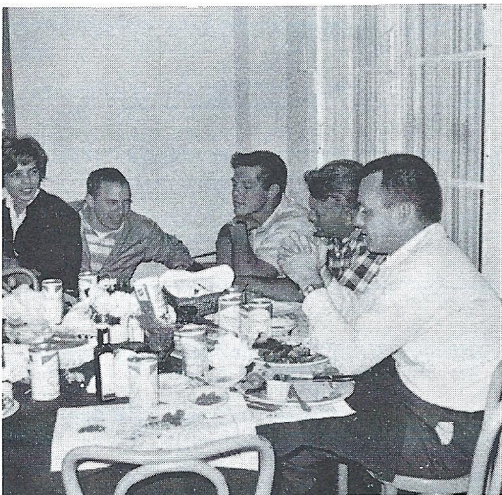
### FLORIDA (JACKSONVILLE):

An up-and-coming club in this area is St. John's Sport Parachute Club which was formed in August of 1967. Their home is the St. Augustine-Fairchild Airport. Ernie Moster, the airport manager and President of Aero Sports, Inc., welcomed the club and gave them free use of all facilities and a Cessna 205. The target is seven-meters of wood chips, three feet deep and it's like landing in a feather bed. Club officers are Sandy McLean (prez); John McNulty (vice); Sandra Maloy (treasurer); and Bill Griffith (CSO). The membership is over 20 active members and growing. For further information, contact Sandy McLean at 388-3169 or Sandra at 765-1862 in Jacksonville, or just drop by the airport, U.S. 1 south of Jacksonville.



### FLORIDA (INDIANTOWN):

This is "Pop's Place" and I still run into jumpers who think Poppenhager's DZ is at Clewiston. The new DZ here at Indiantown is almost equal to the old DZ at Clewiston with the exception of barracks for the "jump bums", but wherever Pop is, the student instruction is the best in the U.S. and the best competitive meets during the year are held here. Steve Snyder's Howard is around once in awhile but Pop usually operates with C-180's and he and John Coppe do most of the flying. There is a complete rigger service available, equipment sales and service, packing tables (sheltered), a lounge, restrooms and sawdust target. There has probably been as many Gold Wing jumps made on this DZ this last year as any drop zone in the country. And regardless of what you have heard about the safety regulations on Pop's DZ, his safety record speaks for itself and is one of the best in the United States for number of jumps put out per year. You'll be treated right here. Contact Poppenhager by writing Circle "T" Ranch, P.O. Box 246, Indiantown, Florida 33456 or call 597-2736. The DZ is open Tuesday through Sunday. And when the jumping is over, drop by the Seminole Inn for a bite to eat and a cool one. As shown by the photo below, you can't tell who you may run into.



From left to right: Mrs. Steve Snyder; Steve Snyder; John Coppe; Paul Poppenhager; and Lowell Bachman. Photo by "Sky" Huminsky.

### GEORGIA (ATLANTA/DECATUR):

Bill Dorroh is the man to contact (669 Farrar Court, Decatur, Georgia 30030) in the Atlanta area. Another contact would be John Waggoner (169 Olympic Place Apt. #3, Decatur, Georgia 30030) if you can catch him at home. Martine Durbin is also in the area to add to the appeal of the area.

### GEORGIA (COLUMBUS):

A couple names may help. Claude D. Johnson, 1817 Howe Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901 and Travis K. Linley, Box 4455, Robins AFB, Georgia 31093, for you military-types. I don't have anything else in the files so good luck.

### GEORGIA (AUGUSTA):

See SOUTH CAROLINA (AIKEN) area.

### FT. BENNING NEWS (LATE AGAIN)

Byline: "Weird" Harald Fostervold (Vietnam)

In the August issue of DZ-USA, the Ft. Benning news was outdated. This is now October 1967 and it will probably be printed late too. (Editor's Note: need I say anything?) Most of the members that were in OCS have graduated or just about to. Bob Lanhan, former president and ASO is in there and should be a 2nd Lieutenant before long (Note: he is now, and again, my fault for the delay), and five of the old club officers are now in Vietnam. The officers are now Francis "Whiskey" Welch (president); Larry Spence is the vice-prez; and J. C. Dickerson is the full-time manager and custodian. Bob Murphy, B-98, senior board member; with other board members including Dick Vest (a POPS); Curt Tracy; and Curt Jergens. I missed someone but I can't remember who it was. By the way, I am now in Nam and have a 7TU and a reserve. I'd sure like to hear from another jumper for it looks like I'll have a lot of time to practice sitting on the DZ waiting for aircraft, weather, or something. My address is:

Capt. Harald Fostervold  
OF 100662  
Advisory Team #95  
APO San Francisco, Calif. 96227

If you are over here someplace, get in touch with me.

### HAWAII (GENERAL):

Write Tom Anderson, c/o J & M's Closet, 1059 Bishop Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 before you head that direction. It could be a long trip for nothing unless you plan ahead. Tom will be happy to help you find a good DZ and a decent suit of clothes for the island.

### IDAHO (BOISE):

The Alate Parachute Club is what's happening in Idaho. Boise is the most ideal location in the Northwest for jumping and as an example, the last meet hosted by this club had over 80 jumpers from 8 states (including Canada). They are hosting the Second Annual Idaho Invitational this year (16-17 Sep), so don't miss it. Write Wally Benton, D-1644, Public Relations Officer, P.O. Box 273, Boise, Idaho 83701 for full details on the club and the upcoming meet. You can phone Wally at 343-7645, or Steve McNeill at 344-0278. Jump rates are more than reasonable and the facilities are great. The altitude isn't a problem (in case you heard "scare" stories) and the hospitality is the greatest.

### IDAHO (IDAHO FALLS):

I have an ex-wife running around there so I won't go near the place, however, Don Grant can be contacted by interested jumpers by writing, 1497 Riviera Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401. I remember the winters were bad but the summer months were ideal for jumping so check it out. There is plenty of desert around for a DZ so you shouldn't have to worry about hard landings.

### ILLINOIS (CARBONDALE):

This is the home of Southern Illinois University Sport Parachute Club, or S.I.U.S.P.C. It all started in it's present direction with the help of Tom Schapanski and Pat Meiron (both now in Chicago) and has grown to an impressive and dedicated group of jumpers. Not college kids with labels slapped on them by "standards" but sportsmen in every sense of the word. They've earned the Sportsmanship Award at NCPL Championships on two occasions; one they didn't bring home a trophy on but they won just the same. The jumping was at "Stewart Air-

port" but this land has been leased to a corn-farmer so Pinckneyville, Illinois is the new DZ (at "Gene Schumaier's Airfield"). It's nearer the city of Carbondale than the old DZ, so all came out well. Randy Kidd, Gordy Cummings, Jeff Lasley, John Wagner, and Tom Stewart (National Collegiate Parachute League Novice Accuracy Champion for 1967) are familiar faces on the DZ, however, Tom is now married and does a little less jumping and flying. We lose a lot of good jumpers that way. You can contact him at 506 W. Owens, Carbondale, Illinois 62901 or write Paul Wolfram Jr., 105 Allen III U. Park, Southern Illinois Univ., Carbondale, Illinois 62901 for any information you may need on the club.



The first 3-girl lift in the history of SIUSPC. Dianne Enlow; Carol Curry; and Pat Meiron (right) who was the JM. Photo by Bill Huff.

### ILLINOIS (CHICAGO):

Chicago-Hammond Airport is one of the DZ's in this area and jumpers like Mike Heiman (228 Zengels Ave., Aurora, Illinois 60505); Jerry Dorich (3909 So. Lyman St., Chicago 60608); Bill Faron (8345 Paxton Avenue, Chicago 60617); and "Sky" Huminsky (10551 So. Perry, Chicago 60628) should give you enough names to contact someone for directions. Para-Gear Equipment Company is here and Pat Meiron is the secretary.... I'm sure she can help you out. Jim Stoyas, Helene Tozer, Harry Hawthorne, Pam Mackenroth, Ken Wolma, and Don Deeke are just a few of the DZ-USA subscribers in the Chicago area, so get that operator business finding phone numbers.

### ILLINOIS (PEKIN/PEORIA AREA):

This is IVPC country (Illinois Valley Parachute Club) and Jack Tillman is rigger and honcho (at last report). I jumped there a long while ago and they had a V-77 Stinson and a C-180 (I believe). The target was good, there was a shaded packing area, and adequate facilities. Contact Dave Blume, 1504 Broadway, Pekin, Illinois 61554 or Lyle E. Goodin, 1414 Fisher Street, Pekin 61554. Either of them can direct you to some fine jumping in the area.

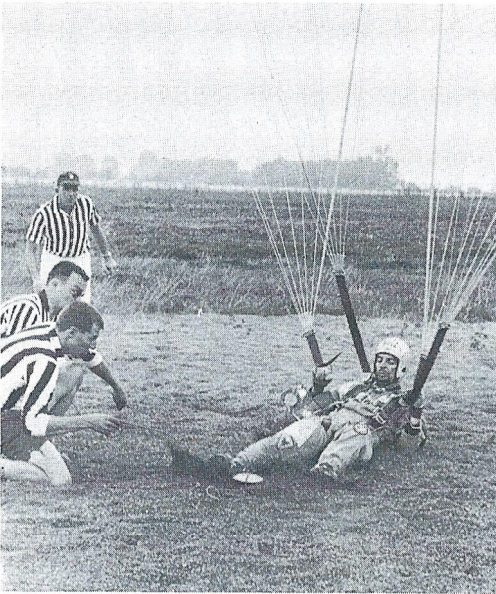
### ILLINOIS (SPARTA):

Archway Sport Parachute Center promises to be a DZ you won't soon forget. Dave Verner, Rich Tompkins, Bob Pape, "Governor" Pat Brown, and John Brendel are just a few of the regular faces. Al Meyer, pilot extraordinary, will do the flying in a C-180 and if you have to give him more than one jump run correction, he's had a bad day. The target is sawdust and turned over daily (or

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more often) to prevent packing. The airport is complete....lounge, restrooms, inside packing area, goodie machines, etc. Ed Clucas and some guy named Ramer are also around occasionally. You can write Ed at 221 No. Longwood, Rockford, Illinois 61107 or call the airport (Hunter Field) at 443-2002 (AC 618) and ask Les Erb what's going on in the way of jumping. The man in the photo below (Dave "The Animal" Verner) can be contacted by writing him at 460 No. 51st, East St. Louis, Illinois 62203. The photo is by Bill Huff, Carbondale, Illinois (SIU SPC) and the judges are Tom Schapanski, Gordon Riner, and Lowell Bachman.



**ILLINOIS (CHAMPAIGN):**

The University of Illinois Sport Parachute Club hangs around in this area. The club training program is 3 weeks long with 6 hours of classroom required each week. The training covers every facet of the sport, including the use of a suspended harness and reserve deployment training with a REAL reserve. All students are equipped with Sentinels and the BSR's are followed to the letter. This is largely due to two ASO's (one of them being Bob Sprague), and two CSO's in the club. Club morale is fantastically high in spite of Jim "Plaster" Wilson and the club is gaining ground each week that passes. Dave Boyd can be contacted by writing the club at 203 East Armory, Champaign, Illinois 61820 and Jim is easily contacted by writing Dept. TAM, 122 Talbot Lab., Univ. of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801. Maybe you can drop by and join the happy faces below at the end of the jump day. Photo is by Carol Rogers.



← Left to right: Bill Kolacek (back); Dave Boyd; John Dixon; Alan Bettisch; and Tim Boyd.

**INDIANA (INDIANAPOLIS):**

The Sky Hawks probably have as many top competitive jumpers in one club as any club in the country. This is Mike Daubenspeck, Mary Ratz, Larry Schell, and Tom Drake Territory. Other members include Hans Wuelfing, Jack Swope, Ron Tanber, Temple Taylor, and Donn Bonner. If it's accuracy jumping you crave, this is what you're looking for. Pea-gravel target, full facilities, and fun-jumps too. Write Hans Wuelfing at 116 North Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 or Mary Ratz at 3730 Brehob Road, Indianapolis 46217.

**INDIANA (FORT WAYNE):**

Gene Clark, 2110 Hobson Road, Apt. #109C, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805 is the only address I have in the files for this area. I'm sure Gene can help you out.

**IOWA (DES MOINES):**

Here again, there is no information in the files but the Des Moines Sport Parachute Club has two licensed riggers, complete student training available, and can be contacted by writing P.O. Box 182, Des Moines, Iowa. Dennis Nelson is another jumper there you can get in touch with by writing 2300 Wakonda View Drive, Des Moines.

**IOWA (DAVENPORT):**

The last time I talked with Bob Chilla, the Hawkeye State Parachute Team was going strong at Bettendorf, Iowa. From our conversation, he is an extremely dedicated sport parachutist and students are all-important to him. It can't help but be a great DZ with Bob at the helm. Contact him at 1425 So. Ohio, Davenport, Iowa 52802. Other information for the area includes the phone number of Gerald Edwards (355-3651, AC 319) and the address for Jim Mercure, which is 739 No. Perry, Apt. #2, Davenport, Iowa 52803. Get in touch with either of them or call Bob Chilla at 323-5129 (AC 319). Bob is shown below (photo by Bill Huff, Carbondale, Illinois) at the last conference eliminations at Archway, Sparta, Illinois.



