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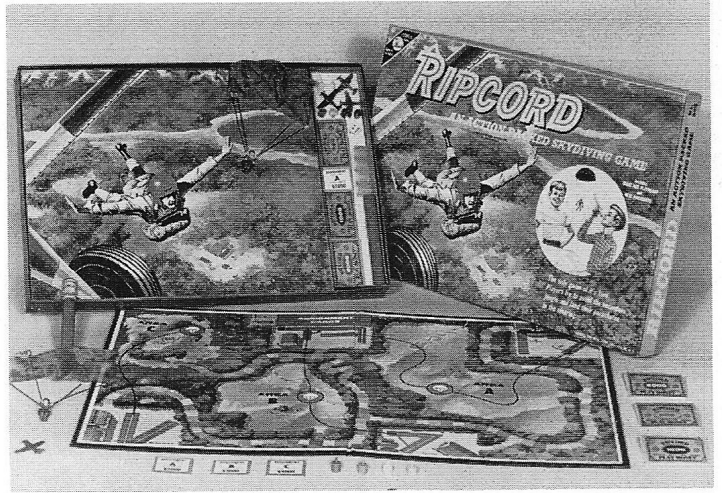
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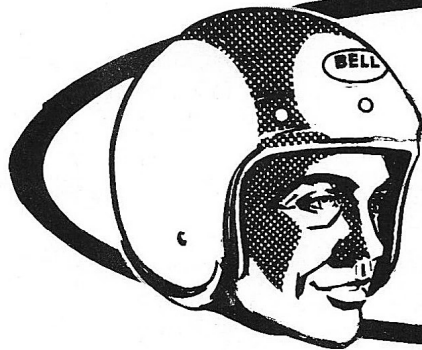
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Keith Jorgensen, bashful but prolific parachutist, is a bit camera shy over Snohomish, Washington. Photo by Bob Buquor.



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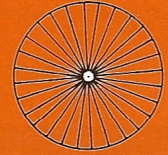
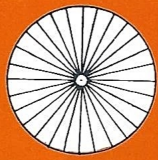
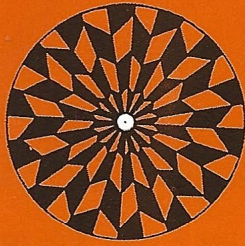
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*** AROUND THE DROP ZONE ***

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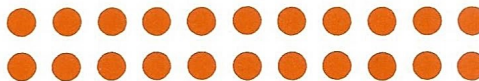
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Mid-Eastern Parachute Association meets.

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A recent report from the International Parachuting Commission states that the 7th World Championships will be held in West Germany. We were also notified that the Commission has adopted a complete and new Sporting Code of parachuting, which has been pending for twelve years.

During a brief meeting with Deke Sonnichsen, new President of Parachute Club of America, we were informed that Russ Gunby has definitely decided to retire as Executive Director. Several persons have expressed interest in filling this forthcoming vacancy, George Gividen of Tri State and Colonel William Grieves of the U.S. Army were being considered. Persons interested in this position are invited to contact P.C.A. We hate to see Russ Gunby leave, and we feel that the sport of parachuting owes him a great deal. He has carried the ball at P.C.A. headquarters, starting with a membership of about 600, to the present 10,000 membership. We would like to thank Russ Gunby for a job well done.



Mr. Ivan R. Glover sent us a note from Nassau, along with an Honorary Membership in the Bahamas Sport Parachute Club, on behalf of all PCA members in the U.S. All PCA members are invited to jump with them when in Nassau. Just call 2-4635 or 2-4046 for arrangements.

A National Geographic Society Expedition parachuted into a remote area of the Peruvian Andes in July of this year, to begin a summer long exploration of the unknown region.

Members of this expedition are Jacques A. Istel, G. Brooks Baekeland, and Peter R. Gimbel.

The section to be explored is the northwest extremity of the Vilcabamba Range, about 250 miles east of Lima. This section, ranging in elevation from 9,000 to 14,000 feet, appears as a blank on available maps. All previous known attempts to enter the area have failed. The neighboring jungle Indians are believed to have taboos against the higher ground. They will use the Lemoigne parachute, tested by Jacques Istel at altitudes of 10,000 to 12,000 feet on the slopes of Popocatepetl southeast of Mexico City.

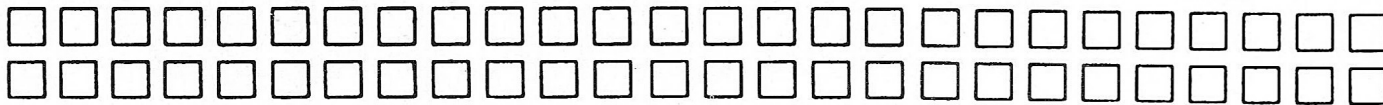
Plans for the explorers' exit will depend on circumstances. If feasible, they may prepare a landing site for the aircraft and leave by air; if not, a departure by foot would have to be made, probably to the Apurimac or Urubamba Rivers.



Dan Archuleta and Cal Camp of the Las Vegas Sky Divers wrote us a note:

This is to advise our many friends in the parachuting world of our change of address, our proposed meet (listed above, ed.) and our affiliation with any profit making organization or individuals in the Las Vegas area. The Las Vegas Sky Divers do not and will not endorse any parachute activity held in the area other than our own and will not be responsible for such unless stated publicly by our officers. Those of you who attended the National Invitational here will understand why. We welcome all jumpers to our area anytime, and have a C-18 Beech available.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Let's have more of Galloway. This is the kind of talented writing that sport parachuting publications have needed for a long time, and that we have not seen until now.

It was certainly about time someone put this record breaking foolishness in its proper perspective, and I know of no professional writer who could have done it better.

