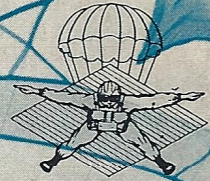


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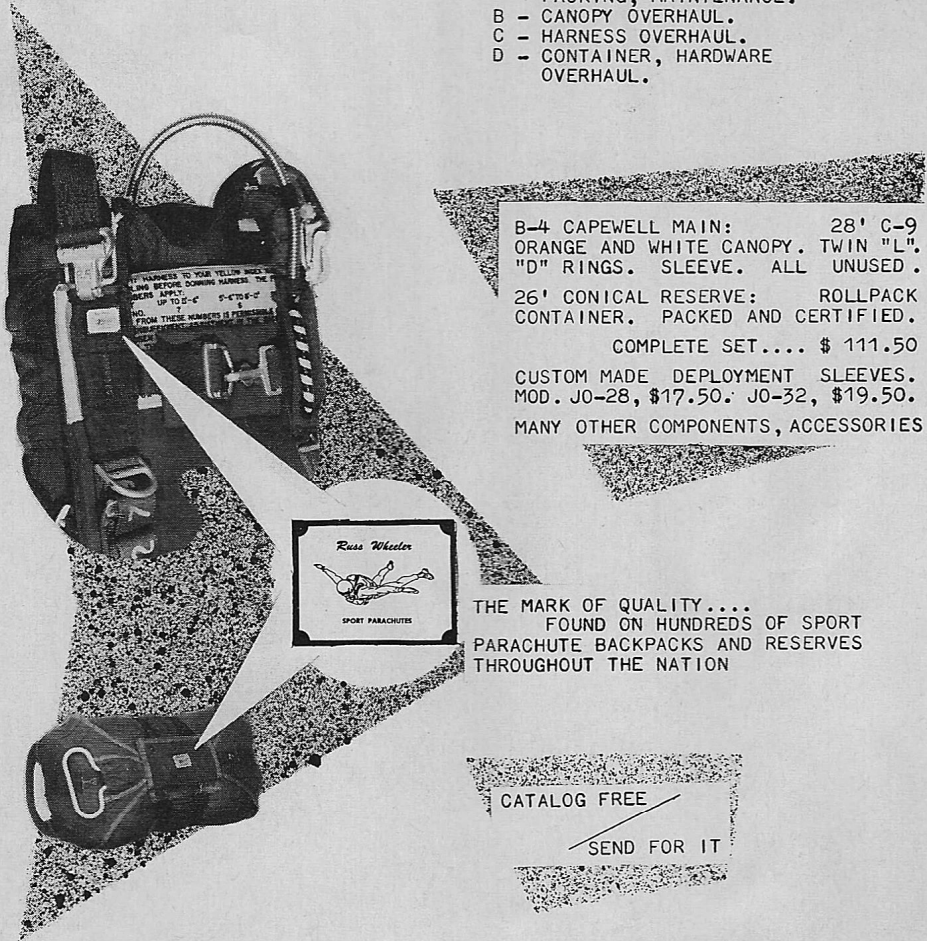
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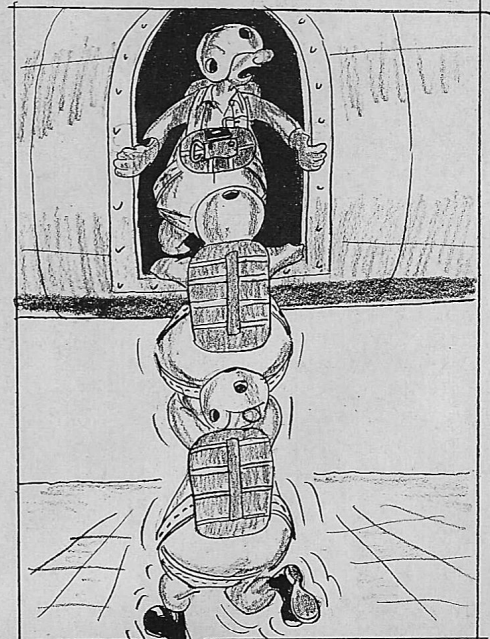
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The first commercial short subject
on Parachuting entitled "A Sport is
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vision by Paramount Pictures.

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at the Victoria Theatre for approxi-
mately one month starting Nov. 3rd.

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with "The World of Suzie Wong" in
the following cities: Chicago, Detroit,
Philadelphia, Cleveland, Washington,
D.C., San Francisco, Los Angeles,
Houston, and Dallas.

I believe that all parachutists will
enjoy this movie as much as I have.

