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## Editorial

Congratulations to Robin Mills, Geoff Sanders and Rob Colpus who were all members of the Team that won the 20-Man Event at the recent Zephyrhills Turkey Meet. They also took 3rd place in the 16-Man Event—Well done lads.

So the square reserve, Para-Flite's "Safety Flyer", is on the market in this country. I hope that dealers are careful to point out its limitations as well as its advantages. For instance it can only go in a specially designed reserve container and it must be packed by an FAA Rigger who has qualified on a Rigger Certification Course to pack Safety Flyers.

It's voting time. With this issue you will find your BPA Council Voting Paper— please use your votes wisely and remember that those for whom you vote could be running the Association which promotes the sport you're crazy about. Only vote for those you know will do a good job— YOU DON'T HAVE TO USE ALL YOUR VOTES.

If you've enjoyed Sport Parachutist over the last 12 months you can be grateful to all those writers, photographers and cartoonists who contributed so regularly and willingly. Without them there would be no magazine. Also Fishers, who prints it to a consistently high quality every time, deserve much credit. On behalf of the readership my thanks to you all.

Finally I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM on the 6th January in Leicester. Also why not give the girls a night by taking them to the dance the previous evening? Tickets are available from the BPA Office.



Very best wishes for Christmas,  
and for Blue skies and soft  
landings in 1979

*Charlie*

Copy date for the next issue — Monday 22nd January

Cover photo— **Sunset**

by Alan James

# THE DROP MAN

## Calendar of Events

- 5 Jan '79 BPA Dinner Dance
- 6 Jan '79 BPA Instructors Convention and AGM  
(both at the Grand Hotel, Leicester)
- 12-16 Feb '79 BPA Instructors Course 1/79, Netheravon
- 23-27 April '79 BPA Progression Course 1/79, Sibson
- 7-11 May '79 BPA instruction Course 2/79, Sunderland
- 19-20 May '79 Open RW Competition, Netheravon
- 29 May-7 June '79 APA Championships, Netheravon
- 14-24 June '79 National Championshops, (Classic and RW),  
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- 16-20 July '79 BPA Progression Course 2/79, Shobdon
- 28 July-3 Aug '79 RAPA Championships, Bad Lipspringe
- 20-24 Aug '79 BPA Instructors Course, 3/79, Sibson
- 1-2 Sep '79 Open Classic Competition, Netheravon
- 5-9 Nov '79 BPA Instructor Course, 4/79, Aldershot

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"I think your friend has had enough. He just performed a back loop off the stool and made a right cock up of it!"



Two GQ 'Units' flying in a 'Bi-plane' over Aldershot  
Photo by Geoff Pullen



After a break the Leeds/Bradford club are alive and well back at Elvington as evidenced in this group photo by  
Howard Rowlander

## SUPERFLY

-WE'LL TRIANGULATE A BIPOLE, DOUBLE SHUFFLE TO STAIRSTEPS, ROTATE TWO OPPOSED DOUGHNUT PODED WEDGE BLOBS, AND THEN SUPER FLAKE INTO A CHRISTMAS STAR!





Pat Works (SCS 1), Author of the Art of Free Fall Relative Work, and his wife Jan recently visited the U.K. They are seen here at Netheravon with Geordie Laing and Bob Harman.

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Brian Laithwaite, though still round and chubby,  
His anorak's no longer grubby,  
It's taken on a different hue,  
From grubby grey, to pristine blue.

And that's not all on this changing scene,  
His face is washed, his teeth are cleaned.  
Not weekly, as in days of yore  
But morning, night and what is more,  
He now eats his food with a knife and fork,  
He no longer mumbles, but tries to talk  
Like that other well known, polished charmer,  
That hairy, strong-armed, Preston farmer.

He'll soon be giving up this jumping lark,  
For gentle strolls round Wigan park,  
No more nights out with the boys,  
But slippers, pipe and cuddly toys,  
No more to choose twixt round or square,  
When you're buying kit from Mothercare.  
'Cos I reckon by Christmas, poor old Jan',  
Might look just like the Michelin man.

It's plain to see, it's hard to miss,  
He's entered into wedded bliss,  
I'll now conclude, for conclude I must,  
Another ace has hit the dust.

COOKEY



Filwelz

"Steady mate! We're dancing Auld Lang Syne, not smoking it low for a 20-man!"



Valuable prizes for identifying these members of the Red Devils, circa 1910. 1st prize — a night out with the Team Commander; 2nd prize — 2 nights out with the Team Sergeant-Major! The photograph was actually taken at the 1978 Motor Show after the Team had given one of their daily displays there.

DON'T WORRY BRIAN.  
THINK OF IT  
THIS WAY...

...BILL'S WRIST, PETE'S KNEE  
GRIP CHANGE TO FRED  
AND HANG ON TILL 3/5





The aftermath of Canopy RW having been attempted below 1000ft and then gone wrong. Paul Tyminski took these remarkable photos of the two Australians concerned at Netheravon. The top photo shows one flying a reserve having cutaway and the other just before he cutaway from his malfunctioned main.

The bottom photograph was taken at the moment the lower reserve fully inflated. Canopy time was estimated at about 3-4 seconds. The lessons are obvious but above all don't attempt canopy RW below 1000ft AGL.



The European Canopy Club has been founded to promote Canopy RW. Anyone who has flown in a 5 Man canopy RW stack or larger is eligible. Contact European Canopy Club, Reinaertstraat 6, 1720, Dilbeek, BELGIUM. What about it you Royal Marines — you're the only ones eligible in U.K.?

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... and whilst on the subject of Royal Marines, congratulations to Gary Lawrie who recently married Jeannie (B2519). They're seen here with all the guests which included two Guests!

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My wooden leg and walking stick  
 My glasseye and my truss  
 All these spare parts are wearing out  
 But wherefore all this fuss?

Your faith in POPS quite moves me now  
 In fact inspires my muse  
 Elect me number thirty eight  
 Before my burning fuse.

Is burnt right out— oh woe is me  
 My fast approaching doteage  
 Forgets my name and number too  
 But not— I hope— the postage

N.W.S.Y.



... and yet more on Pops!

**POPS +2**

What's all this fuss, 'bout 40 plus,  
Taking Phyllosan and like,  
I know I've grey hair, wrinkles, lines,  
And a beard that's tinged with white.

But I reckon I can still perform,  
Better now than ever,  
I hear a cry from younger men,  
It sounds to me like 'NEVER'!

The secret of my fitness is,  
Play squash, P.T. and jogging,  
Not too much booze it makes one wooze,  
Just the occasional noggin.

Age means absolutely nil,  
When it comes to pleasing gals,  
I don't need drugs that's just for mugs,  
I score each time, no mals.

So band together 40 plus,  
Don't heed what youth doth say,  
Just drop a line to Cookey John,  
Enlist with POPS, UK.

C.S.M.



**Bren Jones bows low to HRH Princess Margaret on a recent Pegasus Team display in Leeds.**



**Tex Banwell (on S/L left) and John Buck (on F/F right) seen together recently at Headcorn. The last time they had jumped together was at Arnhem in 1944!**

Question by instructor to course watching W.D.I. run.  
"At what rate did we say the W.D.I. falls the same as?"

Answer by student who had overheard instructors freshly  
back from recent R.W. seminar.  
"A Grapefruit!!"

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**A load of Krueger Balloon Suits — the latest inflatable jumpsuit from the U.S.A. Don't be fooled into believing they'll make you into an instant ace Relative Worker, 'cos they won't!**

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We've heard that Ronnie O'Brien has a valuable back issue of Sport Parachutist. On being asked about it he said recently — "It's got to be bloody unique — it's the one issue that hasn't got a photo of Charlie Shea in it!" Editor's comment: "Perks of the job, Ron!"

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Also overheard at Sibson:  
Instructor to basic course students following document check:  
"O.K. then. Let's go and do some work."  
Concerned Student: "Oh . . . er . . . we're not all here, there is another student somewhere. Quiet sort of chap, had glasses and a Chairman Mao jacket. Looked a nervous type. He might have had second thoughts and boned off."  
Instructor: "Ah yes! Well we won't hang about for him. He's the Club Chief Instructor. Rumour has it he has made a jump or two himself!"



**A seasonal rendering from John Parker**



## CORRESPONDENCE

Broughton House,  
Field Broughton,  
Nr. Grange over Sands.  
Cumbria.

Hi there you POPS,

Following my last whinging letter to the mag', I am happy to report that our membership is up to 85, but I know that there are still a lot of shrinking violets around. Unless I hear from you all soon, I shall start naming a few names!!!!. Maybe these guys think that this is all a 'flash in the pan' thing. No way. Ask anyone who came to Cark this last weekend.

There, we decided that POPS was here to stay, therefore decisions were made to set the thing up properly. Yours truly to continue as Secretary, Alan Morris as Chairman, Richard Atherton as Treasurer, this situation to apply until we hold our first official meeting, at the B.P.A. A.G.M. in January.

Commencing January 1979, subscriptions are to be £2.00, O.A.P.s £1.00. Letterheads are to be ordered, so that an initial approach can be made to Beecham's Pharmaceutical Ltd., makers of Phyllosan, (which, as we all know, Phortifies the over Phorties) with perhaps a view to some kind of sponsorship.

We intend to enter POPS team/s in the Nationals and all other competitions. Already we have had our first success, Johnny Speight, Pat Keeley and John Coughlin beat eleven other teams to win the Shobdon Round Canopy Meet, great stuff lads!!!!.

Steps are now being taken to affiliate POPS to the B.P.A. as a registered club, this should enable us to participate in any Sports Council grants. (This has now been done — Ed.)

I now have the POPS sweatshirts, thick and fleecy lined, pale blue with a red/blue motif, £5.00 plus 35p. p&p. Sizes S.M.L. & XL., also car stickers at 20p each. We intend to order cloth badges, similar in style to the American ones, as soon as cash is available. All these items require that the cash is sent with the order. To enable us to get the sweatshirts etc, Don Sidebottom has had to lay out over £300.00. We sold over £130.00 worth at the weekend, so get your orders in now, so that we can repay Don as quickly as possible.