S. S. Starr
Media, Pennsylvania

Skydiving In The Land Of The Rising Sun began just a little over two years ago, being introduced to the people of Japan by the Tachikawa Air Force Club. After only a few months this fine organization became inactive and later became defunct due to lack of understanding for the sport by their commander.

There are now four clubs in Japan; all military Sagami Army, Atsugi Navy, Iwakuni Marines and the Imperial Japanese Army. The Japanese clubs original members were trained by the Tachikawa Air Force Club in the early days of 1961. The following year one of these men went on to represent his country at the world meet.

Working out the aircraft problem here as in most places seems to be quite troublesome for us as it is almost impossible to hire civilian craft due to the prices asked, \$80.00 per hour and up for 180 Cessna's.

Our biggest difficulty though is getting approval from area commanders allowing their personnel to become members and also the authorizing of aircraft support for the clubs.

Thus far our club has used C47, TF1, L20 and Tripacer class if an when the availability permits it. Although this is very few and very far between it is keeping us in the air.

As of now two women are jumping in Japan with the Imperial Club, an American civilian on 30s and a Japanese civilian on statics.

Within a month or so we have hopes

for the first civilian club in this country. It is a slow and painstaking task for all concerned with the sport. To prove skydiving not only to the Military but also the Japanese Government is our goal. Both are still lacking the understanding which is needed for this a new sport to Japan.

Carl D. Clark, President
Sagami Sport Parachute Club

Dear Ron:

Just thought I would drop a short line to say what a fine magazine you have. It is a definite asset to sport parachuting. I'm sure that anyone who has not had the privilege of making a jump will sure "get the urge" to do so after reading an issue of PARACHUTE.

I would also like to thank you for personally assisting me in the proper techniques of safe parachuting.

Best of luck to you and your efforts in PARACHUTE.

David W. Thompson
Santa Monica, California

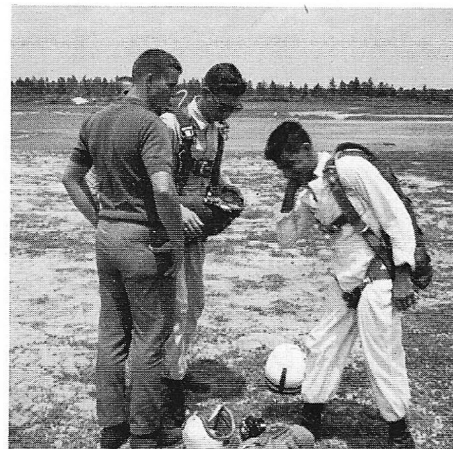
I as an active member of the Fort Lewis Parachute Club, am naturally an enthused reader of your magazine. Every member of our club reads and enjoys your magazine very much. Thank you for putting out such a fine magazine for an equally fine sport.

Cpl. Thomas E. Fink Jr.
Ft. Lewis, Washington

Enclosed are some shots that you might be interested in. Although they are no competition to Buquor or Gonzales, they were all taken on my first attempt at free fall photography. I used a wrist mount Kodak Instomatic, and the shots were taken on and over Herlong Field.

I like your magazine very much, all of the pictures are great.

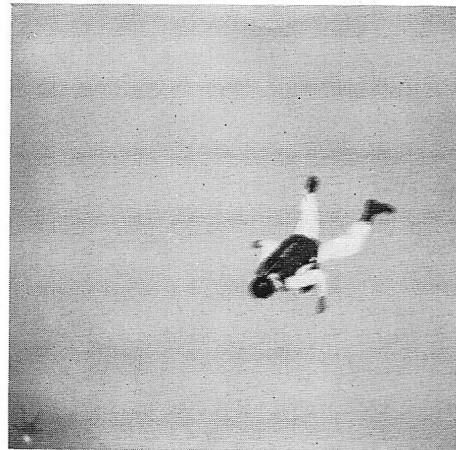
Jack Chamberlin
Cecil Field, Florida



Rick Marini (right) saying the usual things about unpadded Capewells!



Close up of Jim Parsons.



Too much of a hurry to shoot, I guess! Bob Pope in a catch-up turn on Parsons

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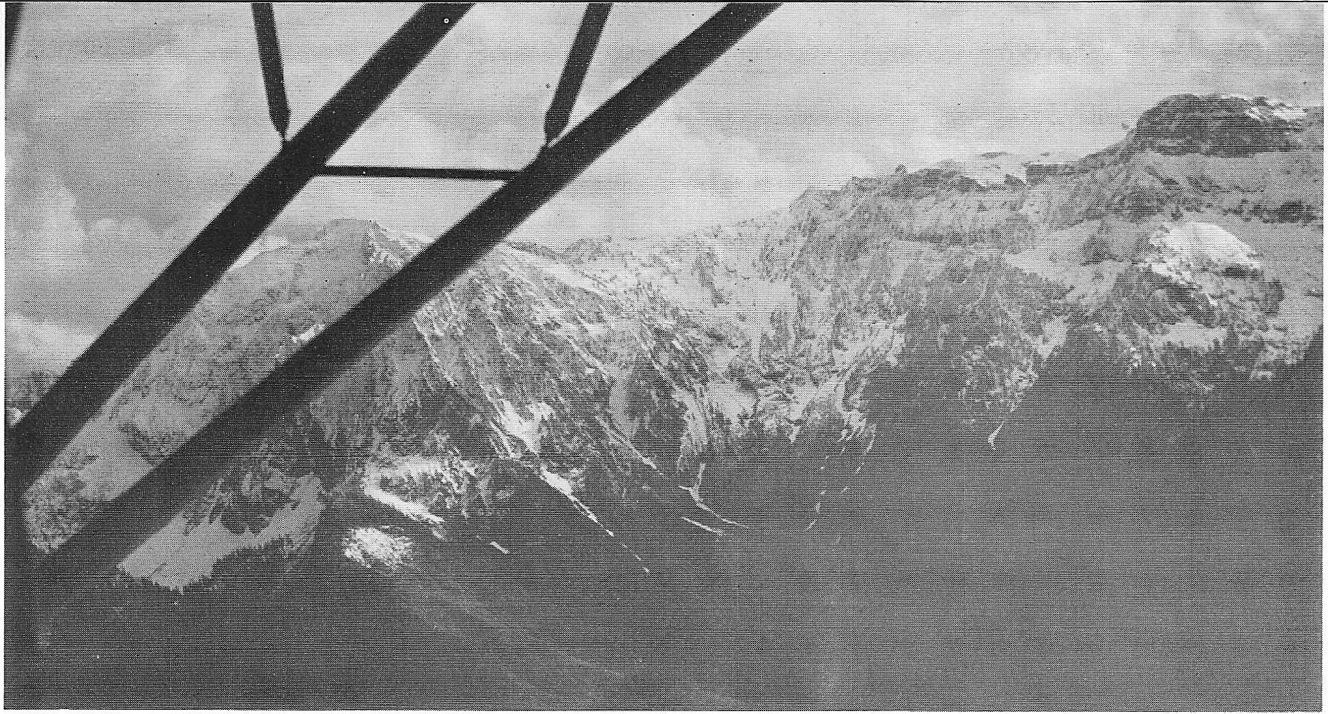
P.C.A. Director and Seattle Sky Divers President Ron Sewell over his home DZ, Snohomish, Washington.