Jaques Andre Istel

How can you do this to us? After
the article which appeared in the Oc-
tober issue we just had to make our-
selves heard. In "Southern Tour" by
Cal Peterson and Bob Buckner it was
stated and I quote (ugh) "Texas, as
usual, was one great big nothing from
one end to the other." What about
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largest and I'm sure one of the most
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country. We have our own Cessna
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certainly were hurt to be so slighted
and decided that it was obvious we
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out saying, of course, that we welcome
all visiting Sky Divers to our fair city,
and any one of our forty actively
jumping members will be happy to
show them the town and the way to
our field where they will find activity
almost any day of the week.

Judy Simpson
Corresponding Secretary
Houston Parachute Club
1701 Jacquelyn
Houston, Texas

Check club activities for further in-
formation on the Houston Parachute
Club.

Just a comment on the "Southern
Tour" article of the last issue. I buy
the Sky Diver Magazine not to read
of how dull the terrain in Texas
bores Californians, or how we capti-
vate young stewardesses with our
jumping. I also don't buy the maga-
zine to be entertained. Let's leave the
travelogues to travel agents, the

comedy to Shelley Berman, and the popularity amongst stewardesses to those who can handle it without using jumping as a crutch. By the way, I know the Royal Poinciana — no stewardesses there — suggest you try the Green Masions or assorted apartments in Miami Springs next time.

Dave Coon
Parachute Club
of Buffalo
591 Delaware Road
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While attending the French School for Sport Parachuting at Chalon Sur Saone I noticed that your magazine was being given a great deal of attention.

The school provided a most pleasant introduction to sport parachuting. With a French vocabulary that was limited to "Bon Jour" I found it a most friendly place and was fortunate to have an English speaking instructor. I recommend it very highly for U.S. personnel presently in Europe or to those expecting to pull a tour here.

Bob Wormet
Hq. European
Geeia Region
APO 332
New York, N. Y.

I am presently in the Army and belong to the 18th Airborne Corp. Sport Parachuting Club. I think this is a great sport and I am going to join a club after I get discharged from the Army in thirteen days. I've never met such a great bunch of guys and girls till I've become a sport parachutist.

Pfc Lawrence G. Godding
Hqs. Serv. Co.
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Ft. Bragg, North Carolina

This is the first opportunity that I have had to write. On behalf of the Fort Ord Parachute Club, I would like to congratulate you for the interesting way in which you are promoting Sky Diving. It is a fine magazine and we would like to say "Keep It Up."

Walter B. Wesley
President Ford Ord
Parachute Club
725 Amador Street
Seaside, California

Due to local interpretation of the USAF message governing USAF personnel taking part in Sky Diving we have found it necessary to change our club name. Would you please see if

you can find room in your next issue for a notice of change of name? Sefridge AFB Sky Divers are now:

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In reference to Mr. Ward's letter in the September issue of Sky Diver Magazine, I made a jump from a true altitude of approximately 21,000 feet on 27 August 1960 near Boulder, Colorado. The plane was a Cessna 170 owned and piloted by James R. Reid (Private Pilot #1289720). Updrafts over nearby 14,000 ft. Long's Peak enabled us to reach this altitude. Due to a DZ elevation of 5,500 feet, I

barely managed a 60 second delay, the first and still only delay of this length in Colorado.

Congratulations on a fine magazine. It's almost our only contact with the rest of the parachuting world.

Charles Alexander
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By JOE CRANE, President F.A.I. & P.C.A.



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I planned a fifteen-minute report going into detail with regard to the events at Sophia. Upon submitting the report to Mr. Gillman, Director General of the FAI before presenting it to the Session, he suggested that since all decisions by the International Jury were by vote and according to our own regulations of each country being allowed a Delegate to the Commission to do the writing, he was of the opinion that many countries would use such a report to claim we were "poor losers."

He suggested that since the Parachuting Commission made their own regulations, we should abide by them and when something which arises which we do not think is in order, we should thrash it out at the Meeting of the Commission. I, therefore, did not make the report as I expected, but made a general report as follows.

My Report to the F.A.I. General Conference

At the last meeting of the FAI International Parachuting Commission held December 9-11, 1959, a Sub-Committee was appointed to re-write

the Parachute Code, bringing it up-to-date and for the issuance of the advanced type of licenses. They accepted an invitation from the Austrian Delegate to hold the next Commission Meeting in Vienna. This meeting is now scheduled November 4-6 with a Sub-Committee Meeting on the Parachute Code and licenses on the 3rd.

They also accepted an invitation from the Governor of Massachusetts to hold the next World Parachuting Competition at Orange, Massachusetts in 1962.

An election of officers was held and Joe Crane was re-elected President while Mr. Kuceravy of Czechoslovakia was elected Vice-President replacing Mr. Jornik of the USSR.

Details of the Fifth World Parachuting Championship were omitted, but I did give thanks to the doctor who was responsible for doing such a perfect job in setting Bobbie Gray's badly broken leg and to Madame Tobuvat who is Secretary to the Bulgarian Aero Club for the wonderful job she did of taking care of the many desires of the Delegates and the Teams.