Already we are looking forward to our next POPS weekend, in early '79, probably this will be down South, I believe that Pat Keeley is making suitably plaintive noises at Weston. Will it be worth attending?????. Ask anyone who came to Cark, we had a ball!!!!.

That's about it for now folks, see you all at the A.G.M. in January.  
Stay happy.

Cookey. POPS No. 13.

Dear Charlie,

I am writing to inform you of the latest safety devices now being tested at Martlesham Heath Parachute Club, the use of which is intended for incontinent geriatrics e.g. POPS Members, early bedwetting students and alcoholic instructors. The system is basically a ripcord operated fly. When the ripcord is activated, fly opening bands pull the fly open, an MA1 attached to your equipment by a short piece of bridlecord (excuse the pun) deploys, thus saving rummaging about in the Y-fronts and the inevitable soiled underwear. The system worked very well on all but the elky instructors, Mike Purves having a stiff pull, Don Barker a streamer and Steve Russell a total malfunction, all three boasting of larger and bulkier equipment, also being frequently pissed in the Buck tended to make them unstable and incontinent. Nylon loops, leaded french para boots, and a 24 inch hot dog seems to have solved the problem. This system however must not be used from a moving vehicle as it tends to cause damage to the equipment mainly holes, tears and streamers.

The malfunctions that have occurred makes one tread carefully but these are in hand. After a safety count cape-welling the braces seems to do the trick, blast handles now being illegal.

Yours faithfully,  
B2750  
National Truss and  
Mothercare approved rigger.

P.S. A diaper may be used with this system.

20 Hallfield Gate Lane  
Shirland  
Derbyshire  
10.11.78

Dear Charlie,

Just a few lines to tell you about our trip to "Z" HILLS. I organised the trip last February and after numerous obstacles we took off on October 12th only to land at Miami in the middle of a tropical storm — what a start!

Anyway very exhausted, bedraggled and amazed, we arrived at "Z" HILLS only to meet the locals, Rick the Rigger, Frank and Vick, who stay at the centre. It was the next day when we were welcomed by Jim Hooper the CCI and Si Fraser the owner; a more generous welcome I have not experienced. After document and equipment checks we were allowed to commence jumping, 7500ft at \$5, 10500ft at \$7 or 12500ft at \$8. As our group of 14 was from 5 sec delay student to D certificate holder we were amazed that everyone was put into a 40 place C47 (a military DC3). The students did 5 and 10 sec delays in a climbing pass

anywhere between 4-7000 ft. The remaining eight people were split into two groups of 4 and each given its own RW Instructor with no extra charge if the aircraft had more than 20 paying people.

Anyway for two weeks we were all learning and progressing; the 5 sec student was on 15 sec, the 15 on tracking etc. In my own group 2 SCR awards were given and I earned my SCR, SCS and "Z" HILLS 10 man patch by closing 11 on a 13 man star; proving this was no fluke I closed 8th on an 8 man round two jumps later. The third week was the incredible Turkey Meet. The average number of jumps made over the 3½ weeks was 45 all from 12500 and one from 15000.

The awards given were 9 SCR, 1 'D' Certificate, 3 Cat 10, 1 Cat 8, 2 SCS (Dave Prince from Cark got the second as a 4 day visitor) 2 10 man Patch (Ian Head from Cornwall on his SCR Jump) and me. This doesn't include the unlimited amount of student and RW Instruction that was absorbed by us.

Anyway having never seen a large meet, the Turkey Meet blew everyone's minds. The efficiency, the amount of canopies in the sky and the DC3s queuing for the next loads were an unforgettable sight. Unfortunately the meet was marred by two deaths, neither of which could be attributed to "Z" HILLS nor to anyone who is employed by them.

Whilst over there we met Dave Prince from Cark who obtained his SCS, John and Sally Williams, who stayed 3 or 4 days, and some of the Symbiosis team. Anyway our stay was over and all I can say is thanks to Al Slindee and Peter Gabriel, our RW Instructors, and to Jim Hooper who must be the most liked CCI in the world: he is cheerful, intelligent and full of understanding and patience.

Naturally I will be organising a return trip next year for the Turkey Meet with either 2 weeks before or after as the masses dictate. Anyone wanting to go should contact me at the address given.

MICK HARRIS



## THE FOURTH WORLD CUP IN RELATIVE WORK

*an informal glimpse from Dave Waterman*

It was held in Reims, France in September and, through a combination of bad organisation and appalling weather, the 4th World Cup ended without a result.



GB were officially represented by the Army Team, seen here dirt diving — Wally Wallace, Pete Hough, Tim Andrews and Mike Smith.



Ray Willis, the Keery brothers and Craig Fronk made up a scratch team.



Competitors walk out to one of the Pilatus Porters . . . .



. . . . while Wally records it all in his log book.



# COLLEGIATE NEWS



Salford University Para Club,  
c/o Students Union,  
Salford University,  
The Crescent,  
Salford,  
LANCS.

Dear Dave,

I am writing to you in my position as secretary of Salford University Sport Parachute Club. My committee is discussing affiliation to the B.C.P.A. and if you could please send details of this, we will deal with it at the earliest opportunity.

As a club we have come across a problem with our athletic division. This amounts to the fact that because 'Sport Parachuting' is not a Universities Athletics Union (U.A.U.) recognised sport we are having difficulties obtaining a fair allocation of budget from the Students Union.

It is their view that a club is not an "Athletic Club" if it is not recognised by the U.A.U. and so our budget suffered. Last term we were allocated a provisional budget and now this has been cut by 50%. We should only have had a cut of 15%, if we had been a U.A.U. sport. We should like to know if other universities are suffering from this problem, and also what are they doing about it!

The opinion of our own Athletics Union is that we should attempt to get recognition from the U.A.U. by, with twelve other universities as one body, making an application for sport parachuting to be placed on the list of U.A.U. recognised sports at their next meeting. Thus the problem will be overcome, not only for future years, but will assist us this year in our fight for reallocation of our budget. Will the B.C.P.A. be in agreement with affiliation to the U.A.U.? It can only be to the benefit of member clubs, and if so, I am willing to do the necessary work, from Salford University.

I hope to hear from you in the near future,

Yours sincerely  
PHIL GIBBS. Sec. S.U.S.P.C.

I don't see how the B.C.P.A. could not agree to affiliation with the U.A.U., and I personally think that this would be an excellent move, which could help us considerably in the fight for money. It will be necessary of course to make this a formal proposal to the B.C.P.A. committee, and this can be done at meeting 1/79 which is being held at the B.P.A. A.G.M. at the Grand Hotel, Leicester. Saturday January 6th at 2pm. I suggest that we accept Phil's offer to organise the approach to the U.A.U., and clubs who are in favour of affiliation should send him a letter of intent as soon as possible, though, I doubt if we will be in time to help with this year's budget awards.

It appears this year that money is tighter than ever, with very few clubs getting large amounts of financial assistance, though there is one success story, that of Nottingham University. In their first term in existence have been allocated a grant of £1060, split into £500 training, £500 in jump fee's, £50 in travel, and £10 affiliation fee to B.C.P.A. Though, Ed Wilding of Notts University club was heard to say that he didn't expect to get quite as much for the next two terms!!!

Here is an extract from the University of Salford Journal 'SSPORT'. Phil Gibbs enclosed it with his letter, and to my mind it should typify the type of P.R. and promotional coverage every collegiate club should be giving itself via internal campus media.

## PARACHUTING

This academic year has started with a lot more enthusiasm than did last year. We have signed on over 100 members so far, about 90 of whom have never jumped before. Not all of these have as yet signed on for a training

course, which we operate with a local jump centre. We hope that they will in the very near future.

Two week-ends ago, Oct 28/9, the first training course of the year all went up to Cark airfield to finish their training and make their first jump. However, they were unlucky with the weather, as the wind was too high for them to jump. Hence they sat around all week-end, hoping that the wind would drop (and in some cases hoping that it would increase!), while watching their chairman jumping his high performance Strato-Cloud parachute.

Most of this first course went back to the airfield along with the second training course last week-end. This time they were all able to jump, several of them making two jumps on Sunday. There were no injuries, which was only to be expected after the high quality training that each course receives. However, we did manage to land one young lady in a manure heap, (now she wonders why she used a nice white jump suit!).

Our training courses this year are training with the North West Parachute Centre, and we jump at Cark airfield. This is a disused airfield situated at the northern end of Morecombe Bay, just south of the Lake District. The airfield is now used as a farm, and there is no shortage of space for beginners to land, as long as they avoid the field with the bull! The parachutes used for making ones first few descents are automatically deployed on leaving the aircraft. They have a forward drive of about 5m.p.h. and are steerable. After a few jumps it is possible to progress onto free-fall and eventually to high-performance parachutes.

Many people think that parachuting is purely a non-competitive sport. While it is true to say that parachuting is done mostly for enjoyment, there are many competitions held in the U.K. each year. It is often difficult to have beginners competing in competitions as this is against the rules of the British Parachuting Association, the governing body of parachuting in this country. However, since the formation of the British Collegiate Parachute Association about 2 years ago, several student competitions have taken place with special permission from the Safety and Training Committee of the British Parachute Association. This year Salford intends to hold competitions against Lancaster, Exeter, Leeds and Manchester Universities.

Of the more experienced members of the club, (i.e. those who had jumped before the beginning of this year), Doug Frith, this years chairman, jumped in the British National Parachute Championships for the North West Parachute Centre team 'Ditritus', which managed to come eighth (out of eight!). However, he did a bit better in the individual accuracy event with an average score of 4.85 metres from a beer mat sized target.

Martin Cotterill did some great PR work for the sport in general by arranging a sponsored jump for muscular dystrophy by friends of his from his 'local' at home — which was a great success, raising over £600.

Dave Duckworth, a new member of the club this year who had already done some parachuting, is making progress towards free fall; as are Martin Jones, Julian Quinn, and our hard working secretary and static line expert, Phil Gibbs. Graham Porter would have made his first free fall this past weekend, however, poor light at the end of the day prevented this big event, whilst Chris Langstaff is approaching dummy rip cord pulls.

