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landing at Baker's Field, near Middle-
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I must congratulate you upon the production of a particularly informative magazine devoted to sport parachuting.

The development of this sport is somewhat hindered here in Australia, by the lack of competent instructors. However, your magazine has helped tremendously to overcome many of the difficulties we have experienced since the inception of the sport parachuting movement "down under" some two years ago.

Many of us have benefited greatly since reading recent articles such as "Turns" and "Stabilization," etc. I sincerely hope that more of these articles will appear in future editions. I can promise you that parachuting enthusiasts in Australia give these articles great consideration.

I would like to correspond with someone interested in the sport.

Brian Murphy
89 Woniora Road
Sydney NSW, Australia.

I'd like some help from all you pro's out there. I'm in my last year of High School and as soon as I graduate I would like to form a Parachute Club out here in Westchester County, N. Y. If any one could help me by sending some useful hints on forming a club I would be really grateful.

Anyone know how our sport stands in N. Y. at the moment?

Allan Tatarian
1081 Esplanade
Pelham Manor, N. Y.

REF: Sky Diver, Dec. 60 issue. Pg. 10, What's Happening.—Ed.

I made my 3rd jump at Elsinore, California recently, and consider the sport the most satisfying and thrilling ever. Now having my own rig, I fully intend to keep it up time and money permitting. Also try some wingwalking, maybe.

I sure would like to hear from other girls interested in the sport. I'm 19.

PFC Sandra K. Cvancara
WM-DI
M.C.A.S. El Toro,
Santa Ana, California

I am writing regarding an experience I had on my fifth static line jump with the Pittsburgh Sky Divers, of which I am a member. I thought perhaps this letter would be of interest to Sky Divers everywhere.

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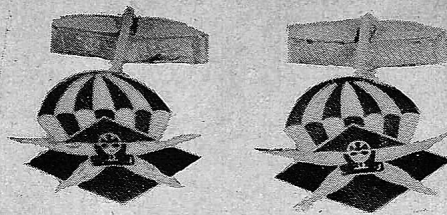
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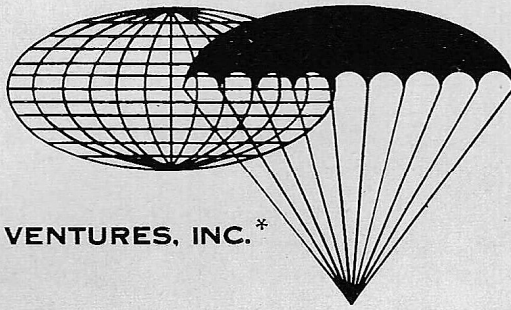
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June 14, 1960, Pittsburgh Sky Diver's home field near Butler, Penna. We were packing our chutes and preparing to load up for my fifth static jump. After checking my chute thoroughly, Dick Smith, one of our Safety Officers, and I loaded up in a Cessna 172 to make the jump.

I left the aircraft at Dick's signal, in what I thought was a good position. Immediately I was stopped almost still. It turned me upside down, but I really didn't know what had happened until the plane landed and the pilot showed us the static line.

The-lead pin was bent in an "L" shape, and the first cone on my main was torn all the way through, which was the only possible way for my chute to open. Our only conclusion was that I had a bad body position, one which I thought was all right.

I haven't heard of this type of happening too often but thought some of the readers of SKY DIVER could explain. We still can't figure it out and it could prove FATAL to someone in the future.

222 Hastings Avenue
Michael M. Gamble
Oakdale, Penna.

The Omaha Sky Divers started in the Fall of 1959 under unfavorable conditions. A young fellow going under the name of Scott Kelly came to our town and started interest in the Sport by renting out his equipment at \$50.00 for 5 jumps. A few of us including my wife jumped once and then Kelly left town owing money everywhere. The only thing he really accomplished was to get a few of us interested enough to purchase equipment and start jumping on our own. In 1960 we have been teaching ourselves and scrounging whatever help and advice that became available and lo and behold we have a club with 12 members and plenty of equipment . . . I know that this is ridiculously low but this last summer we logged 120 jumps in the Club and next year I am confident that this figure will triple. Attracting new members in this area has been difficult despite good T.V. and Newspaper coverage, but there again I am confident that next year will see another period of tremendous growth. I point out that this does not bother us too much because the members we are getting are good ones and I feel quality counts not quantity. We are a safe Club despite our handicaps and you can bet Sky Diving is here

to stay in the Omaha area.

Any helpful suggestions from other clubs in attracting good people and acquiring additional publicity would be appreciated. Keep up the good reporting.

Stan Searles
1407 Marbee Dr.
Omaha, Nebraska

As General Chairman of the Southern California Sport Parachuting Council's Meet at Lake Elsinore on November 19th and 20th, I would like to thank all those clubs who participated in the jumps, and therefore made it such a success.