Club Activities

Club Reports are submitted bi-monthly by club publicity representative, one typewritten page, double spaced.

HOUSTON PARACHUTE CLUB, by Judy (Cow Killer) Simpson, Corresponding Secretary, 1701 Jacquelyn, Houston, Texas. Jumping at our League City Field is progressing in leaps (parachute leaps that is) and bounds. We point with pride to what we believe to be firsts in sky diving. Clyde Jacks and Horace Congor passed a baton six times on a 45 second delay. This event was witnessed by at least 10 jumpers. Clyde also holds the distinction of being the only one we know of to have qualified for a "D" license in less than a year. Clyde has made over 250 jumps since last November.

Our team of instructors, Ed Fitch, Russ Marlett, Al Dillashaw, Gus-Doc Anagostic, Horace Congor, and Clyde Jacks are doing a terrific job as evidenced by the fact that our current crop of new jumpers are the best we've had yet. Ed MacFarland, Gary Locke and Jack Newlin, to mention only a few, are well on their way to becoming proficient sky divers. Jim Carson had a little bad luck, but should be back with us shortly — our best wishes to him.

All in all expeditions to the rice paddies are becoming fewer and except for a few minor skirmishes with cows (the score now stands: Houston Parachute Club — 2, Cows — 0) our landings have been remarkably uneventful. Our spirits were dampened to say the least when our plane was put out of commission in last week's storm, but we are continuing as usual, using Gus Anagostis' new 172. Our own plane is expected to be back in operation in about a month.

Six Houston Parachute Club jumpers including Al Dillashaw, Clyde Jacks, Ed MacFarland, Judy Simpson, Russ Marlett and Henry Serna, leave at the crack of dawn next Saturday for Port Lavaca, Texas where they will make exhibition jumps at the Port Lavaca County Fair, it should be fun and we are all looking forward to the trip. This is the latest in the series of exhibition jumps made by our Club in this area. Jumps have been made

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in the last few months at the Freeway Housing Project, The Gar Rodeo and Beaumont, Texas, Alice, Texas, and the Polio Drive (at Gov. Price Daniels Ranch). Actually our services are very much in demand and we feel quite proud of ourselves.

KERMIT SKYDIVERS, by Benny A. Gutierrez, Star Route, Kermit, Texas. The Kermit Skydivers was organized and trained by James Satterfield and Benny Gutierrez, June 6, 1960. Members include Frank Warton, Larry Wallett, and Jimmy Guterrez. The most outstanding member is Miss Jinkie Wilson, Sophomore medical student (103 lbs. of pure sugar!) Benny Gutierrez (B387) and Jim Gutierrez are starting to do relative work now and we hope to pass the baton as soon as altitude can be attained (due to high field elevation).

SOUTH FLORIDA PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION, by Ben Brezin (C-222), 3200 N.W. 5th Ct., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Well, this rag-tag outfit has really shaped up with Paul Poppenhager's appointment as President. We have reorganized our training system and many operating policies and the result is evident in the Club's increasing efficiency.

We jumped for a local Optimist Club Benefit on 25 September, making a six man mass drop with smoke, into a school yard. The jumpers were; Paul Poppenhager, Lt. Benoit, Ed Henry, Ray and Raymond Law, and Ben Brezin. Target accuracy was fair, but there were many obstacles in the area, and everyone, was satisfied to have cleared them and then dash over to the food line for a free meal.

Bob Buckner, Cal Peterson and Marty Horvath, California jumpers, are the most recent members of our club. George Wymer, Frank Dodd, John Bergquist and Denny Bates, all recently released from the Special Forces at Ft. Bragg, are jumping with us as guests on the weekends.

Cal Peterson and I managed a 95 second delay from 17,200 feet from a Cessna Sky-Lane, using no oxygen. A few days later Poppy, Benoit and Ed Henry made it to 22,900 with the same highly modified, stripped aircraft, for a delay of 112 seconds, using oxygen on board the plane only.

Presently we are planning a jump in the neighborhood of 30,000 feet.

Recently we heard from Rufus Lewis, a member of our club, now stationed in North Africa with the Air Force. He has organized the P.C.A. affiliated Wheelus Sport Parachute Club and is "B" License 377.

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"NEEDLE & THREAD PASS"

By ERICK M. BAHAR



Needle and threader.

