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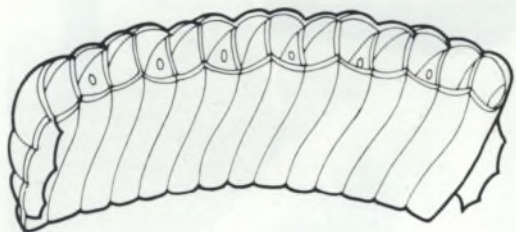
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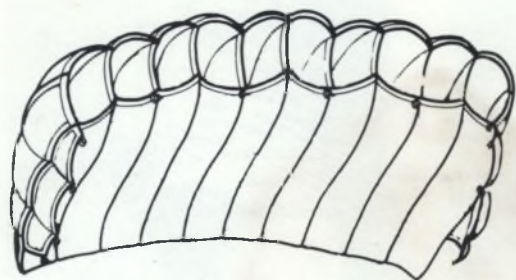
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EDITORIAL

Jackie Smith — we all love you! Your winning of the Gold Medal at this year's World Parachuting Championships in the Ladies Accuracy Event with ten consecutive dead centres is an outstanding, magnificent sporting achievement. It is also the first time that this country has won a Gold Medal at a World Parachuting Championships — it's not surprising that the other members of the team admitted, unashamedly, that they wept tears of pride as you stood on the winner's podium. We salute you!

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Every year at this time I write on the subject of Nominations for Election to the BPA Council — I do so again without apology. If we are to have a strong Association to promote, protect and safely conduct our sport, it is vital that we have an enthusiastic and energetic Council to run it. The nomination of candidates and their subsequent election to Council is entirely in the hands of you, the membership. On this year's Council two clubs were represented by three Council members each, and, whilst club representation isn't entirely the name of the game, I can't help admiring their support. So this year let's have every BPA Approved and Affiliated Club support BPA in the same way with the nomination of able candidates for Council election. Pathetically last year there were so few nominations that we didn't even have an election! For the sake of our Association and our sport let's not have a repetition!

Blue skies and soft landings,

Charlie

Copy date for the next issue — Monday 20th November

Cover — The build-up to the first British 15 man over Glenrothes.
Dave Waterman

THE DROP MAN

Calendar of Events

20-24 Nov. '78 BPA PI/Exam Course 4/78
 12-16 Feb. '79 BPA PI/Exam Course 1/79
 19-20 May '79 APA Open RW Meet—Netheravon
 30 May-7 June '79 Army Championships—Netheravon

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BPA Instructors Course 3/78 — Netheravon

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DZ.

The lanyard rattles 'gainst the empty windsock pole,
 The place is desolate and cold,
 Do the ghosts of wartime pilots haunt this place?
 As they sit and wait the scramble to be told.

This was their waiting place,
 They either slept or read,
 This weather-beaten Nissen hut,
 Is now our packing shed.

This was their home between those visits to the sky,
 They fought invaders to our land,
 Do they sit and watch us as we pack our kit?
 Why do we do it? Perhaps they would understand...

C.S.M.



This photo is of George Devine who sent it to us with an interesting letter from which the following is an extract:

"Please print it for:

1. It cost me a bomb
2. I've never had my piccy in the mag.
3. I'm a nice chap."

Say no more George!

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 YOU CAN HANDLE
 55TH POSITION
 ON THIS
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 MEGA BLOB
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—TRY GOING
 ABOUT 4TH
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 STABLE...



Brigadier Joe Starling, newly appointed Chairman of the Army Parachute Association, seen before his first sport jump recently at Netheravon. Joe, who is an experienced military parachutist (he is qualified to wear six nation's military wings), is the first APA Chairman to sport parachute in 14 years.



"I don't normally listen to gossip lad, but it's been hinted that you've been using the firm's van at week-ends!"

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This manky weather we've had this season
 Caused a Preston farmer to lose his reason.
 Would the weekend weather change his luck?
 N—it's back to the cows and shovelling muck.
 "A mid-week, demo is what I'll try.
 The weather's good from Mon. till Fri."
 It's all arranged for Wednesday
 But it's that time of year for making hay.
 He threw a fit and fumed and cursed
 But a fella's living must come first.
 While his mates get ready and buckles fasten
 Rog. has to get the bleeding grass in.
 His anger flares, his nerves are raw
 But here we come to the final straw.
 The double demo. is duly done
 And the lads decide it could be fun
 To drop in over Roger's farm.
 Just another lob, "Now where's the harm?"
 With Roger sweating in the sun
 They exit aircraft one by one.
 And land around their toiling mate
 Says one "he looks a bit irate"
 With tractor racing and cutter whirring
 There's a touch of panic gently stirring.
 "He's not too happy" someone said,
 But he spoke to long for now he's dead.
 As the cutter wrought havoc on life and gear
 Survival seemed a good idea.



"What's your job in the Forces mate? Doorman on a Hercules?"

The lesson learned these difficult days
 The weather affect blokes funny ways.

CLIFF





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"Hullo Sailor!" — Peter Southgate (left) sent this photo of his wedding to Yvonne and best man Steve Knipe. They are all regular jumpers at Grindale.



A 'POPS' win at the Shobdon 'Round' Meet — 12/13 August. John the Bike (Pops 28), Pat the Carpet (Pops 10) and Johnny SP8 (Pops 18).



More happy families — Jim Stoddart with his wife Wendy and son Richard — Wendy and Richard making their first descent three days after the latter's 16th birthday.



Paula Laws took this photo of Jon Williams making his 1000th descent at Sibson — congratulations Willy!



Ken Davidson, on his first attempt at free fall photography, produced this photo of Sue Arthur on her 37th jump with Harry Morgan over Strathallan.



Another first go at free fall photography — this time by John Norris over Weston on the Green.



Jackie Smith, proudly displaying her Gold Medal won at the World Meet, with Graham Davies, Managing Director of GQ Parachutes, who had just presented her with a complete GQ/Security rig to mark her magnificent achievement.



If you weren't one of the 104 competitors at this year's fantastic Duck End Farm Meet, you don't know what you missed — the two characters above anyway! On the right, and for the second year running, was Phil Cavannagh exhibiting his famous 'nose of red'. The guy on the left remains something of a mystery. Read all about this great club competition in the next issue of 'Sport Parachutist'.



This photograph was taken recently over Netheravon by Fred Elliott . . .



... who is seen here taking a picture of Charlie ...



... who in turn was taking a picture of him!



Dear Charlie,

May I, through the medium of the correspondence column of S.P. try to redress a slight injustice that seems to be establishing itself and to put the record straight. I particularly wish to do so for the sake of the many up and coming newcomers to the sport.

The old firm's name of IRVIN has come in for a bit of stick of late, both in the mag. and on the D.Z.'s, relating it to the use (misuse!) of various items which have design origins in the Company and about which words like "inefficient" and "hazardous" have been used and likewise statements such as "use should be banned" etc. publicised.

Just so that newcomers get it straight, any item can be inefficient, hazardous and even justifiably banned from a particular use, if the use to which one applies it is very different from the designed use.

Of course as time progresses, and true knowledge accumulates, better designs and improved ways of doing things will always emerge and this is particularly so in sport parachuting. However the liberal use of a reputable name like IRVIN implying, by connotation, association with defects and problems arising out of misuse by (experienced?) parachutists doesn't help to solicit the continuance of support of our chosen pastime. The number of jumps in anyone's log book never was a reliable yardstick on which to measure the mouthings of its owner, so let us not perpetuate ill considered remarks and the misuse of kit and then blame the consequences on the design's originator.

Please Charlie, help public relations along a bit if you can. IRVIN's have been a tremendous help to the sport in the U.K. over the past years. Many a "senior man" of today was only too happy, in his salad days, to make use of the substantial and generous help freely given, in former difficult years, by IRVIN's.

I hasten to add that I write just a B.P.A. member and not from the chair of my, perhaps, better known connections — but "fair's fair", please.

IAN WRIGHT
B.P.A. 3064
Letchworth

Of course you're right Ian. My apologies for unnecessarily mentioning Irvin's name in my last editorial. I'm happy to publish your letter to set the balance — Ed.

Dear Charlie,

Before I and my buddy are banned from doing CRW on every DZ in the country, I would like to reply via the pages of the magazine.

I was surprised to find that a photograph of a canopy collapse involving myself and Alan Derbyshire had been used to warn people how NOT to do CRW, as well as a critical editorial. Although I fully accept the merit of the remarks in principle, I feel comment should be made. The photograph on its own with no other CONSTRUCTIVE criticism does not mean anything to anyone.

(1) There is no school or B.P.A. course for CRW. You pick up all the information you can from existing practitioners, and read what literature is available (or listen to tapes).

(2) You attempt to put theory to practice with someone you know well and who has done the required number of jumps.

(3) We have made numerous dockings all from the "underneath approach", and only had the one collapse.

We found at an early stage that side dockings, at one time recommended by Roger Hull, are not as safe as the former method. Clouds seem to be particularly prone to end cell collapse by this method, and the only safe place to grab is the middle cells area.

(4) Practice makes perfect! Do all RW loads go according to plan — are any taken out? Experienced guys still do this or go below. The same goes for CRW.