I would also like to give special thanks to all the judges, safety officers, and those controlling the drop zone

for all their help.

There were 221 jumps made in one day, making this the largest jump meet to be held so far in Southern California.

Eddie Drumheller, President
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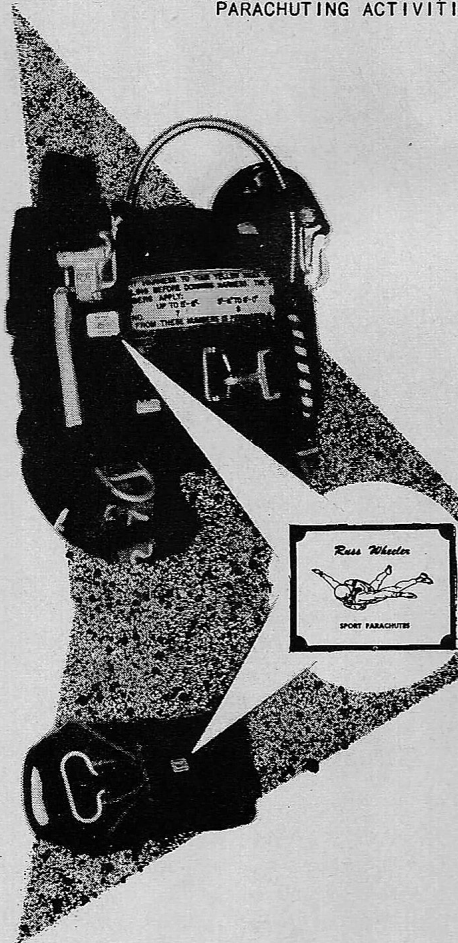
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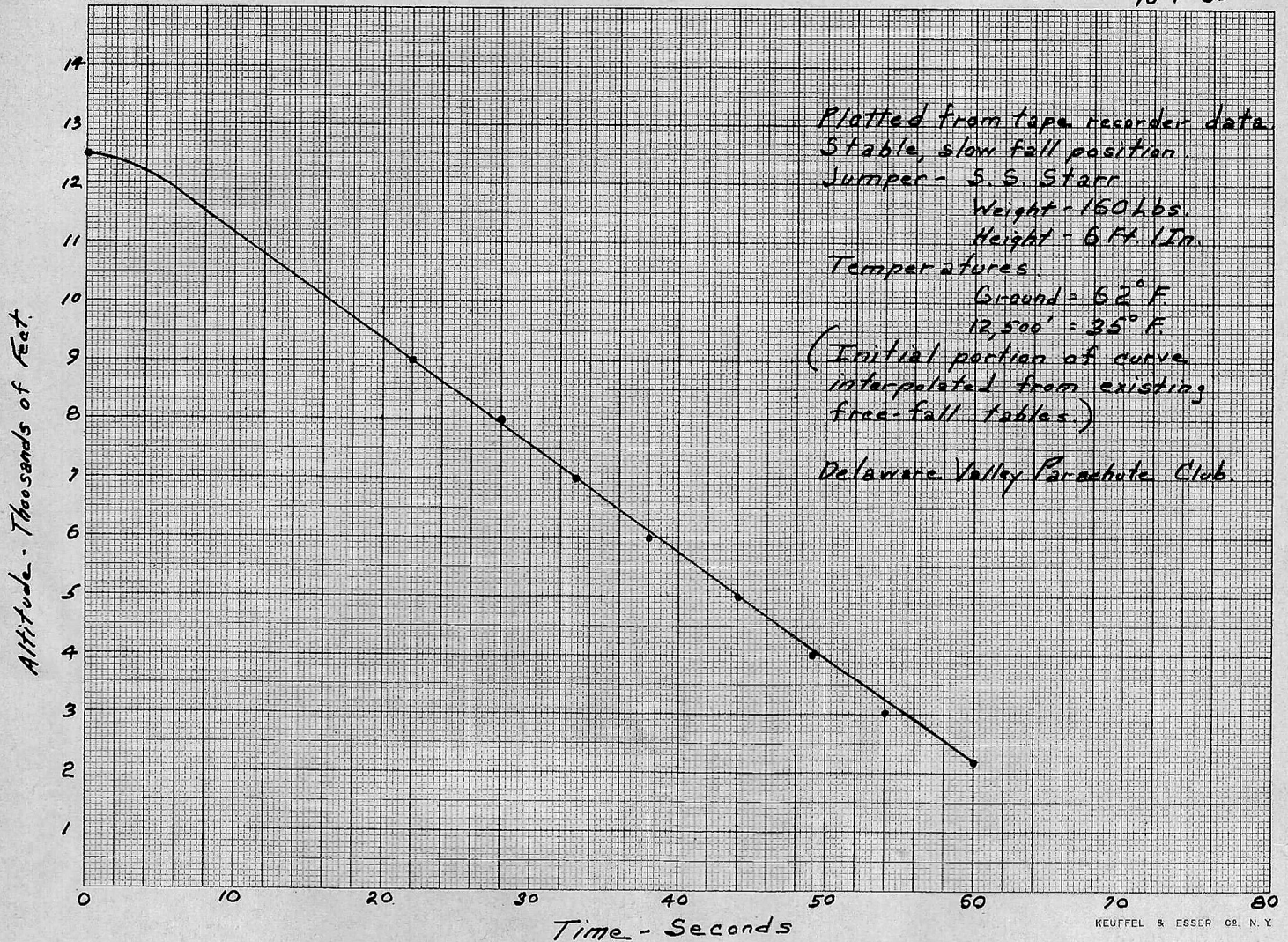
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How Accurate Are the Free Fall Tables We Now Have?