Last April I decided to make a Motion Picture on Sky Diving. I needed to choose a filming location which would kill two birds with one stone. One, it needed to have excellent unusual scenic backgrounds and two, the area would have to supply some colorful and competent jumpers! It is lucky indeed that I chose to use the beautiful Pacific Northwest – and thus have a chance to work with the Seattle Sky Divers of Snohomish, Washington.

The only contact I previously had with this club was that of a past affiliation with Keith Jorgenson from our Army days. Keith, sixth overall at the 1961 Nationals, had joined the Seattle Sky Divers after being released from the U.S. Army Parachute Team in 1961. I had not seen Keith in two years, but it was not hard to spot him on arriving at their D.Z. in Snohomish, Washington. Red faced and chuckling as usual, he was walking around trying to look unobtrusive while he dived in his 'Chinese Jump Boots' (Tennis Shoes). As an individualistic iconoclast, Keith is a colorful guy in a colorful but solid club. Everything works out well for this group.

To begin with everybody has a job. No parachute bums, like me. No one sleeps on the packing tables, in the parachute gear, or behind the club sofa. They are

self-sufficient working people of all capacities who merely make a full time hobby of sky diving. They have a certified F.A.A. loft No. 4041. It is operated by Bill Berg, 1962 U.S. Team member who placed tenth overall in the 1962 Nationals, and Al Zilk, who along with Bill puts together the finest parachute gear I have ever had the luck to borrow (ha!). Having done such things as Ripcord, these guys figured they would see us with some pretty sumptuous equipment. What a surprise! They felt so sorry for us that they all donated their equipment to us to maintain the good name of the club. Everybody has a 1.6 Pioneer canopy, polished helmets, and Pioneer containers. On a club jump day their D.Z., a lush green meadow, is alive with multicolored canopies which are cared for better than we would care for a Corvette. Each member has a Pioneer jump suit which is kept neat and is adorned with not twenty but usually only one colorful patch. It says simply, Seattle Sky Divers. The pride they have in their equipment illustrates the pride they have in their club. Bill Berg and Al Zilk have helped this situation by successfully running a commercial center which mixes business with pleasure. Conscientious training of students plus excellent workmanship on equipment have earned for them a lucrative parachute school and loft. They have suc-



Flying past the Cascade Mountains; familiar scenery to the Seattle Sky Divers.

SEATTLE SKY DIVERS

By LEIGH HUNT

ROBERT H. BUQUOR PHOTOS

cessfully combined commercialization with a friendly "business over a cup of coffee" atmosphere which takes the stiffness out of the operation.

The Seattle Sky Divers are careful about new members, but once he is in it is an "all for one, one for all" attitude. Contrary to some clubs this is not an organization in which one of the member's wives are elected president and where kids run around gayly cutting up parachute gear. The club president is Ron Sewell, a P.C.A. Conference Director and 21st overall in the 1962 Nationals. Ron was elected not just because he supplies the club with beer (which he does) but because of his maturity, integrity and safety consciousness. Words that in some places seem to describe a "square". As President, Ron is no 'Club Napoleon'. After knowing the club for over a week I did not even know they had a president until Jack Ady, a member with over seven hundred jumps, just happened to mention it. Quietly confident and flexible, Ron radiates the quality of the club and its members.

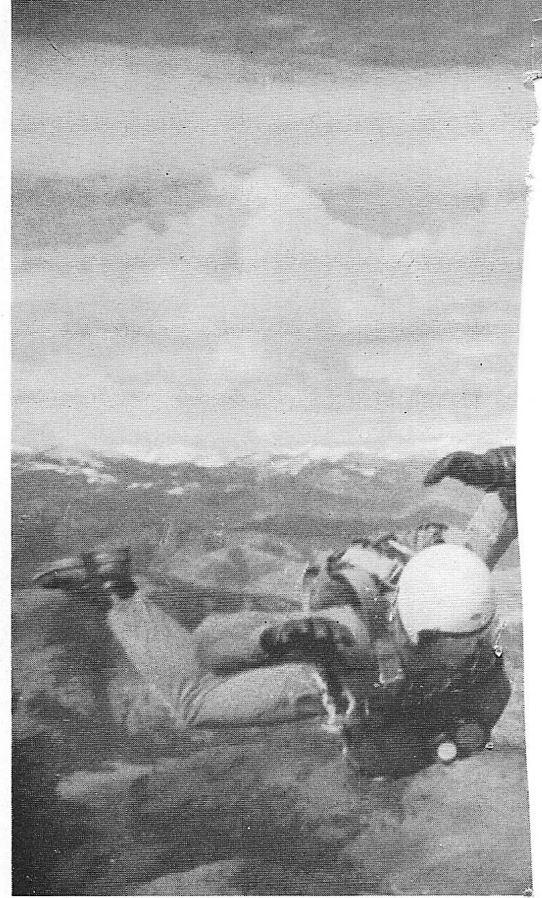
Most members are "D" licensed, or so qualified, and they show it. No need for impression or drummed up jump stories - there is just "sky diving as you like it". Daredevil heroics are viewed with contempt but there is still an atmosphere of objective experimen-

tion and fun. They have learned to mix play with work. From throwing oranges and even grapefruits at each other in free fall to serious practice for style and accuracy competitions.