**IOWA (FAIRFIELD):**

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**NOTICE TO ILLINOIS JUMPERS**

The University of Illinois Sport Parachute Club has challenged the Southern Illinois Sport Parachute Club to an Illinois Intercollegiate Accuracy Meet and all Illinois college-types are invited to attend and compete. In fact, even non-Illinois college types may compete. Just be a member of USPA and take advantage of low jump rates and a great meet after the final exams.... somewhere around the middle of June. The Univ. of Illinois SPC has an 80 acre DZ, 50' pea-gravel target, and half-mile sod strip. This could become an annual affair, so write David G. Boyd, 284 Illini Union, Urbana, Illinois 61801 for further information IMMEDIATELY. It will help everyone concerned come up with the final plans and the meet could include a C-47 for some tall falls if the response is good enough. But you must get in touch with Dave to get the ball rolling. Do it!

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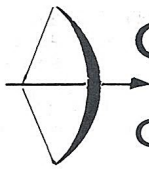
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### TOWING THE BOW

Byline: Jim Garrison, D-94

Have you ever wondered what was next? After you have been jumping for nine (9) years, done everything there was to do in sport parachuting, (both wrong & right)? Well, let me suggest some kicks that are brand new and almost as fun as sport parachuting. Take your ol' trusty X-BO; find a big lake; a good boat, and go tow your bow.

To get ready to tow your bow, all you need is to make a yoke about 2½ feet long (use harness webbing with quick release snaps on the end) and sew two (2) "V" rings on the front risers about 6" up from the buffer strip that is sewn around the capewell fitting. Now, get yourself at least 200' of tow rope and a standard nylon tow rope (1200 lb.) is o.k. If you want to be sure, get 1500 lb. tow rope or 2000 lb. tubular nylon. You'll need a good boat with at least a 60 H.P. engine to keep you flying without getting wet. 100 H.P. engine is tops because the more speed you can get the higher you can go. With 200' of tow line you go straight up from the tow boat.

At Table Rock Lake (in Southern MO), the government has built some large public ramps for the everyday folks to launch boats from and this is our launching pad for the bow. This way you don't have to fight with water skis. Wear a old football helmet, ski belt, and tennis shoes and off you go.

I found that the X-BO is almost indestructible in any kind of situations. You can drag it out of the water, sopping wet; lay it on the ramp; and by the time you have someone else harnessed up, you're ready to go again. It flies just as well wet as dry and you can do the same bit over again. Incidentally, I've put about 25 jumps on my X-BO since using it behind a boat, and haven't so much as a stretched line.

After your tow line is straight, have a couple of people hold the sides of the canopy open to let some air into it and then hit the boat full bore. The boat will start you running down the ramp, the X-BO will start you up and you're flying by the time you get to the water. You should always start off into wind, then after you're up, you can go anywhere there is water. Allow yourself enough room to make a very shallow 180-turn if you want to get back to the ramp where you started.

In the air, the X-BO is stable and you can just about fly it without using the toggles at all. If the Bow starts to slide off to one side, all that is needed is little jerky tugs on the opposite toggle to set it straight. You can let it alone and it will correct itself most of the time.

The only time you have to be on your toes is when you start to turn around. This has to be done very shallow and with maximum speed to keep the canopy from trying to wind cock. If you goof, don't sweat it, all that will happen is the canopy will stop flying and you're going in for a dunking. After you make it back to the ramp where you started, all you have to do is cut the power and make a water landing close to the shore. Don't try to make the ramp....that's bad news and I had

eight stitches and a healthy scare for proof in my knee.

After you get use to towing the canopy, you can play "wipe out the man in the canopy" by slowing down the boat. This causes the canopy to settle and you can make the guy in the harness run along on top of the water if you are good enough with the boat. By speeding up the boat you can raise the canopy back into the air again.



So, X-BO owners, rejoice! A use for your second best has come about! No worry about back injuries from hard openings; broken legs from stalling out on a down wind approach; and you can impress all the girls with your new found prize. I'm looking forward to running the editor of DZ-USA on top of the water for a mile or so.



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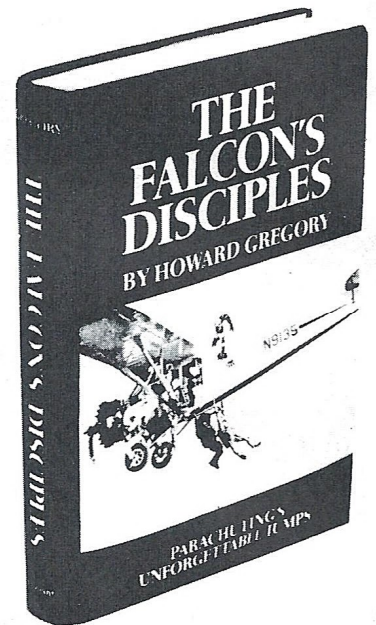


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### IOWA (TIPTON/MUSCATINE):

Tipton is the home of Trackers, Inc., and Jim DeLap's DZ. Jim had some bad luck there recently but it still is one of the finest training programs around regardless. The facilities are adequate and the target is designed to take the sting out of competition landings. Contact Jim by writing him at RR #1, Aledo, Illinois 61231.

Muscatine is Al Beverly and the group and Al can be contacted by writing him at 215 Kindler Street, Muscatine, Iowa 52761. The photo below is Al at the Central Conference Eliminations in 1967....he made it to the Nationals from there. Photo is by Tom Copenhaver, Hutchinson, Kansas.



Two other jumpers in the general area which may help are Dick Mitchell, RR #3, Tipton, Iowa 52772 and Harlan Bicke. Whoever you contact, get a leap in while in the area.

### JUMPING IN JAPAN

*Byline: Robert C. Le Beau, D-1491*

Located just 85 miles east of the busy city of Hong Kong, is the village of Nepitune. This peaceful, sleepy, little Japanese village jumps alive on weekends, however, for it is the home of Japan's largest sport parachuting club. Although Japan has many large jump clubs, Nepitune is the largest due to young and old alike jumping there. When I landed in Japan, I found out about the Nepitune club in short order. I went immediately to the DZ and surprise number one was a surplus World War II Japanese kamikaze hanger which was the club house. The next oddity was the flying of a weighted kite on a 2000 foot line which was used for a winddrift indicator. When the kite stretches to the end of the line, jumpers walk until they are directly under the kite and mark the spot on the ground with lime, much the same as we do on football fields.

After the exit point is determined, the job of manifesting begins. This is not an easy task due to the old customs and respect for the older jumpers. I found that this takes much too long, due to the slowness of the older jumpers to respond to their numbers and get their equipment ready. However, the older jumpers set a good example for the younger ones.

The target used is a bit larger than most and is filled with 2½ feet of surplus rice from the village. The rice turns a bit brown in color

and requires constant stirring with large sticks, but it makes an excellent substance for soft landings when the older jumpers come screaming in downwind.

The jump plane is a Japanese built "Vulture" and is powered by a large engine which I haven't the vaguest idea of a name for. The sturdy craft holds five freefallers and three static-liners, and has a variable climb propeller which helped a great deal during climb-out.

The majority of the club jumps canopies very similar to an American PC, however, theirs are made in Japan. They call it the Nippon Mark I and will have a Mk II on the market soon. I inquired about buying some equipment and was referred to a Mr. Louis Loiel Hockman. The club has experienced only seven fatalities in their two years of operation and this is commendable when you consider the total number of jumps made. Most of their fatalities were students who had relied upon the Japanese-made automatic opener. Most of these openers have since been sold to a company in the United States. The device has since been perfected and the Japanese now refer to it as the hari-kari chest-opener.

I inquired about a national governing body for jumpers and they told me all about the Japanese International Parachutist, or JIP as it is called. It's headquarters are versatile and move very easily. The National body's Executive Director is Hee Ton, and the yearly dues are \$10 (American). I sent mine right in and got a JIP'd card back almost immediately. This aspect of their sport is not too different from ours here in the States.

The club also sells a very beautiful patch displaying their club emblem of a fire-breathing dragon which is wearing a Crossbow and making a three-man flame. The club's name (Sok-ittu-Mi Skydivers, Japan) is embroidered in bright red letters above a gold bent pin.

In closing, I would like to thank the ASO, Mr. Dang Poit and the CSO, Mr. Hammil Tong, and the many fine people who extended their hospitality to me while visiting their inter-

esting club.

As I am a world traveler, please watch DZ-USA for other international jump reports by me. I travel near and far and am constantly in search for the truth and the Fountain. I, therefore, run across many DZ's which are off the beaten path.

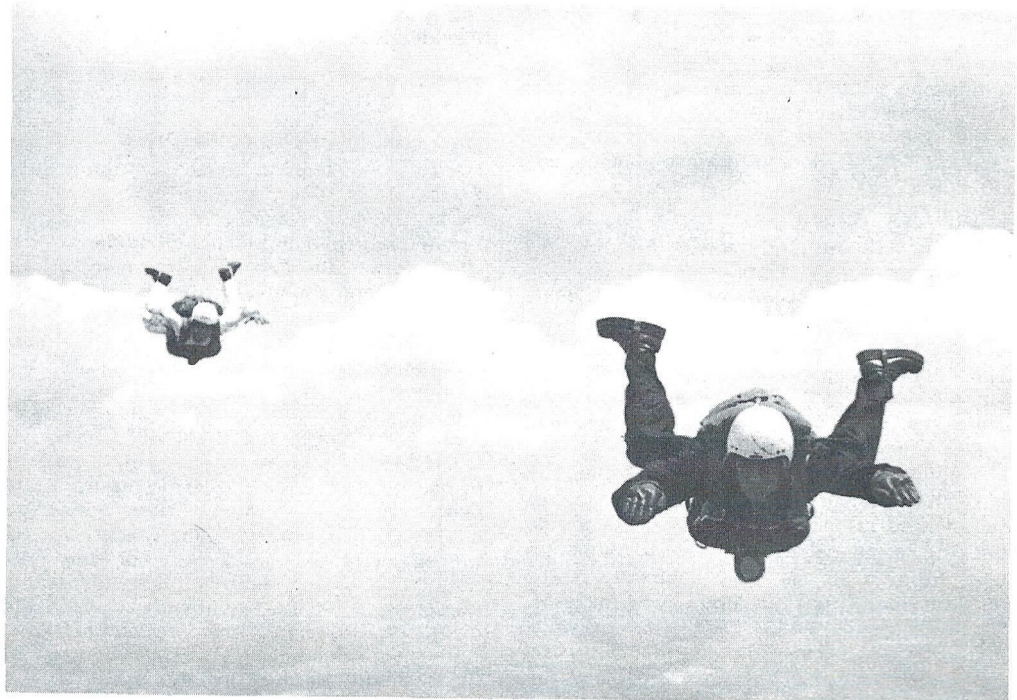
Be talking to you.

### KANSAS (WICHITA):

This may be this editor's home ground but just a little confusion exists in the area on finding the DZ's. Two of them insist on using the same name, "Wichita Parachute Center", and this doesn't help much if you are a visiting jumper.

One of the Wichita Parachute Centers is at Maize, Kansas and offers student instruction, rigger service, A C-180, pea-gravel target, and indoor packing. The Kansas State Teachers College SPC (Emporia, Kansas) is a frequent visiting club and Dennis Smith; Bill Gills; Cindy Pramer; Bob Hudson; Tim Stealey; Greg Gienapp; Bill Johns, Jody Woodcock; Cindy Baker; Jon Carroll; Pete Morell; and Bill Laughridge were there the last time I dropped by. Woody and Nancy Underwood do the training and rigger work and keep the operation going. Call RO6-0300 (AC 316) for directions or check the Rigger Listing on the inside back page of this issue.

The other Wichita Parachute Center is at Benton, Kansas, and also offers student instruction, rigger service (by Tom Copenhaver, Hutchinson, Kansas), a C-182, pea-gravel target, and no obstacles for miles. The regular jumpers include Jerry Little; Jim Jones (out with a knee injury); Art Marker; Jim Nicholson; Tom Copenhaver (soon to be the first Gold Winger in Kansas); Dick Hanna; and Charley Nelson. Exchange jumpers (who jump at both centers) include Connie Cummings, Ron Alexander, Bob Smith, and myself (when I'm lucky enough to be home for a weekend). You can call Jerry Little at TE 8-8773 (AC 316) or write him at 103 W. Aley, Wichita, Kansas 67202.



Art Marker and Jim Nicholson traveling in on the camera over Benton DZ, Wichita, Kansas. Photo by Tom Copenhaver, MO 2-0166 (AC 316, Hutchinson).



#### KANSAS (GREAT BEND):

The club here is known as the Central Kansas Sport Parachute Club and has a plane problem at present but should be in the air at this writing. The club has been using the Ellinwood, Kansas Airport and there is a sawdust target there, lounge, and wide open spaces with no obstacles. You can call Beth or Leroy McLaughlin at 793-8832 (AC 316) or write them at 805 10th, Great Bend, Kansas for more information on the jump activity in that area.

#### KANSAS (TOPEKA):

Topeka Parachute, Inc. is the club in this area and the operation is run by John M. Culpepper. I don't have any up-to-date information on the jumping but the DZ is at Pauline, Kansas and student instruction, rigger service, and equipment sales and service is available. The jumping is on weekends and holidays and you can contact John by calling the DZ, GR 8-4766 (AC 913), or by writing him at P.O. Box 19148, Pauline, Kansas.