Nobody wants anything to go wrong, but if it does it's too late. You can't shout "Blue Riband" and go back to the approach. Without incident no one would learn.

The incident shown resulted from myself approaching too high. Alan pumped his brakes to gain lift. Although achieving this it also moved him backwards, and in so doing he got hold of the leading edge of the middle cells pulling the canopy backwards and causing partial collapse — height 3,000 ft. There were several photographs of the incident, the one shown being at the worse moment. One half of the canopy re inflated almost immediately, but the other side did not. After unsuccessfully attempting to shake it open himself, Alan released his foothold on my signal, I then pumped the other side open — final height 1,300 ft.

HEIGHT is the crucial factor, and we stuck to the rule — "if no link by 1,000 ft. forget it".

Yes, we did learn from the incident, and we can now tell other CR Workers something which they should not do.

CHRIS POLLETT D2041

[Naturally I didn't intend to upset you, Chris; the aim of my editorial and the photograph was to warn of the possible dangers of CRW, **not** to instruct it. I'm delighted that you've gone part of the way in rectifying my omission — Ed.]



COLLEGIATE NEWS



As most people realise the standards of British Collegiate sport parachuting are far lower than those of the United States and the rest of Europe, especially the eastern block countries. The reasons for this are many, but one of the major factors is a shortage of facilities due to a lack of finance. Therefore we find it difficult to firstly train a reasonable volume of first time students with the cash available to us, and secondly to progress our enthusiastic potential category X parachutists, and future national representatives, who at this time are having to live and parachute on meagre government grants.

During my time as secretary of the B.C.P.A. I have come to the conclusion that the only solution to our problems is to provide special facilities for student jumpers in the form of a national collegiate parachute centre, or centres. I am pleased to be able to announce that such a centre, the 'National Collegiate Parachute Centre' is now open at Todwick Airfield, Hardwick Hall Farm, Aston, Nr. Sheffield.

This new club, as all B.P.A. clubs, will have unrestricted membership and everyone is welcome. I hope to be able to provide the best deal in the country for collegiate clubs, that means cheaper course fees!!!

And positive help in student progression.

The airfield is centrally located, slightly south-east of Sheffield, and just off the M1 motorway. It should be ideally suited to the universities and colleges of the Sheffield, Leeds, Manchester, Lancaster, Hull and York areas. And can also serve the non-collegiate people of the local area which has been short of parachuting facilities since the close of parachuting at Leeds/Bradford airport.

The D.Z. will be operating at weekends, but it will be possible in the coming season to arrange progression weeks for your college club. Next year all our collegiate competitions will be held on our own D.Z., an ideal situation.

All college clubs have to do to book courses for their students is to contact me at:

'The Spread Eagle',
Broad Lane,
Wednesfield,
Wolverhampton, WV11 3SD.
Tel: 66890.

Tell me the weekend you wish to train, and the number you wish to bring, if you have any kit of your own, and if you have any B.P.A. instructors at your club to help our regular staff, and come and make the 'National Collegiate Parachute Centre' your regular drop zone.

I hope that now we have this facility we make the best use of it, and make it a success.

DAVID TURNER, CRW 193

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE PARACHUTE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Almost unbelievably the early morning of Saturday, 18th August was calm and blue after the high winds of practice day Friday, and aspiring B.C.P.A. champions emerged from an assortment of tents and packing sheds at Shobdon. Roger Flynn as chief judge ably assisted by Martin Renick amiably attempted the briefing as numbers fluctuated and debates as to student status drifted on unresolved—A-levels by postal correspondence course??? Numbers didn't reflect all Dave Turner's hard work over the past year and a half, but teams represented six universities and polys, one correspondence course and a nursing college. This rose by one university when Dave Huntly (got it right this time Dave) from Bristol arrived at lunchtime ready for a 7 p.m. briefing!

Four random rounds for the RW were drawn, and Dave

Howerski and Geoff Hinsley could be seen to start their marathon dirt-diving sessions — Uranus training obviously an advantage here. Telemeters and judges installed at the pit with Dave Turner as Organiser/Director (and competing too) working suitably hard the first lift took off. Student accuracy and RW were run concurrently, the TU's relying on a good spot from Dave Howerski and, if they were lucky, Dave Turner. It was decided to let Dave Huntly compete and after the first round Bill Miller of Cardiff found himself leading with 12.99 m and Mike Kilby was second with 23.5 m having destroyed totally the windsock pole much to the annoyance of fellow Exeter University jumper Dave MacGregor who blamed this for his zap.

The two-man sequential turned out to be a good fun event, with 25 seconds proving to be just the right amount of working time. I for one learnt a lot (thanks Dave) gaining some much needed confidence and one can't help but feel sorry for everyone who didn't take the opportunity to compete. Dave Howerski and Geoff Hinsley jumped well claiming six points from the first round. Simon Rutherford and Trish Eden were second with three points and Dave and I were given two points losing four points after an illegal grip change and working after time. By midday the breeze became breezier and the RW spot directly over the pit scattered the jumpers far and wide, Dave having stood down the TU jumpers as the wind gusted from 10-15 knots at which it seemed to settle down to for the rest of the afternoon. The judges found it very difficult to see into the haze of this bright sunny day and missed most of the second round with teams losing what they thought to be good dives. Dave Turner also lost his reserve ripcord handle having his first malfunction and consequently stood the meet down until he had repacked his reserve sending everyone, including the aircraft, to find his canopy and reserve handle.

After the hub-hub had died down along with the wind the re-runs were run in the evening sunset, Geoff and Dave again getting in a six pointer and Dave and myself moving up into second place with a four point round.

The traditional volume of beer was consumed at the Mortimers Cross on Saturday evening and everyone retired expecting a repeat of the super sunny day we had just had, tomorrow. Unfortunately Sunday dawned with low clag, which eventually ruined the meet, and it was late Sunday afternoon before the next RW lift got off the ground, just missing a big blue gap, the load having to come back down to 3500 at which height they all exited and were awarded Zaps for not landing with the aircraft.

In the accuracy competition Dave Huntly moved into first place in the second round with a 3.65 m and Dave MacGregor secured second place in the third and what proved to be the final round with 7.36 m the meet running out of time.

Conspicuous for their absence were the holder of the B.C.P.A. cheque book and the holder of the team trophy and medals!!! But thanks to those who did turn up to give it a go. A special thanks to CCI Mac McCarthy who did very well in putting up with us and to his pilot who seemed totally confused after being made to run-in down wind all day and cut over the pit, contrary to all he had been told in the past, but managed to fly excellently regardless, and lastly to our two very patient judges Rodger and Martin.

JACKIE SMITH (*The other one!* — Ed)

RESULTS

RW	Accuracy
1. D. Howerski G. Hinsley	1. D. Huntly <i>Bristol University</i>
2. D. Turner J. Smith	2. D. MacGregor <i>Exeter University</i>
3. T. Eden S. Rutherford	3. B. Miller <i>Cardiff University</i>



THE 14th WORLD PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS - ZAGREB 1978



The 1978 British Delegation and supporters . . .

This is the report of the XIV World Parachuting Championships or the magical story of Britain's own World Champion — Jackie Smith. But first things first. The team consisting of National Champion Doug Young, Scotty Milne, Dickie Bird, Dave Tylcoat, Bob Hiatt and Paddy Byrne, together with Team Coach Bob King and the only two girls to reach the rather loose qualifying standards, Jackie Smith and Sandy Milne, went to Raeford, USA for two weeks training. Paddy Byrne was the unfortunate person chosen as sixth man, after the training period and on the 20th August the advance party set off for Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

Doug Peacock, our F.A.I. Judge and Paddy drove the BPA maxi while Bob King and Paul Slaughter who was driver, journalist, photographer and recorder drove the team bus. Dane Kenny and Trish Bird (Dickie's wife) accompanied us as team supporters.

We reached Zagreb on 22nd August and awaited the teams' arrival, led by Head of Delegation John Meacock on 24th August. The 25th was a spare day, spent resting and sightseeing. The 26th was a practice day where each member of the team made an accuracy jump. The opening ceremony saw a very large crowd given an excellent air display whose formation flying by five gliders stole the show, despite bad weather.

The 27th August saw the beginning of the actual competition. The organisers had decided to run the men's and ladies competitions simultaneously, i.e. men's style and ladies accuracy and vice versa.

We started off with 3 rounds of men's accuracy and 2 rounds of ladies style. There were 2 major surprises in the men's first round, both Pierre Ferrand, Canada and Chuck Collingwood, USA dropped 1.91 putting them out with no chance of a medal. Fortunately our men fared better: Doug Young 0.08, 0.06 and 0.00, Dave Tylcoat 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, Scotty 0.00, 0.00, 0.01, Dickie 0.03, 0.01, 0.01 and Bob 0.02, 0.12 (most uncharacteristic) and 0.03. The girls, Jackie scored 11.00 secs and 11.10 and Sandy

9.50 and 10.53 on their style jumps. Throughout the competition the style judges were very strict on penalties, but at least they seemed to be consistent with every jumper and nationality.