So, if you are not overweight, and are spritely, agile and your adrenalin needs moving come and JUMP!

Remember:- Sky divers have more fun than people!

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To conclude I would like to remind every club to send along a representative to the first B.C.P.A. meeting of 1979, which as I have already mentioned is to be held during the B.P.A. A.G.M. on January 6th in Leicester.

Safe Jumping  
DAVE TURNER. CRW 193



# WHITBREAD ACCURACY MEET - CARK

The 2nd and 3rd September saw the start of the 2nd Annual Whitbread Accuracy Meet at Cark. A total of eleven four-man teams entered ranging from as far north as Strathallan and south to Duck End. There were two aircraft in use, Cark's 182 and the Reims Rocket, and the meet kicked off at 10.00 hours with the draw.

Duck End were the first team to jump taking a total score of 1.07 with Richard Peakin scoring the first disc of the meet. Conditions at this stage were ideal for squares and rounds, but not at the same time, as the next team 'Detritus' soon found out when three rounds converged on the pit almost simultaneously. 'The Carlisle Lads' jumped next—dashing their chances with a 10 metre zap and they were followed by N.W.P.C. whose arrival in the pit was watched closely by Peterborough United. Dave Waddington and Alan Morris both took discs on this one.

Round One continued with 'Peterborough 2nd Fifteen' followed by 'White Rose'—another team of three rounds and one square who were doing personal battle with Detritus. 'Almost Scotlands Own' took two 10 metres which placed them out of the running and then Peterborough United scored a total of 1 metre which placed them in the lead at that stage, John Carter getting a disc. Cark's second team, 'Close Encounters of Another Kind' were next to jump, the lowest score being Denis Garner's 0.08 and they were followed by 'The Butterflies'—an all girl team—who earned a team rejump. 'The Four Musketees', a scratch team, completed Round One taking two 10 metres.



3 'Rounds' make a fight of it.

We went straight into Round Two with threatening cloud and wind, clear leaders at this stage being Peterborough United with 1 metre, Duck End with 1.07 and N.W.P.C. with 2.78. All teams jumped again in the same order, this time with stronger winds and cloud creeping in which forced some teams to get out on two passes. We got two-thirds of the way through Round Two and the remaining teams were forced to stand down, due to the strengthening wind, with Almost Scotlands Own having emplaned three times without jumping, and Close Encounters having left the aircraft earning two of their members a re-jump.

After a break and an energetic game of rounders the wind dropped allowing the W.D.I. lift with two re-jumpers to emplane about 18.00 hours. They were followed by The Butterflies on their Round One re-jump. After this we carried on with Round Two which was completed without mishap, everyone conscious of the fading light. After a quick re-pack the Butterflies completed their Round Two jump.

After completion of this round the order of the first three teams remained unchanged and discs were scored by Bernie Dieker, Andy Meysner, Steve Eversfield and Brian Shaw. Steve Eversfield was also lying first individually with a total of 0.02. Ray McGuire scored 0.03 giving him a total of 0.07 and Denis Garner scored 0.01 to add to his 0.08 which put him in third position at this stage.

Chief Judge, Roger Flynn decided to carry on with Round Three as far as the light would allow and Duck End jumped first, Annie Hiatt having the only malfunction of the meet. They were followed by Detritus and then darkness forced a stand down until Sunday. Sunday morning was very windy and cloudy and it was to stay that way all day forcing Roger to call a meet on two rounds at 16.30 hours. A presentation was held in the packing shed with the local bard, Cookey presenting the Whitbread Trophy to Steve Eversfield as winner of the Individual Accuracy.

In conclusion our thanks must go to Chief Judge, Roger Flynn who was assisted in the pit by Mike Summers, Marie Reid and scorer, Lynn Milsom. Thank you also to the pilots Chris Benyon and Colin Dawson, and a special thanks to Joyce and Doreen who not only provided food all day but also put on an excellent buffet together with the disco on Saturday night. It was a very good turn-out of teams and let's hope for the same if not better next year.

## OFFICIAL RESULTS

Team	Team		Individual
Peterborough United	Carter	0.00 1.15	1st—Steve Eversfield
	Bruce	0.94 0.31	2nd—Ray McGuire
	Eversfield	0.02 0.00	3rd—Denis Garner
	McGuire	0.04 0.03	1st Lady—Annie Hiatt
	1st £80		Best Round—Martin Simpson
	<b>Total Score: 2.49</b>		
Duck End	Dieker	0.62 0.00	
	Peakin	0.00 1.32	
	Leader	0.32 0.99	
	Hiatt A	0.13 0.05	
		2nd £40	
	<b>Total Score: 3.43</b>		
N.W.P.C.	Prince	0.51 2.29	
	Morris	0.00 0.80	
	Shaw	2.27 0.00	
	Waddington	0.00 1.38	
		3rd £20	
	<b>Total Score: 7.25</b>		

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at The Grand Hotel, Leicester.



This year's Duck End Meet, on the week end of September 21st and 22nd, saw the introduction of two new features. For the first time we had four person teams and a classification system for prizes. We had long felt that it was time to give every competitor a chance of a prize, so in addition to the normal outright individual and team winners, the club decided to award trophies for the best performances by round canopy jumpers, 'C' Licence holders, jumpers with less than 500 jumps and a further prize for those with 500-1000 jumps. Among the 25 teams entered were groups from France, Holland and the United Arab Emirates, so it was further decided to introduce a prize for the best performance by an overseas visitor.

The Friday practice day dawned clear. While competitors lined up for practice jumps from the club's own 180 and the two 206s brought in for the Meet, the club's own members did the usual last minute tear-round fixing and finalising the scoring, stats and manifest systems, the radio link-ups, main marquee tables and chairs, latrine tents, parking signs and all the hundred and one things needed to cater for and accommodate 130 people.

The briefing on Friday night was opened by an event which pleased all who have ever been associated with the Farm. Duck End, for those who don't know, is quite literally a farm, and a very active one at that. Gordon Maskell, the owner, allows us to intrude upon his peace (and sometimes his crops) every weekend, and it was a delight for us all to see Gordon presented with a B.P.A. certificate of appreciation for his contribution to parachuting. With so many farmers reluctant to allow parachutists within shouting distance, we at the Farm are lucky indeed with a landlord like Gordon.

The briefing continued slightly longer than normal due to the very pleasing fact that we had many jumpers involved in their first competition including two teams of new Duck Enders. The draw just beat the stampede to the pub, leaving Duck End's own Methusala, Terry Crawley, to act as translator and financial adviser to the French who were possessed of a lot of Francs and little English.

Saturday began before dawn for the faithful cookhouse staff who had a difficult job this year as we were unable to have the main marquee at the pit because of the farming activities, and they did a stalwart job ferrying tea and eats to the pit throughout the day. The Wind Drift Indicator, followed by the judges gave us all an idea that conditions were not to be easy, but certainly jumpable and the competition began in earnest. We were soon to see that the wind was not being co-operative and the various dog legs caught out the first team, the Duck End Toads, who all zapped on their circular canopies. A the round continued, several other jumpers were similarly caught out.

Many others, however, were showing excellent form, and it soon became clear that Peterborough United and the 1st Dutch Team with 0.08 and 0.35 respectively, hotly followed by the North West Parachute Centre and Peterborough 2nd Fifteen with 0.59 and 1.37 were not to be upset by the conditions. Neither were those going for the individual prizes, with 14 clean discs from the square jumpers, and I. Abdullah (Magic Roundabouts) and John Swain (Duck End) leading the round canopies with 2.21 and 3.24. Club Pilot, Bob Styles, showing a latent urge to be a traffic Policeman, and Bob King, manifesting at the pit, kept a continuous flow going and we were through the first two rounds in no time. Chris McGuire, Colin Bruce (Peterborough) and Herman Boerman (1st Dutch) all had two D.C.'s, with Steve Eversfield (Peterborough) having picked up a slightly disputed 1 cent on his second jump. In the circular category good jumps by Martin Simpson (Detritus) scoring 0.27 and Pete Hewitt (Magic Roundabouts) with 1.25 cut back on their first round scores to challenge the leaders.

In the team contest, Peterborough United continued in good form to score 0.65 with N.W.P.C. and 1st Dutch both totalling 1.22 after the second round. The United Arab Emirates had a good 1.25 in the second round, but a first round disaster of 30.28 had already put them out of the running. In the 'C' Licence group, Collyer (Detritus) was leading with a total of 5.25, followed by McDermott (Super Hews) with 11.65 and Jestroote (2nd Dutch) with 12.09.

The wind was constantly threatening to go over limits so it was into round three without a pause. As it turned out this was to be the last scoring round as a standown because of high winds brought the meet to a close shortly after round four had been started.



**Steve Eversfield attacks It . . .**



**. . . John Carter puts a foot on It . . .**



**. . . Colin Bruce reaches for It . . .**



**. . . while Roger FInn's shadow on It doesn't deter Ray McGuire.**

In the Individual contest, Boerman collected an uncharacteristic 0.67 cents, and Colin Bruce 0.35. Rein Voskamp (1st Dutch) who had a second round total of 0.09 came through into third place with a disc. Chris McGuire

collected 0.05 for second place overall, and Steve Eversfield buried the disc to be a worthy individual winner. The team prize went to Peterborough United with a total of 1.22, with N.W.P.C. only 16 cents behind, and the 1st Dutch in third place. In the circular contest Pete Hewitt had another good jump scoring 1.58 but couldn't quite catch Martin Simpson whose third round 1.87 was enough to win by 69 cents. In the 'C' Licence contest, Collyer, who had previously shown good form went out of the running, as did McDermott, leaving Jan Jestroote to take the prize with a neat third round disc. The 'Under 500' prize went to Colin Bruce, and Steve Eversfield took his third trophy of the day in the 500-1000 Group. Although just out of the prizes, we saw a very creditable performance by Howard Becker (Duck End) with a total of 0.35 cents on his home designed and made Strato-Becker-Cloud!!