#### KENTUCKY (FORT KNOX):

The Knox Sport Parachute Club is an Army club but is off post. The DZ is at Campbellsville, Kentucky (about 55 miles from Ft. Knox) and the owner of the airport is Mr. Ogen Shipp. They have a C-172 and a C-205, concrete runway, 90-foot sawdust target, and plenty of open fields around the area. Peter Tolles, Lt. Mitchell, Lt. Wettoch, Bob Boswell and Don Hathaway are just some of the members. Jumping is on weekends, rates are low, and all jumpers are welcome. You can write the club at Knox Sport Parachute Club, c/o Don Hathaway (vice-pres), Ft. Knox, Kentucky 40121.

#### LOUISIANA (ALEXANDRIA):

I don't have any information in the files on this club but Jim Arthur, Box 2358 - 1 ACW, England AFB, Louisiana 71301 or Capt. Royce E. Parker, 36 Culpepper Road, Alexandria, Louisiana 71301 should be able to help you out if you are in the area. The last time Jeff Russell (Hammond) was there he ended up in a 60 foot tree and was found by some deer hunters. They weren't concerned with getting him out, they just wanted to know if he had seen any deer. The DZ isn't near the trees, though, so drop in. Jeff was out in the boonies because of the spot for style jumps. The target is pea-gravel and some of the jumpers are Air Force from the England AFB, and past that, I can't be of much help.

#### LOUISIANA (HAMMOND):

This DZ is known for the Mardi Gras Meet each year, great Cottonbelt Meets, and Southern Parachute Center, Inc., is the name of some great jumping and hospitality. Leon and Prissie Riche live and breathe sport parachuting and guarantee you'll enjoy yourself while in the New Orleans/Hammond area. The Howard is flying most of the time (when Leon isn't putting dents in it) and a second plane is always available, usually a C-170. The target is pea-gravel and the target area is unobstructed. There is inside packing, a lounge, some of the greatest student training on the map, equipment sales and service, flight training....you name it. Call them at 345-6324 (AC 504), or write P.O. Box 878, Hammond, Louisiana 70401. The center is open 7 days a week and the rates are reasonable. Max Kelly; Leigh and Jeff Russell; Herb Golden; and J. D. (Old Man) Dodson are around occasionally (especially Jeff Russell who made a fantastic number of jumps in just a few months on

this DZ), and you may run into some of the jumpers in the pic below:

Left to right: Mike Marcon; Joe Morgan; Lloyd Kelly, Joe Eustis, and Junius Alvarez in door. Observing is Carl Kemp and Leon Riche is flying. Photo by Jeff Russell.



#### MAINE (MILLINOCKET):

The Mid-State SPC is the only club to keep DZ-USA informed of jumping in Maine, which was non-existent during the winter months, but going strong now. E. J. Swett ("The Healthy Animal") is jumping a "Red Baron" PC and there are 2 or 3 other super-chutes around, but mostly it is fun-jumping and enjoying yourself is number one on the "guarantee-list". Two members have recently returned from Vietnam (Larry Murphy, C-3496; and Robbie Lycette) and for some reason they have placed wire mesh over the clubhouse windows; sandbagged the area; and mounted an M-60 machinegun in the jump plane. Other than that, things are quite normal (as seen by the photo on the front cover of this issue). Dan Poynter, Northeastern Conference Director, drops in occasionally, and other faces around the drop zone belong to: Gary Dumas; C. Falone; A. C. Murphy; J. F. Kenneson (retired); and Leroy Ashby. The DZ is located at the Millinocket Municipal Airport and you can contact Tony Murphy by writing P.O. Box 137, Millinocket, Maine 04462 or by asking the operator to assist on any of the names above.

**MARYLAND**(See the NEW YORK/MARYLAND/WASH. D.C. section)

#### MASSACHUSETTS (ORANGE):

Here is the largest "bowl" in the United States if you want a super target and the most active drop zone around. The aircraft are Norsemen and the March issue of DZ-USA covered the facilities (too numerous to list a second time). Jump rates are a little stiff but you can't have everything. The Connecticut Parachutists, Inc. (CPI) do most of their jumping here and Dick Barber, Vic Deveau, Butch Rubb, Sue Rademaekers, Dan Poynter, John Clark, Ron "Thunderchicken" Blake, and Max Knor are usually somewhere to be found. You may have to fill out a form or two before you jump, and if you are a student, you may have to make a well-observed qualifying jump, but it is the place to go on the east coast if you're north of New York State. Facilities leave nothing to be desired and "The Inn" is the frosting on the cake. And just in case you don't like a Norseman, there is a C-180 around; at least, there was one 8 months ago.

#### MICHIGAN (NUNICA):

Contact Paul Davids, Ottawa Parachute Service, and he will give you the scoop on the jumping there. I was there last year and the facilities were adequate and they were fly-

ing a C-185. There is a loft available and Paul is a rigger, plus holding an Instructor Rating. It is a 7-day operation and aircraft is available for meets on a rental basis. You can call Paul at 837-6240 (AC 616) or write him at 17077 Charles Street, Nunica, Michigan 49448. Jump rates are reasonable and jumpers like Billie Dolley, Feller DeWitt, and Lou Schroeder have been seen on the DZ.

#### MICHIGAN (GRAND RAPIDS):

I don't have too much in the files on the Grand Rapids Skydivers but a few addresses will help. You can contact Fred Vogt at 2805 Bonnell S.E., East Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506, or Tom House, 1233 Gladstone S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506. The club address is 5453 Madison S.E., Grand Rapids 49508. Gerry Kelly is in the area, as well as David Sauve and Bob Olson. In fact, some of the best competitive jumpers in the country are found in Michigan. The fun-jumping is great too....

#### MICHIGAN (TAYLOR):

This is R. E. (Bob) McTaggart's operation and is called the Midwest Sport Parachuting Center and School of Sky Diving. You can call Bob at 291-4080 (AC 313) or write him at 7621 Pardee, Taylor, Michigan 48180. The instruction is excellent and exhibition jumps are a speciality, so student or experienced....this is the place.

#### MICHIGAN (TECUMSEH):

The weekend operation here is under the guiding hand of Harold Lange and the jumping is at Tecumseh Airport from a C-172 and C-182. Nothing is lacking for student instruction and the first jump is just \$25. John Mooneyham does the rigging (address: Box 53, Manchester, Michigan) and Harold can be contacted by writing 17080 Raupp #16, Melvindale, Michigan 48127.

#### MINNESOTA (ST. PAUL):

The Minnesota Skydivers Club jumps at Stanton, Minnesota and can be contacted by writing Phil Halper, 2722 East Third Avenue, No. St. Paul, Minn. 55109. Harry Clement is also a member and can be contacted by writing him at 687 W. Hoyt, St. Paul, Minnesota 55117. Other than a jumper named H. Brennan, I don't have too much in the files on this club but the jumping is there and happening. Their 7th Annual Northwest Meet comes off the 3rd and 4th of August, so get acquainted by attending.

#### MINNESOTA (OSSEO):

Actually, we are still in the St. Paul area but it is a large area and has about 4 DZ's in the immediate area. Other than Stanton, already listed, this listing is for the St. Croix Valley Skydiving Club. Gene Kalscheuer, president. The DZ is at Osceola, Wisconsin and fun-jumping is at the top of the menu....99.9% legal. The club members range from Tom Hall (an 18-year-old high school senior and vice-president of the club), to Ernie Joyner (55 years young and a pillar of the community). There is a heated hanger for repacking and bull-sessions, and the club owns their own C-182 w/jump door. Pea-gravel target, two riggers, and 30's for \$3.00 keeps most of the 30-odd members happy and active. You can get a 45 for \$5 and first jump students are \$35 for the first jump and this includes USPA membership. Dick Wagaman and Ed Dorey drop in occasionally and Art Steffen is ASO (and always around. You can call Gene Kalscheuer at 428-2153 (or write him: P.O. Box 353, Osseo, Minnesota 55369), or Art Steffens at 784-3267 (AC 715).



### MINNESOTA (LE SUEUR):

And we are still in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, but this club is the University of Minnesota Skydivers with Ed Dorey at the helm. It is a new DZ and I have nothing in the files as yet as to facilities and info, but Bob Johnson, Rick Schmidt, and a white PC called the "White Hog" are seen around the DZ almost any weekend. You can write Ed at 2912 16th Avenue So., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407 for more scoop on the jumping, or the conference Director in the area: Dick Wagaman, 9700 4th Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55420.

### MINNESOTA (CAMBRIDGE):

This is a commercial operation and home of the Twin Eagles Skydivers. I have nothing in the files except an address provided by Gene Kalscheuer, so you'll have to write the club at: c/o Kings Court Barber Shop, 90th and Lyndale Avenue So., Bloomington, Minnesota, for information. If you are in that area, drop in for a jump or two....and tell them to keep me informed on what's happening so they make the next directory.

### MISSISSIPPI (IN GENERAL):

There may be a lot of jumping in the State, but if there is, I haven't heard about it. If your around the northeast corner of the state, contact Tom Little, P.O. Box 567, Corinth, Mississippi 38834 for assistance. In the Hattiesburg / Laurel / Mobile, Alabama area, contact the DZ-USA Field Representative, Rick Miller (209 So. 29th Avenue, Heritage 105, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401).... both will be glad to help out. Here again, many of jumpers in the area use the Mardi Gras section of the country and head for Hammond, Louisiana when they want a leap.

### MISSOURI (FULTON):

The Mo-Kan Sport Parachute Center was organized in Fulton in October of '67 at the Fulton Municipal Airport to train students from the Univ. of Missouri in neighboring Columbia, Mo. President of the center concept is Bob Atterberry, D-1300, who is also an ASO for the area. John Meyers, C-1124, is treasurer of the center, and the associates include Doug Williams, D-58, and Ches Judy, USPA Instructor. The airport has paved runways and a C-180 and Cherokee 6 are on hand for the lifts. The field is on U.S. Hiway 54 (24 miles north of Jefferson City and 25 miles east of Columbia). The jumping is on weekends, weather permitting, and there is pea-gravel target with wide open spaces for landings in all directions. Contact John Meyers by writing him at 2631-B Summit Road, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

### MISSOURI (KANSAS CITY):

Four years ago, there were 3 active clubs in this area....now there is one. The Ka-Mo Sport Jumpers have survived the politics and jump at Tonganoxie, Kansas. The club has a C-180 (owned by Danny Payne), a beautiful target area (pea-gravel and disced dirt), and good organization. Weather is sometimes a problem but every DZ has that problem. Jumpers in the area include John Blackwell, Danny Payne, Ed Smith, Joe Ferland, Roger Brown, and the St. Joseph Club (Don Carter, Charlie Suwald, and Bob Johnson). Jim and Joyce Vetter and Bob and Barbara Rine also drop by on occasion. VIP's such as Major Garrity, "Ace" Burkhard, Norman Heaton, and Jack Bergman have stopped in so you never know who you'll bump into. Contact Danny Payne by writing 4704 East 113th Street, Kansas City,

Missouri 64137 or call him at SO 1-2155 (AC 816). Ed Smith's address is 133 E. 46th St., Kansas City, Missouri 64112 and will provide any information on the club you want.

### MISSOURI (COLUMBIA):

At last report, the DesCenters Sport Parachute Club was in operation here. Kyle and Kenneth Kreigh (1862 Cliff Drive, Columbia, Missouri 65201) with their father, Bob, doing the flying, had a going club. The only other address I have is Neil MacFarlane, Box 371, Columbia 65201, so get in touch with the Kreigh's and check out the area. Many of the jumpers here go over to Fulton but there still may be a DZ in Columbia.

### MISSOURI (ST. LOUIS):

The Greater St. Louis Sport Parachute Club is one of the oldest clubs in the United States....if not the oldest. The DZ is on Highway 40, 1 mile west of Gumbo, Missouri, and 30 miles west of St. Louis. Just head for Chesterfield, Missouri and you're in. It has some of the lowest jump rates in the U.S. for it's members....with 30's going for about \$1 each plus the monthly dues. It is one club that doesn't need a lot of words to speak for it. Jumpers like Jim Cowan; Bill Hayes, Lee Killian; Kim Tucker; Jim Colombo; and Joe Limmer are usually around, so drop by and join the group. Even Killian has been known to make a fun-jump. You can call Jack Bergman (the VIP of the group) at MI 7-5660 (AC 314) or write him at 6561 Bancroft, St. Louis, Missouri 63109. He is also Central Conference Director, so if you have a gripe....



Jack Bergman, making his 1000th freefall. Photo by L. J. Prather, Sparta, Illinois.

### MONTANA (BUTTE/HELENA):

Paul Drennon, 112 So. Main Street, Helena, Montana 59601 can give you any information you may require on jumping in this area. There isn't a lot of jumping in Montana (state-wide) but where there is a DZ....the jumping is the same as anyplace else. High ones, fun-jumps, relative work, and the whole ball of wax.

### MONTANA (BOZEMAN):

Bob Hosfield (now in Hammond, Louisiana) gave me a club patch of this club and it's all I have to go on. I do have a couple names in Butte, so you can start there: Frank G. Olenick, 312 North Washington Street, Butte, Montana 59701 and Bill Ritchey 715 8th Avenue, Helena, Montana 59601 may help you find a DZ. Just call the operator and ask for their phone numbers. The Treasure State Skydiving Club is somewhere in the area. One last note: If you have a club patch laying around, send it to DZ.USA.... you can't tell what it may be used for.

### MONTANA (MISSOULA):

Not too much information on this area but Frank Sanders is the man to contact. You can call him at 549-1034 (AC 406) or write him at 1730 So. 7th West, Missoula, Montana 59801. Frank is also the man to see for some of the best rigger work in Montana. Just ask and you shall receive.