Before our crew arrived on the scene, the Seattle Sky Divers had not done too much with Aerial Photography, although they certainly were not foreign to it. Lacking, however, the presumptuousness of pretending to know everything they learned quickly. While filming up in the Cascade mountains, my cameraman, Bob Buquor, hurt his knee which was to put him out of commission for a week. Since I had already been established in front of the camera, and Doyle Fields, our regular Motion Picture Photographer was sick in Los Angeles, we found ourselves in bad shape for a temporary cameraman. To alleviate the situation, Rich Johnston, another prominent member of the club, proved his value. Rich, who placed fifth in accuracy at the 1962 Nationals, decided he would like to have a crack at the camera. Although he had never fallen with a motion picture camera before, it took him very few jumps before he was producing excellent footage. Rich's experience and free fall ability, plus a helluva good mental attitude (a necessity if you are going to sport a nine pound helmet mounted camera) made him quite an asset to our



Seattle Sky Diver Pete Goodwin; one of the Club's finest Relative Workers.



Dick Carlisle and Leigh Hunt shown falling into Washington's Cascade Mountains.

operation. His sense of responsibility and safety consciousness has made Rich an excellent club free fall instructor.

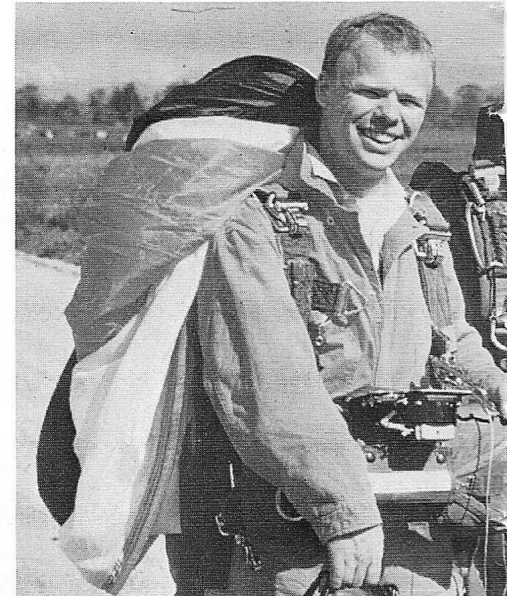
The Seattle Sky Divers had long since been active in Relative Work, and two of its most proficient members are Pete Goodwin and Dick Carlisle. Quick thinking, instinctive, and flexible in the air, Pete and Dick are quite a team in free fall. If there is a camera around,

Playing tag with Leigh Hunt is Rich Johnston (black helmet), while Pete Goodwin hovers in background.

you can be sure one of those two are busy hamming it up. The three of us had a ball taking turns throwing each other out of control or sticking Smoke Grenades in each others faces.

Of course it was not hard for us to get to know the Seattle Sky Divers. We spent five weeks of filming together all over the state. It was a veritable paradise for parachuting. Can you imagine falling over vast

From left, Dick Carlisle, Pete Goodwin, and Ron (greasy kid stuff) Sewell.





Mike Donaldson (left) and Leigh Hunt, old schoolmates, were reunited through parachuting at Snohomish.

blue ocean water and landing on emerald green islands? For variety, how about trekking into the snow capped Cascade mountains and parachuting into white mountain valleys! We might have been in the Himalayas or The Land Of Oz, for all we knew. How many chances do you get to free fall with the face of 14,000 ft. Mt. Raineer towering beside you? This is the type of thing

that really makes Sky Diving worth while, and these guys jump there all the time!

So, if you have the yen to throw some rigs in the car and travel somewhere, I hope this article will tip you off to a trip to Snohomish, Washington, the Seattle Sky Divers, and some never to be forgotten jumps in Gods Country!

From left: Rich Johnston, Leigh Hunt, Keith Jorgensen, and Bill Berg going over a jump for Sky Diving motion picture.

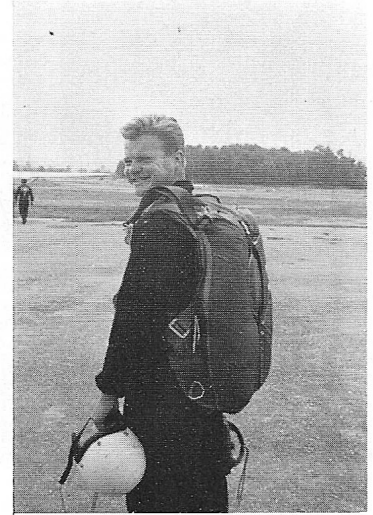




Dick Carlisle and Pete Goodwin over Snohomish.