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by SAM STARR

For some time we have questioned the validity of the free-fall tables so we decided to check them. Carrying a tape recorder, I made a one minute delay and called off each 1000 feet of fall. When on the ground I played the tape back against a stopwatch and plotted the pictured curve. You will note that it checks the PCA table to the small fraction of a second.

Incidentally, as well as doing research we obtained a most interesting tape, covering the entire jump from the streamer run right through the landing. I only regret that I didn't attempt to record a comment as Bob Spatola zoomed past me on his back, but I was too intent on getting accurate altimeter readings.

The first part of my curve was not plotted from the tape data for the simple reason that it was not on the

tape. Apparently it took some time for me to get settled into the routine of calling off altitudes at every thousand foot mark. Of course, I recorded the "Go," as I pushed off, so the initial point was fixed at 12,500 feet and zero time. If you extrapolate my curve back straight from my first recorded point to zero time, you will find that it strikes the zero time axis not very far above 12,500 feet. Therefore there really was not much interpolating to do.

The local weather bureau informs me that the sea level pressure at 4 p.m. (jump time) on 1 October, was 30.17 and steady, and the field elevation was 250 feet.

My so called "slow fall" position is the classic stable spread, with the arms fully extended and swept back slightly.

If one of my neighbors had stopped

by on a Saturday night and had seen me in a stable spread on the living room floor, wearing coveralls and helmet, with my wife drawing lines around me, and then cutting out a life size paper doll, he would surely have dashed off for the man in the white coat. However, I got by without being caught and a weight analysis in my lab today (24 Oct. 60) showed that my paper doll had an area of 9.20 square feet. This sounds a bit high, as I had heard a figure quoted previously of five sq. ft. I am reasonably sure of my data, however, and believe that the coveralls make the big difference (and create difficulties in trying to measure drag area by this method).

The tape recorder proved to be a problem until I located a Dictaphone "Dictet" at my laboratory. I was able to borrow it even after I told the man

HIT AND RUN MEET

Hemet, California, Dec. 18, 1960

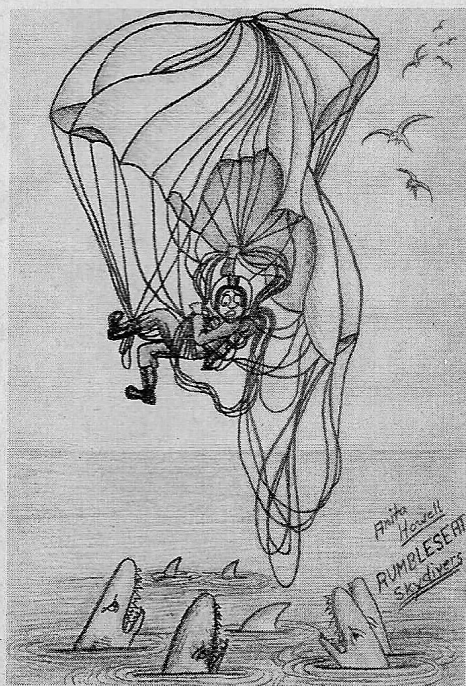
why I wanted it. His confidence in me was a lot greater than my own. The "Dictet" is a beautifully built little instrument which seemed just made to order for this project.

I wrapped several layers of cloth around it to protect the finish then secured it behind the reserve parachute with quantities of plastic electrical tape. As an added safeguard (it cost close to 400 dollars) I ran a short piece of suspension line through two carrying hooks on the recorder and through one of the webbing loops on the back of the T7-A reserve container.