### NEBRASKA (OMAHA):

The Omaha Sky Divers, Inc., is based at the Millard, Nebraska Airport 3 miles southwest of Omaha. Twenty members keep the club's C-180 flying and the skymotive door keeps the chill off the high ones. The jump rates for guest jumpers are \$3.50 to 20,000 feet; \$4.50 to 12,000. Lonnie Schaffroth is president of the club (taking over after Stan "Studley" Searles' reign....with Stan now spending more time cooking hamburgers at the Chicken Burger (Stan's Place). Dick Sorensen; Lorrie Meile; Bill Beaver; Joe Slevin; Dick Walkup; and John Randall are some old faces on the DZ, joined recently by Paul Levesque, newest member of OSD. You can write Dick Sorensen at 7605 Arrow Rock Drive, Omaha, Nebraska 68157, or Stan Searles at 5015 "L" Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68117 (or call Stan at 733-5333). And don't be surprised if someone answers the phone, "Chicken Burger Drive In". The photo below is some of the group relaxing at the Banquet for the St. John's meet last year. Photo by Joe Slevin.



### NEBRASKA (LINCOLN):

The Lincoln Sport Parachute Club offers excellent student instruction (including a written exam) and several "D's" who do the training. Total cost for a new student is \$55 for everything right up to freefall (includes his 5 static-lines and his first freefall). He also gets a logbook, USPA membership and Gunby's book on sport parachuting. It is the best DZ going for any student who wants to get started and still have a buck left for a jump. The club was started 9 years ago by Ken Sisler (deceased) and Shorty Janousek and will probably be around when all the others have folded. They fly a PA-20 Pacer and you can contact Shorty by writing 929 Furnas Avenue, Lincoln, Nebraska 68521. Some of the club members included for your information, are: Stan Harroun; George Classey; Jon Grant; Maurice Hoelting; and Ron Bassett. Surely you can get a phone number from that group.

### NEBRASKA (MITCHELL):

The Chuting Scotts Parachute Club use a C-172 and jump every Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting. It is \$3.00 for a 15 and \$4.00 for a 30. The DZ is at Mitchell Airport, 9 miles west of Scottsbluff, Nebraska. You can call Jerry Herbster at 635-9567, or write him at Box 373, Student Union, Hiram Scott College, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. It's a new DZ and needs your support....drop in.



**NEVADA (LAS VEGAS):**

I'll have to be a little prejudiced on this one. The Las Vegas Skydivers have supported DZ-USA from the first issue back in 1966 and receive no less than 14 copies per month. As David Wilson reported (on a stop on his way back to Elsinore), "I stopped in on the Las Vegas SD Club and attended one of their General Meetings. They were very prompt in passing out a copy of DZ-USA to each and every member who attended the meeting". There are two DZ's (back to serious business) with one of them located in Henderson, Nevada and the other called the Thunderbird DZ, also near Las Vegas. You can write Greg DeArman, Box 2626 Huntridge Station, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 for all the information. Henderson, by the way, is 20 miles southeast of Vegas, so drop by on a weekend and air one out. You may run into E. A. Aufill; Jim Remmer; Ron Deussen; or Jerry Waclawski, plus some great hospitality. The facilities are excellent and the welcome mat is always out.

**NEVADA (RENO):**

No news from this area in quite some time, however, I have one address for anyone in the area and searching for a DZ. Dick Purcell can be contacted at P. O. Box 8323, University Station, Reno, Nevada 89507. How about a line from you guys?

**NEW HAMPSHIRE (ROCHESTER):**

Not too much on file for this area but Safe-light Parachute Service is there with a loft at Sanford Airport, Sanford, Maine. Charles E. Dame is the man to contact (522-J, Sanford) and you can write the Parachute Service at 51 Linden Street, Rochester, New Hampshire 03867. You are bound to find something in the way of DZ with Chuck helping.

**NEW JERSEY (LAKEHURST):**

This is home base for the Naval Air Technical Training Center Parachute Team (Mac Crow, "Team Leader"). The club was formerly the Navy Lakehurst Parachute Club and although the name is longer and a little harder to remember, the jumping is still the same....great and plenty of it. Jumpers like Dale Kite and Chuck Seymour are around to write up the jump stories and get those flicks everyone likes to see. The training is excellent and the club jumps at New Hanover; Applegarth; and other MEPA DZ's, in addition to their own. They jump everything from helos to Twin-Beech's on the base but you don't have to be military to give them a ring or write for information on jumping in their area. You can contact JOC Dale L. Kite, USN, at the following address: Public Affairs Office, U. S. Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, New Jersey 08733. A story by Dale, by the way, is soon to appear in DZ-USA. If his assistance is anything like his writing, you are sure to get the very best information.

**NEW JERSEY (LAKEWOOD):**

A Parachutes, Inc. (PI) commercial operation with Nate Pond in charge. I didn't make it by here while on the East Coast, but facilities have to be excellent considering the number of jumps put out here annually. The Center is located on Cedarbridge Road, and you can write Box 258, Lakewood, New Jersey for more information, or call 363-4900 (AC 201) if you're in the area. During the winter months, this is a weekend operation but beginning the 15th of April, it's 7 days.

**NEW JERSEY (LUMBERTON):**

This is the home of the Ripcord Parachute Center and it is in the Mt. Holly area (east of Philadelphia, Pa.). The DZ is at Lumberton (Hiway 531 south of Mt. Holly about 5 miles) and is owned and operated by Steve Snyder, D-5. Something is always happening here. Maxine Hartman made her 1000th from a hot-air balloon not too long ago; Allan Lance drops in occasionally; Bill Ottley is a frequent visitor; and Rob Jenks ("Boy Wonder" who took second in accuracy at Pop's this year) is usually around. Jumps are from a Stinson "Mule" (jump plane extraordinary) and the plane is worth the trip just to get a jump from it. The target is peas about 3 feet deep and water jumps are possible anytime you want one. The rates are reasonable and there is a cafe right on the DZ plus a loft and equipment sales and rentals. Call Steve at 665-4243 (AC 609), or AM 7-9725 (Mt. Holly). This is one DZ you don't want to miss.

**NEW JERSEY (APPLEGARTH):**

This is Lenny Potts' place on the map and to be perfectly honest, I don't have one scrap of information in the files. You can contact Bill Ottley (See the NEW YORK/MARYLAND/WASH. D.C. section) and I'm sure he can steer you in the right direction. In the meantime, how about firing something in to DZ-USA if you're in that area, particularly if your name is Potts.

**NEW JERSEY (FLEMINGTON):**

I don't have the scoop on where the Chute Shop personnel jump, but with Ron Edwards, Harry Burlin, and Johnny Higgins there, you can be assured of a DZ in the area. Call the Chute Shop at 782-5758 (AC 201) and they will direct you from there. You could pick up some equipment and make it a one-shot trip if you're so inclined and I doubt if you'd make Ron unhappy about the call.

**NEW MEXICO (ALBUQUERQUE):**

The Carters are now in California, so the news from this area has dropped off, however, Beetle Bailey is still around and may help you out if you're in the area. One of the clubs is the Falling Angels SPC and you can write the club (and Beetle) by writing Bill Bailey, 2709 Utah N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110. The altitude is something like 6,000 feet before you get off the ground but it isn't that bad. Other jumpers in the area are Peter Betz (P.O. Box 8071, Albuquerque 87108); Dorothy Carter (4924 Hilton, N.E., Albuquerque 87110); and Bill Rush (7801 Marble N.E., Apt. #18, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110). Anyone in the area can have the operator assist you in finding a phone number and someone at home. Bill Rush has his private ticket so he can get you up....all you have to do is get out.

**NEW YORK/MARYLAND/WASH. D.C.**

Some of the New York DZ's are listed separately, but to catch a couple clubs which haven't been keeping in touch, I'll use this catch-all and give you some names to contact for clubs such as the Pelicans of Maryland. Write Bill Ottley, Deputy Director, NAA, 806 15th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005 for information on almost any club in the Maryland, New York, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut area. Tom Ayo, 1609 30th St. S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020 can also be of assistance...or...Bill Gifford,

2501 Que Street S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020. And one more just in case you may need it... Don Moore, 5002 Leeds Drive, Suitland, Maryland 20023. The Edgewood Arsenal Sky Divers used to be in the Joppa, Maryland area (DZ located at Edgewood, Maryland), so give that area a check-out.

**NEW YORK (GARDINER):**

The Hudson Valley Skydivers are based here and even the winter didn't stop the jumping. For the past few years, no students could be put out because of New York State Law but that has all changed and Gardiner is getting the first jump students on the lifts. \$25 includes everything (USPA membership paid for) and you can be assured of excellent instruction. Experienced jumpers are always welcome and will also find the jump rates within reason. The DZ is on an abandoned airfield with lots of pea-gravel for those inclined to practice accuracy and there are packing tables on the field. The CSO is a "D"; former member of the USAPT; and expert under a PC...however...if you see him missing the peas by about 3000 feet, he is only checking out the new student DZ.... nothing to be alarmed by. Members include Ray Finneran who can be contacted by calling 597-3313 (AC 212) and Bill Bredin, 943-3782 (AC 201). And that CSO, Dan Miller (Who is now ASO); can be called at HA 9-5239 (AC 914). Get your knees in the breeze with Hudson Valley....good advice from Ray Finneran.

**NEW YORK (GREENE):**

The only addresses in the files which may help are: David O. Lanzendorf, 50 Caton Drive, Apt. 53-C, Syracuse, New York 13214 (and Dave is quite a distance north of Greene) or Tim Saltonstall, RD #2, Ithaca, New York 14850 (if you can catch Tim at home). A few subscribers in this club would help me and you both.

**NEW YORK (STORMVILLE):**

This is one of the oldest continuous DZ's in the U.S., started back in 1958. Nate Sweet, D-448, USPA Instructor, ASO, and pilot, is the jack-of-all-trades and operator of the DZ. Nate, by the way, is also a senior rigger. It has had it's share of bad publicity but the DZ and everyone connected with it puts safety before everything and has just had some bad luck. If you are in the area, contact Nate by writing him at Mennella Road, Poughquag, New York 12470. Jumpers from Pennsylvania, Connecticut and other bordering states are always on hand and the jumping is as fine as you will find anywhere. Ken Yegella is also a regular visitor to the DZ and can be contacted by writing him at Route 22, Pawling, New York 12564.

**NEW YORK (WHITE PLAINS):**

There is no DZ here but it's home for Gene "Fearless" Feeney, D-104, and a man who can always direct you to a DZ for a jump. Write him at Old Orchard Street, White Plains, New York 10604 or call him WH 6-5252 or WH 8-7980 (an answering machine). If anyone can give the straight scoop, Gene can.

**NEW YORK (BUFFALO/TONAWANDA):**

Two names to contact in this area or western New York (Lake Erie/Canada portion): Dick Leary, 164 Buffalo Street, Apt. 3, Hamburg, New York 14075; or Ronald G. Martin, 666 Creekside Drive, Tonawanda, New York 14150. One of them can give you the directions to the nearest DZ and possibly get you a leap in on the Canadian side.



**NORTH CAROLINA (TRINITY):**

The Tar Heel Sport Parachute Center, Inc. is in this area and can be contacted by writing Route 2, Box 218, Trinity, N.C. 27370. Charlie Spillman is club president and could probably be located through the operator.

**NORTH CAROLINA (FT. BRAGG AREA):**

J. J. Eddington provides the following information on jumping in this area. Pope AFB is right next to Ft. Bragg and offers jumping to military types and, of course, there is Ft. Bragg itself. JJ swears there are jumpers at Bragg who would scrounge a TV tower if they couldn't get a plane and also reports a group called the Golden Knights on the base. You can contact Claude Callahan, 209 Sands, Ft. Bragg 28307 or Tom Carr, 32-F Rhine Road, Ft. Bragg 28307 if you want a base jump group. Contact John Eddington, Box 9283, Pope AFB, No. Carolina 28308 if you are Air Force jumpers. Some of the jumpers in this area journey as far as Spartanburg, So. Carolina for a leap on weekends, however, some of the jumping is at a civilian grass strip called Raeford Airport, about 20 miles from Bragg.

**NORTH CAROLINA (GREENSBORO):**

The Skyknights of Greensboro jump Sunday afternoons at Thayer Field in Thomasville, North Carolina, Paul Bruder, D-1588, can be contacted by writing P.O. Box 1931, Greensboro, North Carolina 27402. Bascom Craven is also a member of this club and can be contacted by writing 3209 Winchester Drive, Greensboro, No. Carolina 27406. There is great jumping in this area of the country so drop by and sample a lift or two. Facilities include a C-182, pea-gravel target, packing tables, and rigger service. The club has about 25 active members and struggling to become one of the largest in No. Carolina, Doug Lovings, C-3828 and Jim Smith are on the DZ most any weekend, plus Bill Greene (who can be called at 274-3397). USPA membership and logbooks are required; absolutely no streaking and mooning allowed; and one of the best safety records in the state.

**NORTH CAROLINA (CHARLOTTE):**

Just down the road from the Skyknights, live the Charlotte "Hagalo" Team and the Charlotte Skydivers. Jumping is Wednesday afternoon, Saturday, and Sunday at the Miller Brothers Airport in Mooresville, North Carolina. Both clubs "exchange" meets occasionally and about \$250 worth of trophies are usually up for grabs. Joe Beeson; Warren "The Toad" Bullin; and other jumpers in the area can usually be found at one DZ or the other. The last word I have on Joe is that he is searching for a PC for sale....for a dollar down and a dollar when you catch him....so maybe you can get rid of that RWB with 920 jumps on it. You may run into Bob Thompson here too. Bob is a POPS and can be contacted by writing P. O. Box 662, Mount Holly, North Carolina 28120, Jimmy Davis, D-478, is one of the Hagalos (in case you're curious, ask him); Joe Beiderbecke; Larry Campbell; and Bill Dondanville are also members of the Charlotte club. Joe B's address is 3315 Selwyn Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209.