**A heel job by Rein Voskamp . . .**

Gordon Maskell further supported us in the very positive way of providing cash prizes for the top three women, and having beaten all but one of the men as well, Chris McGuire was a very creditable winner. Second prize went to Penny Wilson with 98 cents and Louise Sidebottom was third with 2.42.

The evening meal was another two course marquee masterpiece followed by beer, films and more beer.

Sunday stayed windy so the prize giving was called for 12 noon and John Wells, from the local Charles Wells Brewery, who had once again generously supported the Meet, attended for the presentation.

Articles of this sort usually end with a list of thank yous, but a Meet like Duck End is a club operation and the very large attendance is thanks enough for all the club members who worked so hard to get it all together. The 'thank you' in print goes to all the competitors and supporters who were there, some old and familiar faces and many more new ones. We at the Farm hope you all



**. . . while Peter Fisher sinks onto it.**

enjoyed yourselves, if you didn't then we failed in our primary object in holding the Meet. And don't wait until next year before you visit again. Duck End has become a victim of its past reputation in that many jumpers don't know, or have lost sight of the fact that we are a straight-forward parachuting club, for jumpers of Cat VI onwards. Our four place 180 has an in-flight door, prices are £2 for a low, £3 for up to 7000, and £4 for up to 10,000.

We're there every weekend. See you soon.

1st Team	Peterborough	1.22
2nd Team	N.W.P.C.	1.38
3rd Team	1st Dutch	4.90
1st Individual	Steve Eversfield	0.01
2nd Individual	Chris McGuire	0.05
3rd Individual	Rein Voskamp	0.09
Circular Canopy	Martin Simpson	12.14
'C' Licence	Jan Jestroote	12.09
Under 500 jumps	Colin Bruce	0.35
500-1000 jumps	Steve Eversfield	0.01
1st Woman	Chris McGuire	0.05
2nd Woman	Penny Wilson	0.98
3rd Woman	Louise Sidebottom	2.42



**John Wells with 2nd place N.W.P.C.**





A stylish one by Jane Pogue



Chris McGuire won the Ladies Gold and also beat . . .



. . . Penny Wilson at the kissing game!

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# BUZZ'S CANADIAN COLUMN

The 1978 Canadian National Championships were held the week of July 29 — August 5th, at Winchester Air Park about 35 miles south of Ottawa. The competition was notable for two reasons i) the introduction of junior events in style, accuracy and relative work and ii) the presence of a team from the People's Republic of China.

The junior events were designed to attract jumpers with relatively little experience to the National Championships to compete against each other rather than against the "heavies", which tends to be discouraging. Style and accuracy were limited to those with less than 250 jumps, while for four man relative three juniors with less than 500 jumps in aggregate were allowed to team up with a sky god. With twelve entered in style and accuracy and five relative work teams, the experiment seems to have been a success and will certainly be continued in the future.

The presence of a team from China started at the 1976 World meet in Rome, where two Chinese observers became friendly with our delegation. Subsequent to that I wrote to the All China Sports Federation in Peking, suggesting some exchange of information and the possibility of a team visiting our National Championships. No reply was received and nothing more transpired until late June of this year, when a Chinese Embassy official contacted our office in Ottawa and informed us that our invitation had been accepted and that a team of five men and five women would be competing at the Championships. I cannot describe all the organisation and preparations that were necessary, but can only say that once the meet started everything seemed easy by comparison. The Chinese themselves 'persuaded' Sport Canada, our grant funding body, to cover the cost of their stay, training jumps and competition entry fees.

Their experience ranged from 800 to 2500 jumps, and they showed themselves to be able competitors and very willing to learn. This trip marked the first time in twelve years that a team had travelled out of China and it appeared also that for several years no jumping had taken place in China. The disappearance of certain political problems allowed jumping to start again two or three years ago. The equipment was all manufactured in China and in no way measured up to that currently available in N. America and Western Europe. Their ram-air canopies were also Chinese built and were as good as if not better than those others generally available.

Their jumping showed that they have learned the basics very well and with some coaching, I believe them to be capable of performances as good as those of other countries. The most experienced man was turning basically clean style in the mid 8's with an accuracy average well under half a metre. An interesting discovery was the fact that they had never jumped out of Cessnas and never done that much spotting. They were used to large aircraft, where one can run out the door standing up. In addition to instruction for exiting Cessnas 182 and 206, we had to insist that they install ripcord protector flaps, as 3 or 4 inches of exposed cable may have resulted in an unfortunate situation.

Gifts were exchanged and speeches made, with the firm promise of a return visit to China in the near future. I think that no-one can say the visit was not a success, and it certainly was an interesting cultural experience for them and for us. After leaving Canada, the Chinese travelled to Sweden for a similar visit.

As he has for the past two years, Pierre Forand again won style, with an average of approximately 6.6, with

Gunter Stefan in second place. The latter took accuracy with a seven cm total, with Pierre in second place with nine cm. We used an electronic pad, purchased from Para Gear, for the first time, and all would agree that dead centres do not come quite so easily. The four man sequential was won by four of last year's relative work team, with an average of just over 5 points per round. They also won eight man, teaming up with the second place four man team.

The results of the Nationals determined the composition of the 1978 Team to represent Canada in Zagreb.

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The 1978 Canadian Parachute Team returned home from Zagreb with a sense of disappointment and unrealised hopes. Pierre Forand repeated as a medal winner with a silver in style, but his first accuracy jump was a disastrous 1.19 cm, which put him out of contention for an overall placing. Gunter Stefan was a possible medal winner in accuracy, as he is quite capable of discing out any meet that he enters. Two five centimetres hits and a 6.6 cm butt strike on his tenth jump left him way down the list. Nonetheless 11 dead centres of 14 individual and team jumps puts him among the best there is. We had two other potential medal winners in Brenda Blue and Kathy Cox. Brenda dropped a bad last accuracy jump, which cost her a good overall standing, while had she been able to maintain the same average as her first three jumps on her last style jump, she could have had a medal. Kathy had three bad accuracy jumps, but was in the running for a style medal. She received a 1.0 second deviation penalty on the last loop of her third jump, which effectively cost her second place. Every member of the team seemed to suffer at some stage or other, but none more so than Gunter Stefan in style.

The source of his suffering was the 'deviation' penalty, which applies where a manoeuvre is executed with the body tilted or banked (pitch or roll) in excess of 45 degrees. The penalty value is 1.0 second. In Canada we differentiate between pitch and roll, requiring the judge to evaluate the manoeuvre precisely. At the World Championships, this is not so, so if the manoeuvre does not look 'square' or 'correct' the judge could simply penalise 'D'. In pulsation style, the jumper uses a different technique than the tight body position. Unfortunately as only a few North American stylists use it, most of the judges simply did not understand the technique. The problem lies in the fact that as the arms and legs more spread out (pulsate) it appears at first sight that the jumper does pitch in excess of 45°. This is an illusion as close attention to torso and backpack shows that there is no pitch.

As CIP delegate and therefore a member of the Jury, I was able to watch the majority of style jumps in the French video van, which was used as the judging backup. If two or more judges requested video, they could review the jump, once at normal speed, one in slow motion, to evaluate penalties. Generally speaking the style judging was good, but the pulsation stylists were hit by, what I consider, was, the inability of certain judges (mainly eastern bloc) to recognise and evaluate what they were seeing even after viewing it twice on the video. I do not make the charge that the judging was political, but as a Jury member, I was able to examine all the scoresheets and I conclude that certain judges demonstrated their incompetence by penalising certain jumpers for their technique and not their performance.

In summary, I would say that Canada has a small number of jumpers, who at a given time are as good as any in the world. One must also realise that to win medals at a world parachuting championships, one needs a little bit of luck, but most important one must possess the ability to perform at world standard on each jump. The smallest slip, especially in accuracy, is the end. In the meet at Zagreb a 1cm hit meant no medal, and given the state of the art, I see no reason for 1980 to be any different. Whether Canada can produce jumpers of the necessary calibre is open to question.

John Smyth, the Executive Director of CSPA for the past 6½ years has resigned, effective November 30th. He will be taking a similar position with the Canadian Wheel-chair Sports Association (something which lends itself to several opportunities for jokes). In the time he has been our executive, we have gone from a basement office in the

back of beyond to full status as a resident sport in the National Sport and Recreation Centre. This progress is due in no small part to John's dedication and hard work, often with little thanks from a membership, who only want to know 'what have you done for me lately'. We owe him a great debt, and wish him well.

There were over thirty applications for the position (three from active jumpers), from which three were selected for interview in Ottawa, at the beginning of October. CSPA's new Exec. Dir. is Brigadier General (Retired) Don Holmes. He is Colonel of the Canadian Airborne Regiment and has some 500 jumps including two operational jumps — Normandy in 1944, and the Rhine crossing in 1945. With the administrative background acquired in military service, he promises to be an excellent replacement.

BUZZ

## WELL IT SURE WAS ONE HELL OF A WEEKEND

As you all know, I have a direct line to J.C. (himself) and I had especially ordered blue skies for the POPS get together at Cark. Sure enough, we got the blue skies and the sun shone but I'd forgotten to mention about the wind!!!. So it was, that only the real 'ruffy tuffy's' could do it. So . . . then I had to get on the blower again, which resulted in the following memo being sent from J.C. (himself) to Swithins of the Wind and Water Dept.. "Better turn down the wind a bit, that bloody Cooney's been on from Cark again." . . . .

But I digress!

It was windy on the Saturday, which was no bad thing 'cos it meant that some of the real oldies could reserve their strength for the shindig planned for the Saturday night.