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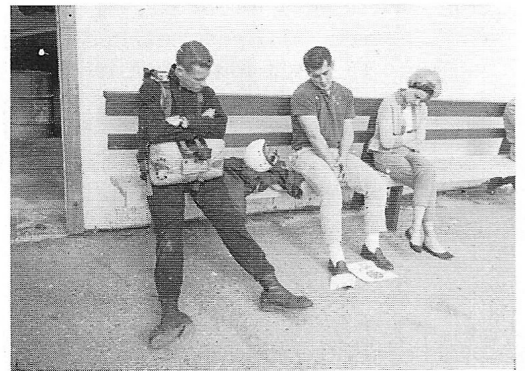


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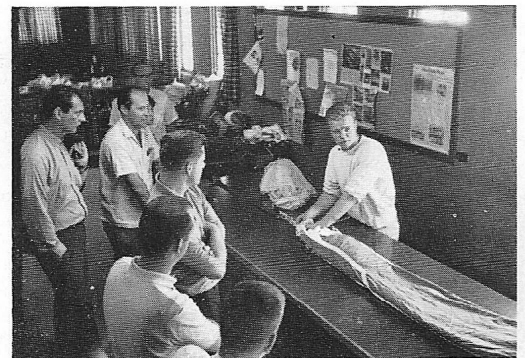
Ron Sewell



Pete Goodwin, Ron Sewell, and friend Linda.



Keith Jorgensen gives packing lessons in Snohomish loft.



Product

Evaluation..





the 1.1

1962 U.S. Team Member Carlyn Olson models the product evaluation chute, obtained from McElfish Parachute Service.

photography by J. Barry Herron

In keeping with our established policy of checking on our advertiser's equipment from time to time, we obtained a complete parachute rig from McElfish Parachute Service, Dallas Texas.

The equipment consisted of a "Conquistadore" five panel T-U, with Pioneer Sleeve, Standard Ripcord Pull, white canopy and reserve, with tie down strap and fittings. Now this, as most of our readers know, is pretty much the Ford or Chevrolet of Sports Parachuting. There is nothing unusual here by today's standards. We were interested primarily in the quality of the modification work in this case, as opposed to the equipment that is sent through the mail by some of the Surplus Dealers in this country.

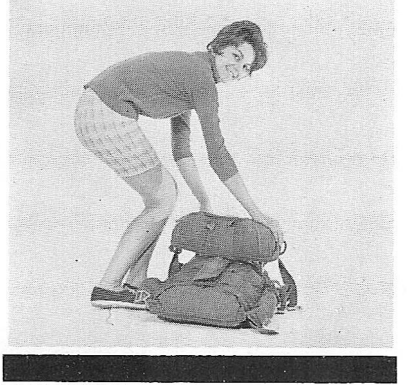
Price on this complete rig came to \$137.50, and it was shipped from Dallas to Los Angeles via Railway Express in one well packed carton. We were favorably impressed by the quality of the modification work done here; everything appeared to be brand new and in perfect condition. The sewing on the "V" Rings and "D" rings was done properly, and the tie down straps on the reserve were equipped with quick release fittings. The necessary information concerning pilot chute removal was stenciled on the inspection flap of the reserve, in compliance with FAA regulations. In this case the words were framed by a white background, a very neat solution. Small details such as reinforcing tape along the T-U gores, toggle line attachments, and installation of comfort padding showed professional attention.

On the adverse side, we prefer a

metal stiffener below the rip cord housing on the top side of the main container, and will have to have that done. Also, the main had been packed prior to shipment, but we noticed what must have been a hasty job of stowing suspension lines, as the rigger had missed one loop about three stoves up from the bottom of the sleeve. This probably would not have, but possibly could have caused a malfunction.

We jumped the rig, and enjoyed it. We chose a T-U because of its turning ability, which is about five seconds for 360 degrees. The 1.1 with its rate of descent of about 21 feet per second with a five panel T-U modification will give you a moderately fast landing. It has a forward speed of 10 to 12 miles per hour, so if you land up-wind in a moderate breeze, you should have no trouble. Why did we choose a five panel instead of a seven? We feel that the reduced rate of descent with the five panel is worth the slight sacrifice in speed if you weigh over 150 pounds. For competition jumping, a seven panel T-U is great, but save your money for a Pioneer 1.6 and you will appreciate the difference.

In closing, we recommend the "Conquistadore" as a good reliable parachute, obtainable at a moderate cost. You can save a few dollars by scrounging a rig together and putting some mickey mouse modifications in it, but it is a bad deal in the long run. We suggest that you obtain your equipment from an FAA Certified Loft, and have the work done on it by an FAA Certified Rigger. You will no doubt be glad that you did so!



Although world parachute championships are only held in even numbered years, the 1963 Team has four international championships in which to apply their training. The selection of the U.S. Army's "Home of the Airborne" for a training site wasn't a coincidence either. Last year's United States Parachute Team that competed in the VI World Parachute Championship at Orange, Mass., was composed of four members of the U.S. Army Parachute Team, the Golden Knights, and one civilian. The Knights also had two first team alternates.

Based on past performance, the

Golden Knights who are stationed at Fort Bragg also, were given the mission of representing the United States in 1963 by the Parachute Club of America.

With training now completed the pre-competition preparations included the first championship in Leutkirch, Germany, June 7-17. Bondues, France, July 3-7, was the next scheduled meet with the Rendez-Vous Cup at The Spa, Belgium, August 5-11. Concluding the three month tour will be the unofficial world championships at Portoroz, Slovenia, Yugoslavia, August 24-31. There will meet the Czechoslovakians who edged them out of first place last

year by a minimum of points. Over 20 nations will be competing, including seven communist-bloc countries.

The Golden Knights, recognized as the best parachute demonstration team in the world, consists of 34 parachutists. Nine of these men constitute the 1963 U.S. Parachute Team. The 1963 Team Leader and also the commanding officer of the U.S. Army Team is 1st Lt Roy D. Martin of Laurel, Miss. A thirteen year veteran, Lt Martin served as an NCO in the Korean War. At age 32, he has over 1,000 parachute jumps and his name appears on 34 world parachute accuracy records including an individual night mark.