After completing numerous baton passes and flashlight passes throughout the summer, the members of the Cleveland Parachute Club looked for a new fame. John Pasquale got the idea of a needle and thread pass. The needle and thread was devised from a length of suspension line and a needle of wire approximately nine inches long with the eye two inches wide. The trick is to tie the suspension through the eye of the needle. Our first attempt was unsuccessful because the suspension line couldn't be held tight near the ends. We then stiffened the end of the line with a length of wire so we could tie it without the wind snapping it away. Don Harding and myself jumped from 8500 feet from a 170 Cessna on the second jump and completed the pass. I was first out of the plane with the "needle," then Dan followed with the line. We closed together in about 10 seconds and Dan tied the knot through my needle and we separated at 2500 feet. We wonder if similar attempts have been tried. This was completed August 13, 1960.

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P.C.A. OPEN MEETING

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The Parachute Club of America had an open meeting during the Indio N.A.A. - P.C.A. meeting to allow members to voice their opinions on parachuting matters. During this open meeting some of the following important features were brought out, some of which were later voted on during the Board of Directors Meeting.

PACKING: F.A.A. has temporarily approved and placed into the Federal Register that: Sport parachutists may pack their own main parachutes. All reserves still must be packed and sealed by a licensed rigger. (Ref.: Federal Register dated Saturday, Nov. 29, 1960.)

LICENSES: In the past there has been much pro and con on the instructors rating and at this meeting the qualifications for an instructor and temporary instructor were drawn up. Qualifications as established will require a considerable amount of experience as a free fall parachutists and will be announced in the January PARACHUTIST.

BASIC SAFETY REGULATIONS: Considerable discussion was held on modifying the Basic Safety Regulations. Some items which merited change, such as the number of dummy rip cord pulls, altitudes necessitating the use of oxygen, the role of the Area Safety Officer, etc., were tentatively approved and await the concurrence of the insurance company. Modifications to the Basic Safety Regulations after approval will be published around the first of the year.

HELMS AWARD: It was decided at the open meeting and confirmed during the Directors Meeting that the P.C.A. would elect the outstanding parachute athlete of the year for the HELMS ANNUAL "Outstanding Parachute Athlete of the Year" AWARD.

APPOINTMENT OF A FULL TIME, PAID P.C.A. OFFICIAL: Discussion was held, based on P.C.A.'s having enough money to sustain a full time paid official for managing P.C.A. on a full time basis. During the open meeting all personnel present felt that this was a necessity now that P.C.A. has enlarged its growth. Two people were considered for the nomination — Bill Grieves and Russ Gunby. Later, during the Directors Meeting Russ Gunby was selected by the Board of Directors in view of the fact that he would be available, full time, effective 1 January 1961. Gunby accepted and the P.C.A. will open up a Western office in January. All files, insurance data, records and reports, finances, legal affairs, etc. will now be centrally located and supervised. The benefits to be derived from this should be obvious.

P.C.A. FORMED AS A DIVISION OF N.A.A.: The Directors voted to approve the agreement to become a division of N.A.A. The ramifications of which were carried in a recent edition of the PARACHUTIST. We, as a division of N.A.A., will continue to manage all parachute matters and P.C.A. is the official parachute organization of the U.S., the same as when we were an affiliate, but we are now considered on an equal status with the well-known and respected individuals and corporations connected with N.A.A. There are many ways in which both N.A.A. and P.C.A. will be benefited by this new working arrangement, as it will permit all groups to work under one head. In this way, everyone will be working to help each other instead of several groups pulling in different directions.

SKY DIVERS HEADLINE CIVIL DEFENSE PROGRAM

By CAROLE CORTEZ



Brawley's only sky diver, Frank Shahan, third jumper at civil defense show.

On May 16th a special Civil Defense Program was held twenty miles outside the city limits of Brawley, California, in an effort to demonstrate how various rescue measures could be utilized in the event of an enemy attack. The function was sponsored by the Brawley Chamber of Commerce under the direction of Mr. Hal Biers.

Members of the Rumbleseat Skydivers had been invited to appear by Mr. Frank Shahan, a Brawley businessman and self-taught skydiver, and the jumps were to be made in the desert to point out how parachutists could be used to aid injured persons by parachuting in with first aid supplies until other means of aid or rescue could be employed.

Due to lack of information concerning the event, and the distance from Los Angeles (225 miles), only three skydivers attended. They were Judy Higbee, Bob Higbee and Ed Duncan.

Arriving early Sunday morning at Frank Shahan's place of business, the California Manufacturing Company, we received a warm welcome and accompanied Mr. Shahan to a portion of state road which had been designated as a landing strip for the aircraft. While waiting for the planes to arrive, we took a ride in a dune buggy through the sand dunes surrounding the entire area. These vehicles are unique both in design and performance and are capable of all sorts of maneuvers in the desert. We were bounced around in one of these "bugs" up over 20-foot hills of sand and straight down into otherwise inaccessible

sible desert valleys.

At 10:45 five planes circled and landed on the road. They were piloted by Imperial Valley farmers and businessmen who are proficient at flying and landing their planes in small areas.