The second day saw heavy cloud, but high enough for another 2 rounds of men's accuracy and 2 rounds of ladies accuracy. Doug scored 0.38 (a back foot measurement) and 0.00, Dave 0.03 and 0.00, Scotty 0.00 and 0.00, Dickie 0.00 and 0.04 and Boo 0.00, 0.00. Next the ladies and the start of an unbeatable run by our own Jackie with 0.00 and 0.00. Sandy scored 0.05 and 0.04 on the electronic pad — an essential for all competitions in this country, regardless of cost.

On Monday the men's style began. As each round took 5 hours to complete and it did not start until mid-afternoon only ½ round was completed with Doug Young the only British competitor to jump, scoring 8.13. A disappointing jump by the National Champion, in which he was penalised by the strict judges. The ladies accuracy continued with 5 rounds. Jackie "discing" every one. She was in the lead with Cheryl Stearns USA second with 0.02 (from her first jump).

Tension was mounting in the British camp as for only the second time there was a distinct possibility of us winning a medal in an individual event in the World Championships. No-one dared say anything but everyone hoped for the best.

Sandy, who was jumping really well scored 0.00, 0.01 but had a disastrous 3.30. The wind sock was wrapped around the pole and a protest was immediately put in by John Meacock and Bob King. The international jury, who had confirmation from a judge that the wind sock was impeded, rejected the protest, after upholding two ludicrous ones. Dermine the Frenchman stated that the small met. balloon hit him at 1000 feet and a Swede said that the pad was not in place until he was at 100 feet on his final approach. Despite this setback, Sandy came back with 0.04 and 0.00.



. . . and their march on.

The 30th, another overcast day, only saw accuracy with Jackie getting another 2 discs and Sandy 0.00 and 0.19. With plenty of daylight left, we all hoped for the final round to be completed that day, but the organisers decided to go into men's accuracy. Doug got a disc, Dave 0.04, Scotty 0.04 (after placing his foot right in the middle), Dickie 0.02 and 0.12 and Bob 0.00 and 0.04.

Thursday, we had a well earned lie in. Instead of getting up at 5.30 a.m., we did not have to be at the airfield until noon. The 7th and 8th rounds of men's accuracy were completed with Doug getting a disc and 1.65 — another protest put in due to a wind change, but again rejected by the jury. Dave, 2 discs, Scotty 0.01 and 0.00, Dickie 0.03 and Bob 0.00. Jackie scored 11.0 secs and Sandy 9.80 in the third round of ladies style, both girls again being penalised.

Friday 1st September 1978, a day that must surely go down in British Sport Parachuting history. We arrived at the airfield at 7.00 a.m. and men's style followed by accuracy was the programme. Scotty scored 6.63 secs but was penalised for a deviation in his last loop to score 7.63. Bob H had a disastrous 11.17 secs. Accuracy followed with Doug, Dave and Bob getting discs, Dickie 0.05 and Scotty, a most unusual 0.11. Then suddenly came the announcement that the final round of ladies accuracy would take place. Nerves were at a premium. Jackie sat on her own, no doubt thinking what was at stake.

All of a sudden she was in the Anotonov, circling, waiting to jump, feeling sick, concentrating on doing exactly what she had done 9 times before. But in the pit, panic reigned as a Turkish girl injured herself and the next two jumpers were moved off, one landing short of the pit and the other over. We hoped and prayed that Jackie wouldn't get out, thus requiring a re-jump or that she wouldn't see the canopies landing out, putting doubts in her mind as to what the wind was doing. The pit was eventually cleared after a lifetime and Jackie was out. Every competitor was now round the pit, hopefully to witness what no-one else had ever done — score 10 consecutive D.C.'s in a World Meet to win the individual accuracy title.



Jackie's tenth disc . . .



. . . and on the podium with her Gold Medal.

She was on her final approach and you could have heard a pin drop. Two hundred feet to go, she was very hot and had to sink it down. Her left foot twitching with nerves. She landed, right foot on the pad, a split second then on the electronic pad read out 0.00. Jackie Smith, Great Britain, World Champion. All the team ran into the pit, shouting, clapping, to pick her up and carry her out to celebrate. Such is Jackie's magnetism and pleasant personality that even the Russian team leader, whose girl was in 3rd place, was overjoyed that Jackie had won. No-one could really believe it, most of all Jackie. John Meacock, presented her with 10 red roses, one for each disc. That night, in Jackie's own words, she got "honking", and quite right too.

Sandy, jumping 2 behind her, came in to get a disc, rounding off an impressive display of accuracy, where but for one unfortunate jump she would have been placed in the top 20.

However, the competition continued with men's style the next day completing 3 rounds. Doug scoring 8.33 and 7.77, Dave 10.53, 11.33 and 11.33, Scotty 7.97, 8.00, Dickie 8.70, 8.86 and 8.6 and Bob 8.83 and 8.83. Again penalties increasing base times for all the men. Sunday 3rd, the final round of ladies style, Jackie 10.27 and Sandy 9.80 and men's team accuracy, where we hoped for a medal with our team of Scotty, Dickie, Dave and Bob with Doug as reserve.

All 4 rounds were completed with Great Britain scoring as follows:

Scotty	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dickie	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00
Dave	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Bob	0.04	0.00	0.09	0.00

After the jubilation of the day before, the disappointment this day was as great — 1 centimetre from a medal and at one time in first place. In the 3rd

round Bob H, who so narrowly missed an individual medal in 1976, put in 0.09. He appeared inconsolable. On the last round we needed to disc out to get 3rd. Dave Tylcoat — who had jumped so well in his first World Meet got 0.01. We were fourth behind East Germany, West Germany and USSR. A magnificent performance by each man, deserving much more than disappointment.

That same day though, the prize giving for the ladies individual accuracy. The tannoy cried out "World Ladies Individual Accuracy Champion — Jackie Smith — Great Britain". She stepped up onto the rostrum and received the Gold Medal.

All of a sudden the Union Jack was being raised and the National Anthem playing. Jackie, overcome with emotion cried her eyes out. A marked contrast to an American medal winner who collected her medals, 3 golds and 2 silvers with no more emotion than had she won a Christmas raffle. There were tears in eyes and lumps in throats of all but the strongest of the British camp. A most emotional and joyous occasion and one never to be forgotten.

Monday, the last day of men's style, Doug 7.90, Dave 11.27, Scotty 7.70, Dickie 11.83 and Bob 8.67. Then the 10th round of accuracy with Doug 0.03 and all the rest discing. There was no result, however, 2 East Germans and 1 Russian had tied with 10 discs. The next day was a day off with excursions planned, so the jump off had to wait until Wednesday.

A visit to Tito's birthplace and to a museum in the morning then lunch and a swim in the spa swimming pool in the afternoon. More people ended up with neck aches and strained arms and shoulders, building international pyramids, than in the competition.

The jump off for the men's title came and in the 13th round an East German, Knapte chopped 0.01, putting him in 3rd place. Then in the 16th round, Tjerlo the Russian got 0.01 and Partsch East Germany disc'd, making him men's champion.

The closing ceremony, with the British team looking exceptionally smart, took place. A large crowd saw demonstration jumps with Tjerlo, the Overall Champion and Gurny, both of the USSR, landing on the gold medal rostrum, most impressive. The most enjoyable demonstration however, went to Australia when the vociferous and carefree 'Aussies' all landed in each other's canopies, right in front of the grandstand.

The final evening saw more presentations in a local auditorium in Zagreb where each medal winner was presented with a diploma and a beautiful crystal vase.

The next day, the team flew home, leaving the advance party to drive back with kit and the BPA video, most usefully employed at the meet.

The competition as a whole was very well organised, the only complaints were about the hotel, whose food was not enough and not of the best. There was also a distinct lack of hot water and at times cold water, when it was needed most mornings and evenings. Apart from that, the facilities at the airfield were excellent and the flying of the Antonovs and helicopters were exceptional.

Dane Kenny and Paddy Byrne had a separate competition, to see who could get on most streamer loads. Dane winning (by fair means and foul) by 20 jumps to 18. The "Gold Medal" however went to an Australian who had 21 jumps.

This must rank as the most successful World Championships for Britain. Let us hope that style and accuracy is not dying and that clubs and instructors encourage more young jumpers and students to take it up. For, with a little application and training we can

produce not only one World Champion but a whole string of them — the talent is there, all it needs is encouragement, hard work and hopefully good weather.

Finally, each member of the delegation acted in a most professional and impeccable manner and each jumper did their best and with a little more luck we would have had not only one, but 2 or 3 medals. Perhaps 1980 in Bulgaria.

PAUL SLAUGHTER, D1142.