The microphone, which is only about an inch and a half long and three quarters of an inch square, was taped to a strip of metal which was bent to fit my chin, then taped to the chin strap of my helmet. This placed the microphone directly in front of my lips. In the original installation I had the mike inside of the Wilson helmet plastic nose guard. This was ideal for protection from wind noise but created some difficulty in seeing the altimeter over the nose-guard. However, if we do any more free fall recording I shall probably try this scheme.

The cable, a very thin twisted pair, was fed into the neck of my coveralls and out through a hole directly behind the recorder. The recorder has lever controls which were readily accessible even for a gloved hand.

Incidentally, I also obtained some idea of the deployment speed of my chute. The recording goes something like this, "Pull-one thousand, two thous — UMPH."



Charles Montague hitting the buzzer.

If you want to really have a ball, lots of laughs — horse laughs, that is — then you should sell your club on an idea that was tried, and really proved lots of fun for everyone.

Parachutes, Inc., Hemet, California sponsored what they termed as a "Hit and Run Meet" the later part of December. It is exactly that. You hit the ground, then make like a gazelle for target center. Buried there in the coveted spot is a small metal plate. Slap it with your hand, bang it with your elbow, or just plain step, fall, or dive on it and it stops the timer that was started when you made your first contact with the ground, by the timer judge, Bill Unthank. Don Richards held a stop watch — just to be sure the timer didn't cheat on anyone.

What a meet! You should have seen them tearing off across the deeply plowed DZ tugging at their inflated canopies. Somehow they all seemed to make it though. Jim McDonald from the San Diego club ran the farthest and Darrell Creighton, Rumbleseaters, must have been the dirtiest.

Quite a few of the entrants really bombed in. Scoring was in seconds. Best 2 out of 3 jumps combined. Charles Montague, San Marcos Sky Divers, bombed dead center once and took first place with 2.99 seconds; John Conover, L. A. Sky Divers, was second with 3.77 seconds. Howard Wheaton, Jumpmasters Teams from L. A., third with 4.33 seconds; Chuck

Ayers, Rumbleseat Sky Divers, fourth with 4.88 seconds and Henry Collision, San Jacquin Sky Divers, was fifth with 5.08 seconds.

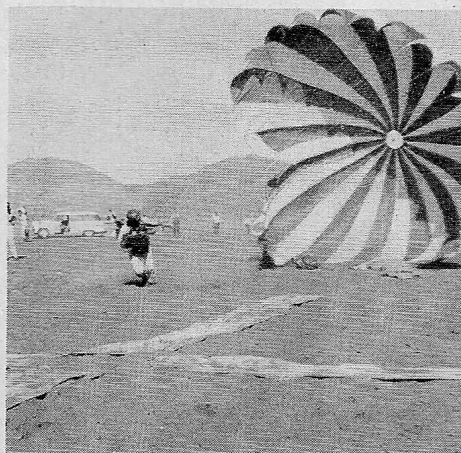
Jean Cousins scored first in the women class with 9.08 seconds; Muriel Simbro, second with 13.00 seconds, Lee Weekly third with 14.65 seconds and Joy McDonald was fourth.

First place (men and women received identical prizes) prize was a Pioneer Sleeve, second place won a Panel, third place a lighter and fourth and fifth places received log books.

The meet was very well organized and everyone had a real ball. There was a 15,000 foot jump made by nine of the participating members from a Beechcraft. Incidentally, if you are interested in high altitude jumping, Hemet can get the aircraft if you can muster up nine jumpers who have the experience for a jump of this type.



Bill Strange (Wade Preston) was a jumper at Hemet during the competition.



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I would like to bring attention to an article in the October issue by Ed Drumheller, President of the Los Angeles Sky Divers in which he states, "On June 25th at El Mirage, Ron Derby and I made a 15,000 ft. jump and pull, in which the idea was to pass a baton, after the chutes were opened. We believe that this is the first time that this have ever been attempted. We got within 3 ft. of passing it. We plan to make another attempt at this again in the near future."

It is probably true a baton has never been passed after the chutes were opened, but on several occasions about 25 years ago, the writer made

contact with different parachutes and could have passed batons back and forth without difficulty.

After 4 or 5 trials, Eddie Wells (now a captain with TWA) and myself steered our chutes together and clasped hands and after we had once done this and had mastered this maneuver, we had no trouble in getting together about six times.

At another time, Roy Stillman (now deceased) and myself made contact and on still another occasion, Warren Youngclaus (former President of PCA when it was known as the NPJR) made contact with me.

On one of the jumps with Eddie Wells and myself, we jumped at 3500 ft. and got together and held on to each other until about 600 ft. from the ground, then separated and made a second contact and held on until about 50 ft. from the ground and released each other at that altitude, each making one swing outward and towards each other making a standup landing in the center of a grass plot at Roosevelt Field.