There they were, some in demob suits, wrinkle pickers, slicked back hair, some with no hair at all, Pop Harrison was sporting a somewhat shadowy version of his 1950s D.A. Wynn Davis had come all the way from Suffolk, Jack Park and Co. from the North East, Pat Keeley and his gang from the 'smoke', the lovely, elegant Edith Summers from Staffordshire, shy Sheila Farrell, the incomparable Auntie Joyce, Johnny Speight escaped from R.A.F. Valley and Doug Peacock let it all hang out. Many, many more came from just about all around. The main attraction was our POPS No. 1, Archie MacFarlane, at 80 years young, without a doubt the star of the whole evening. (He smokes and drinks and heaven knows what else.) All these lovely people were assembled, rather shyly, in the lounge of my home. Perhaps it was the heat from a big log fire, perhaps the glow from a couple of drinks, but suddenly the thaw came, we were all jumpers and friends. First however, traditional Lancashire potato pie with red cabbage, apple pie and cream, gateaux and cheeses. After whaling into the cakes and ale, we had the disco with John Travolta — Showaddywaddy at the top of the requests, none of your old time stuff here!!!. On and on into the early hours, with no thought for the morrow.

Sunday dawned bright and clear, with just a puff of wind and we jumped the ass off it all day long. The B.B.C. came along to do a five minute spot for Look North, which Harrison did his best to turn into a full length feature film. We managed a couple of POPS two mans, with several one mans, some of the spotting was rather quaint, which added hiking to the days activities. We had a constant showing of films in the packing shed, including a rather scratchy copy of 'Masters of the sky', thanks anyway Doug. The POPS sweatshirts and car stickers arrived, Warren Searle sent £6.00 from Canada, to buy a bottle of rye for the oldest jumper on the day. (Guess I forgot to present it Archie.)



John Norris records Pat Keeley and Len Mobbs over Cark — an all POPS effort.

And so it went on, a truly magical experience for us all. At last the group photo's, and the parting of true friends, all agreed to repeat the formula as soon as possible. To all those who could not, or would not attend, 'Well it sure was one hell of a weekend!!!'

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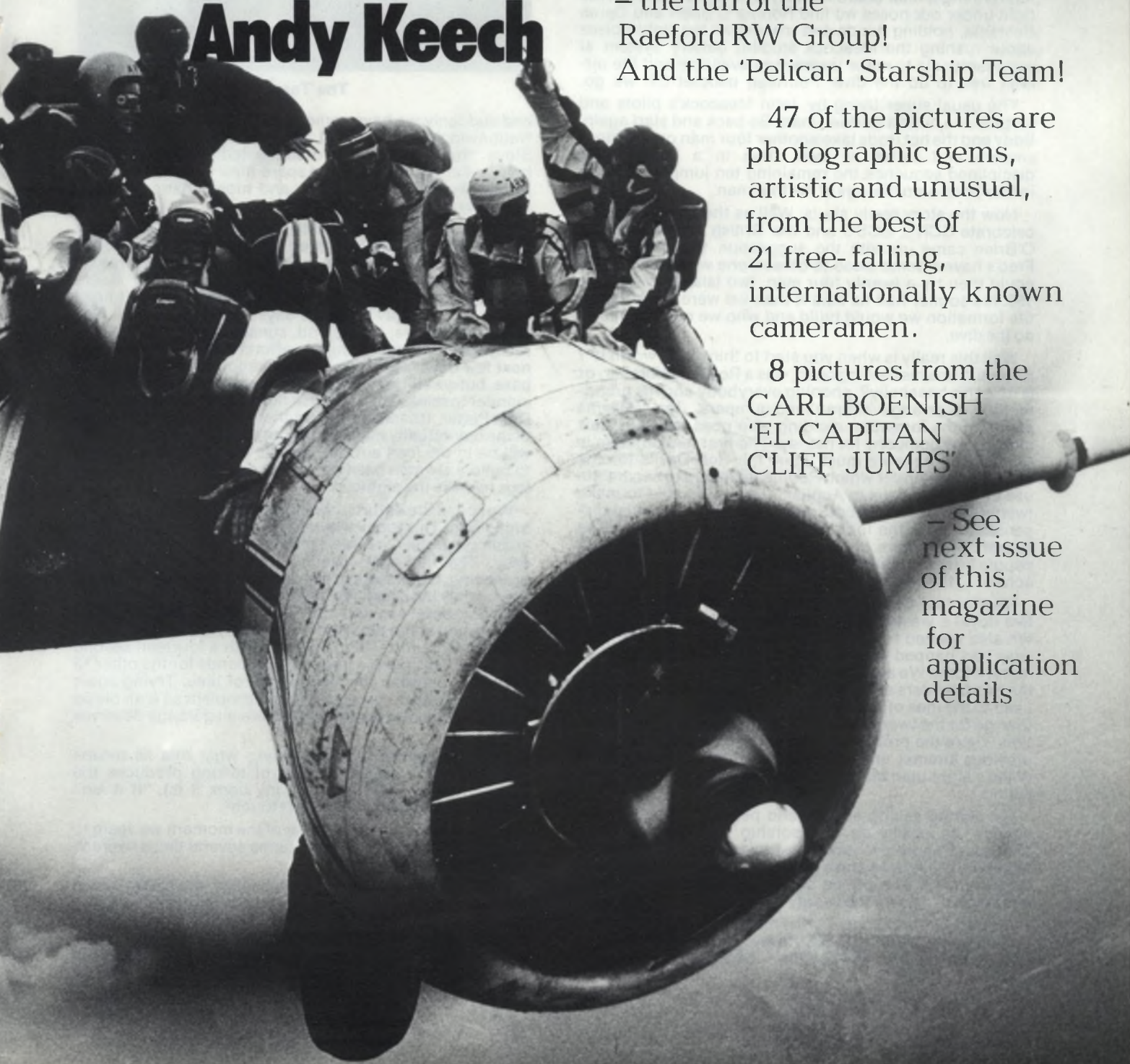
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# IS IT REALLY WORTH IT?

I guess this story must go back to June when Eddy and the hot rods, better known as "the Marksmen" four man sequential team, were training for this year's nationals and "Pure Fun", Jon Williams' eight man team, were frustrated because we only ever had seven people around to jump together. Well one day in June, someone said let's go mad (aren't jumpers anyway in this country?) and fly the Meacock machines in formation!

The 185 and Islander that makes 14, who's here, only six of the eight man team, again, Eddy and the hot rods that's ten, Ian Parsons, that eleven, Ray Perkins (what, not running a milk board demo?) and two slots left! Well right under our noses we find Ronnie O'Brien and Derek Boersma, holding hands and making all the right noises about rushing the Meacock student battery system at warp factor six to make themselves available and the aircraft free to do the dive. Fourteen people! Off we go.

The usual super flying by John Meacock's pilots and surprise we build a thirteen man. Go back and start again. Eddy and the hot Rods take another four man out the door smooth and stable as ever, then in a nice steady disciplined sequence the remaining ten jumpers docked in four pods onto the legs of the four man.

Now the story really starts. Well as the beer flowed to celebrate SCR's, SCS's and the British record, Ronnie O'Brien came up with the suggestion that maybe the Fred's have a demo close to Sibson one weekend and we could then try a twenty four man, two Islanders and the 185. No sooner had he said it than we were working out the formation we would build and who we could invite to do the dive.

Well this really is when you start to think "is it worth it"? Ronnie, bless his balding head, was a Rock of Gibraltar, or is it just his beer belly?, phoning everybody and his grandmother to arrange aircraft and jumpers. Jon Williams starts on the formation deciding who goes where. I start chasing my company for money. The first real problem is aircraft and here we must thank the Red Devils for the use of their Islander which Ronnie managed to secure the use of for three days in August. Then to be able to make twenty-four John Meacock had to arrange a special dispensation from the local council to fly three parachute aircraft. Both were achieved with little fuss, and both people in their usually modest manner made no fuss about achieving the impossible.

Next to find twenty four plus jumpers who could give five days, a weekend and Monday through Wednesday. We also wanted to use people we knew or over the past year had jumped with us and thus had an idea of their current form. We also made the decision to start by flying the two Islanders and go for an eighteen man. Just to get used to the idea of lots of people. If that worked we would then go for the twenty four with the three aircraft in formation. There the problems start; we had fourteen from our previous attempt and with the missing two people from Willie's eight man team; sixteen. Only eight more people to find.

We started asking around and people 'jumped' at the chance, especially as sponsorship was looking quite possible. Ronnie eventually got twenty people all ready to attend all five days and a further five people promised to come running at a phone call if we made the eighteen and wanted to go for the twenty four.

Aircraft O.K. Jumpers O.K. Things looked really good so Ronnie phoned the B.B.C. to try and borrow a camera to record the event. Now at times the Beeb can be useful



The Team

and suddenly we have camera and talk of 10 minutes on Nationwide! Stardom and good publicity for jumping. Steve "the disc" Eversfield suggested the Fred's could help, yet again, if they could spare their camera man thus giving two-camera coverage, and more chance for Jon and Sally to get into the frame.

Well on the weekend of 19th of August we assembled at Sibson. Ronnie with now even less hair as he just hadn't stopped, and we have sixteen people . . . one, two, three . . . sixteen!" "Don't worry it's only Jim and Fred Keery missing, they are in the chase aircraft and we don't need them until Monday", Ronnie says with confidence. The weather was fine; little cloud, sunshine and no one was really that bothered about the efforts to be made over the next few days. Jack 'three ring' Gregory was stuck at his base, but we still had hopes of persuading his station commander to release him. We use our only attending reserve, Dick Petter, (thanks for being there Dick) and by the end of the day actually managed to put up the nine people who will be in the lead aircraft. Ronnie and Will had decided to build a six man base and then cluster in pairs between legs to make the eighteen.

We spend the Saturday talking and trying to get the base unit going. This really was when Ron held things together keeping eighteen people's minds on the job at hand isn't easy. The first dive wasn't a great success but was promising, it pointed out the odd traffic problem it looked like we may have had. We altered around the order of entry into our base six unit and tried again. Jack Gregory was around at the time and borrows my camera to record the practice jump. Things go well with a fourteen second base unit. This gives a good forty seconds for the other 12 to cluster between the legs, plenty of time. Trying again just to make sure causes a distinct problem as it all blows up and tumbles down the pipe where all garbage deserves to go.

Sunday night is spent worrying what this all means and why did it happen. Hours of talking produces the golden rule of R.W., (well, in my book it is), "If it isn't settled and flying properly don't touch".