FINAL RESULTS

Ladies Individual Accuracy	Total	Ladies Style	Average
1. Smith, Great Britain	0.00	1. Stearns, USA	7.46
2. Stearns, USA	0.02	2. Walkoff, GDR	7.50
3. Sergejeva, USSR	0.06	3. Kostina, USSR	7.55
43. Milne, GB	3.63	32. Milne, GB	9.85
		41. Smith, GB	10.59

Ladies Overall	Ladies Team Accuracy	Ladies Team Overall
1. Stearns, USA	1. USA 0.51	1. USSR
2. Svacho, GDR	2. USSR 1.48	2. USA
3. Sergejeva, USSR	3. Czech. 2.11	3. GDR
28. Smith, GB		
40. Milne, GB		

Men's Individual Accuracy	Total	Men's Style	Average
1. Partsch, GDR	0.00	1. Usmajov, USSR	6.81
2. Tjerlo, USSR	0.01	2. Forand, Canada	6.98
3. Knapte, GDR	0.01	3. Seyda, GDR	7.02
13. Tylcoat, GB	0.07	21. Milne, GB	7.82
27. Milne, GB	0.17	27. Young, GB	8.03
32. Hiatt, GB	0.21	64. Hiatt, GB	9.37
41. Bird, GB	0.31	69. Bird, GB	9.46
96. Young, GB	2.20	74. Tylcoat, GB	11.11

Men's Overall	Men's Team Accuracy	Total	Men's Overall Team
1. Tjerlo, USSR	1. GDR 0.08	1. GDR	
2. Partsch, GDR	2. West Germany 0.11	2. USSR	
3. Usmajov, USSR	3. USSR 0.15	3. West Germany	
16. Milne, GB	4. GB 0.16	8. GB	
40. Hiatt, GB			
50. Bird, GB			
67. Tylcoat, GB			
71. Young, GB			

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AGENDA

1. To consider, and adopt if approved, the Report of the Council.
2. To fix subscriptions payable by members for the ensuing year.
3. To discuss any Special Business.
4. To Elect the Council.

OCTOBER, 1978

W. PAUL
Secretary-General

Note: Members are reminded that under Article 30 of the Articles of Association only such business as is notified to the Secretary-General in writing at least 30 days prior to the date of the Meeting can be included under Item 3 — 'Special Business'.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS — A.G.M.

Friday, 5th January

Dinner Dance — Queen's Hall, Grand Hotel, Leicester at 20.00 hours.
Tickets available from BPA Office — £10.00 per double.

Saturday, 6th January

Instructor's Convention — 1100 — 1230 hours and 1400 — 1530 hours.
Annual General Meeting — 1600 — 1900 hours.

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THE 1978 RHINE ARMY CHAMPIONSHIPS

(or Uncle Tom Oxley and All)

The Rhine Army Parachute Centre at Bad Lippspringe is generally held to be one of the most hospitable and productive establishments within the Association. To the North and West of the Drop Zone lie miles of heathland, utilised as firing and mortar ranges and populated by the itinerant soldiery of many nations. Directly to the South and East is the town of Bad Lippspringe, a health resort populated by physiotherapists, doctors and nuns and frequented by the middle class hypochondriacs of the Northwest German plain. The DZ itself contains a polo pitch, sundry football pitches and a golf course. The ranges may not be overflowed, nor the health resort; the horses may not be frightened nor the golfers disturbed. They still average about fifteen thousand jumps a year, using their own Islander and a tame Dornier 27. They also run a highly entertaining annual Open Championships which this year attracted some one hundred and thirty four competitors.

The Army, naturally, were there in force. There were also Dutchmen, Danes, Germans and miscellaneous Belgians. There were novices and champions, soldiers and civilians, relative workers and females. Pete Sherman brought his team all the way from Dubai to add a further touch of colour. There was an Accuracy Event, a Style Event and an RW Event. They had the Islander, the Dornier and a German Army Huey. They had cooks, field kitchens, beer, caravans, tents, a windsock, anemometer, telemeters, video, air traffic control, met and an electronic disc. They had Jock Manson. They had the lot.

Jock Manson is a pilot and, as his name implies, is from Scotland. He likes aeroplanes and the people who jump out of them. He dislikes hot gravy on his lap during takeoff and jumpmasters who give corrections on jump run. He is in the Royal Air Force and bound by Queens Regulations; despite these twin handicaps he flies the Islander incessantly and superbly. When he is not flying the Islander he may be found critiquing canopy approaches and raking the pit. Jock, in short, is totally intergrated into the jumping scene and a complete pro-

fessional. Jock's alter ego is Roy, who will change the plugs, fix the brake pads, cure the hydraulics, operate the radio, operate the video and provide fuel for the aircraft and coffee for Jock as and when required, seemingly simultaneously if necessary. Roy is a friendly soul to whom no problem is too complex for his ability nor too small for his attention. Between them they ensured continuous operation of the Islander at the drop of a hat whenever it was required.

It was, in fact, required all day and every day from Sunday until Friday for the temperature reached the mid eighties and the wind stayed down most of the time. It had been decided to combine Individual and Team within one accuracy event; this combination, normally acceptable, gave rise to certain technical problems when the wind blew off the ranges. The competitors had agreed to accept crosswind runs within the DZ boundaries, a feasible proposition which rapidly deteriorated when the fourth jumper in one team light heartedly made a late exit followed by a ten second delay only to find himself halfway up the range road a thousand meters cross wind from the target. Upper lips quivered, rejumps were demanded and harsh words directed at the judging staff who referred the attention of the complainants to their own jumpmaster. Meanwhile, Mark IIIs and Papillons continued to bomb the target from all angles. Accuracy proceeded apace, interrupted only by the odd dull thud of a novice landing on the runway.

The week was not entirely without incident. Pete Santagoeds threw his hand deploy between his legs to his considerable discomfort and Jock Manson spilled an excellent lunch over his lap whilst accelerating down the runway during the fifteenth of his thirty seven sorties that day. Cloud base came down to six thousand feet, the Relative Workers paused momentarily in their endless Indian war dances and the word went forth that the Style Event was to begin. The Judge, having arrayed the telemeters, stopwatches and scoresheets to his entire satisfaction was standing by the pit casting a benign eye upon the feverish activity around him and mentally computing

the penalties for major and minor undershoots. His reverie was interrupted by the arrival of one Chandler, who, mentally standing to attention, felt it his duty to report that a member of the load was boarding the Huey, in his opinion, inadequately shod. Bootless, in fact. A small wisp of steam arose from the thinning pate of the Judge. Carefully handing his half smoked duty free cigar to a minion, he proceeded to the aircraft to verify this startling intelligence for himself.

The miscreant, a comely youth with shoulder length hair cascading gently over his shoulders from beneath a pale fawn ribbed French helmet and the offending off-white toes peeking coyly out from under outside off-white bell bottoms stood waiting questioningly. The Judge spoke, quietly and sadly.

"Do you understand English, young sir?"

The youth's face broke into a beatific smile. "Yes indeed", said he. "Then you've thirty seconds to get some effing boots on, otherwise you're zapped", responded the Judge reverting to character and, turning on his heel, strode off to resume his cigar and contemplation of the hired hands scratching about ineffectively in the pit.

The Style Event was concluded that same evening with two re-jumpers turning a cross set on a heading illuminated by car headlights. Before they had landed the telemeters had been struck, the scores collated and posted on the board and two crates ordered. The outright winner was Nadolny of the German Airborne with an average of 8.3 for the three sets. For reasons best known to himself he insisted on jumping a reefed Strat securely packed in a bag, which anachronistic juxtaposition earned him two total malfunctions within the space of four jumps. He left the DZ the following day clutching his trophies and a slider. First Rhine Army competitor was veteran Crab Ken Mapplebeck who also took the Rhine Army accuracy title and the first Open Overall, a worthy finale for a consistent and uncompromising competitor.

The four man RW event was conducted from the Huey and provided an interesting workout for the 27 Luftlande Brigade, German Army who were, however, closely pushed by the Lott in the guise of the British Army Team and by Quadriga of the Rhine Army who finished joint second. The Germans concentrated on flying a linked pair and two singles from the door, a technique which allowed for some impressive close flying once the initial formation had been built. The Meet was in fact a complete success for the 27 Luftlande Brigade who swept the board in the RW event, Team Accuracy, Individual Accuracy and Individual Style—a result which cast prophetic shadows for within a few weeks the full German Army Team were to finish third overall nation in the 14th Classic WPC in Zagreb.

The competition ended on Thursday evening with the traditional disco. Friday morning was bedevilled by low cloud and hangovers, Friday afternoon taken up with prizegiving and the striking of tents. Five days dawn to dusk operation made possible by the competitors, pilots and the willing tireless efforts of the Rhine Army Parachute Centre staff, headed by Mr perpetual motion McQueen ably backed up by George Clark, Ron Lutz, Ann Fowler and Gaby, Jack Fowler, Bob Card, Wally Wallace and the British Army Team who most professionally judged all the accuracy. Proceedings were directed by David Ward, that most understanding of diplomats and conducted by impresario supreme Tom Oxley, that most thoughtful of all DZ potentates. The farewells were spoken, the addresses exchanged, the deals concluded, the arguments abated and the trophies distributed. Next year will be even bigger and better, Jock Manson will order chicken and chips for lunch and Pete Santagoeds will buy himself a handle. Pondering these and many

other thoughts, the Judge assigned his expenses to his Swiss bank, lit another duty free cigar, climbed into his yellow Rolls Royce and headed West towards the autobahn.
DOUG PEACOCK



Ken Mapplebeck collected most of the hardware.