In those days, this was considered stunt jumping while now in the PCA, we are all safety conscious. I want to warn anyone if they do attempt this maneuver, however, to be most cautious as it can prove disastrous. When making contact, if both jumpers are at the same level and oscillate towards each other, you can injure yourself. So one jumper should be higher than the other, and as they approach each other, get hold of the lines of the other man's chute. In this way, after clasping a line, there is no problem walking up and down on each other's lines because you are both coming down at the same rate of descent so there is no weight on each other's chute.

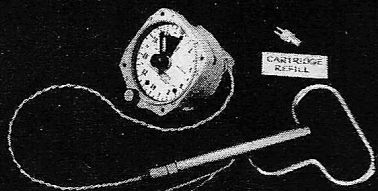
I would further warn anyone that at Fort Benning, there have been jumpers who have accidentally made contact with each other and were fatally injured, so it is not actually a smart thing to do.

Considering that it is an unnecessary stunt, there is a good possibility that the insurance company would not honor claims in the event of injury or death if this were tried.

I don't want to be a "Kill Joy" but I do want to make jumpers aware of the serious consequences in trying stunts.

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Australian Parachute Federation

On week-end 22nd-23rd October 1960, representatives of the 6 parachute clubs and training schools in Australia met to form the Australian Parachute Federation.

Operational Regulations and Constitutional Rules as drawn up and proposed by the Camden's Club Chief Parachute Jump Instructors, were discussed and adopted in principal after slight amendments.

The Camden Parachute Club organized the whole project in conjunction with an air pageant and demonstrations of mass parachute jumping and sky diving at the airfield under the auspices of our Chief Instructor Warren Office Bob Milligan of R.A.A.F. Williamstown N.S.W.

The mass jump was to have consisted of twelve, 5 second delays, free fall descents by 12 representatives from the 6 clubs. The jumps were to have been made out of 3 different air crafts; Dehaviland 6 seater Dragon biplane, and Cessna 172 and 180. Unfortunately the jump had to be cancelled due to high winds and a severe rain squall, such weather being quite prevalent this time of year on the East Coast of Australia.

However, Major John Church of the Services Club R.A.A.F. Williamstown and Keith Bullied of the Victorian Parachute School, gave a demonstration of 7 seconds free fall right in the middle of a heavy rain storm, in order to save face with the crowd of approximately 4000 who had assembled there to witness our demonstration.

It is proposed to hold the 2nd Australian Parachute championships at Daulby Queensland, during the Easter Public Holidays 1961, the host club being the Queensland Parachute Club, Brisbane.

Any enquiries reference same, please contact: Camden Parachute Club, Public Relation Officer Louis Johnston, 25 Eastern Avenue, Revesby, Sydney, N.S.W. Australia.

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Southern California Sport Parachuting Council Meet

Elsinore, Calif., Nov. 19-20, 1960



Trophies, So. Calif. Council Meet.

This was the first meet to be sponsored by the recently formed So. Calif. Parachuting Council. Everyone did a bang-up job and it was one of the most efficiently run meets in the So. Calif. area to date.

A raffle was held and the proceeds (\$103.00) went to the newly formed council. Winners were as follows: C-9 canopy donated by Russ Wheeler went to Nick Neely, Anaheim, Calif. Pak-Mat donated by Glendale Parachute Co. went to James P. McDonald of San Diego. Packing Kit donated by Russ Wheeler went to Ron Fitch of Calif. Sleeve donated by United Parachute Sales went to Bob Richards, and a white quik-fit harness donated by Russ Wheeler went to Bob Ford, California.

Event No. 1 was a Jump and Pull from 3,000, spotting only. Best 2 out of 3 jumps.

- 1st Bud Keisow, Elsinore, Calif.
- 2nd Ed Duncan, Rumbleseat Sky Divers, Hollywood, Calif.
- 3rd John Freitas, San Marcos Sky Divers, San Marcos, Calif.
- 4th Duke Adair, El Toro Marine Base, Santa Ana, Calif.
- 5th Chris Heisel, Desert Sky Divers, Yuma, Arizona.

Event No. 2 was a 20 second Delayed Accuracy Jump with no more than 45 degrees variation off target heading, plus accuracy on target work. Possible points 700: 400 for air work and 300 target work.

- 1st Bud Keisow, Elsinore, Calif. 688 points.
- 2nd Bob Higbee, Rumbleseat Sky Divers, Hwd. 682 points.
- 3rd John Freitas, San Marcos Sky Divers, Calif. 679 points.
- 4th Verne Williams, Elsinore, Calif.

667 points.

5th Cal Peterson, Rumbleseat Sky Divers, Hwd. 665 points.

Overall winner was John Freitas, San Marcos Sky Divers, San Marcos, California.