**NORTH DAKOTA (FARGO):**

Only one address which may be of assistance. Dave Matson, 524 6th Street So., Moorhead, Minnesota, The Fargo Skydivers jump at Kindred, North Dakota (south of I-94 and 30 miles from Fargo) and the spring jumping is in full swing. You can call Gene Kalscheuer (428-2153, AC 612) at Osseo, Minnesota and I'm sure he can give you all the info you need.

**OHIO (SANDUSKY):**

This Sandusky Bay SPC is based at Huron Airport on Boss Road (six miles east of Sandusky) and on the shores of Lake Erie. The club was formed in June of 1966 and has a training program that is second to none. It includes a week of instruction, a written exam (which must be passed by a score of at least 90), and a diploma is given to those completing the course. They also have a progressive "public relations" program and speak to civic groups and pass out literature to anyone who is interested in the sport. Aircraft is sometimes a problem (as in any club), but the club may end up with a Twin-Beech and all the jumping they want from it. You can call Don Griffin (president at 626-0166; or Don Snyder (Sec/Treas.) at 626-3151 or 525-2013; or Mickey Seaver (Training and Safety Officer and great Instructor) at 625-4230. The mailing address is Don Griffin, 1609 Larchmont Drive So., Sandusky, Ohio 44870. This DZ is worth going out of your way for....drop by.

**OHIO (ALLIANCE):**

The Alliance Sport Parachute Club is a fairly large operation with Gary Haupt (president); and jumpers like Don Haynam, D-1656; Art Johanson, D-1134; Bill Arbogast, D-1763; and Ernst Kramer, D-1762 are usually on the DZ. The club has a couple pilots (Jay Farmer and Paul Birtalon) and feel all the jumping doesn't happen West. A lot of it happens right here. USPA membership and logbooks are required and the jumping is year 'round. Some of the best meets in the country are held here and competition gets stiff. There is a pea-gravel target, plenty of wide-open unobstructed spaces (on second thought, that target could be sawdust), and Joe Cooper (the "Cement Bomber") is on hand for most of the jumping activity. You can contact Art Johanson at 2536 So. Union, Alliance, Ohio 44601 or Byron E. Smith, 628 No. Garfield Avenue, Alliance, Ohio 44601. The club address is P. O. Box 626, Alliance, Ohio 44601. Call Gary Haupt if you're in the area at 938-2783 (AC 216). Photo below is Art just after touching down in a meet last July (Joe Cooper to right of photo). Photo by Margaret Felice.

**OHIO (COLUMBUS):**

This is one of the most picturesque DZ's I've seen. It is the Selecte Sport Parachuting Club and the DZ is at Clark's Lakes, Ohio, in the Grove City/Harrisburg area. The facilities leave nothing out....rows of packing tables, restrooms, shaded areas for the summer, pea-gravel target with lots of peas, and local support you wouldn't believe. The operation is in the capable hands of Billy Cook and Ray Dean and is progressing rapidly. With several successful meets under their belts, it's better things ahead in '68. You can contact Billy by writing 31 N. Brinker Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43204 or Larry R. Harris, 4350 Leesburg N., Columbus, Ohio 43228. This is truly a DZ that you'll enjoy a leap with.

**OHIO (DAYTON AREA):**

There is some jumping at Bryan, Ohio (a few of the ex-Sky Knights), but the Dayton area means one drop zone in particular....Xenia, Ohio and the Greene County Sport Parachute Center. Jim West (the most famous "C" license holder in the U.S.) and his partner, Shearer, have provided jumpers from 4 or 5 states around with the best in sport parachuting facilities and organization. The club flies three aircraft (180's and 182's) and has acres of room for anyone who may miss a large pea-gravel target. I took advantage of the wide-open spaces when I jumped there. There are nurseries for the little ones, playrooms (for large and small, a lounge, loft, inside packing or outdoor (if you prefer), a dressing room, and on and on. Add Jim & Lea's hospitality and the DZ rates #1 in the country. This also is home for the "Spoilers" (Neuman, Pugh, Ellis, and Heismann) and anyone from Dr. Thompson (New Zealand) to the Golden Knights (USAPT) may be a visiting VIP. Some of the names I recall who are regular "folks" are: Jean Schultz, Stan Eschenbrenner, Ken Glover, Paul Fayard, and the Lodakis brothers. Charley Joyce (Chicago) also makes the scene, so distance is no problem. You can contact Jim by calling 878-3066 (AC 513) or writing him at 1516 So. Maple, Fairborn, Ohio 45324. You'll be glad you did.





**OHIO (CINCINNATI):**

The Paracenter is here and provides information on skydiving to anyone interested. If you are looking for a DZ, call George Rabe at 752-0378 (AC 513), or write P. O. Box 44147, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244.

**OHIO (AKRON):**

Ray Starnes, 891 Hazel Street, Akron, Ohio 44305 can give you the directions if you're in this area. Ray also has the scoop on the Ohio Parachute Assoc. and can fill you in on the jump activity in Ohio in general, Roy Johnson and Eric Bahor do their jumping somewhere in this area, I believe.

**OHIO (TOLEDO):**

Dick Schwartz, 210 Crawford, Toledo, Ohio 43612 or Frank Vierling, 1222 Page Street, Toledo, Ohio 43608 will provide directions to the nearest DZ in this area. The club news has not been reported and I'm sorry I can't give you more details.

**OKLAHOMA (OKLA. CITY):**

The mailing address of the Oklahoma Sport Parachute Association is Oklahoma City but the jumping happens at Stroud, Oklahoma (about 50 miles northeast) on Highway 66. You can write OSPA at 1346 S.W. 74th Street (c/o Cliff Davis, Director), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73159. The Sooner Skydivers call Oklahoma City home, but more of the jumping is at Stroud.

**OKLAHOMA (STROUD):**

The Airport here is operated by Jim McMahon and son and goes all out for jumpers. There is a lounge, outdoor packing, coke & candy machines, and just a couple miles from downtown Stroud. The planes are C-180 with better than average jump pilots (the McMahons usually) and jump rates are as low as you'll find anyplace in the country. The runways are paved and the target is peas and disced ground with nothing in the way of obstacles. The OSU Skydivers from Stillwater, Oklahoma and the Tulsa jumpers all prefer Stroud over any DZ in the area. Jon Moore, Bob Beck, Bob Drake, David Woolsey, Jerry Ellette, and Cliff Davis are regular faces on the DZ and Allen Jones, equipment inspector at the Nationals each year, is sometimes on hand. A couple addresses which may help are: Jim McMahon Box 236 Stroud, Oklahoma 74079 and John M. Shaklee, 712 Orchard Lane, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074. You can call the airport by asking information for Stroud Municipal Airport, or City Airport. There's only one, so no problem. The photo below was taken at an OSPA Meet (2-3 March 68) and gives a good view of the target area. Photo by the editor of DZ-USA.

**OKLAHOMA (TULSA):**

Again, most of the jumping is at Stroud for this group but here are a few addresses for those traveling through the area. Walt Hickerson, 915 So. Canton, Tulsa 74112; David Miller, 6935 E. 15th Place, Tulsa 74112; and Dale Harris, 8 North Santa Fe, Tulsa 74127. Don't believe there isn't a lot of jumping in Oklahoma, any one of these guys will argue with you on that point. It's there for the asking, so ask....

**OKLAHOMA (ADA):**

The jumping here is a little slack (to put it mildly) but it's my favorite part of Oklahoma on my trips south of Wichita. Lew Watson, P.O. Box 96, Ada, Oklahoma 74820, can direct you (or fly you) to the nearest DZ....and if you insist, he will train you, pack for you, and jumpmaster the lift. Call him at FE 2-2220 and don't flirt with a very lovely secretary... it ain't nice.

**OREGON (ASHLAND):**

The South Oregon Sport Parachute Club is the only one I've heard from lately, and the club can be contacted by writing Larry Modrell, 431 No. Main St., Ashland, Oregon 97520. The club has a C-185, about 20 active members, and offers student instruction. Club Instructors must have at least 100 free-falls prior to jumpmastering students and the course for students is 3 weeks long. The majority of members are USPA but it is not an affiliated club as yet. The student is #1 in this area, so make it a must on your way through Oregon....student or experienced.

**OREGON (PORTLAND AREA):**

The Portland Parachute Club is here and as reported by Jerry Baumchen last week, the DZ has moved but the club is still strong and getting stronger. You can write Jerry at 8953 No. Courtenay Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97203, or write the club c/o Ron Newman, 724 S.E. Umatilla, Portland, Oregon 97203. Joe Brockway and Ted Mayfield keep these humming and Ted insists on flying only 50% of the time....and jumping for 7-Up the second half. We can be contacted by writing 13211 N.E. Marine Place, Portland, Oregon 97230 or you can search the river until you find the place and drop in on him. Dr. John Buell and Annie Zurcher are a couple jumpers you may find on the DZ if you look real hard....Annie isn't too big.

**PENNSYLVANIA (PITTSBURG):**

You can contact Linda Gail Meals at 2427 Brighton Road, Pittsburg, Penna. 15212 or Alan F. Babich, 4152 Saline Street, Pittsburg, Penna. 15213; or Jim Moore, 3615 Dawson St., Apt. #4, Pittsburgh, Penna. 15213. I'm sure one of them can lead you to some jumping in the area. Sorry, but no particulars on the clubs in the area. It pays to advertise, but they didn't.

**PENNSYLVANIA (SHARON/OIL CITY):**

Jim Peterson, 527 "B" St., Sharon, Penna. 16146 or Bill Bayer, 468 Colbert Avenue Oil City, Penna. 16301 (if Bill is in the States), are the only two names I have in the files for a jumper going through or moving to this area.

**PENNSYLVANIA (TOWANDA/MANSFIELD):**

This is the northern section of the state, and no clubs have checked in lately, however, Bob Simpson (RD #5, Towanda, Penna. 18848) could probably help you out. And don't judge the DZ's in Pennsylvania by this listing of subscribers in the state....there are DZ's a batch but not a lot of letter writers. The jumping here is as active as any other state so don't drive right through.

**PENNSYLVANIA (YORK)**

This is another DZ I can report on personally. I dropped by late one night and sat in on a club meeting and met a very impressive group of jumpers. Gene Runk, Chuck Henderson, Bill Dize, Bob Hoke, LeRoy Thoman, and Bill George. The movie camera was grinding away and I got a good view of the target area and surrounding landscape and if you don't count tall grass, the DZ is perfect. The club has one of the best packing and bull-session areas I've seen lately with most of the top floor of an airport building all to themselves. The group is safety-minded and rates are reasonable (\$3 for a 30, I believe ....but don't quote me on that). Aircraft is no problem and visitors are more than welcome. You can call Bob Hoke at 843-1468 (York) or write him at 520 Prospect Street, York 17403. Chuck Henderson can be contacted at Koons Trailer Park, RD #1, Windsor, Pennsylvania 17566; and Gene Runk is at 113 Hanover Street, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325. The photo of Chuck Henderson below (taken by Ed Beivenour) gives you a true picture of the area....looks great, doesn't it?





**SOUTH CAROLINA (COLUMBIA/AIKEN/):**

Contact Tom Ridout, 1238 Alfred Street, Aiken, So. Carolina 29801 for information on jumping in this area, including the Augusta, Georgia area.

**SOUTH CAROLINA (CHARLESTON AREA):**

Only one address which may help: Faye S. Hyams, 1785-A James Avenue, Charleston AFB, South Carolina 29404.

**SOUTH CAROLINA (GREENVILLE/ANDERSON):**

Again, only one address in the area which may lend a hand. John Lanford, Box 5738, Clemson, South Carolina 296311. The operator should have the phone number for Clemson isn't too large.

**SOUTH CAROLINA (DENMARK):**

This is where the Viking Parachute Team does one hellava lot of jumping. And believe it or not, the Vikings influence people from the Gulf Coast to New York....just ask Bill Ottley, Woody Binnicker is another of the famous Vikings and can be contacted at P.O. Box 105, Denmark, South Carolina 29042. And again, no info submitted....no info I can print. Here is a shot of another Viking (Bob Frierson) making his 1000th at Spartanburg, So. Carolina. Photo is by B. J. Craven.

**SOUTH DAKOTA (SIOUX FALLS):**

The South Dakota Skydivers Club is here (with the DZ only 6 miles away). Facilities are adequate and you can call Bob Roach 605, 336-2808, for any information you may need on jumping in the area. The mailing address is: 3108 Carter Place, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105. Sioux City, Iowa, is just a short drive, so don't classify South Dakota as a long drive.