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BUZZ'S CANADIAN COLUMN

Although I have reported at length on the controversy surrounding the 1977 Canadian Team and the outcome of the endless discussion centred thereon, I would like to add a few words about a most unfortunate side effect. Those of you, who may have read January, February, March and April issues of Canadian Parachutist, the magazine of the Association, will have seen two editorials, which in tone and content are certainly contrary to any position taken by CSPA. In order to set the background for the unorthodox resignation of the editor, I must go back two years to the time when an extremely enthusiastic group in Ottawa took over the magazine. They did a tremendous job, with a minimum (none in actual fact) of interference from the Association. Unfortunately it appears this enthusiastic group began to regard the magazine as their own, so that when the Board of Directors exercised its right to decide the content of the magazine (in respect of the team issue) the editors seemed to feel that this was an affront to their integrity. This may have been influenced by the fact that they were 100% team supporters (for reasons I can only speculate about). Charges of censorship and tyranny were hurled about. The magazine quite clearly states that it is the official publication of the CSPA, and that being the case the Association has a clear right to limit the content to whatsoever it chooses. It is a sad occurrence when volunteers get so wrapped up in their viewpoint and get carried away with self righteousness that they

feel that they are right and everyone else is wrong. Hence the resignation of Carol Wightman. Her successor resigned shortly thereafter for completely different reasons, and the publication of the magazine is now where it rightfully belongs—in our National Office.

In September 1976 I wrote a letter to the China Sports Federation in Peking suggesting that we investigate the possibility of establishing links between our two countries and the possibility of having an exchange of jumpers at some time in the future. There was no reaction or reply — just silence. Until the beginning of June this year, when their embassy in Ottawa informed our Executive Director that a delegation would be attending our National Championships. Ever inscrutable it appears that they had chosen to interpret my innocent letter as an invitation. We have at the time of writing no idea of the size of the delegation, nor of the skill level. Their 'self invitation' poses many problems — security, diplomacy, diet, preservation of face etc, and in true tradition the general level of behaviour of some of our competitors. All in all it promises to be an interesting week. In keeping with their mysterious ways, the Chinese have also invited themselves to Sweden immediately following their stay in Canada!

See you next issue,

BUZZ

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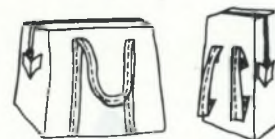
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THE 1978 CYPRUS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1978 Cyprus championships took place between 10-17 August at Kingsfield Airstrip Dhekelia, the home of the Cyprus Combined Services Parachute Club. The championships used to be an annual event which was unfortunately suspended as a result of the 1974 troubles and subsequent partition of the island. However in 1977 the championships were re-started and, both in 1977, and again this year, were most generously sponsored by Rothmans.

As there are seldom more than a dozen keen jumpers in Cyprus at any one time, most of the competitors and officials were specially imported for the occasion. The Meet Director was Tom Oxley from RAPA, the Chief Judge was Pete Sherman from Dubai, Ron Lutz generously came out as Assistant Judge, giving up a vacancy on an advanced instructors course to do so, and Gerald Stacey flew out the APA Cessna 206 which with our local Cessna 182, were the aircraft for the Meet.

There were representatives of all three services including the Wrens and Royal Marines and twelve competitors from the United Arab Emirates, who were on their way home after the RAPA Meet.



Mick Samson in action.

The Meet was divided into five events: team accuracy, individual accuracy with scores derived from the team event, team relative, novices accuracy and water accuracy. Individuals not in a team were invited to form themselves into scratch teams. There were eight rounds of team accuracy, five rounds of both team relative and novices accuracy, and one round of water accuracy. All rounds were completed comfortably in the eight days available for the competition, despite the unprecedented (for Cyprus in August) low cloud and fog on two days.

Jumping started every morning at either 5 or 6 a.m. and generally finished at about 10 a.m. when the daily sea breeze came up over limits. Even so some of the competitors from Northern Europe found the 95°F temperatures a little tiring to begin with.

Seven teams entered the team accuracy with five teams in the team relative event. The team accuracy quickly turned into a battle between RAPA and the UAE 'A' teams. The UAE 'A' proved superior as a team while Yorcky Nisbett of RAPA and Mohammed Yousuf of UAE fought out the competition for the individual accuracy, with Yorcky winning by 5 cms over eight rounds. The team relative event was jumped from 7000 feet with 25 seconds working time. It was a speed 4-Man, followed by a manoeuvre set by the judges. Again the result was very close with the result hanging on the UAE 'A' team's last jump at the end of the last round. UAE 'A' won by 1 point from RAPA by completing a 4-Man star followed by a manoeuvre. The novices competition had 11 competitors in it and was won by Downie of RAPA with Hassan Mohammed of UAE as runner-up.



Yorcky Nisbett receives the Accuracy Trophy from General Taylor.

The water jump, a fun event, almost deserves an article in its own right. There were 36 competitors who decided to jump into Dhekelia Bay on a variety of canopies, ranging from C9 DL's to strato clouds and even a Wing (which malfunctioned). There is of course a real problem measuring how far a competitor lands from the target buoy — unless of course the judges can walk on water. We recruited the local sub-aqua club to act as judges and safety men, it is quite a sight to see the judges under water waiting for your feet to come through their "ceiling"! One UAE competitor, who shall remain nameless, even managed to stay dry, he did a stand up



'Hell's Angels' obviously enjoyed themselves . . .

landing in the safety boat, which was alongside the target buoy! There was a tie for first place in the water jump between Yorky Nisbett and Mohammed Abdullah, who both landed on the target buoy.

The UAE 'A' team consisting of Mohammed Yousuf, Said Khalifa, Ali Nasser and Ahmad Murad were a very deserving overall champion team, with RAPA as worthy



. . . as did the UAE Team seen here with their loot.

runners-up.

Next year's Cyprus championships are provisionally scheduled for 9-23 August 1979 and all competitors will be most welcome. Civilian jumpers would however, have to find their own air passages and accommodation.

Words by Hugh Bennett
Photos by Mick Samson and Rothmans

SOME RW TIPS FROM PAT WORKS

- Pick maneuvers that match the ability of those on the load.
- Encourage no-contact as a fast way to learn awareness and perfect flight.
- Determine positions. Use some of the more experienced people who can build a fast, solid base up front. Use less experienced flyers on the outside edges.
- Design an exit which is as fast and efficient as possible. Plan to use floaters.
- Gear up and walk through the dive on the ground from exit to break-off at least two or three times. Make sure everyone knows what to do.
- Practice exit before takeoff.
- Exit as fast and close together as possible.
- Build large maneuvers in waves or stages, i.e. in a donut-flake, the flakers should set up and wait until the base unit is *complete and stable*. Don't enter your slot until your counterpart on the other side of the formation can enter theirs. Never add float or sink to the formation.
- Perfect speed is being at the right place at the right time. Perfect speed is being *there* so as to mesh with the flow of the developing dive smoothly.
- Always take leg grips at the knee or thigh; never interfere with another's key control surfaces.
- All docking should be done so that no momentum is transmitted into the formation.
- Some formations float. Anticipate this. Don't go low.
- Concentrate on your flying assignment with happy abandon. If everyone does, it will go.
- Although our medium is air — don't forget the ground. Those in the base formation must cross-reference the ground to keep the formation from turning or sliding.
- When flying formations, all members must fly smoothly and united. For example, in a diamond fly as smoothly as you would fly on your own. Don't over-fly your part. The point man on a diamond initiates turns by bending at the waist toward the direction desired. Braking is primarily the job of the tail person. Anticipate the necessary corrections — be smooth and deliberate.
- Don't try to salvage a bad approach by hanging on and swinging or climbing your man's legs, etc. Let go and fly back into the formation.
- As soon as practical after landing, regroup and walk through the jump as it happened. Analyze and correct mistakes. Emphasize the maneuvers that went well. Use tact.
- Think together, fly together, and your whole scene will flow together.

PAT WORKS.

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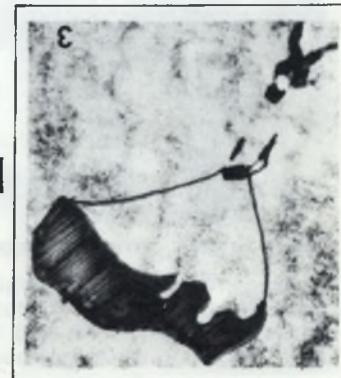
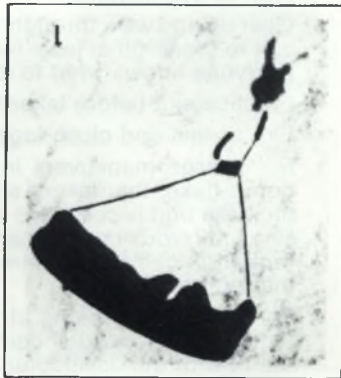
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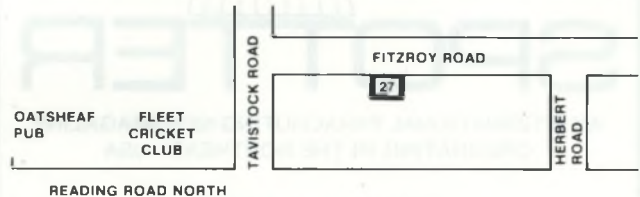
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**BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 20th JULY 1978
held at BPA Offices, Kimberley House, Leicester**

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W. J. Meacock — <i>Chairman</i>	R. H. Swainson
D. I. Waugh	D. Orton
J. Norris	P. G. Mitchell
J. L. Thomas	J. T. Crocker
J. R. H. Sharples	P. A. Howell
P. Slaughter	G. Lilly
G. C. P. Shea-Simonds	Brigadier J. Starling—
(<i>Co-opt</i>)	(<i>APA Co-opt</i>)

IN ATTENDANCE

Sqn. Ldr. W. Paul — *Secretary General BPA*
D. Peacock — *NCSO BPA*
and 7 Observers

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

I. B. Wright W/O J. Laing

The Chairman welcomed Brig. J. Starling (Chairman APA) to his first Council Meeting as a Co-opted member.