We all know it but in the heat of the moment we seem to forget it, this point is rammed home several times over the next few days.

Monday dawned with clear blue skies, the B.B.C. arrive with reporters and camera's, finally eighteen jumpers can be counted, John's Islander, 185 and . . . no Islander from the Fred's! "Don't worry it will be here by 10.00". Ronnie again, less hair than yesterday I'm sure but he did

have to sleep with Jim and Fred Keery. The Beeb start filming the briefing and dirt diving, interview Ron and me, (Hi dad it's me), then as still no Islander, we take the base nine up with Steve Eversfield carrying the camera supplied by the Beeb. Nice footage of free fall for Monday night Nationwide.

Base unit and flakers all slot together nice and as I cut away a madly spinning Cloud, in comes the Fred's Islander. Have you ever seen seventeen people pack a wonderhog!

Dave Moxum and the Fred's pilot of the day talk through the flying and by lunch off we go, the first eighteen man attempt. Things looked really good until the trail aircraft disappears on jump run. Finally the Red Beast is spotted at least a thousand feet lower, full tanks and icing problems giving the pilot a hard time. Round again and down we go to formate on them. Run in and we lost them again, Dave says they are behind so out we climb and frantically look down to make sure all is well.

Go, and out pours the lead group. The base four man have a few problems and slowly we build the base six. The flyers are not around until the last few seconds, poor aircraft formation and lack of communication on the exit cause all the problems. A nine man was all we saw and after talking through the flying problems we go up again to try and do it properly.

This time the flying was perfect, no carb icing or excess fuel. Jump run, stand-by, exit and go. Eddy and his hot rods take a beautiful four man out and in goes Ray five and me six. As I dock, all around I can see the flyers waiting in position, it must be one of the most beautiful sights in jumping. 7... 8... 9... 10... here a hard docking starts the base unit bouncing about and we all overreact making it worse... 11... 12... 13... 14... down the pipe, 6000ft and nothing to do! We put it down to nerves and rule one, if it ain't right don't touch, and to some extent decide we need a firmer formation. We rethink and decide on a base four with three man pods on legs with the final two people flaking on opposite pods.

Ronnie and I sit down and redraw, reposition every one, Higgy here, Sally there, Ian out here, Fred and Jim round there. After trying plans two through hundred and two we start dirt diving again. With the hour's light that is left up go the base nine to try the new formation. Four man nice, solid and fast then in go the flakers steady and smooth. Nerves now steady we are all set for Tuesday.

Tuesday dawns damp and clammy with cloud at a 1000ft. By mid afternoon boredom has set in and many people leave for the local swimming pool. Now what happens when any person on a team leaves? That's right the weather breaks! By 5.30 I'm pulling my hair out because only 6 out of 18 people are around. Still in only minutes with squealing tyres and damp hair suddenly everyone is waiting to go. John phones Captain Curly Watts and at 6.30 we take off.

Formation perfect, but with Dave and Mike one expects nothing less, exit good but eventually for no apparent reason on these attempts, down the pipe we go. Listening to John Meacock's tape does give us some encouragement as we hear a nice disciplined entry sequence for the flyers with the formation braking yet again at fourteen. By now it is dark and all rush down the pub for food and drink in high spirits, all that is except me, I had another mal! P.S. the three ring circus works really nice, but the mals are another story altogether.

Wednesday, our last day, we fly the 185 in formation carrying the cameraman Cyril, who had done us proud over the past few days taking his job very seriously.

Spirits were high with memory of Tuesdays jump, the formation flying by all three pilots perfect. Exit and here

we go again... 10... 11... 12... 13... 14... our usual stopping point reached John holds his breath on the tape... 15... 16... three people out one low, two going low, the third just closing. Things looked good for number seventeen but a broken grip in the base four causes break off at 5500ft. The 16 man flew for seven seconds so it becomes a new British Record. High wind and cloud then calls any chance of jumping until later when the Fred's Islander has left.

The camera recorded every docking and made the six o'clock National news but poor Cyril missed his handy-work as he had to fly away with the aircraft just before the news started. Ronnie and I feel exhausted from trying to keep the thing going and believe it that is where I found the title for this article! I must finish by thanking John Meacock who let us take over his Centre for five days, and when the sponsorship money ran out, continued to let us jump free of charge. Many thanks John. Also to our main sponsor Memorex U.K. Ltd. for their money, T-shirts and well wishes. The Beeb for helping show the public Relative Work with the fun and pleasure it gives to many each weekend. John's Pilots, perfect to the end and the Red Devils for Plant and Camera man.

Finally the jumpers who turned up and made it a fun time. The sloggers in the base four Dave Stephens, Ed Stermer, John Newbold and Jeff Page. Doing nothing but base unit for Jumps can be demoralising when you see the flyers messing it up. Then the rest:- Ray Perkins, Ian Parsons, Steve Eversfield, Steve Newton, Jon and Sally Williams, Jim and Fred Keery, Jeff Lancaster, Dick Peter, Derek Boersma, Ronnie O'Brien and Me, Collin Bruce.

Was it really worth it? You bet your ass it was!

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Doug Peacock N.C.S.O.

#### OBITUARY

Gunner Philip Russell, Royal Artillery

Phil Russell, who started sport parachuting about 2 years ago and who has been on the APA staff since April 1978, was tragically killed in a car accident on 24th November. To all his family and his many friends we send our deepest sympathy.

# DISPLAYS ARE LIKE THIS!!!

My phone, which my wife insists is only for the parachuting fraternity, rang, and with total abandon I answered! "Hi, Mike, Nigel Neames here. Remember me?" Hurried search of my well known poor memory and then click, Capt. R.A. sometime leader of the Buccaneers display team — jumped on a very low display with him last year — he's the one who pays you as your feet hit the ground — great chap. "Hi, Nigel." "Mike, can you do me a favour?" "Whoa now, you know what doing favours means — getting lumbered! But he pays as your feet etc. "What favour?", I ask. "Oh, nothing really. Got a display, need a D Instructor to keep it legal. It's at Hayle in Cornwall, not too far from you." Up to now it sounds quite reasonable. "Who is jumping?" "Oh, it'll be you, me and two others. Sgt. Kenny" (him I don't know,) "and Cpl. Foster". (Brummy I do know — good lad!) "Who's doing the paper work?" "No worry, Mike, I'm at Commando H.Q. and will take care of everything, paper work, rigs, smoke, everything! Well, can do?" This all sounds great — why the niggle in my gut? Ah well, he does pay as the feet etc. "O.K. Nigel, you can count on me". Oh! what a naive nitwit, I'd have been better off jumping Lofty's Wing.

A pleasant fortnight passed, then it arrived — by post, damn great manilla envelope — official paid. T'was the paper work, and it made my gut feel conscience struck. It was, by any standard, fantastic. Every detail — every second, all included. Dress, transport, 3 maps (yes 3) from Large to Medium to Small — a really impressive performance. I was obviously getting money for jam!

Two days passed and I arrived home one evening to find a message — Brummy Foster had phoned — would call again. He did! To let me know he too had a damn great envelope, but he was not impressed — both he and Sgt. Kenny would be on manoeuvres and couldn't jump! He'd spent 2 days trying to get Capt. Neames but no success, would I do it for him? Yes, I'd try! My first half dozen phone calls were useless. I tried both numbers from my damn great envelope — no luck — finally I got someone to breach the National Security. He did know Nigel Neames, yes, Capt. R.A. but he was on leave in France. Wouldn't be back for a fortnight. Christ, the jump was Sunday week and a fortnight was Thursday week! Wait! Fall back on all that training — don't panic — merely fix up two substitutes. More phone calls. Peter Wilkinson would do it, he was reliable and also John Fisher. Not so good at accuracy, but surely no-one can miss the Atlantic!

Thursday and now to ring Nigel. Oh! Hadn't I heard Air Traffic Controllers etc. Capt. Neames was delayed. The gut was really gaining control now. It was going wrong and certain to get 'wronger'. So in a really decisive, take control manner, I did nothing and weakly rang Nigel's home number on Friday evening. Thank God, he was there — all was great! Yes, my substitutes would be fine, we'd meet as per the damn great envelope, he'd supply etc.

Panic subsides — worry eliminated — great big smile!

Saturday, 14 students at Bodmin, all trained, ready to jump 10 a.m. Sunday, all set for good weekend, with even the weather going to be fine. Trained my students, no fuss, seem a good crowd. Sunday, up at 7.30 a.m., shower and breakfast, sort out my water jump kit. Old tennis shoes, shorts and a T-shirt. Read up on the B.P.A. regs re water jumps — no, nothing forgotten, so we're ready to go. The phone!!! "Hello Nigel. What? Your back, slipped a disc, can't jump? Great, but you will meet me at Bodmin D.Z. with kit and do the commentary — charming!" Bloody typical, military display and not a ruddy soldier in sight. Ah well, not to worry.

The time approaches 13.30 hrs. and here come the army in the form of a 1 ton truck and Nigel plus his attractive wife. He does not look well, can't hardly move, lots of sympathetic noises. All the kit is there, 4 P.C.s, 4 Reserves, jumpsuits, huge smoke bombs and brackets, 2 smokes which work under water, even brought his own W.D.I.s — the military really do pour it on. Ah, who is this chap from Halfpenny Green, known to John Fisher, got a C licence would love to do a £10 water jump, especially as he'll be paid as his feet etc. So back to 4 and all is now set fair. Screech of brakes, Pete Wilkinson — team all complete!! What's that, Peter, you'd like a quiet word? Christ, I'm trying to check this kit and I've not a lot of time. Nigel wants to get off. You what!! No water, what d'you mean? It's a water jump and for that you have to have — oh mum!! Lowest high tide of the year, the raft race is at the peak, by 4 p.m. it'll all have gone, you are jesting. After all, when there is no water it is all thick black gooey mud. You're not! "Nigel, my friend, a word, Peter says etc." No, Nigel, the organisers are obviously straight out of the loony bin if Peter was there yesterday at 3.30 and there was no water, Peter I trust, the organisers I've never met! I do not wish to land in mud, no not even a little bit. Conference! Decision! (it's great to have a chain of command!) Nigel will go and ring — if there is water it's on as planned, if not, it's look for alternative D.Z. very close, or scrub it.