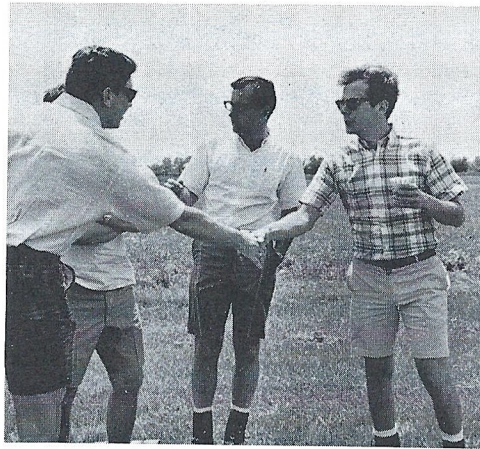
**TENNESSEE (CHATTANOOGA):**

Only one address for jumpers traveling through this area of Tennessee. Tom Williams, 3940 S. Mission Oaks Drive, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37412. The Huntsville, Alabama club is fairly close but there may be another DZ in or around Chattanooga.

**TENNESSEE (NASHVILLE):**

The Nashville Sport Parachute Club jumps at Cornelia Fort Air Park, in Nashville. Some of the members include Bill Dzoba; Jack Brenner; Dick Johnson; Frank Knapp; Bill Seifert; Dale Hamilton; Gloria LaRoche; Johnny Johns; Jim McCormack; and Jerry Tidwell, Master Rigger Mike Kremar is in the area for any equipment or equipment re-

pairs you may need; the target is pea-gravel (dirt-type) and there is a clubhouse lounge, and adequate facilities, including coke machine and other goodies. There is even a club pick-up truck (which wasn't running when I was there), and many willing hands. Call Jack Brenner at 269-3350 or 298-4433, or write him at 97 White Bridge Road, Apt. K-5, Nashville 37205; and the club address is P. O. Box 295, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

**TENNESSEE (MEMPHIS):**

The Memphis Para-Flyers and the Memphis Sport Parachute Club is active here and the Memphis SPC can be contacted by writing P. O. Box 532, Memphis, Tenn. 38101, Fritz Jackson tells me the club has a C-206 and jumps at Horseshoe Lake, Arkansas....with visitors more than welcome. You can call Fritz at 527-8651 or 398-9313 (home). Jerry Norton is also around and can be contacted by writing him at 1530 Elkwood, Memphis, Tenn. 38111. With Fritz on a lift, you are sure to enjoy the jump, so drop by if you're anywhere near this area.



Larry Pate going out on his first jump over the Horseshoe Lake DZ. Photo by Fritz Jackson.

**TENNESSEE (AMARILLO):**

Bob Hulsey is the man here (3815 Monroe, Amarillo, Texas 79110) and the club here is a new one and jumping at Borger, Texas (in the Panhandle), at Borger Municipal Airport. Best jumping around the area is here with Ron Luginbill, Andy Spencer, Will Gordon, and Ronnie Gardner making up part of the regular crew. Andy's address is Rt. 1, Box 868 #2, Amarillo, Texas 79106. This is a fun group of jumpers and you're sure to enjoy yourself. The welcome mat is always out to a visiting jumper.

**TEXAS (FT. HOOD):**

This club is no more at last reports and one of the oldest military clubs in the country has shut down if the reports are true. There was a 140' pea-gravel target, all the facilities you could ask for, jumping on Wednesday, Thursday, and weekends for military personnel only. The phone number was 685-6478 (AC817) just in case you want to try and find out what happened. The mailing address is: Claude Pepin, Box 5065, Ft. Hood, Texas 76544.

**TEXAS (ABILENE):**

A new club has been formed (the Dyess Air Force Base Sport Parachute Club) and is jumping at Elmdale Airport, just past Old Abilene Town, on Route 20 (east). If you're in the area, call Richard Sharpe at OW 6-2243 or Sergeant Massey at OW 6-2465. You can write the club at Dyess AFB, Texas (Box 6511, Sport Parachute Club, Dyess AFB, Texas) or drop in any weekend at the airport.

**TEXAS (FT. BLISS/EL PASO):**

The Skydivers of El Paso, Inc. can be contacted by writing 155 South Awbrey, El Paso, Texas 79905 or by calling Liz Larremore (the operator has the number). The group has thinned out some in the past two years but the jumping is there and happening. When I jumped there, the DZ was on part of the Something-or-other Proving Grounds, but the target was plowed ground and there were few obstructions. The altitude is above 5000' (if I remember correctly) and not the best 7TU country but facilities are adequate and you are only a few miles from the Mexican border for something to do after the jumping is over. The Ft. Bliss Parachute Club jumps with them (I believe) and you can phone Skip Spear at 751-2944, or Doug McAllister at 855-3996 to get all the straight info.

**TEXAS (HOUSTON):**

This is home for Mr. and Mrs. Sport Parachuting (J.D. and Lena Dodson). I know you'll get all the help you need by writing them at 6725 Hendon Lane, Houston, Texas 77036. Jumpers in the area include the one and only Nels Lindblom; Dave Bottrell; Carlos Wallace; Herman Pollock; Bob Moers; Mitch Vanya; Jack & Susie Joerns; Neil Smith; and Harvey Stewart. You can write the following addresses for more information: Mitch Vanya (11047 Hoffer, Houston, Texas 77034), Mitch, by the way, is a rigger; Neil Smith (6305 Mubud, Houston 77036; or Harvey Stewart (1501 Pech Road, Apt. 30, Houston 77055).

**TEXAS (PASADENA/HOUSTON):**

This is a separate listing for Carlos Wallace and his DZ even though it is in the Houston area. Tim Hinkle reports that C.G. is running a smooth operation, (in spite of plane-availability problems occasionally), and requires all jumpers to wear reserves, Carlos, himself, has been seen to pull at 2000' feet, twice in a row. Seriously, Carlos has a good DZ, with packing tables; coke machine; 100' pea-gravel target; and safety is stressed. For more information, write Carlos at 2604 Grape Lane, Pasadena, Texas 77502, or Tim Hinkle, Box 5655, S.F.A. Station, Nacogodoches, Texas 79561, Dr. Ed Fitch, president of USPA, is also in this area....so make it a two-in-one trip. Oh, yes...one last note...be careful around Carlos if he is packing his .45...last time he was carrying it, he shot himself in the hip.

**TEXAS (GEORGETOWN/AUSTIN):**

There is a target at Georgetown you can't believe, 23" of pea-gravel and WASHED pea-



gravel at that. Public support is also unbelievable for the target was put in free of charge by the city and the Sam Bass Steak House in Roundrock, Texas. Many of the Texas Parachute Council Meets are held here and the address to contact if you're in the area is: Capt. Douglas MacCallon, 5204 Basswood Lane, Austin, Texas 78723. Doug will fill you in on the details.

**TEXAS (GALVESTON):**

"Doc" and Stevie Anagnostic are the people to contact, 3040 Cedar Drive, La Marque, Texas 77568. They have a pea-gravel target, a C-195 (the 5th plane for them so far) which will carry 5 jumpers and the pilot. Arlen Ward; George Elam; and Jerry Kays are regular members of the club, and Skip Heard drops in occasionally. Safety is the by-word here and facilities are excellent. Be sure to contact the club if you're near Galveston and the Galveston Skydivers.

**TEXAS (DALLAS):**

The DZ at Watt's (Argyle, Texas) is no more but there is no shortage of DZ's in the Dallas area. The Dallas Skydivers, Inc. (DSI) is the largest club here with the Texas Parachute Council (TPC) also headquartered in Dallas. This is home for Martha Huddleston, Jerry & Sherry Schrimsher, Barbara & Bob Vanderslice, John Berke (president of DSI), Hank Brawley, Jack Shelley, Ken Beaushaw, Jack Lankford, and Jimmie Smith. You can call Jack Lankford at 369-5559 (Richardson, Texas); Jerry Schrimsher at FL 7-5411 (ext. 282, work); or John Berke at EM 1-1929 (Dallas). You may write the Dallas Skydivers at 318 N. Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201, or Jack D. Lankford, P. O. Box 1283, Richardson, Texas 75080 for information on TPC or jumping in the area.

**TEXAS (FORT WORTH):**

Jumpers like Irene Evans (oldest active female in the U.S.); Ben Baker; Larry Cockerham; Roger Frazier; Allen Garland; Sam McGill; Bill Austin; Guy Lindsey and Landon Son make the DZ almost every weekend and the Fort Worth Sport Parachute Club is becoming one of the most active clubs in Texas. I was talking with Jim Williamson at a meet in Tonganoxie recently and he assures me all visitors are more than welcome. You can write Jim at 1425 Caim Circle, Fort Worth, Texas 76103 (or Sam McGill at the same address) or call 926-7649 (AC 817). Make sure you make a lift with this club if possible. They have their DZ at Alvarado, Texas and Ed Dowdy is around for your rigging needs. There is a C-172 and C-182 and Guy Lindsey is ASO for the area. As I said before, make it by.

**TEXAS (LAREDO):**

The Laredo Skydivers were formed in October of 1964 by Stuart McCurdy and have since become well-known in Texas. Their members include Ron Doughty, Mike Fernandez, and Bill Melott (and, of course, Stuart). Stuart owns a C-182 and facilities are excellent. You can contact Bill Melott at P. O. Box 1267, Laredo, Texas 78040 or Mike Fernandez at 1209 Victoria, Apt. #6, Laredo, Texas 78040. Stuart's address is 520 Malinche, Laredo.

**UTAH (OGDEN):**

One address you may contact, and past that, I have nothing in the files. Dave Reid, Box 918, Hill AFB, Utah 84401 is in the area and will assist.

**UTAH (GENERAL):**

Your best bet would be to contact the Con-

ference Director, Steve Biljanic, P. O. Box 133, Midvale, Utah, Steve is active on DZ's throughout the Mountain Conference and will steer you in the right direction. He doesn't make a lot of the Board Meetings, but he makes most of the DZ's.

**VERMONT (GENERAL):**

Peter B. Jackson, Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont 05753 is the person to contact if you're in the state. Where the Vermont jumpers call home is something Pete will fill you in on.

**VIRGINIA (FT. MEYER/ARLINGTON):**

I had one report not too long ago that the jumping was stopped by State Law but don't quote me on that. And if such a law does exist, it probably does not cover military DZ's. For purposes of this directory, I'll assume you can jump and go from there. In the Arlington/Alexandria area, contact the Ft. Meyer Sport Parachute Club, P. O. Box 13, Fort Meyer, Arlington, Virginia 22211 or Bob Thackray, 6036 Richmond Highway, Apt. 514, Alexandria, Virginia 22303. Lt. Harold Donley and Harry Thompson (stationed at Cameron Station) are also in the area.

**VIRGINIA (CHARLOTTESVILLE):**

DZ-USA's only commissioned officer (female-type) is here. Linda F. Avant, 2002 Jefferson Park Avenue, Apt. 29, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903. She can tell you the status of DZ's in this area...and please don't bug her for any other reason.

**VIRGINIA (VIRGINIA BEACH):**

Ty Zellers, 2521 Beaufort Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455 is the only address in the files for this area of Virginia.

**VIRGINIA (NORFOLK/LITTLE CREEK):**

Here again, this may be military only but check it out. Roger A. Christensen, 828 E. Ocean View Avenue, Apt. #3, Norfolk, Virginia 23503 or Stan Janecka, Sea 1, Team 2, USNAB, Little Creek, Virginia 23521 may help. Both are Navy, I believe, so USN personnel should check here before anyplace else.

**VIRGINIA (FT. LEE):**

This is military and Jim Garvey, Co. E, Student Officer, QMS Bde, Box 3574, Ft. Lee, Virginia 23801 would be the man to contact. Lt. Dick Hill is also at Ft. Lee (Co. L. 2nd Bn, QMS Bde., Ft. Lee 23801), plus Pete Pearson; Jim West (HHC 22 FASCOM, Ft. Lee, Virginia 23801); and others too numerous to list. This is as active a club as you'll find (if you figure that sentence out).

**VIRGINIA (ANNANDALE/FAIRFAX):**

This is back in the Arlington area but it bears checking out. Paul Odom, 6848 Murray Lane, Annandale, Virginia 22003 is the source of info on DZ's in this case. Sue Lenhart is in Fairfax but I hesitate in passing out the female addresses. Jim White, 10215 Forest Avenue, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 would be the contact there.

**VIRGINIA (FT. EUSTIS):**

George Crutchfield, 56426972, 490th TC Co., Fort Eustis, Virginia 23604 would be the easiest way to find a DZ here. It's on base, I'm fairly sure, and again, probably military only. Jeff Barrie, Stu Off Co TOAC 1-68, USATSCH, Ft. Eustis, Virginia 23604 is another man to contact.

**VIRGINIA (LYNCHBURG):**

Ken Cooper, Crist Motel, Ward's Road, Lynchburg, Va. 24502 is the only name in the files for this area. I have Don Legg, Keen Mountain, Virginia 24624 for somewhere around here but I can't find it on the map. Good hunting.



Some of the recent Dallas happenings included Jerry Schrimsher presenting Raquel Welch with an honorary membership in Dallas Skydivers, a bikini made from a 1.1 and a scroll welcoming her to Dallas.

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**VIRGINIA (SUFFOLK):**

South of Newport News, here is the home of the Norfolk Skydivers who jump at Suffolk Airport, Suffolk, Virginia. You can contact Denny Morse, USS KITTIWAKE (ASR-13), c/o FPO, New York, New York 09501 or Mickey Spruill, 512 "A" Street, Elizabeth City, No. Carolina 27909 (for information concerning the Peninsula Skydivers). As you already know, jumping is somewhat restricted in Virginia, but maybe one of these jumpers can help out.

**WASHINGTON (RICHLAND):**

This is home of the Thunderbirds and the DZ is at Richland. Bob Hannigan, Larry Warrner (presently grounded with an injury), and Hilliard Griffin are some of the members, Joe Brockway, 1615 S.E. 20th, Portland, Oregon 97214 can fill you in on the details and who to contact in the club. The Walla Walla Sky Divers are also in the area and Joe can also provide the information on that club.