Item 39/78

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Safety and Training.** The NCSO reported on the meeting of 4th July 1978 (minutes previously distributed) and the following matters arose.

- a) **Cornwall Para. Centre — Display Incident.** It was understood that a report on the display incident was in the post.
- b) **Scottish Para. Club — Incident Report.** The NCSO presented additional information to that given at the STC Meeting. The meeting considered the STC recommendation that the Irvin Sliding Snap Hook be banned w.e.f. 1st August 1978. References were made to the cost of replacement hooks and the type of strong point used at Strathallan. The meeting agreed that the matter of the Irvin Sliding Snap Hook be referred back to the STC and that those Council members with obviously strong views on certain aspects of the matter should attend the next STC meeting. Mr. Crocker referred to the effective date of the ban (1st August 1978) and suggested this be extended to four weeks after the next STC Meeting so that should the next STC meeting in the light of further arguments, ratify the ban, clubs will have the same amount of time as was given from the previous STC Meeting. This was agreed.
- c) Mr. Thomas referred to item 6.2 of the STC minutes and pointed out that he did **not** request permission to **live test** the equipment he presented to STC but that the equipment be put on the Approved List. This amendment to the minutes was agreed.
- d) Mr. Shea-Simonds referred to Item 6.7 of the STC minutes and pointed out that in addition to being only 16 months in the sport Mr. Reeves had made less than 150 jumps. This amendment to the minutes was agreed.

2. **Competitions.** Mr. Waugh, Chairman Competitions Committee reported on the meetings of 26 June and 12 July (previously distributed).

26 June 1978

- a) **Travel arrangements to Raeford and W.P.C. (Item 1.3)** These had since been amended (as per Minutes of 12 July).
- b) **British National Classic Championships (Item 2.1).** Major Houstoun had reported that items as listed, i.e. portable stands, tentage and radios were available from Army sources and could be available for next year providing sufficient notice was given and adequate insurance arranged.
- c) **Smirnoff Sponsorship.** The allocation of the £1500 grant from Smirnoff should be used to reduce the cost to competitors e.g.:
 - 1) **£250.00** — reduction of General Entry Fee by £5.00 per capita.

- 2) **£300.00** — provision of shower facilities.
- 3) **£500.00** — accommodation, messing and travel expenses for Championship Officials and Pilots.
- 4) **£450.00** — to be used to subsidise jump costs — suggested reduction of 50p per jump.

These allocations had been effected and will be referred to later.

- d) **Head of Delegation — W.P.C. 1978 (Item 3.1).** It was confirmed that Mr. Meacock had accepted to represent the Association as Head of Delegation.
- e) **Team Uniforms (Item 3.2).** The formal uniform had been decided, thanks to a contact from Major Houstoun with the firm equipping the Army Team. The team were measured up on the last day of the Nat. Champs.

16 July 1978

- a) **Team Training U.S.A. (Item 1 (5.2).)** Laker Airways had responded with an offer to provide air tickets Gatwick — New York and return at the rate of £120 per capita (Note: this was in fact increased to £125 per capita). There would be no charge for excess baggage.
- b) **1978 R.W. World Cup.** The meeting agreed that the Army Team be recognised as the Official British Team for the 1978 R.W. World Cup. Major Houstoun had enquired if financial assistance would be available. Mr. Crocker, whilst appreciating the effort by the Army Team in becoming National R.W. Champions and going to a World Cup in a non World championship year, the problem was that once you support one team in a non World Championship you would require to have very good grounds for not supporting any other team which wants to go to other international meets. It was agreed that it would be unwise to set such a precedent as financial assistance but that every possible encouragement and assistance should be provided by BPA.
- c) **1978 British Team.** As a result of the National Championships the following were selected to represent Great Britain in the forthcoming W.P.C. in Yugoslavia:

Men	D. Young	D. Tylcoat
	A. Milne	R. Hiatt
	M. Bird	P. J. Byrne
Women	Jackie Smith	Sandy Milne

The remainder of the Delegation:

Head of Delegation: W. J. Meacock
Team Coach: R. O. King
FAI Judges: D. Peacock, R. K. Burn

The Secretary General reported on travel arrangements for training in the USA and for the W.P.C. A bulletin giving detailed arrangements would be produced and distributed to all members of the delegation.

The NCSO reported he was in contact with Godfrey Davis trying to arrange a vehicle for the transportation of equipment to Zagreb. It was agreed that in the absence as yet of any vehicle sponsorship or assistance these negotiations with Godfrey Davis go ahead.

- d) **Team Clothing.** The bid for sports clothing was approved and additionally BPA would provide Sweater Shirts with the Association insignia and British Parachute Team overprinted.
 - e) **Team Insurance.** This was to be negotiated to cover all delegation members up to £2,000 for medical insurance.
3. **Finance.** Mr. P. G. Mitchell reported there had not been a meeting of the Finance Committee. It was agreed a meeting be held in London on Friday 4th August at 0930 at Metropolis House. The draft accounts for year ended 31st March 1978 and a draft of the Sports Council Grand Bid plus supporting papers would be distributed to members of the committee in time for consideration prior to the meeting.

The common practice amongst Auditors is to write a Management Letter to those clients indicating any weaknesses in internal control, in systems, or any recommendations that they think would benefit their client in the way they run their business. He had already agreed with the Auditors that such a letter will in future be forthcoming and certainly one for this year, initially addressed to the Chairman of Council and copied to himself. The letter should be to hand before the next Finance Committee Meeting.

The matter of staff at Kimberley House referred to at the previous Council Meeting would be considered at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

4. **Forward Planning.** Mr. Howell reported on the following:

- a) **'State Express' grant to Sport Aid Foundation.** Attention was drawn to the fact that the 'State Express Cigarette Co.' is to give £½ million to the S.A.F.
- b) **Sports Council Representative.** Mr. Howell reported that he had received a Directory for his own particular region of the Sports Council. He drew the attention of other Regional Representatives to this most useful directory and stressed that they should ensure that their details appear in the Directory for their particular Region.
- c) **Planning Permission.** Reference was made to a letter from the East Midland Council for Sports and Recreation (already distributed) which had been written as a result of our correspondence with the Sec. of State for the Environment. The content was discussed and it was agreed that Mr. Howell would draft a reply for approval by the Chairman.
- d) **Cornwall Parachute Centre.** The current situation was discussed. The NCSO had visited the Centre and Mr. Howell was in touch with the local council re planning permission and was awaiting their reaction.
- e) **Bickmarsh.** Application had been made for permission to use Long Marston as a drop zone, it is a hard runway airfield about 4 nautical miles from Bickmarsh. The application had been turned down on the grounds that it would be an over intensive use of Long Marston as such. What particularly concerned Mr. Howell was the fact that in the course of consultations a letter was written to the B.G.A. The reply from BGA in effect objected to parachuting at Long Marston and may well have contributed towards the refusal because the grounds for refusal were that parachuting when combined with Gliding and the other activities would constitute an over use of the area. What concerned him particularly was the fact that the BGA had no right to write such a letter since they have no lease at Long Marston and the application was put in on behalf of the owner but more particularly that this letter should have been written at all especially without consultations with the BPA. He for one had personally strived to make it possible for parachuting and gliding to mix on a 13 acre site and was therefore upset to see such a letter written by the BGA when you are referring to 650 acre site where the activities can mix. A strong protest was to be made to BGA.
- f) **Conference on Sport and The Law.** Mr. Howell reported that he gave a paper to a Conference on Sport and the Law held at Birmingham University. This was attended by a wide range of activities. The Sec. Gen. reported that a National Conference on Sport and The Law was scheduled to be held in London. The information on this would be passed to Mr. Howell when it was to hand.
- g) **National Centre.** Mr. Mitchell expressed the wish to resurrect the matter of a National Centre. Considerable ground work had been done which will serve us well no matter where it was decided to take a National Centre. A resolution approving a National Centre as being a good thing and that we want one was on record and this aim should not be abandoned simply because we were unable to proceed with Bickmarsh. All that is required are reasonable suggestions as to the site. It was agreed that the matter of a National Centre should be kept alive and that any ideas on particular sites should be formally passed to Mr. Mitchell, Chairman of the National Centre Committee.