GOLDEN KNIGHTS TRAIN FOR EUROPEAN COMPETITION

By LT. WIL GOODRICH

U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY SFC. JOE M. GONZALES

*And it's dead center number two in a row
for SFC Phil Vander Weg*





SFC Gerald F. Bourquin starts into his first turn of a right series over Fort Bragg's Nijmegen DZ as the 1963 United States Parachute Team trains for four international meets this summer in Europe.

Comprising the actual U.S. Team are five competitors and three alternates, Sergeant First Class Phillip J. Vander Weg, Sergeant First Class Gerald F. Bourquin, Staff Sergeant Richard T. Fortenberry, Specialist Fifth Class Coy O. McDonald and Sergeant Joe A. Norman. The alternates are Staff Sergeant Gene P. Thacker, and Specialists Fifth Class Bobby W. Letbetter and Richard C. Harman.

The senior non-commissioned officer on the team, SFC Phil Vander Weg, joined the Knights just prior to

the 1962 World Championships where he competed as one of the five U.S. Team members. His consistent parachuting accuracy was attested to recently when he scored a series of three dead center jumps on a five inch circle in three weeks. These and other near perfect landings helped the Army Team set 34 world records on which the Wayland, Mich., native's name appears.

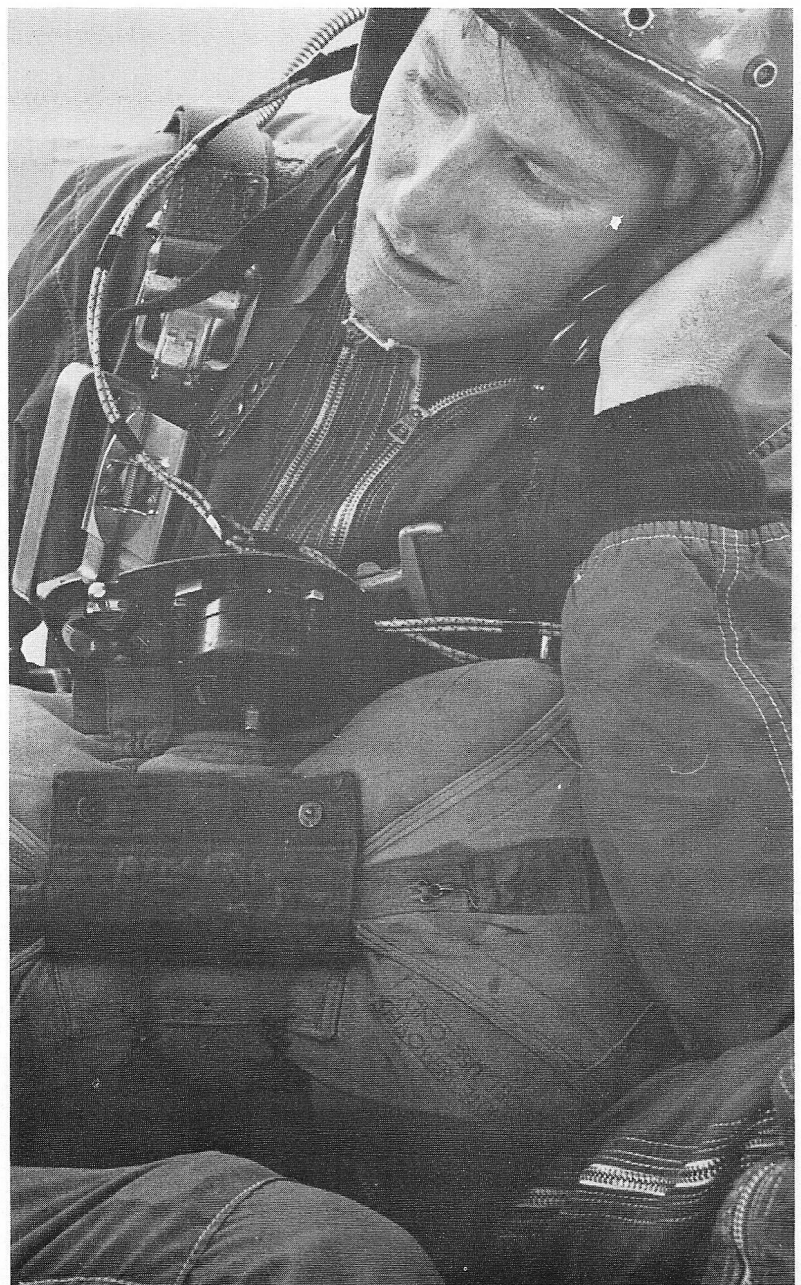
Sergeants Bourquin and Fortenberry, both Californians, have over 1,100 free-falls apiece, not counting troop jumps. SFC Bourquin is from

Yuba City and has a varied background in national and international competition. A former Riverside, Calif., resident, Fortenberry was the 1961 and 1962 U.S. champion with Bourquin the runner-up in both years. Both were members of the 1962 U.S. Team while Fortenberry finished third in the world. He was second world champion in 1960. In 1961, as members of the U.S. Team, they helped the United States take the unofficial world championships. Similar-

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TWO VARIATIONS ON THE STANDARD PROCEDURE USED IN UNPACKING A SPORTS PARACHUTE

by DOYLE FIELDS and DON McKERN



Leigh Hunt wearing the " Zap Cord "