Marilyn McRae won the womens spotting event with 291 feet.

Team Event:

- 1st Cal Peterson
Don Molitar
Hugh MacDonald—1598 points
- 2nd Bob Higbee
Ed Duncan
Bob Buckner—1450 points
- 3rd John Freitas
Jacobs—1245 points
- 4th Monte McRae
Les Flick—961 points
- 5th Russ Wheeler
Verne Williams
Bob Sinclair—808 points

All trophies were donated by private enterprises, all with a sincere interest in our favorite sport.

Judges for the meet were: Chief Judge, Loy Brydon; Assistants, Frank Carpenter, Jarry Fitton, Bill Coan, and Bill Unthank.



Trans-Ceivers main unit.

The TRANS-CEIVERS, a Citizens Ban Frequency Club, specializing in search and rescue work had their unit on the field at all times during the meet. They had communications set up in the hangar, on the DZ, in the pick-up jeep and in their main station, a camper truck especially

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Club Activities

DIXIE SKY DIVERS of Clemson College: by Ed Selby, P. O. Box 3999, Clemson College, S. C. This note is to let all members of the sport parachuting world know that we exist. We are a small band of sky divers, ten strong, attending Clemson College in South Carolina. We average one or two jumps on Sunday afternoon, the average would be higher but a financial problem and lack of school backing hinders our movements.

We have found a suitable drop zone in Lavonia, Georgia, which we share with the Bulldog Parachute Club from the University of Georgia. This lends for spirited competition on target work and gives esprit de corps to each club.

We recently gave a skydiving exhibition during an Air Show at Aiken Airfield, Aiken, S. C. The show was attended by Miss South Carolina, Miss Sandra Browning, who is shown above with members of the club who participated in show.

Our club enjoys an honorable safety record and I can only recall one incident worth repeating. It seems that one of our students on his first static line decided not to jump. This would have been fine but since he was already on the strut of the plane it created a problem. In attempting to crawl back into the aircraft he slipped and was left holding the wheel of the plane at 2,800'. It became increasingly evident that he wouldn't let go so we released the wheel brakes and he was off on his first jump. We wonder if any other club has encountered an incident of this nature.

We extend a hardy welcome to any skydivers visiting this area to join any of our activities.

CLEVELAND PARACHUTE CLUB: Box 189 R.F.D. #3, Middlefield, Ohio. Our club is 12 years old, with such members as Floyd Hobby and George Stone, who participated in the 1956 Moscow Olympics of Sport Parachuting, on our roster.

During the summer months we jump every chance we get, with our Cessna 170-B. Our D.Z. is farm land not being used because of the soil



DIXIE SKY DIVERS participating in the Aiken Air Show shown with Miss South Carolina. L to R: Ed Selby, Team Captain (C-193), Butch Thompson,

pilot & jumper, Allan Traylor, jumper, Miss Sandra Browning, Miss South Carolina, Hal Baxter, Safety Officer and "Little Joe" Nantz, Treasurer.

program.

Dale Gates, of Parkman, Ohio, is President and pilot, and is always on the ball if we want to jump anytime, anywhere — law permitting.

One of our men, Ben Dennis, who on 5 June 1960 in an 8 man mass exhibition jump at Lorain, Ohio City Airport, had the misfortune of hitting 2 cars and hurting his neck, is back in the harness with the rest of us enjoying the sport.

We invite anyone going through to stop and enjoy the sky with the Cleveland Club.

PARACHUTE CLUB OF DOYLESTOWN: By Carl Blessing, Public Relations Secretary, 1118 North Easton Road, Willow Grove, Penna. On October 9, 1960, the Kiwanis sponsored an air show at the Skyron Bucks County Airport in Doyleston. The entire air show was filmed by CBS T.V., and should be released late in March of 1961.

Several members of the P. C. of Doylestown participated in the show. Carl Blessing and Jerry Meyers excited a Cessna 172 from 5,200' over the field for a twenty second delay. Both landed quite close to the target. Later in the day, Jack Childs and Russ Roseberry did five second delays. Club members were swamped with demands for information about sky diving.

The Parachute Club of Doylestown is now in the process of establishing a D.Z. at the Flying Dutchman Airport in Eddington.

Incidentally, I hope we see more of the instructive articles which have appeared such as "Turns," "Stability," and "Openings."

FAIRMONT SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB: By Jerry E. Mathwig, 123 North Avenue, Fairmont, Minn. We have 10 members in our club and are jumping from two aircraft. One, a Cessna 172, and one a Tri Racer. Jumping at the Municipal Airport in Fairmont, and anyone interested in becoming a member or jumping with us should contact me, at the above address or phone 594-4.

HOOSIER SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB: By Dennis H. MacPherson, President. The Hoosier Sky Divers started their first active jump day about one month ago, Sun. Oct. 9, 1960. We now have a total of 22 jumps.