Item 40/78

PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

1. **National Classic Championships (Item 33/78 1(2)).** Mr. Shea-Simonds asked if Mr. Edbrooke C.C.P.R. had attended the championships. In response the Sec. Gen. reported he had not and had notified to this effect. Since no reply was received from Gen. Wilson, Mr. Shea-Simonds asked if, as had been agreed, Sue Phillips had been invited in his place. The Sec. Gen. reported she had not because of the short notice and the fact that Smirnoff had finalised with the Mayor of Bridlington. Mr. Shea-Simonds was not satisfied that the BPA Office had implemented the wishes of Council in this matter.
2. The Chairman expressed the view that the buffet laid on for the competitors on the final night of the championships was not as good as it should have been and in future we should spend more money to ensure a satisfactory standard. The Sec. Gen. replied that the buffet was arranged with the club and was supplemented by the balance from Smirnoff's buffet. The amount when initially laid out seemed adequate for the expected numbers.
3. **Competition Caravan (Item 33/78 1.e).** The Sec. Gen. reported that a case for a Special Project Grant was ready and only awaited a firm quotation from the suppliers of the caravan. The NCSO was in communication with the suppliers on this matter.
4. **World Championships (Item 33/78 (3) (a)).** Mr. Shea-Simonds asked if there was any plan to offer Laker Airways any form of publicity in return for their assistance in getting the British Team to the USA. The assistance had already been acknowledged by a thank you letter but it was agreed the Chairman should write offering such P.R. liaison as they may wish from us.
5. **Leeds Bradford Para. Club (Item 33/78 (3) (c)).** The Chairman reported that the latest information from the Chairman of Leeds/Bradford Club was that things were moving along fairly well.
6. **Midland Parachute Club (Item 34/78 (b)).** Mr. Crocker updated the meeting on the latest position re Midland Parachute Centre. The enforcement notice had not yet been served.
7. **Wessex Parachute Club (Item 34/78 (h)).** There had been no response to the magazine entry (June '78). Mr. Crocker had nothing further to report.
8. **R.S.A. Parachute Club (Item 34/78 (j) (1)).** The account had now been settled in full.
9. **G. S. Custom Parachutes (Item 34/78 (j) (2)).** The balance of this account now standing at £50 had not yet been settled. Efforts to recover the balance to be continued.
10. **Elvin Skysports (Item 34/78 (j) (3)).** No response to date. Mr. Crocker reported that correspondence had been returned by the P.O. 'No postal point'. The amount due stands at £96 for magazine adverts. It was agreed that action be taken to sue for the debt. Mr. Crocker would arrange for the necessary action.
11. **President of B.P.A. (Item 35/78).** A reply from H.R.H. Prince Andrew regretted that H.R.H. could not accept such appointments till after he had completed his education programme. The Sec. Gen. would bring the matter forward at a suitable time.
12. **Additional Video Monitor Screen (Item 36/78).** This had been purchased and was in use.
13. **Staff — B.P.A. Office (Item 37/78).** This would be a matter for consideration by the Finance Committee.

The Minutes of the Meeting of 15th June were agreed as published and signed by the Chairman.

Item 41/75

OTHER BUSINESS

WHITBREAD SPORTS TRUST

The Sec. Gen. reported that a grant of £500 had been made by the Whitbread Sports Trust. A draft scheme as circulated was considered and duly amended as per attached and was to be distributed to all clubs.

Item 42/78

TULLIS RUSSELL TROPHY

The Trophy was that presented by the Tullis Russell Paper Group

in conjunction with the 30 year anniversary of Glenrothes New Town. The Glenrothes Development Corporation now wished to know if the competition could now be an ongoing affair say associated with the Home Internationals. The meeting was in agreement that winning the Trophy should be an ongoing affair but that presentation should be made at any time to any team which succeeded in breaking the current British link-up Record. The Sec. Gen. would convey this view to the Glenrothes Development Corporation.

Item 43/78

SUPPLY OF HARNESS & FRAME—MR. A. KELLY

The Sec. Gen. sought approval for the purchase by Mr. Kelly (N. Ireland) of a set of Suspended Harness and Frame. This approval was sought because current policy dictated that the harnesses and frames were for supply to affiliated clubs. The meeting agreed that Mr. Kelly be permitted to purchase a harness and frame at cost price (£65.00) but not subject to the BPA subsidy on the frame.

Item 44/78

C.9 REPLACEMENT

The Chairman introduced the subject and asked Council Members to consider for the next meeting BPA involvement in the sponsoring of a replacement C.9. canopy of low porosity, possibly Double L or 5 gore TU netted, with a mesh skirt. Introduction of such a canopy could possibly injure less people and reduce rate of malfunctions. Two canopies were under trial at APA and should APA decide to place an order for one or other of the canopies it may well be that clubs and/or BPA could supplement such an order to provide a better cost figure.

Item 45/78

ELECTRONIC DISC PAD

Grants had been made to Mr. McBride and Dr. Flinn for the development of Electronic Disc Pads and some progress was being made in the production of these. Dr. Flinn's pad had been used at the Nationals but damage to the pad had presented problems—he was now working on this. Mr. McBride's pad was not ready for use in that he had experienced the same problem. It was proposed by Mr. Waugh seconded by Mr. Lilly that BPA purchase an Electronic Disc Pad with two spare pads as advertised by Para Gear at a cost of approx. \$400. The proposal was carried by 11 votes to one against.

The NCSO would order the Electronic Disc Pad from Para Gear for delivery to the British Team at Raeford.

Item 46/78

MR. R. LEEFMANS

As a result of a letter to the Chairman from Bob Leefmans (ex RM) being read to the meeting, and a suggestion that some form of fund be set up for him, it was proposed by Mr. Crocker and seconded by Mr. Thomas that a 'Leefmans Appeal Fund' be set up. The setting up of the Appeal Fund would be notified via the magazine and a letter to all members. It was further proposed by Mr. Waugh and seconded by Mr. Crocker that the profit from the National Classic Championships be credited to the fund.

Carried Unanimously

Item 47/78

APPEAL AGAINST STC DECISION—MISS W. MILLER

A letter appealing against the decision of STC Meeting of 18th April 1978 was read by the Chairman. The meeting concluded that such an appeal required the attendance of the parties involved and the Sec. Gen. would arrange their attendance at the next meeting.

ADDENDUM

Mr. Waugh referred to the National Classic Championships and the value of the provisional income and expenditure account which had been placed before Council. He would arrange for the whole matter of Sponsorship and Budgeting to be discussed in detail at the next Competition Committee Meeting when an updated Income and Expenditure Account would be available.

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BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION
SAFETY & TRAINING COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY 15th AUGUST 1978
held at BPA Offices, Kimberley House, Leicester

PRESENT

J. Crocker	<i>MPC—Chairman</i>
D. Peacock	<i>NCSO</i>
D. Orton	<i>Staffs Skydivers</i>
A. Collingwood	<i>SPC</i>
M. Winwood	<i>LIFFT</i>
P. Young	<i>RSA</i>
E. Strawson	<i>RGJ</i>
J. Laing	<i>JSPC(N)</i>
C. Shea-Simonds	<i>Co-opted</i>
L. Melhuish	<i>Wales & West</i>
E. Finney	<i>MSPC</i>
W. J. Meacock	<i>PPC</i>
J. Hitchen	<i>SFFP</i>
A. G. Knight	<i>MCPC</i>

OBSERVERS

D. Palmer	D. Hickling
A. Hickling	D. Turner
T. Butler	D. Gays
A. Young	H. Curtis
P. Curtis	R. Dowling
G. Robinson	R. Harman

APOLOGIES

A. Riddick	D. Prince
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Item 1

PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

1.7 Cornwall Display. A letter from the CCI, M. Stanton, was read out to the meeting and a photograph of the DZ and target position was passed round. It was agreed that the positioning of the target cross contravened BSRs and that the Chairman was to write a letter of reprimand and caution to the Cornwall Parachute Centre.

4. Reserve Kicker Spring — Boscombe Down Trials. A letter from the RAF Trials Unit at Boscombe Down was read out to the meeting. This stated that their trials were conducted with a reserve incorporating a kicker spring together with several inflation aids integral with the canopy. Results indicated that this prototype reserve gave quicker deployments when operated against a fully inflated main. It was also stated that a parachutist would have no difficulty in counteracting the effect of the spring and throwing the canopy clear.

J. Laing stated that JSPC (N) were fitting kicker springs into all student reserves. His primary object was to ensure adequate canopy clearance in case of AOD deployment when no action by the parachutist had been taken. He also stated that the kicker spring did not render manual deployment of the canopy more difficult and that no change in current reserve drills was envisaged. He agreed to keep STC updated on progress with the new system.

W. J. Meacock also stated it was his intention to fit kicker springs to student reserve parachutes in use at the PPC.

The NCSO was to write to Boscombe Down thanking them for the information and requesting that any future results be made available to the BPA.