At 11:20, before an estimated crowd of 3500 people, Bob Higbee and Ed Duncan boarded the aircraft. Ed made the first jump from an Aronca Champ at an altitude of 7000 feet. Due to irregular wind conditions, he was forced to collapse his chute at 1000 feet and a gasp went up from the au-

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The Novice

A former Marine with ambition,
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So he contacted local sky divers,
And vowed he would jump, wind or rain.

Then he plunked down his membership
dollars,
Donned coveralls, helmet and boots;
Took training for hours at the airport,
Then strapped on his twin parachutes.

Now he rented an open-door aircraft,
And into the heavens he flew;
With the pilot instructing this pupil,
Of things he would soon have to do.

He seemed to be very courageous,
Egged on by the members' staunch cheers;
But the truth of the matter was simply,
He was never so scared in all his years.

When the student got over the drop zone,
His knees most naturally shook;
When he glanced at the wind-blasted
doorway,
And waited to stand up and hook.

The desert was waiting to greet him,
At 2500 straight down;
And probably thought it much better,
If he would have stayed back in town.

But the pilot was cutting the throttle,
Reducing from 90 miles per;
And banking the sleek-looking aircraft,
Thru winds which were starting to stir.

Spectators, including his buddies,
Who gathered to take in the scene;
Or pick up the bones of the jumper,
Who was a former U.S. Marine.

When the moment of truth was approach-
ing,

Into space went the jumper with glee;
Soon the desert was waiting to meet him,
More ground than he wanted to see!

Now the static line snapped like a string,
And the silk filled the vast sky above;
And the jumper was really quite certain,
He had found a new sport one could love.

The ground must have come up so rapid,
And the air seemed so awfully dry;
And the chute started popping and crack-
ing,
While the jumper kept wondering why.

Then the thud must have really been
sickening,
To the folks that were gathered around;
When the former Marine hit on the desert,
He was trying to tear up the ground.

Now his ankle was broken and twisted,
Though he suffered no wounds in the
Corps;
And he's fed up with the splints and the
plaster,
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Don't be like the novice who hurried,
Take all of your lessons—then go.

Harry A. Koch

What's Happening

News from Around the Globe
Local News from Readers Welcomed

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rockville's Centennial force of Keystone cops are busy gumshoeing in an effort to find the perpetrator of a gross instance of trover.

(Trover is the conversion of property found to one's own use.)

They have several leads and hope to break the case soon.

In the meantime they hope the case will solve itself — that the finder will realize that keeping is unfair

and illegal.

What's this all about?

Well, it seems that during the sky diving exhibition at Montgomery County Air Park — the opening event of the centennial — Jim Arender, the world champion, lost his parachute sleeve.

He made a perfect drop from 10,000 feet, falling free for 8,000 feet before opening his parachute, and landing on the target, which was an ordinary sized bed sheet.

The sleeve, which is about 12 feet long and colored red, white and blue, fell into a nearby cornfield. Boys rushed in to get it, but they did not come out with it.

Someone thought it was a souvenir. Jim Arender is out \$40. That's what it cost and this sleeve was borrowed from a friend.

LANSING, MICH. — The sky divers are going to be allowed to continue their "free falls" free of red tape at least a while longer.

The state aeronautics commission agreed not to pass any rule governing the men who tumble through the air from 10,000 ft. for fun.

James D. Ramsey, director of the department of aeronautics, told the commission the department had investigated the divers and found they closely regulate their sport.

The commission instructed Ramsey to check with federal authorities in order to get their opinion on rules that might be made to govern the clubs. NEW YORK, N. Y. — The future of sport parachuting in New York State seems assured, thanks to two court decisions that in effect wipe a prohibitive law off the books.

The decisions, handed down in Dutchess County Court at Poughkeepsie by Judge John R. Schwartz, hold that part of a section of the General Business Law forbidding exhibition parachute jumping, is so vague as to be unenforceable.

Judge Schwartz made his ruling on parallel test cases brought on appeal by Aram Calfayan, 23, of 34-37 89th St., Jackson Heights, and Eugene Feeney, 33, of 206 Fourth Ave., Mt. Vernon.

The two men, members of the Stormville Airport Sky Divers, were arrested by State Police at Fishkill last April and charged with illegally making exhibition parachute jumps. Police conceded, however, that they had charged no admission

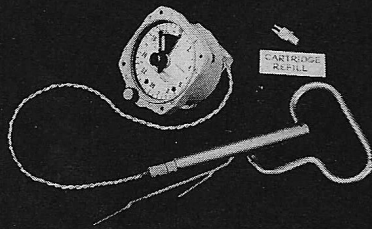
Last May, the men were convicted by Ralph J. Warren, East Fishkill justice of the peace, under subdivision 13 of Sed. 245 of the General Business Law. The subdivision prohibits exhibition chuting but does not spell out what constitutes an exhibition. It does, however, permit sport parachuting.