We wait. Suitably dressed in tennis kit I feel I cut an unusual figure, especially as Fisher will keep producing people to be introduced. "Here's our C.C.I. No it isn't Ginny Wade in drag!" The phone rings. No, there is a definite lack of H<sub>2</sub>O, just 8 feet wide and 2½ feet deep in acres of mud. But, ray of hope, one area of mud is big and hard. Nigel had walked and jumped up and down on it, and surely that is enough — just a little bit unsure, I agree. Use our squares and with semi-Christian C.H. should be O.K. But if I squelch my last in black mud I sure as hell will haunt some bastard!

It's on! Change clothes and kit, get sorted out, emplane, take off. At least for a 20 minute flight we're more comfortable without the life jackets. Someone notes that the A38 is completely devoid of traffic. I look and point out it is a disused railway line and make a mental note to watch his spotting. There it is. God! Look at the mud, totally surrounded by thousands of people, with the water meandering in the centre. Streamer gone. O.K. almost no wind out over the petrol tank, up to 5 grand, run in, out go Halfpenny Green lad and John Fisher. There goes the smoke — yes, what else would it do but blow opposite to the way the W.D.I.s went — it's that kind of jump. Halfpenny Green lad, on his square, has no problem lands O.K. But I can't see if he is submerged or not! John Fisher with the D.C. is trying, 8 feet wide 2½ feet deep and Fisher is smack in the centre. Hysterics in the plane! Run in again — out we go, all goes as normal, both in by the cross and the mud is hard. Organiser and crowd over generous in their praise, and it is finally over. Can't think why I didn't wet myself, but I'm still dry.

Oh, one last point. Yes, he did, paid as our feet touched mud we were, so if Nigel should ring and you're hard up, well —!!! you can be sure you'll get paid as your feet etc.

Mike Stanton.

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## 30 MAN ATTEMPT

Eric Finney would like to say a sincere thank you to all who supported his recent 30 man attempt. Your enthusiasm was much appreciated.

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**BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 1978  
held at BPA Offices, Kimberley House, Leicester**

**PRESENT**

W. J. Meacock— <i>Chairman</i>	
J. T. Crocker	J. Norris
P. A. Howell	D. Prince
WO J. Laing	J. R. H. Sharpies
G. Lilly	P. Slaughter
P. G. Mitchell	J. L. Thomas
D. Turner ( <i>Co-Opted</i> )	Brigadier J. Starling
G. C. P. Shea-Simonds ( <i>Co-Opted</i> )	( <i>Co-Opted</i> )

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Sqn. Ldr. W. Paul *Sec. Gen. BPA*  
D. Peacock— *NCSO BPA*  
M. J. Beynon (*South Cotswold Para Club*)  
Mr. Davis (*South Cotswold Para Club*)  
and Nine Observers

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

D. I. Waugh	I. B. Wright
D. Orton	

Item 49/78

**APPEAL—MISS WENDY MILLER**

This matter brought forward from previous minutes (Item 48/78 20 July 78) was deferred due Miss Miller being unable to attend arising to being on holiday. The matter would be placed on the Agenda of the next Meeting and Miss Miller again invited to attend.

Item 50/78

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. **Safety and Training** The Chairman of STC referred to the Minutes of the STC Meeting of 15 August '78 (previously distributed) and called for any questions:
  - a. **Cornwall Display** The Chairman STC, had written a letter of caution and reprimand to the Cornwall Para. Club. The letter to which there had been no answer was read to the meeting.
  - b. **Irvin Snap Hook — Item 1.(5J)** Mr. Shea-Simonds reported on a letter received from Mr. I. B. Wright of Irvin GB which quite rightly pointed out that the Irvin Snap Hook which BPA has said is inefficient, is inefficient simply because we are putting it to a use for which it was not originally designed. The letter was intended for publication in 'Sport Parachutist' and this would be done.
2. **Competition** In the absence of Mr. Waugh the Chairman reported there had not been a meeting of the Competitions Committee since the previous Council Meeting and that the next Competitions Committee Meeting was to be held on 19th September.  
The Sec. Gen. produced a provisional expenditure and income account to the 1978 World Parachuting Championships—Zagreb.  
The matter of a refund shown as being due from the Head of Delegation (Mr. Meacock) was raised. A car had been hired at the request of the H of D to be available on his arrival at Zagreb. The cost had been paid by the BPA and was to be reclaimed from Mr. Meacock. It was the view of the meeting that the car had been of value for the team and its value warranted the cost being met by BPA. On a proposal by Mr. Crocker seconded by Mr. Slaughter it was unanimously agreed that the cost £123.00 in full be paid by the BPA.
3. **Forward Planning** Mr. Howell referred to the following matters:-
  - a. **The letter to Secretary of State for the Environment re. Town and Country Planning Acts and Sport Parachuting** The original letter from BPA (21 March 78) was replied to on 7 June 78. In view of the disappointment at the tenor of the reply a further letter was sent to the Secretary of State on 22 June 78, to date there seems to have been no reply other than an acknowledgement of receipt. He suggested that perhaps we should now send a chaser. Mr. Crocker

interposed to suggest that in situations such as this, where an important letter has gone unanswered, the follow up should be, in this case a letter in the name of the Chairman of Forward Planning to show that the matter has been taken up a stage. This was agreed. Mr. Howell went on to say that the wide circulation of the letter to the Sec. of State has had some bi-products in that he had been approached by the Sec. of a local Sports Council who indicated that the letter had aroused the interest of certainly one County Planning Officer who it would seem viewed the 'Ashbourne' decision as nonsense. Mr. Howell will be trying to establish contact with him to see the basis of his opinion. It is interesting to note that some people feel that way and it's worth following up.

- b. **Sports and Law Conference** Mr. Howell reported that he would be giving a paper to the Sunday Telegraph for a Sport and Law Conference to be held in London towards the end of September. The subject of his paper will be Planning and Building on which he would be dealing with the question of Planning Permission vis-a-vis sport and he would do his best to include in his address the difficulties that we encounter, hopefully that the press there may try and take it up. The conference is a joint venture between The Sports Council and the Sunday Telegraph. He felt that perhaps we ought to have one other representative there, because he would not be there for the entire Conference. Mr. Shea-Simonds was asked if he could attend, the dates being 28/29 September — he was unable to say with any degree of certainty at this time but undertook to let either Mr. Howell or the Chairman know.
- c. **Cornwall Parachute Centre** Mr. Howell reported what he considered to be somewhat encouraging development over the correspondence he had been having concerning the Cornwall Parachute Centre D.Z. in which we had maintained that parachuting doesn't need planning permission because we were going to do it for 28 days in one field, 28 days in another field and so on. An argument was then 'dredged up' that parachuting was 'Other Operations' within the Town and Country Planning Act so requires planning permission. Fortunately there is a House of Lords decision which is right on the point; 'Other Operations' have to be in the nature of building or engineering operations and having pointed this out to N. Cornwall District Council they have now replied.  
"Careful consideration has now been given to the contents of your two letters (11 and 14 July) and reference has been made to the case law which you site. After carefully considering all the matters involved I have now come to the conclusion that my original argument is probably wrong and that, as you submit, a parachuting activity is not an 'Other Operation' within the definition sent out in Section 22(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1971. In these circumstances I do not propose to advise this Authority to pursue the enforcement of the parachuting activities as an unauthorised operation.  
I do, however, still remain concerned with the Club's activities at White Rose Farm and, in this connection, the matter of the aircraft landing strip at the farm is being considered by the Council's Planning and Development Committee at their next meeting on 4th September. At that meeting the outstanding planning application for the various proposed uses of some of the outbuildings at the farm is also being considered.  
I shall doubtless be writing to you again in connection with the activities at White Rose and in the meantime thank you for drawing my attention to relevant matters which have, I feel, clarified the situation for all concerned".  
The sequel to this is that the club have problems with power cables, which are too close to the existing D.Z. It is understood the club has now been offered by the 'Trustees of the Moor' (or some similar body), an area right in the middle of the moor providing someone lives in a certain

house (rent free) and on this basis the club is hopeful they will get planning permission for that particular area.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Howell for his efforts in this particular case.

- d. **Leeds Bradford Club (Elvington)** The Chairman reported that the Leeds Bradford Club had been granted the licence to operate at Elvington for a period of four months and were hopeful they would get it for another year. There was also hope that the existing restrictions would be eased. The Chairman had informed the club that if necessary another meeting could be arranged with the local Council in a couple of months time.
4. **Finance** Mr. Mitchell, Chairman of Finance Committee reported on the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 7th August (attached to these minutes, together with Balance Sheet and Auditors' Review letter for the year ended 31st March 1978).