5.1 Netheravon Incident. J. Laing gave a brief resume of the incident in which two static lines were severed during an Islander sortie. An RAF Board of Inquiry had completed its report. The Chairman invited questions from the members to the jumpmaster concerned — R. Harman, the main point at issue being the action of the J/M in despatching a second S/L parachutist after one line had been severed on the previous pass.

Paul Young asked: "Did the J/M still think his decision to carry on with the sortie was the correct one?"

Answer: "No"

The RAF Board of Inquiry was concerned about the fact that the pilot of the aircraft had not been informed of the severed static line on the first pass. The STC could not understand why the pilot should have been informed and queried the validity of this point.

The CCI, J. Laing, said that in his view, the J/M had committed an error of judgement, which view was endorsed by the STC. It was decided that no further action in the case of the J/M was necessary.

The static lines had been severed on the stainless steel door surround, which had fractured at a welded joint exposing razor sharp edges. The J/M had checked the door surround prior to take off and no evidence of potential fracturing was visible at that time.

5.3 IRVIN Snap hook — Strathallan Incident. The comments by Council on the ruling to ban this item of equipment were noted, but it was decided that they did not constitute sufficient reason to change the previous decision.

6.5 M. Buxton — Application to use 3 Ring Cirrus. This item was to be amended to read: "This exemption is granted subsequent to approval by his CCI."

It was proposed by C. Shea-Simonds and seconded by M. Winwood that the minutes be approved. This was carried.

Item 2

IRVIN SNAP HOOK

This was covered in item 1 — Previous Minutes and matters arising.

Item 3

CORNWALL DISPLAY

Also covered in Item 1.

Item 4

SUPERVISION OF EXPERIENCED PARACHUTISTS ACTING AS JUMPMASTERS

It was proposed by C. Shea-Simonds and seconded by L. Melhuish that Sec. 3 Para 3 of BSRs be amended to read as follows:

"Experienced parachutists training as instructors may despatch students under the direct supervision of instructors in the aircraft — unless the supervising instructor is also the pilot of the aircraft.

Carried unanimously.

4.1 Proposed changes to BSRs Sec. 6 (Pilots). A proposal by C. Shea-Simonds to amend para. 1 of Sec. 6 was read to the meeting. This was:

"To be qualified for testing for suitability to drop parachutists a pilot must have at least 100 hours flying solo or as pilot in command (Unless he is a 'D' Certificate parachutist in which case the experience required is 75 hours as pilot in command). Experience on the type to be used must be as follows:

Less than 150 hours P1—10 hre P1 on type
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The remainder of Section 6 to remain unchanged"

This proposal engendered considerable discussion, several members expressing the thought that it may be unduly restrictive. In view of the discussion it was felt that members should be given more time to consider the matter and consequently the proposal was adjourned to the next meeting. Apropos the latter, it was requested that agenda items which obviously required prior consideration by members either be printed in the agenda in their entirety or circulated separately in good time before the meeting. The NCSO was to make the necessary internal admin. arrangements.

Item 5

INCIDENT REPORTS

1. **Shobdon.** A report of an accident to a first jump student on 12 July was submitted by the CCI of the LIFFT, M. Winwood. The relevant extracts were read to the meeting. The student in question was making his first S/L descent. A complete ground training programme had been undergone at the LIFFT Club. The aircraft was flown at the correct speed, nevertheless the student, using a bag deployed S/L System experienced a fast rotating 3 lobe blown periphery malfunction. He operated his reserve parachute at approximately 1800 feet. The reserve became entangled between the two sets of risers, possibly due to the high rate of rotation, and failed to deploy. The student landed on a hangar roof, broke through a skylight and remained suspended some three feet from the hangar floor by his main which had snagged on the roof. He suffered a bruised knee, headache and shock.

Further points arising were that the parachute had been correctly checked and signed for on the day previous to the incident.

The STC made the following comments:

- a) In view of the widespread publicity this incident attracted it was commendable that the incident report was filed immediately with the BPA, thus enabling the office factually to deal with the leading questions posed by the media.
 - b) When carrying out packing checks on bag deployed S/L parachutes it is **ESSENTIAL** that such checks include the fact that the periphery is stowed squarely in line with the mouth of the bag before the mouthlock is closed.
2. **Premature Release of R3's — Peterborough.** A visiting parachutist had one set of risers disconnect on opening. Two points were arising:
- a) Experienced parachutists are responsible for the checking of ALL ITEMS of equipment before jumping.
 - b) In view of the difficulty of the parachutist in releasing the other side — on deployment the R3's were positioned behind his shoulders — all parachutists are reminded of the basic requirement of having correctly fitted equipment.
3. A letter from I. Robertson concerning the fitment of high D rings to a B12 harness was read to the meeting. This letter is reproduced for circulation with these minutes.
4. **Shobdon Air Display.** A resume of an incident at Shobdon on 16 July was given to the meeting by J. Boxall. A mass drop from 5000' by 14 parachutists resulted in a two man canopy collision as the jumpers were on final approach into the arena. J. Tidewell sustained a broken ankle. All jumpers were reminded of the need for continuous observations at all times.

Item 6

EXEMPTIONS

1. **Ian Robertson — Red Barons & Skymasters Display Team.** Ian Robertson, who held a BPA Advanced Instructor rating until September 1977 requested permission to despatch 'C' Certificate holders on Displays. This request was supported in writing by Gordon Fernie, Ian MacLennan, Tom Dickson and Norman Addison.

Consideration was given to the fact that Robertson had had wide experience in the sport (8 years) including two years as a full time instructor and also to the fact that support was given by the above mentioned senior instructors. Furthermore, he had relinquished his advanced rating voluntarily last year as he felt he could no longer carry out the task fully due to his rigging commitments. His integrity in this respect was noted. An exemption to Sec. 21 para 6(b) of BSRs in respect of I. Robertson was proposed by D. Orton and seconded by J. Laing. This was carried, the NCSO was to inform I. Robertson.

2. A request by K. J. Alderidge, a 'C' Licence holder with 150 jumps to use a 3 Ring Circus single point release system was supported by his CCI P. K. Hibberd. This exemption was granted.

Item 7

INSTRUCTOR COURSE 3-78

A report on this course was given to the meeting by the NCSO. Six candidates had attended the examination course, all had been recommended for an Approved Instructor Rating. A further six candidates had attended the PI Course, all had been passed and given PI rating. Individual reports had been forwarded to CCIs concerned, and a full course report distributed to Council. The STC were most appreciative of the excellent facilities and support provided by the APA Centre Netheravon in the running of the Course.

Item 8

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Phillip Curtis, aged 13, made a personal request to be allowed to make a parachute descent; he had been attending a drop zone for the past five years and felt fully confident of his ability, once he had received the appropriate formal training. His father J. Curtis was present and emphasised

that Phillip was making the request entirely of his own volition. He felt that Phillip would be able to cope with a parachute descent, but was willing to be guided by the Committee.

After considerable discussion, a proposal by M. Winwood that Phillip Curtis, being under the age of 16 years be allowed to make a parachute descent failed to attract a seconder. The Chairman expressed the unanimous admiration of the meeting for the initiative shown by Phillip, and emphasised that the rejection was in no way a personal rejection, but was necessary because of the complications implicit should such a precedent be set. Phillip was invited to re-submit his application once he had reached the age of fifteen.

2. **Alan Ashton — renewal of Instructor Rating.** The above mentioned instructor rating lapsed on 31 March this year. His renewal was supported by his CCI, W. J. Meacock. It was decided that the renewal be granted subject to the filing of the necessary application.
3. **R. Fothergill — modified R3 Canopy Releases.** R. Fothergill produced for inspection a set of R3 canopy releases which he had modified. He was given permission to carry out live trials on these with a suitable cutaway rig. In addition, parachutists nominated by CCI Bickmarsh were authorised to participate in these trials in order to gain a larger spread of experience and input.
4. **Request by paraplegic to make parachute descent.** A letter from R. Coleman, who is paralysed in both legs was read to the meeting. He requested permission to make a parachute descent into water. The request was discussed, bearing in mind the precedent of a previous application which had not been granted. It was decided that the risks inherent in a parachute descent into water, i.e. possible entanglement with lines etc. were such that the application could not be entertained, for reasons of safety. With regret, the application to STC was refused and the NCSO was to write a suitable letter to Mr. Coleman.
5. **GASCO Flight Safety Film.** C. Shea-Simonds proposed that John Ward, Secretary of the General Aviation Safety Committee be invited to the Instructors' Convention on 6 Jan. 1979 to show the latest Flight Safety Film. This had already been seen by C. Shea-Simonds and the NCSO, who supported the view that the film was of top quality and had valid application to parachuting from the viewpoint of promoting safety awareness.

It was agreed that the NCSO write to John Ward inviting him to the convention.

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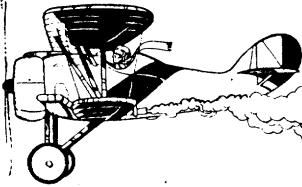
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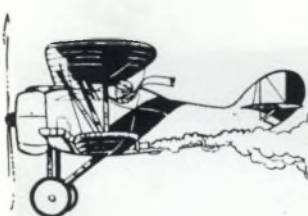
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