Justice Warren ruled against the defendants in the hope the law could be tested in a higher court.

MONTEREY, CALIF. — Elois B. Rue, 406 Dela Vina Ave., Monterey, turned a parachute over to Monterey police which some children found on Monterey beach.

Police notified the Naval Air Facility in Monterey, which sent a messenger down to pick up the parachute. Origin of the chute is unknown.

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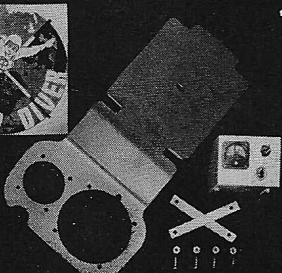
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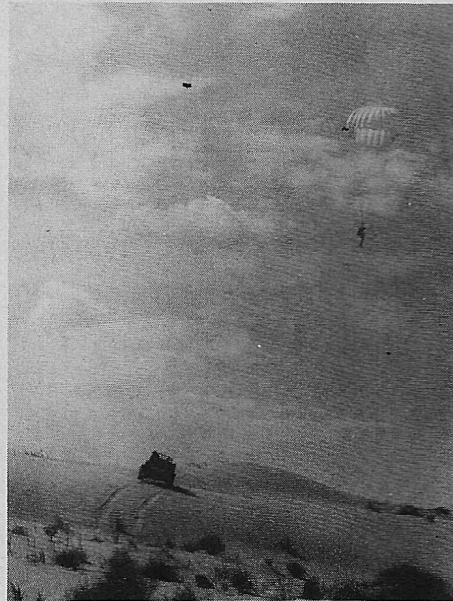
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dience when, for a few seconds, the wind failed to unfurl the canopy. The chute finally billowed out and Ed made a safe and very soft landing in a sand dune.

Some minutes later, Bob Higbee jumped from a Piper Cub at an altitude of 4500 feet and landed within ten feet of his target on top of a sand dune, where he obligingly answered questions on skydiving for the Brawley News.



Ed Duncan about to land during a civil defense exercise in the desert. Note dune buggy racing to assist Ed.

An interesting highlight of the day came when a man was placed in a section of the desert in a "mock" rescue experiment. Frank Shahan made his jump to administer first aid to the "injured" man and a dune buggy proceeded to the vicinity and brought the man back to the spectator section on a stretcher.

Bob and Ed made another jump and then returned to Frank Shahan's shop to repack their chutes. During this time, however, strong winds came up, making further flying or jumping impossible.

As the guests of Mr. Shahan and Mr. Biers, we proceeded to the "Cat and Fiddle" for dinner and it was the general feeling that skydiving had been well presented that day, showing it to be a safe sport and also proving that it could be converted into a vital function of the National Civil Defense Program in the event of an attack.

We left the City of Brawley reluctantly, for we had found the people of the Imperial Valley enthusiastic, friendly and hospitable. The Brawley

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FIRST ANNUAL OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR PARACHUTE MEET

By DEWAYNE SIMPSON AND WALT ROBERTS

The First Annual Oklahoma State Fair Parachute Meet came to a close Saturday, the 1st of October after 8 days of morning jumping out of the civilian version of the H-13 Helicopter. Competing clubs were Lawton, Oklahoma; Ft. Sill, Oklahoma; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Shawee Sky Divers, Kansas City, Missouri; Dallas, Texas, San Antonio, Texas; and the Special Warfare Sport Parachute Club from Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

This meet was sponsored by the Oklahoma Fair Board and everything was furnished from three meals a day, room, choppers, and a total of 39 trophies; in fact, almost everything was great except we couldn't get the weather man to cooperate. The last three days of the meet were strictly windblown, gusting up to 34 knots.

The Army Parachute Team opened the meet each day with 60 second delays, with smoke, and closed it each day the same way. After watching the Army Parachute Team, most people in this area believe the Navy's Blue Angels and the Air Force's Thunderbirds are now in 2nd and 3rd place in aerial exhibitions.

Keith Jorgenson was the overall individual high scorer of the meet, followed by Edgar Vickery, both from the Special Warfare Parachute Club. James Bose of Ft. Sill was 3rd.

The first event, a jump and pull from 3,000 feet, was won by James Bose of Ft. Sill, second was Bruce Baxter of the Special Warfare Club, 3rd from the same club was Edgar Vickery.

The second event a 20 second delay was won by Jorgenson, followed by Vickery and Bose; Jorgenson getting a 595½ out of a possible 600 points.

The 3rd event, a three man team delay of ten seconds, was won by Williams, Payne, and Knick of Kansas City; Shawee was second with Ft.

Chamber of Commerce and Frank Shahan have extended a cordial welcome to all skydivers to participate in an air show which will be held in December or January. Further information concerning this event can be obtained from Bob Higbee or Ed Duncan.