To date, all of our members are students at Indiana University. We jump either a Cessna 172 or 175. All our students are still on S/Line except Dean Allen, who is on 10 second delays and potentially a terrific jumper.

Our membership is \$25.00 including first jump and \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 for a 10, 20 and 30 respectively. These prices will be reduced when the jump-

ers start spotting for themselves and cut down on tack time. This will be one of the cheapest jumping clubs in this area (excluding the So. Fla. Para. Ass'n.).

BERKS PARACHUTE CLUB: by Chester E. Riegel, 456 W. Oley St., Reading, Penna. The Berks Parachute Club has had the honor of having one of the U. S. Parachute Team members jump with us at our field at Garden Spot Airport, Lancaster, Penna. His name is SFC Harry E. Arter. Harry, as you know, was one of the U. S. Team members participating in the 1960 World Championships at Sofia, Bulgaria. A 30 second delay was made by Harry at our field on Sunday, December 4, 1960, and a great deal of helpful information was given us by him.

The Berks Parachute Club wishes to express our gratitude to the Baltimore Sky Divers of Baltimore, Md., and the Shawnee Sky Divers of Shawnee, Okla., for asking us to help with a few of their problems, and hope the answers to their questions were satisfactory.

A rule that our club has adopted is to practice PLF's and emergency procedure prior to each days jumping activities. We feel that there cannot be enough emphasis placed upon these two important actions.

The Paramount short subject, "A Sport is Born," is now in one of our local theatres and we have on display a complete line of Sport Parachuting Equipment, and each day a member of our club is there to answer questions. The manager of the Embassy Theatre in Reading, Penna., where the picture is playing, was very cooperative and pleased with the display. Ten prospective members were derived by their interest in the display. The picture was made at the Sport Parachuting Center, Orange, Mass., and was quite something to see, especially the relative air work.

The Berks Parachute Club wishes to hear from any of the clubs throughout the country and overseas clubs as well, on any new ideas that may further develop Sport Parachuting.

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What's Happening

News from Around the Globe
Local News from Readers Welcomed

KINGSTREE, S. C.—Douglas James, 19, dropped in at his home for dinner one day recently from 2,500' above via a strawberry pink parachute.

The youthful sky diver had meant to land in a field a considerable distance from home and had his mother, Mrs. A. K. James, stationed there to drive him home for the mid-day meal.

A strong northeast wind carried him to earth near his own front yard.

PONTIAC, MICH.—An ill wind blew Santa Clause no good Nov. 26.

Santa was supposed to parachute from a plane about 3000' above a suburban shopping center, landing in a 30 foot square, roped-off area.

But an unexpected wind fated Santa back and forth over the area and a main thoroughfare.

A crowd of about 2000 surged back and forth with him, snarling traffic in the process.

Santa, portrayed by exparatrooper James Bockman, finally landed on the roof of a parked station wagon.

Santa, with little more than injured pride, climbed down and strode majestically across the road to his friends. **ALLIANCE, OHIO**—Members of the Pittsburgh Sky Divers Club joined with the Alliance Parachute Club members yesterday in parachute jumps at the Alliance Air Service Field on Route 62.

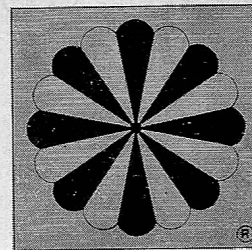
A total of 14 jumps were made by the two groups in Nov., including Alliance students, Bryon Smith and Jim States who made static line and free fall jumps.

Other Alliance jumpers were Bill Rogers, Carl Burrier, Lawrence Sanders and Bob Marsh. Some of the visiting Pittsburgh group waited until darkness fell and did night jumps.

PENSACOLA, FLA.—Organization of a Sky Diver Club in this area at Milton (T) airport. Club rules will be governed by the Parachute Club of America.

According to the announcement no jumping experience is required for membership, but persons under 21 years of age must have written consent from a parent or guardian. Minimum age is 18.

Approximately 20 persons responded to a Pensacola Journal story which



"A SPORT IS BORN"

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announced plans for organizing the club.

PARIS, ONT. OCT. 17—A student parachutist dangled helplessly from a plane at the end of a thin line 3,200 feet in the air before his rescue by an instructor who slid down the line and opened the parachute.

George Van Roosmalen, 21, of Woodstock, was making his fourth jump yesterday with a local jumping club when he became tangled in the line. His right arm was wrapped tightly against his body and he was unable to pull the ripcord.

The instructor, Army Cpl. Alfred Coxall, 33, first started to cut the line. He then realized that Mr. Van Roosmalen's right arm was useless because the circulation was cut off.