Paul E. Hansen

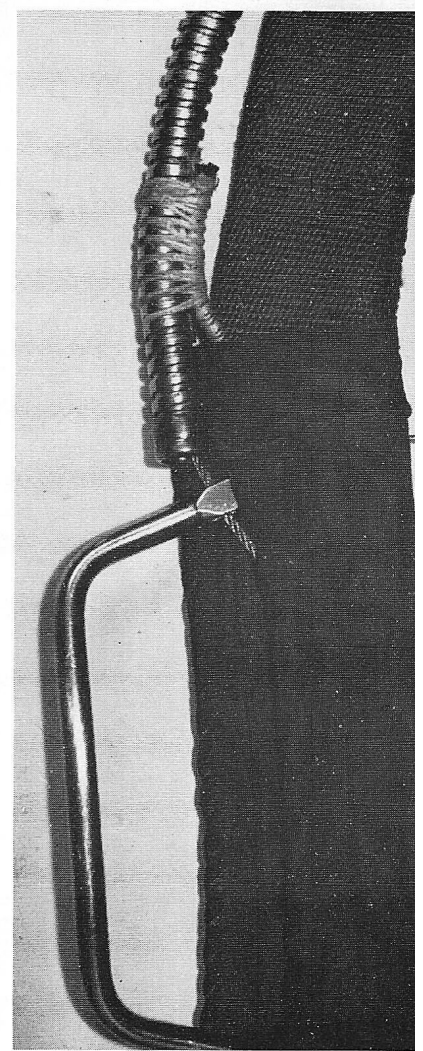
Zap Cord

by Doyle Fields

The Zap Cord is a mechanically held Rip Cord, protruding two and one half inches from the harness at the handle. It could be changed from right to left hand pull in several minutes without the aid of a sewing basket. It also eliminates the shakey moments sometimes caused by loose Rip Cord pockets, with the resulting floating Rip Cords.

As shown in the photograph, the mounting of the Zap Cord is simple. The Zap Cord handle retainer is held tight to the harness with a money clip principal, and maintained in place with a safety lock.

The aluminum handle is available in several colors. I have accepted it as a fun jump MUST, having used one continually for the past six months. By the way, listen closely and you will realize where it acquired its name the first time you pull it!



Safe Harness Modification

by Don McKern D20
Australia

Most self-respecting Parachutists will agree that the ripcord housing should not be sewn firmly to the pocket, but that a completely free housing, while it has many good points, can be unsafe (if the ripcord comes out of the pocket).

Some use a rubber band to secure the free end of the housing, but this method requires a new rubber band after each drop. Here is a simple mode well worth the few minutes needed to install. It has all the advantages of the free housing while retaining the safety of the fixed type.

A length of rubber bungee about 1½" longer than the pocket, is bound firmly to the housing about 1" from the end, slipped down between the pocket and the harness, and sewn firmly to both at the bottom of the pocket.

Now the ripcord pull can be made in any desired direction, without forcing the cable around a sharp bend at the end of the housing. The bungee will allow the

housing to follow the direction of the pull.

During the pull, the pins seldom clear the housing, enabling the handle to be slid up the cable and replaced in the pocket, immediately after opening - the obvious place to keep it.

THE PULL can be made in any manner. Personally, I prefer to leave the pocket on the left (for simplicity) and pull with the left hand in the following way:

As the opening height approaches, retract into the radical frog, and remove the ripcord handle from the pocket. Return to the frog. At the planned opening height, move the hands straight into the high spread, leaving the knees bent.

This results in a head high opening position - eliminating the dangers of the head down attitude - and if you look up, the entire opening sequence can be watched.

NOTE

This pull can only be made if a free-type housing (such as the one described above) is installed, or the cable will suffer a sharp bend at the end of the housing.



Members of the 1963 United States Parachute Team pause for a team photograph prior to leaving for three European Meets. Also members of the U.S. Army Parachute Team (The Golden Knights) they are (front row, left to right) SSgt Gene Thacker, Sp 5 Dick Harmon, Sp 5 Bobby Letbetter, (2nd Row, L-R) Team Leader 1st Lt Roy D. Martin, SSgt Dick Fortenberry, SFC Jerry Bourquin, Sp 5 Coy McDonald, SFC Phil Vander Weg, Sgt Joe Norman and Chief Judge of the 1st European Cup Championship, Leutkirch, Germany, SFC Phil Miller. (OFFICIAL U.S. ARMY PARACHUTE TEAM PHOTO BY SFC JOE M. GONZALES).

European cup

The 1963 United States Parachute Team made its debut last month with a clean sweep over seven European nations and won the first European Cup Championships at Leutkirch, Germany, June 7-16.

Comprised entirely of members of the U.S. Army Parachute Team, The Golden Knights, the U.S. Team finished far ahead of the second place team from West Germany. Third place was captured by England with Spain, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium and Ireland in that order.

Rain the last two days of the meet cancelled the final, the 2,000m style which requires near perfect weather conditions for judging purposes. In capturing the first of three international meets they are scheduled to compete in, (Spa, Belgium and the Adriatic Cup remain), the Americans emerged with a one-two finish in the individual accuracy from 1,000m. The team event, 1,500m accuracy, was also swept by the U.S. jumpers.

With an average of 1.04 meters, less than 40 inches, Sergeant First Class Phil Vander Weg won the individual accuracy. Staff Sergeant Dick Fortenberry, the 1962 Nationals overall individual champion, averaged 1.24m and was named the overall individual champion of the meet. Austria's Gerold Reinitzer was third with an

average of 1.86 m. The fourth and sixth place respectively were taken by Specialist Fifth Class Coy McDonald and SFC Gerald Bourquin of the U.S. Team.

In the Team accuracy contest, SFC Bourquin set the pace for the meet and the U.S. Team with the championship's only dead center landing on the four inch circle in the center of the target. In his three team jumps, he also scored a 10 centimeter or 3.9 inch landing. At the event's conclusion the U.S. Team had tallied 2,261 points out of a possible 2,400. Second place Germany was over 100 points behind.

Colonel John K. Singlaub, the Team Chief of Delegation, remarked that the United States' scores were extremely fine and would do well in world championship competition. First Lieutenant Roy D. Martin, commanding officer of the U.S. Army Parachute Team and team leader of the Nationals indicated that during the team's European tour they would do considerable experimenting in preparation for next year's world championship, tentatively scheduled in Leutkirch, August 1964.