Sill taking 3rd place. The winners of the first two events were given sleeves made by Captain Perry of Ft. Bragg and members of first three man team were given reserves.

This was the second parachute meet ever held in Oklahoma, the first being in Shawnee over Memorial Day weekend. We are now laying the ground work for next year's meet, only it will more than likely be changed to a different date and month, possibly over memorial day.

Over half a million people got their first glimpse of sport parachuting, and most of them are coming to think of parachuting as a sport. Parachuting in the Southwest is booming. Houston has a Sport Jump School—Dallas will soon have one and Kansas City is planning sometime in the future to have a National Meet. We in Oklahoma will have a bigger and better one next year with more clubs invited from greater distances.

I would like to thank the Dallas, San Antonio, Lawton, Ft. Sill, Tulsa, Kansas City, and the Special Warfare Clubs, for their part in making our meet a success.

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Bob Sinclair just after his jump into the blue Pacific during the Pacific Ocean Spot Jump Contest.

The Associated Parachute Enterprises sponsored the Pacific Ocean Spot Jump Contest Oct. 29 and 30 off Balboa shores. Two Cessna aircraft sat on Sunset Beach Airport to fly jumpers to the target anchored near the 55 ft. Sport Fisher Advance loaded with free food and beverage. Three fast pickup boats disturbed the still 68 degree water around the rubber raft target, the air was warm with a three knot breeze, six 2' trophies were on deck with over fifty place ribbons donated by ParaVentures and only eight parachutists appeared.

The meet was a financial loss (over \$600) but the information and experience gathered in quantity is being put

to good use planning a larger meet next summer. I know everyone that attended had a wet happy time — except Jim Hall who had a 3 o'clock dinner date and could not talk his way to shore.

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No one qualified for 5th place and no woman jumped for the woman's trophy.



Southern California Sport Parachuting Council Safety Bulletin

Beginning with the next issue SKY DIVER will publish a series of safety bulletins. The purpose of the series is to promote an awareness of proper and improper rigging practice; to pass the word on what has been proven to be safe and reliable.

For some this information will be old stuff but there is always someone who hasn't been informed.

In order for these bulletins to be effective it is suggested that each individual check his equipment to see that minimum standards are adhered to. Club safety officers may want to keep each issue handy for future reference and illustrations of their own thoughts.

The subject will be covered from two standpoints: One — general rigging practices — first covered will be those that have caused malfunctions in the past. Two — rigging standards — recommendations on minimum and desired strength and methods of installing "D" rings, canopy alterations and other modifications effecting the airworthiness of the parachute.

Any questions will be welcomed, as well as suggestions.

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THE LATEST IN SMOKE BOMBS

By ALLAN D. MacPHERSON, C-170

While visiting the Delaware Valley Parachute Club the other weekend, I was inquisitive as to the whereabouts of Steve Snyder, D-5, a good friend of mine as well as being an excellent jumper. The response I received was that he was flying the '172 while Lee Guilfoyle, C-166 was to make a 60 second delay and test out Steve's new idea for smoke bomb. Unfortunately, we had broken clouds at 4500 ft. but once Lee was visible from the ground, we had no trouble picking him out due to the immense trail of white billowing smoke he left behind as he fell. I was greatly impressed by this demonstration and later on in the day, I approached Steve with some questions concerning his new idea.

Steve explained to me that the smoke bomb will be classified as either the SS-40 or the SS-80. In each case, the number relates to the allowable number of seconds the bomb will burn but by watching Lee demonstrate the SS-80 from 12,500 ft., I'm inclined to believe that these bombs will burn longer than indicated.

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Like the SENTINEL, which Steve also designed, this producer meets the requirements of both safety and performance for the sky diving class. Steve himself is a prominent and very active jumper, as well as being one who has promoted and greatly furthered sport parachuting here in the eastern United States.



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Last weekend, Glen Bergethon and I visited the Gainseville Sky Divers at the University of Florida. We were surprised to see the great setup they had. They jump at the municipal airport and appear to have the support of the F.A.A. and perhaps even the ROTC at the University. Bob Placek (B-181) is their President and he has little trouble maintaining the necessary discipline because he has a swell bunch of jumpers to work with.

Well, we hope to have some of our seasonal members return soon and perhaps we can organize a meet in the Florida area — who knows?