Corporal Coxall slid down the line which snapped just as he reached Mr. Van Roosmalen. The corporal pulled the ripcord and the two men fell from the plane. Both landed safely.

HOLLYWOOD, FLA.—Whether parachute jumping or a bathing beauty contest would draw the most people is the problem pondered by Portstewart, Northern Ireland, hungry for tourists.

WOOSTER, OHIO—"Watch the first step, it's a long one!"

That was the only comment Paul Wirt of Wooster RD 4 had to make after becoming an active member of the Ashland Skydivers, a group of parachutists in Ashland.

Wirt, and his son, Paul Jr., became active members of the group Sunday by completing their initial jump.

The Skydivers hold regular instruction and jump sessions at the Ashland Airport every Sunday.

CHAGRIN FALLS, OHIO—With an eye on jumping in competition and in exhibitions a mother-son team is

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testing its wings with the Cleveland Parachute Club that calls Kimpton Field off of Mumford Road, home base. Mrs. Anne DeMichele, the only woman who is active in the club, logged her second free-fall jump last weekend. Her son, Marshall, jumped in his first free-fall the same day. The club is sponsoring the two who live on Winchell Road in Aurora.

Mrs. DeMichele's interest in parachuting was kindled several years ago when she was taken for an airplane ride. She watched the parachuters for a long time after that before she made her first effort recently. She describes the sport as a challenge, especially in the free falls, and says, "It's really interesting: it's a wonderful feeling."

FIRST FEMALE PARACHUTIST IN PUERTO RICO

Karina Burkey, 20, a member of the Puerto Rico Sky Diving Association is the first girl to make a parachute jump in Puerto Rico. 2,500' over a sugar cane Drop Zone, Karina, outwardly calm, stepped into the 100 mph blast to make a 5 second stabilized fall prior to the opening of her automatic chute. Upon landing after a 2½ minute decent into 8 feet of cane, she was surrounded by throngs of children. Her first comment was a joyful "Estoy Vivo" (I'm Alive).

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equipped with their radio gear.

This group ranged in age from 12 years to 36 years and they really thrive on helping sporting events with their communication system. They will travel about 100 miles from home base, the Pico-Rivera, Whittier area. A really great group who are more than willing to help in any way possible. Many thanks to them for their cooperation. Address all inquiries to them to SKY DIVER Magazine.

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April, 1961: **FIRST ANNUAL SEATTLE SKY DIVERS OPEN INVITATIONAL.** For further information contact the Seattle Sky Divers, Snohomish Airport, Snohomish, Washington.

May or June, 1961: **CARRIBEAN CUP MEET** (tentatively scheduled): For further information contact the Puerto Rico Sky Diving Association, Dorado, Puerto Rico.

July, 1961: **SECOND ANNUAL HEMET SPORT PARACHUTING CENTER ACCURACY COMPETITION:** For further information contact Hemet Sport Parachuting Center, Box 876, Hemet, California.

**ANY OTHER MEETS
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News Release

L TO R. LARRY MOORE, GERMANY'S HANS-GEORG SCHUETT AND BILL STOWELL. Stowell's left hand is over the Altimeter, center dial stop watch, farthest dial, a rate of clime meter. This is used in testing rates of descent. Roll immediately behind instrument board is casing for switch blade emergency knife. It alho has a curved "U" blade which is open when knife is extracted. Cord just below Schuett's right hand is used to secure expended smoke canaster. It has a slip loop already in it and hangs about 3 feet below the reserve when in use. Note release on wast band below Moore's right hand. The left side has a wuick release. Both Stowell and Moore drop their reserves upon opening, with it hanging to the right side. Below visibility is improved. Note: Instrument board light switch is located just below the Stop Watch. The two cards on the under side of the board are wind drift and rate of rescent tables. This reserve holds a 28" foot blank gore canopy which is preferred principally for testing various models of the Moore designed Boriquen Ranger line. It is jumped once a month in place of the back chute.

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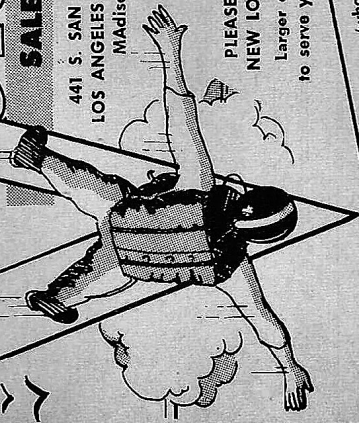
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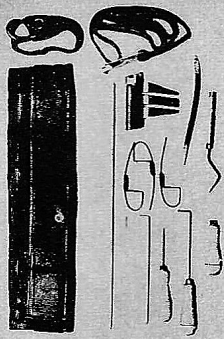
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