**WASHINGTON (VANCOUVER):**

This is home of the Century Skydivers (219 N. E. 92nd Avenue, Vancouver, Washington 98664) and location of the Washington State Championships this year (15-16 June). Tee Brydon is near there (Everett) but probably jumps with the Seattle club...keep an eye out anyway. Some of Century members include Paul Lawrence (president); Bob Edwards (sec. treas.); Jerry Baumchen; Lanny Springer; and Fred Edwards. The club is about 4½ years old and growing steadily. The DZ is at the Western Sport Parachute Center, Scholls Airport, 9113 N. E. 117th Avenue, Vancouver and you can call Paul at 695-4616 or Bob Edwards at 694-7160. I believe Jim Lowe, D-855 jumps with the club, as well as Dan Grace (who is also a rigger). You can also write Bob Edwards at 816 S. E. 100th Avenue, Vancouver, Wash.

**WASHINGTON (MOSES LAKE):**

Not a single subscriber in the area...how did that happen? You'll have to contact Ted Mayfield, 13211 N. E. Marine Drive, Portland, Oregon 97230, for the straight scoop on where and when the Moses Lake Sky Divers jump.

**WASHINGTON (SEATTLE):**

The Seattle Sky Divers (Bill Ehrhardt, president) jump at Snohomish, Washington Wednesday through Sunday. The mailing address is P. O. Box 103, Snohomish, Wash., or you can call Gary Bardell or Al Zilk at LO 8-5422. Rigger service, complete student instruction, and excellent facilities. A couple other addresses in the Seattle area are: Charley Bunch, 15422 88th Avenue, N. E., Bothell, Wash. 98011 and Bob Cox, 3816 156th S.W., Alderwood Manor, Wash. 98036.

A second club in this area is the Seattle Sky Sports, with their DZ at Issaquah, Washington. Richard Henkel is secretary of the club and past that I can only offer the address of John Scott (who does a lot of judging in this area). You can write him at 12024 Woodinville Way, Woodinville, Washington 98072. Or, if I have goofed, some of the names I gave for the Seattle Sky Divers may really be Seattle Sky Sports. I'll let you determine this for yourself. Here again, Ted Mayfield could assist you in directions and explanations of DZ's nearest you.

**WASHINGTON (SPOKANE):**

I have only one address for the Spokane Sport Parachute Club (T-Sgt. Joe D. Cason, 4208 E. 22nd Avenue, Spokane, Wash. 99203).

**WEST VIRGINIA (HUNTINGTON):**

This is almost in Kentucky and almost in Ohio, so you shouldn't have a shortage of DZ's in all directions. Bob & Barbara Bragg, 6280 Aracoma Road, Huntington, West Vir-

ginia 25705 would probably provide the directions for the asking.

**WEST VIRGINIA (MORGANTOWN/FAIRMONT):**

If you're in the northern part of the state, Tom McClellan, Box 753, West Virginia University Medical Center, Morgantown, West Virginia 26506. Here again. You're close to a bordering state (Pennsylvania) and there should be no problem in finding a DZ.

**WISCONSIN (LAKE GENEVA):**

The Connie O'Rourke Skydivers have their DZ here and can be contacted by writing Bill Fleming at P. O. Box 148, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin 53147. You can call Bill at 248-6072 (AC 414) if you're in the area. And in case that is an airport number, just ask for a jumper.

**WISCONSIN (LAKE WINNEBAGO AREA):**

Two subscribers in this area. Terry Warrick, 615 Richard Drive, Menasha, Wisc. 54952 and Mary Lee Huber, 706 Kohler-718 E. Alton, Appleton, Wisc. 54911. Sorry, but nothing else in the files for this area.

**WISCONSIN (MADISON):**

Here again, I don't have the club name in the files but they may also use the Seven Hills Skydivers DZ at Waterloo. Jumpers in this area include: Larry Johnson, 525 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison, Wisc. 53703; Lynn M. Tesser, 2101 Linden Avenue, Apt. #6, Madison, Wisc. 53704; Jack Green, P.O. Box 5157, Madison, Wisc. 53705; or Patricia Deck, 108 S. University Avenue, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin 53916 (about 40 miles from Madison).

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**WISCONSIN (MILWAUKEE/WAUKESHA AREA):**

Contact Howard Petzold, West 192 North 4944, One Mile Road, Manomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53051 or Alois A. Mozejewski Jr., 5230 So. Majors Drive, New Berlin, Wisconsin 53151 if you're in the Milwaukee area and I'm sure they will direct you to a nearby DZ. Scott Smith, 4630 South Pine Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisc. 53207 may also help. The club there includes Don Devine, Ray Mahon, Bill Lau, and Joseph Dolney. This is a guess, but the Seven Hills Skydivers are near Waterloo, Wisconsin and may be the DZ for these guys. Dave Ralbovsky is president of Seven Hills SD's and may be contacted by writing 142½ No. Lum Avenue, Waterloo, Wisconsin 53594.

**WISCONSIN (WISCONSIN RAPIDS):**

A little farther north brings us to Wisconsin Rapids, Stevens Point, and Marshfield. In Stevens Point, you can contact Joe Negard, 2241 Main Street, Stevens Point, Wisc. 54481. In Wisconsin Rapids, it's either Loren Bailey, 1961 Wickham Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc. 54494; or Ray Kester, Route #2, Wisconsin Rapids 54494.

**WISCONSIN (EAU CLAIRE):**

Dave Turner, 2704 Blakeley Avenue, Eau Claire, Wisc. 54701 is the man to contact in this area. There is a DZ to the west (at Osceola) and operated by Art Steffen so maybe Dave can fill you in on the details.

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# IN MEMORIUM

MARK BARON, USPA TREASURER AND  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR IS DEAD

Byline: Editor, DZ-USA

This will be one of the most difficult articles I have ever written. Walking away from the graveside services on 12 April 1968, I still hadn't accepted the fact that a friend to sport parachuting was gone. Mark was a fairly new friend to me but in the short space of a year and a half, he was one of the few Board Members I felt I knew as an individual, not as a member of any organization or group. You felt as comfortable in a hotel room drinking "no ice and tap-water bourbon" as you did when he cut loose on you for something he felt should have been handled differently. A very unique person who will leave a vacancy in USPA that won't be easily filled, if ever. With three or four words, he could settle almost any issue, and throw in a sense of humor to boot. When his Stearman slammed him in and ended it all, if Mark had lived through it, he would probably have had some short, clever comment to cover it all and went right on as if it never happened. It did happen, however, and to those who knew him (and those who didn't), his shadow will still fall upon the next Board Meeting. Years from now, his influence will still be felt, and that is as it should be. You don't accomplish what Mark did and see a few short years of the future wipe it all out. Mark stood much taller than that in life.

I'm not too gifted with the words, so I will include the following comments by Bill Ottley, National Director, which I believe fits my feelings as well as many others who knew and respected Mark:

"Mark was sort of an odd guy, and a little different, I guess, from other jumpers, but when you got to know him, he was a wonderful person with a glorious wit; a really sharp sense of humor; and a superb mind. While he was treasurer of USPA(PCA), we never enjoyed better management... and as you know from coming to Board Meetings, whenever Mark had something to say, everyone listened to him and very few people argued with him. Personally, I'll miss the little guy a helluva lot (since we had gotten to be pretty good friends), and I know USPA will have to work hard to find his equal to fill his job. As you know, from the Board Meeting in St. Louis, his handling of USPA funds was proven to be 1000% correct and in order. This is the best possible kind of financial management, and I think that was something he was properly very proud of. I think he'll be very much missed."



Staff Sergeant Phillip D. LaFramboise, D-1372, has been killed in action with Company A, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry of the 101st Airborne Division. He had been in Vietnam only a few weeks.

Phil's many friends and loved ones are joined by Lieutenant Colonel Harry A. Hodges, D-1464, in paying tribute to one who has fallen in the defense of freedom in the Republic of Vietnam.

Phil, known to his friends as "Bla Bla", was a fine person, an outstanding soldier, and expert parachutist. He was a former mem-

This issue, by the way was delayed by Lyle Cameron.....in the friendliest way. I'll explain in the next issue. In the meantime, I apologize for dragging my feet again. It looked like I was going to be on schedule in April.....

ber of the Fort Ord Command Parachute Team, European Command Parachute Team, Fort Myer, Virginia, Sport Parachute Club, and the Pelicans of Maryland. A proficient relative worker and competent freefall photographer, he always had time to help the new jumper, even if it meant missing his lift.

He loved life, people and jumping. In his last letter to Harry, he spoke of joining the U. S. Army Parachute Team upon his return from Vietnam. He will be missed by his friends and loved ones.

## Find'em

### MORE STOLEN GEAR

I am hard put to explain ANY loss of gear, but recently there seems to be a rash of thieves from one end of the U. S. to the other. I hate to say it but too many thefts have been reported and none of the gear is ever recovered. We need somebody of helping each other and getting the sticky-fingered little creeps out of the sport. Here is the latest list of equipment taken from Lt. Lee Hector, Fayetteville, North Carolina:

*Para-Commander, blue with gold keyhole and lobster tail, OD HALO (military) container, with sage-green harness. Canopy has about six small smoke burn holes, and some black shoe polish stains on the stabilizer panels. Manufacture date is May '66. Had a Strong shorty-sleeve on it and 2 MA-1 orange pilot chutes....*

*26' conical reserve in Pioneer sage-green curved container. Canopy has green stains on it from a tree landing....*

*German-made altimeter, mountain climbing type, with homemade wrist mount. Altimeter is about 3/4" thick and 3" in diameter, and chrome plated. Velcro tape mount....*

*Bell Helmet, TX-500, white, PCA emblem on front....*

*Camouflage jumpsuit with all sorts of patches, made in Korea....*

*Packing equipment, 2 cheapo rigs, one T7A reserve, kit bags, camera, and a pair of binoculars....almost \$1500 worth of equipment in all. This does not include Lee's logbooks which were also taken. Anybody want to put a price on a logbook?*

There is a \$50 reward for recovery of all or any part of the equipment. Lee is leaving for Vietnam on the 20th of May, so how about looking around extra careful on this one. If you think you know who may have it, drop a line to Captain Billy Joe Turner, c/o Center for Special Warfare Parachute Club, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina 28307. Capt. Turner is handling the reward in Lee's absence. Can't we catch just one of these characters to make an example of? Maybe that would stop some of this. I personally hate to see a guy like Lee (or anyone else for that matter) lose four year's of gear he bought piece by piece, and to some joker who will throw half of it away (like the logbooks) and sell the rest of it for a dollar or so. Put yourself in Lee's shoes and I'm sure you would want someone to help you recover the gear.

### AND STILL MORE STOLEN GEAR

Two Sentinels and one reserve were stolen from the Baltimore Skydiver clubhouse in January of 1968. One Sentinel was in a old model with a built-in altimeter, was in a white homemade panel, and had a completely cracked lens with a filed groove in the red knob. The other was a new Sentinel in a black panel with "Aug 1967" scratched into the back of the blue housing. The reserve was a 26' white Switlick, serial 69739, short risers and pilot chute. A reward is offered. If you have any information please contact the Baltimore Skydivers, 5513 Council Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21227, or phone 242-0745.

## Landmark

### FIRST BROKEN LEG FOR 1968

F. M. "Frenchy" Babineaux has added some plaster for the New Year with a busted leg at exactly 3 minutes past midnight, 1 January 1968. A New Year's Eve jump that he'll remember for about six months. His only concern at the moment is that DZ-USA may not arrive on time to speed his recovery I'll do all I can in that department, Frenchy..

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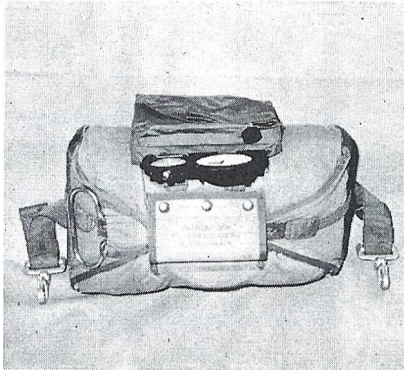
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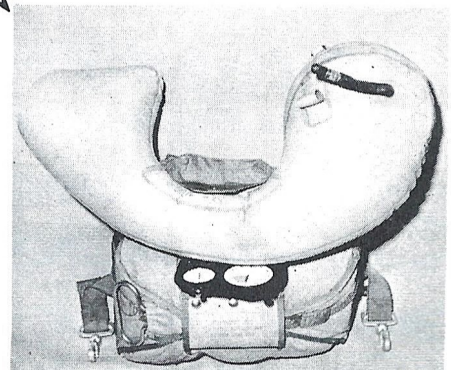
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**2ND ANNUAL MARDI GRAS MEET  
SOUTHERN PARACHUTE CENTER**

Gras meets the success they are. Leon flies, manifests, organizes, hustles, and 10 other things, while Prissie works like she has four arms and manages a smile all the while. Two great people who make Southern Parachute center what it is. Carolyn Cascio came one step nearer being a SMSL (if she makes it, she'll be the only female member of the Order), and speaking of the fairer sex, I managed a short conversation with Laura MacKenzie (who came all the way from Connecticut to attend the meet). I know I've left some people out....Dale Alexander; Jack Hill; Rich Hice; Hugh Dyer; Ron Carter; Don Herbel; Wayne Sanders; Earl Gowan; Ken Wolma; Randy Padgett; Tom Wade....but I ran a little late in New Orleans on Sunday and missed talking to many of the contestants. I'll let the following page of photos speak for me and urge you to make the Mardi Gras Meet next year....I can't think of any meet more deserving of your support.