The U.S. Team finished second to Czechoslovakia in the 1962 world meet at Orange, Mass. It will again collide head on with the Czechs during the unofficial world championships this August in Yugoslavia's Adriatic Cup Meet.

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Nationals

1963 NATIONAL PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND 1964 U.S. PARACHUTE TEAM TRYOUTS

DATES: 14 thru 20 September, 1963, (21 - 22 Sept: weather dates)

PLACE: Seattle Skyport. (Near Issaquah, approximately 12 miles east of Seattle, Washington on US 10.)

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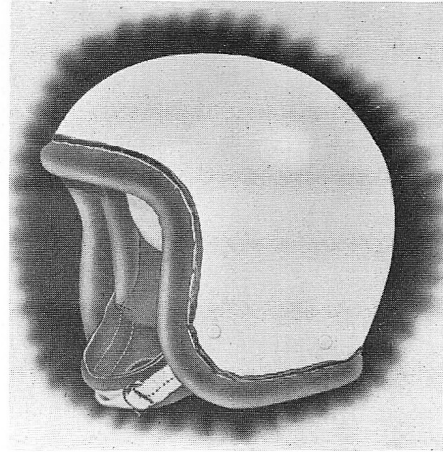
HOST: Seattle Skysports, Inc., a non-profit corporation, in cooperation with both the Seattle and Issaquah Chambers of Commerce.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this competition is to select the 1963 United States National Parachute Champions and also select the top candidates to train for the 1964 U.S. Parachute Team which will represent the United States in the 7th World Sport Parachuting Championships to be held in West Germany in August, 1964. As a result of the National Competition, eight (8) top male and six (6) top female competitors will be selected for training for the 1964 US Parachute Team.

CONTESTANT QUALIFICATIONS: Entrance is limited to United States male parachutists holding a valid US FAI Class D Parachutist License and to United States female jumpers holding a valid US FAI Class C or higher parachutist license. Licenses must be validated for 1963. All contestants must be members of the

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Parachute Club of America. Contestants must be at least 16 years of age and those between 16 and 21 years of age must show parental consent to participate. Each contestant must also furnish a written medical statement from a licensed physician stating fitness for sport parachuting. Competitors will furnish all personal parachute equipment which meets FAA regulations.

COMPETITION EVENTS: There will be three (3) competitive events. Each contestant must compete in all three events.

EVENT I: Individual target jump from 3400 feet with a delayed opening of from 0 to 10 seconds.

EVENT II: Individual target jump from 5100 feet with a delayed opening of from 15 to 20 seconds.

EVENT III: Individual style event from 7200 feet with a delayed opening of from 25 to 30 seconds with required maneuvers specified after exit.

RULES: The detailed competitive rules will be distributed at the competition and, with minor exceptions, are the same as those for the 1962 Nationals and World Meet.

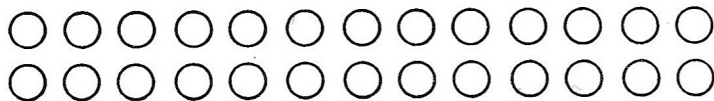
US TEAM SELECTION: At the termination of the meet the eight (8) male and six (6) female contestants having the highest OVERALL scores will be nominated for training with the 1964 US Parachute Team, provided that they have agreed in writing (on the registration form) to compete. Should a top winner not be able to compete, the next available overall top scorer will move up to replace him or her.



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David M. Marsh
Grove City, Ohio

We cannot explain the actions of a female, except to state that they are long winded and that you either did not read everything that this one had to say, or you missed the point. If you can find the time, try reading from the top left margin of page 5, on to the second column, page 22, June, 1963 issue. If you still don't get it, I will send Peggy your address, and perhaps she can explain it.

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ty even stretches into world record attempts as both soldiers' name appear on 31 world accuracy records.

Specialist Fifth Class Coy McDonald got his start in competition winning third place overall in the 1961 All-American Cup Meet. In addition to competition, Sp 5 McDonald has achieved distinction in parachute record setting. He was the first American to set an individual accuracy record and his name appears on more world records, 37, than any other person in the world. A native of Orangeville, Calif., he also has had over 750 jumps.

Rounding out the 1963 U.S. Team is Sgt Joe Norman of Louisville, Ky. During the 1962 Nationals, he finished fifth and was named as an alternate on the U.S. Team for the world championships. In his third year with the Army Team, he has over 650 jumps.

Team alternates, SSgt Thacker, Sp 5 Letbetter and Sp 5 Harman are from Williamson, W. Va., Waco, Tex., and Enid, Okla., respectively. They have a combined total over 1,000 jumps and 32 years service in the Army. Sp 5 Harman finished third overall in the 1962 Nationals and was an alternate on the 1962 U.S. Team. SSgt Thacker and Sp 5 Letbetter have their names on a total of 52 world parachute records, 20 for Thacker and 32 for Letbetter.

Total statistics on the eight team members finds a total of over 5,250 jumps or an average of 656 per man. Their average age is 28 years and they have served a total of 77 years in the Army.

Training for competition was a serious business for these Army parachutists as their schedule indicates. Up early, the team members reported six days a week by 6 A.M. for physical training prior to leaving for the drop zone. An average of four or more jumps daily served to give the 'chutists practice in individual accuracy team accuracy and style.

It has been often repeated that the key to success in any endeavor is practice and training and the 1963 United States Parachute Team is prepared to test the theory. As the date of the first meet approaches, a confident air of optimism can be found at Fort Bragg. There, the 1963 U.S. Team has wrapped up the key for use in bringing another international championship to the United States.



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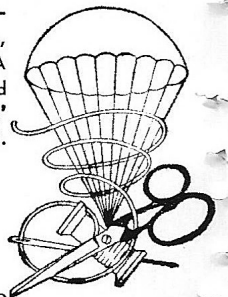
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