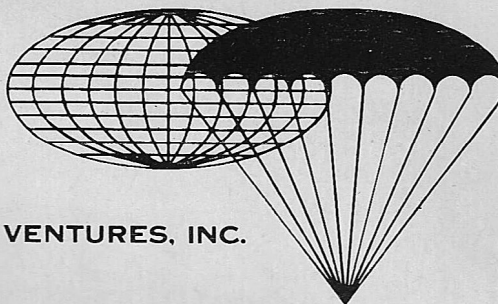
CALIFORNIA PARACHUTE CLUB, P.O. Box 1065, Livermore, Calif. Many old and new friends have stopped by since the meet to jump and compare notes. Among them have been sky divers from the Sierra Club, Les Femmes, Santa Rosa, Tennessee Sky Divers, Seattle, Missouri, Golden Gate, Argonauts, Alameda Naval Air Station and even one from Saudi Arabia who had such a good time he subsequently joined the Club.

Orange streaked coveralls are the bane of John Percival, Tom Huebner, Joe Tiago, Jim Pol, Hayes McClellan, and Frank Brierly these days. They have been jumping demonstration jumps with smoke at various events in the past few weeks. John, Joe, Jim, and Haynes all demonstrated baton passing at the Amador County Fair at Plymouth in August. September 11, Tom and Frank Brierly performed for the benefit of the Hollister Air Fair audiences and participated in a little friendly and informal competition with other sky divers from the Golden Gate Club, Monterey Sport Parachute Club and The Fort Ord Club. The following weekend, Haynes, John, and Frank were at it again in the Calistoga San Brannan Days Festival in conjunction with the Santa Rosa Skydivers. The Santa Rosa group is a new PCA affiliate club headed by Ed Nunes.

KA-MO SPORT JUMPERS: by Barbara Garrison, 4449 Fisher, Kansas City, Mo. The PCA sanctioned Second Annual Kansas City Sport Parachute Meet held Labor Day weekend September 3, 4 and 5 at Olathe City Air-

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port and sponsored by the Ka-Mo Sport Jumpers of Kansas City was a success and 130 competition jumps were made over the three day period with approximately 15 exhibition jumps being logged also.

Of 1,050 possible points, Ted Braden of Sewart Air Force Base, Tennessee had a total of 909½ points for the 3 days and took home the "Outstanding Jumper Award," a trophy standing 41½ inches high. Braden also captured a first place trophy in the 30 second delay Sky-Diving event, a second place in the 20 second delay and a third place tie in the Jump and Pull.

Individual trophies for the Jump and Pull from 3,000 feet scored on distance to the target alone were won by the following:

- 1st place — Tom Sothman
Waukeesha, Wisconsin
- 2nd place — Don Morrow
Mid-West Sky-Divers of
Chicago, Illinois
- 3rd place — TIE
Jim Martin,
Waukeesha, Wisconsin
Ted Braden, Sewart AFB,
Tennessee

The individual trophies for the 20 second delay event went to:



L to R: Don Morrow, Rick Olchovic, Ted Braden, Duane Moore; seated, Jim Hoyas.

- 1st place — Don Morrow, Chicago
- 2nd place — Ted Braden, Tennessee
- 3rd place — Jim Stoyas, Chicago

Team plaques for these two events were awarded Sunday evening with a free chicken dinner for all. First place went to the Wisconsin team of Sothman, Phil Goetsch and Norman Shuff. Second place team plaque was won by the Mid-West Sky-Divers of Chicago team of Stoyas, Kim Emmons (female) and Al Beverly. Beverly jumped with the Chicago team but is affiliated with a new club being formed in Muscatine, Iowa. Braden, Don Trobaugh and Al Crow of Sewart Air Force Base, Tennessee took

home the third place team plaque. Crow is affiliated with the Ka-Mo Sport Jumpers and jumped for Sewart during the first two days of competition.

The 30 second delay Sky-Diving event consisted of an exit at 7,600 feet with a controlled figure 8 and backloop. Braden placed first, Duane Moore of Kansas City took second and third place was won by Rick Olchovic of Chicago.

Second place in the overall meet went to Don Morrow with 840¾ points, third to Duane Moore of Kansas City with 823¾ points, fourth to Al Beverly with 779¾ points and fifth to Don Strobaugh with 686¾ points.

If we're able to make this an annual affair, we hope that next year we'll see participants from both coasts and all over the States.



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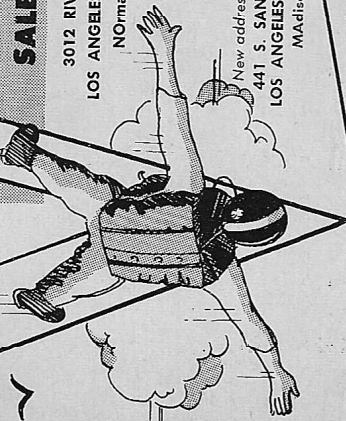
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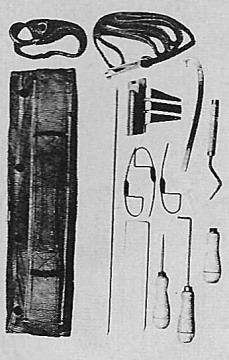
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