C. E. Hunnell



The winners: left to right, standing: Eddie Burns; James Cazer; Fritz Jackson; Capt. Royce Parker; Herb Thorton; Mike Brown; Joe Morgan (judge); Herb Golden (judge); Ron Radhoff (judge); Rick Miller (judge)....left to right, kneeling: Don Hathaway; Bob Blanchard; Bob LeBeau; and Jim Gibbs. Photo by Hunnell.



Nokey Klutts splitting for one while two of the judges keep their hands warm. Photo by Leigh Russell.

Jim Gibbs bringing in his PTCH-6 with his wife in the foreground. Photo by Bob LeBeau.



The large and the small of it....Bob Sprague (left) at over 280 pounds, and Joe Turner (Denver, Colorado) at 108 pounds. Photo by Mike Larson. Joe, by the way, is an engineer with the Bureau of Reclamation in Denver and is 24 years old.



Team Sack Race (Team #69....Bob LeBeau and friends). Photo by Jim Gibbs.

Ito Iglesias (1st place, accuracy) with only 60 jumps to his credit. Photo by Leigh Russell.



# WHO IS IT:

## THIS MONTHS QUIZ (QUIZ #2)

Because of everyone getting their issue of DZ- at a different time (2nd class, first class, air pony express, etc)...the rules are a little different this time. Submit your answers to the quiz (Quiz #2) before 9 JUNE 1968 and all the correct entries will be put into a hat (my wife's) and she will draw the winner. The winner will be sent TWO sets of shot-and-a-capewells (worth about \$20) for this month's quiz.



Photo is by Dan Poynter and taken at Indiantown, Florida (Pop's Place) this past January. He is a nationally known competitor named Georr Dowfor!

Quiz #1 got Bob Sprague, Clinton, Illinois, an oxygen bail-out bottle (w/face mask and regulator)... plus credits to the following entries:

- Bob Sprague, Clinton, Illinois ..... 4 credits
- M. E. Clucas, Rockford, Illinois ..... 3 credits
- Tim Hinkle, Nacogdoches, Texas ..... 4 credits
- Jim Wilson, Urbana, Illinois ..... 4 credits
- Ken Beaushaw, Irving, Texas ..... 4 credits
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- Gerald Baumchen, Portland, Oregon ..... 4 credits
- Jouko Kuuttila, Voluntown, Conn ..... 3 credits
- Terry Gruner, Urbana, Illinois ..... 4 credits
- Rick Purcell, Reno, Nevada ..... 3 credits
- John Dixon, Urbana, Illinois ..... 4 credits
- Bill Galbraith, E. St. Louis, Ill ..... 4 credits

And keep one thing in mind...even if you do not win the month's quiz, you still have 4 credits toward the end-of-the-year prize if you have them all correct...or 3...or 2...or whatever number of correct guesses you make. It is possible to have 48 credits by the end of the year and still not win any of the month's prizes...so send them in. Those correct answers could get you a PC complete. It's well worth a few 6c stamps. Just one condition...you must be a subscriber to DZ-USA. Fair enough?



Photo is by Dale Kelsey and it was snapped at the 1966 Nationals. The tongue-biter is no other than Sieus Meunan.

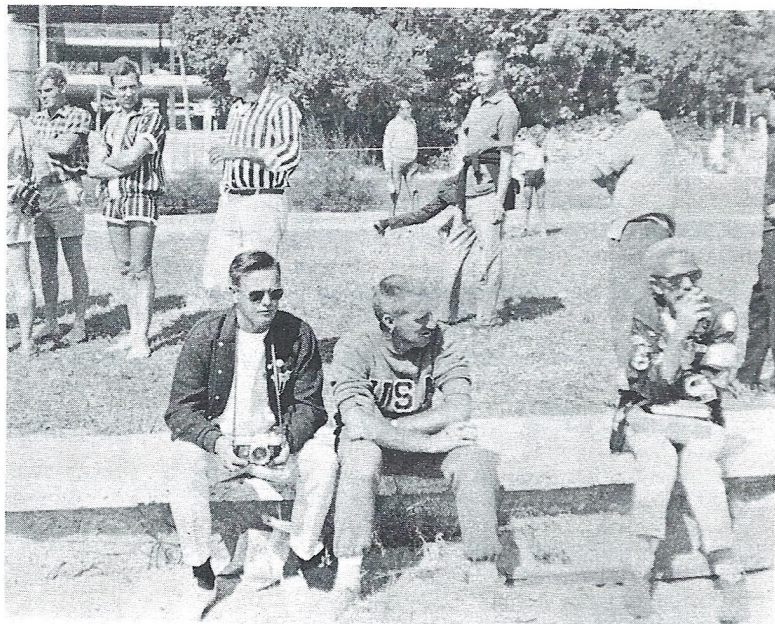
**This is QUIZ #2**



Another tough accuracy man (and a new Gold Winger), his name is Hojn Freterfs. The pic is by Bob Breen and was taken in Michigan last year at the Mid-Eastern Conference Eliminations. Lowell Bachman is the judge in the right of the photo.

## ANSWERS TO QUIZ NO. 1 :

- 1 Noel Funchess
- 2 Scotty Hamilton (finger); John Scott, Jim Lansing, and Jeff Terhune.
- 3 Ed Clucas
- 4 Lyle Cameron



This was taken by Dan Poynter too. It was in Europe at last year's competition by the U. S. Team in Bulgaria and you must identify at least three of the U.S. citizens in the photo. Sitting down is: Nel Stopt; Monran Tohnea; and Tech Dopnal. The convict's shirt is worn by Leyl Macnero.

Remember, you don't have to win each month to win at the end of the year...fire them in. I promise every picture will be a jumper who is known (more or less) nationally.



## POPS MEET

What with Lenny Barad pulling a drop-out I haven't had time to think much about a meet. However, POPS #7 has and brings it up periodically. So, your old Top POP has appointed Ken Whittier, POPS #7, to the post of 1968 POPS Meet Director and Chief Everything. He has shown much enthusiasm for the idea and claims he can really provide the gang one whale of a good time, including a DZ right in the middle of New Orleans! If Ken comes through, you can look for a notice in the jumping magazines. His address is Ken Whittier, POPS #7, P. O. Box 149, Belle Chasse, Louisiana 70037. Why don't all you pooped out panthers drop him a note and express your feelings about a POPS Meet. (That's a suggestion, not a question.)

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## COMING MEETS

### NORTH GEORGIA SPC THE ATLANTA JUBILEE MEET THE LAKE SPIVEY ACCURACY FUN-FEST 29-30 JUNE 1968

Two events: Individual accuracy (two jumps on the beach and one timed water jump) and Team Exhibition Event. 4-man teams performing any exhibition they wish (within USPA regulations) and the spectators will decide the best team by ballot. You must provide your own floatation gear and jumps are \$3.50 per jump plus \$3.00 entry fee. Trophies to first 3 places in all events. "B" license minimum with three classes of individual accuracy: Novice (25-75 jumps); Intermediate (76-200); and Advanced (200 and over). Fun and practice jumps on Friday with 23,000' jumps with oxygen available for \$13.00. The meet is in conjunction with the Atlanta July Jubilee Festival and crowds in the thousands are expected to attend. There will be a complete chicken dinner served Saturday night for 75¢ and a free beer bust on the beach. The North Georgia jumpers are putting up their homes for free sleep-ins on the floor. Bring your own bag (sleeping and/or wife). Information will be available at Lake Spivey Friday or visit the Canopy Lounge in Atlanta on Ponce de Leon across from Sears. Any additional information will be provided by writing or contacting Bill Dorroh, 669 Farrar Court, Decatur, Georgia (ZIP 30030) or calling 289-6313. It will be a "one-of-a-kind" meet, so plan to attend and live it up.

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### PRE-CONVENTION OLD TIMERS JUMP MEET 3 JULY 1968

This year, the 82nd C-47 Club Old Timers will not only be jumping for the 22nd Convention championship trophies but also will be picked to jump in the 25th anniversary of the invasion of Normandy to be held June 6, 1969, at St. Mere Eglise, Normandy, France. All 82nd Airborne C-47 Old Timers must make at least two jumps in 1968 to be eligible to jump in Normandy. Proof of these jumps must be in your logbooks. So, shine the high boots, pay your dues and write to Danny Latchford, Meet Director, P. O. Box 341, Novi, Michigan 48050 for 82nd Airborne Division Association applications and for C-47 Old Timers Club information.

## 7TH ANNUAL NORTHWEST MEET

### MINNESOTA SKYDIVERS TRIANGLE AVIATION, STANTON, MINN. 3-4 AUGUST 1968

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Event IV - Senior Advanced Accuracy (225 jumps and over), all canopies, 3 jumps, 2500'. \$13.50  
Event V - Team Accuracy, all canopies, 3-man team. 1 jump, 3500', \$13.50 entry fee.

Trophies will be given to FIRST 5 PLACES in event I through IV. Entry fee will be refunded to first place winner in Event IV (Senior Advanced Acc.). A merchandise award PLUS a full tank of gas will be given to the jumper who traveled the furthest to attend the meet. All scoring will be the 5 X 10 system. 20-meter pea-gravel bowl with jumping on the airstrip. For the money jumper, a \$5 pot will be initiated, and winner takes all. Trophies will be given to each member for the first 3 teams. Registration and practice jumps being at 9:00 AM, Friday morning, 15 September, at Floating Feather Airport. \$1 will be deducted from registration fee if received before midnight Friday, 15 September. Registration will close at 12:00 PM, Saturday. Pre-registration will be accepted by mail. USPA, PCC membership, reserve and logbooks will be checked. Entry fee includes all you can eat and drink Saturday night. For further information, write or call Wally Benton, 2812 Montevista Drive, Boise, Idaho 83706 (Ph: 343-7645); or Steve McNeill, 1621 So. Olympia Drive, Boise, (Ph: 344-0278).

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### 1968 NATIONAL PARACHUTING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS ALLIANCE, OHIO DZ 21-22 SEP 68

Raindate is 28-29 September 1968. Hosted by the Alliance Sport Parachute Club, Inc., and sponsored by the Alliance, Ohio Jaycees. Judges will be Gordon Riner (World Judge); Lowell Bachman (FAI Judge); and Jack Huntsberger (FAI Judge). More information in future issues of DZ-USA.

Byline: Jack Sowle-POPS #33

## PARACHUTISTS OVER PHORTY SOCIETY

### POPPED OUT

Lenny Barad, POPS #1, has quit! Lenny has suffered for some time with a painful ankle, broken as the result of a crash-and-burn competition landing. He said it has never healed properly and the three pins that hold it together must be rusted because he squeaks when he walks. He also has a bum knee from a skiing spill a couple of years ago. Not caring to chance further injury to the weakened parts Lenny has not jumped for a long time. He says this makes him feel like a Phonie Jonie, trying to hang in there with the POPS and parachuting in general. Consequently, POPS #1 threw in the towel and divorced himself completely from the sport. Needless to say, I will miss him as he has done half the work since I took over. I am certain you other POPS share in my disappointment at this news. Lenny Barad will still be "No. 1" at the top of the POPS Manifest.

### WHAT'S NEW?

That is exactly what I would like to know! It is tough trying to write the BULLS with nothing to go on. The column belongs to you old goats. I can't write it from imagination. Just jot down some of those stories you pitch over a pitcher and shoot 'em in to me. I'll work them into a BULL blurb. At the moment we have "141" members and about 10, if that many, write occasionally. What the hell is the matter with you other 131 guys? The rocking chair in our emblem was supposed to be a joke! I think most of you old coots must be stuck in the damn things. Well, at least I never hear anything to the contrary.

### PILOTING POP PARACHUTIST

POPS #120, Bob Martin, flew P-47 Thunderbolts in Europe during the second big fracas and he is still tooling birds around. Maybe they're not as powerful as the P-47 but they get a few jumpers to altitude when expertly coaxed by POPS #120. Bob is the Chief Pilot for the Frontier Sky Divers and has been since 1962. He has logged over 300 hours jump pilot time and put out over 3000 jumpers. In the process, he's had to make four forced landings. (All successful!) On his 52nd jump, in October, 1966, Bob wrenched the hell out of his left knee. After surgery to drill the bones and wire things up inside he can only bend the bloomin' thing about 50% of the way. However, he has a modified "38" footer all packed and waiting for a break in the weather. (That's the old POPS spirit!) Bob is pretty proud of his seventeen year old son, Mike, who was shooting for his "D" by January, 1968. (Should have it by the time you read this.) POPS #120 says his only claim to real fame was flying the awesome Army Team during the North American Meet.



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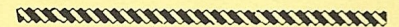
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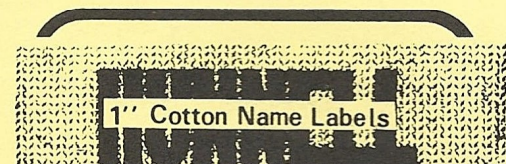
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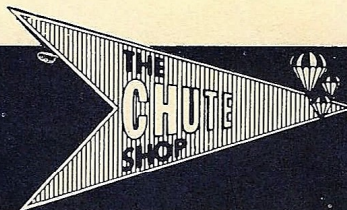
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