The following matters arose:

- a. **Auditors Review Letter** This had made recommendations concerning the employment of extra staff, reduction of the number of rates of membership. There was considerable discussion concerning the work of the present staff and how the Association had grown particularly over the past few years. This culminated in a proposal by Mr. Crocker seconded by G. Lilly and carried unanimously that a Business/Management Consultant be employed to consider the present organisation and make such recommendations as are deemed necessary to establish an efficient administration system which will also take account of anticipated increases in membership over the next few years. The responsibility for implementing this resolution to be in the hands of Finance Committee who would call for quotations and be empowered to appoint the Consultant without having to refer back to Council. The Sec-Gen took up the Auditors point on the number of variations of membership fee, 25 in all and produced a modified list of 16 which would be given over to the Finance Committee for consideration.
- b. **Sports Council Grant Aid Application — 1978/79** Mr. Mitchell referred to the application which included reference to the salary increases granted by Council to the previous NCSO and the Sec. Gen. in June 1977. It was accepted that the original submission in respect of these increases did not adequately express Council's reasons for granting these increased and therefore undermined the prospects of these being accepted by the Sports Council for grant aid. It was agreed that Mr. Mitchell/Mr. Crocker would rewrite the submission which would be embodied in the application for the year ended 31st March 1979 in the hope that the cost of the increases would be accepted retrospectively.
- c. **Net Cost of World Championships 1977** It was pointed out that against the total expenditure of £34,000, the Sec. Gen. had previously estimated an income sufficient to produce a net cost to the BPA of some £3,000. In the event this net cost was in fact £V—£½¼. The expenditure by the Balance Sheet showed £30,890 from this was to be deducted the Sports Council, Grants of £19,869 and Profit on the Raffle £2,479 (total £22,448) thus leaving a balance of £8,442. A further £1,500 had been agreed by the Sports Council bringing the net cost down to **£6,942**. Short falls on his original estimates were on Raffle (£1,000) N.T.F. (£500). The Sec. Gen. undertook to give other information on short falls — these are now added as: LWTV £400, Sports Council £780 and an estimated £600 to be recovered on extension of tickets for those staying in Australia. This brought the total short falls on the original estimate to £3,280 which would have brought the now net cost of £6,942 down to £3,662.
- d. **Staff Salaries per Sports Council Scales** It had been noted that the Sec. Gen. had in June 1978 without reference to Council implemented the revised Sports Council Salary Scales (effective from 1st April 1978) and paid these to all staff retrospective from the effective date. It was pointed out that Council had in July 1977 increased the Sec-Gen's salary by £500 and that the New Scales had been applied in his case. In the case of the NCSO his salary had been set at £4,500 as from the commencement of his employment on 1st April 1978 this was a block figure and not a scale figure.

On being questioned the Sec-Gen stated he had applied the Sports Council Scales as had been the practice each year since the BPA Staff was assimilated into the Sports Council's grading and salary scales in October 1975. He admitted that this had in the case of the NCSO effectively increased a figure agreed by Council by £1,071. Discussion continued on this matter without the presence of the NCSO and Sec-Gen. On recall the Sec-Gen was informed that Council had resolved as follows:

1. In view of the actions of the Secretary General over his decision to grant Salary increases to the BPA Staff, without Council's authorisation, this Council has no confidence in his conduct of the Association's affairs.
2. The Council reprimands the Secretary-General for his actions over the salary increases, and invites his resignation.

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#### AFFILIATIONS

- a. **South Cotswold Para Club** This application having been proposed by Mr. Crocker and seconded by Mr. Norris was unanimously agreed.
- b. **British Collegiate Para Assoc. Centre** This application having been proposed by Mr. Crocker and seconded by Mr. Sharples was unanimously agreed subject to a check on the D.Z. being made by the NCSO.

The Meeting was adjourned till Monday 18th September when an extra-ordinary meeting would be held to continue with the unfinished Agenda.

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**BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION  
EXTRA-ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 1978  
held at BPA Offices, Kimberley House, Leicester**

**PRESENT**

W. J. Meacock—Chairman	J. T. Crocker
D. Orton	P. A. Howell
J. D. Prince	WO J. Laing
J. R. H. Sharpies	G. Lilly
P. Slaughter	P. G. Mitchell
J. L. Thomas	J. Norris
D. I. Waugh	D. Turner (Co-Opted)
Brigadier J. Starling (Co-Opted)	G. C. P. Shea-Simonds (Co-Opted)

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Continued from Meeting of 14th September

4. **Finance** Mr. Mitchell recapped on his report given at the Meeting of 14th September for the benefit of those who did not attend that meeting. The Chairman then recapped on the resolutions agreed at that meeting.

The Sec-Gen was permitted to address the Meeting and made the following points:

1. During the past ten years only one annual budget for BPA finances had been produced and that by the late Mr. Morgan for the year 1975/76. The current Treasurer agreed that he had not produced a budget.

2. During the past ten years only one of the five treasurers had taken the opportunity to come and see how the day to day finances were handled and how the office operated. The current treasurer agreed he had not looked at the day to day finances and how these were handled, however, he responded that he felt this was not absolutely necessary.

3. In June 1977 when Council decided to increase the then NCSO's salary by £1,590 and his own salary by £500, he had advised Council that he had not sought a salary increase and that the increases Council had approved were outside the Government's then pay guide lines and outside the Sports Council pay scales for grant aid to which we were linked. Council agreed that should the increases not be accepted for grant aid purposes BPA would meet the increases in full.

4. In reply to a question the current Chairman of the Competitors' Committee agreed he had not produced a budget for World Championships. The Sec-Gen pointed out that the Committee's only attempt to produce a budget had been for the 1978 National Classic Championships, a Championships which had in fact shown a profit. The attempted budget had come about simply because of the £1500 Smirnoff Sponsorship which the Committee rightly wanted to see used for the benefit of the competitors, as far as was possible.

5. When some months previously the Sec-Gen had informed Council that was considering seeking additional staff to cope with the increasing work load, the only observation to filter back to him was that it had said he didn't need more staff because the girls in the office after going down town for sandwiches spent ¼ hour sitting eating these in the office — he contended this was a complete distortion of the facts.

6. In giving an example of how what he considered to be reasonable observations made by himself were treated, he quoted the case of Bickmarsh (Midland Para Centre) when its application for approved club status was considered he had observed on the matter of the airfield licence — this was not taken up, approved club status was granted with payment of £150 p.a. under the approved club policy. In view of the recent problems over parachuting at Bickmarsh he had indicated that the Centre's Approved Club Status was to him a source of embarrassment particularly now that the Centre was having to apply for permission to drop even experienced parachutists. His observation was not taken up.

The Sec. General and the NCSO left the meeting at the request of council. The Chairman then invited discussion from council relating to the Sec. General's statement.

Considerable discussion followed with the majority of opinion being that the S.G. had not explained his actions satisfactorily.

Mr. Howell commented that the 'explanations' if one could term the S.G.'s statement as such were irrelevant and failed to deal with the specific issue.

In view of the general critical comments made by the S.G. in his statement, discussion followed in broad terms on the running and managing of the office and other procedures.

Mr. Thomas felt that council were to some extent lacking in not providing more help and guidance to the S.G. and that the office workload had increased during recent times beyond the present capacity to cope.

Mr. Waugh stated that the meeting should confine itself to the specific issue in question which prompted the proposals of the last council meeting. The Chairman then reminded the meeting of the two proposals emanating from the previous meeting:

1. "In view of the actions of the Secretary General over his decision to grant Salary Increases to the BPA staff, without Council authorisation, this Council has no confidence in his conduct of the Association's affairs".

*(Passed unanimously)*

2. "This Council reprimands the Secretary General for his actions over the Salary increases, and invites his resignation".

*(Passed 11 to 2)*

Brig. Starling commented that nothing had changed his view that a breach of trust by the S.G. had occurred.

Mr. Crocker confirmed Brig. Starling's view and said that he was staggered particularly as the increases were backdated, let alone implemented. In the case of the NCSO, the backdating being to the first day of his employment with the BPA at an already agreed figure by council. The facts being that council had no knowledge of these actions nor was there any indication that council were likely to be informed or consulted. Furthermore it was inexcusable to effect the NCSO increase by using two cheques where one would have exceeded the S.G.'s authorised limit — a fact inviting criticism from our Auditors. By not seeking council's direction the situation was clearly an abuse of a position of trust.

Mr. Lilley confirmed that the explanation given by the S.G. for his conduct was not satisfactory.

Messrs Waugh and Orton who were unable to attend the previous meeting agreed that despite the fact that all concerned had had four days to further consider all aspects and had hoped to hear a full and satisfactory explanation from the S.G., were disappointed and saw no reason to change the second resolution.

The Chairman summed up the discussions which culminated in the following proposal by Mr. Crocker, seconded by Mr. Howell.

*'That the Sec. General be once again invited to resign and to give his decision within as short a period as possible (as agreed between the S.G. and the Chairman) and in default be given three months notice'.*

The proposal was carried by 12 votes to 1.

Mr. Crocker finalised the issue by saying that Council are not necessarily bound to any notice given or required, but are giving notice gratuitously as the situation in his view was one that warranted summary dismissal.

The Chairman recalled the S.G. to the meeting and read the proposal.

Item 52/78

**Replacement C9 Canopy**

The Chairman reported on the latest position of providing a replacement C9 Canopy for those who can afford it. WO Laing was having two GQ Canopies tested, one with a net skirt. The Chairman hoped to get one from Irvin, a net skirted canopy based on the Sky Diver. Mr. Shea-Simonds suggested that perhaps, if clubs show interest in the project, it may be worthwhile BPA putting money into bulk buying the canopies.

Item 53/78

**WORLD PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS (RW) — 1981**

Brigadier Starling presented a second draft letter (first draft previously distributed) on the subject of using Netheravon as the

venue for the World Parachuting Championships (RW). Basically, the letter was addressed to the Minister for Sport, seeking the co-operation from other users of the Netheravon air space for the period of the proposed World Championships. It was emphasised that the proposal to hold the Championships in Great Britain would be made to the FAI (CIP) in January 1979 and some positive response was required for them. The letter to the Minister for Sport would go out signed by the Chairman BPA Council. The Meeting confirmed that it wanted to host the 1981 World RW Championships.

Item 54/78

#### EMPLOYMENT OF P.R. CONSULTANT

Mr. Shea-Simonds was of the opinion that BPA should now employ P.R. Consultant and suggested that the representative of a company known to him be invited to attend the next Council Meeting to give his views on how a professional consultant could be of value to the Association. The Meeting agreed unanimously a proposal by Mr. Crocker seconded by Mr. Thomas that Mr. Shea-Simonds produce an advisory paper for the consultant who was to be invited to attend the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Mitchell informed the Meeting of an approach by Mr. Waterman re a publicity film. Whilst Mr. Waterman's suggestion was appreciated it was thought that we should for now concentrate on the PR approach now agreed. On the matter of publicity it was generally agreed that Miss 'Jackie' Smith was an example where a professional PR approach would have achieved better publicity results. There was also the various annual awards e.g. Sports-woman of the year and we now ought to make every attempt to get 'Jackie' nominated for such awards as are available. A notice would be published in the magazine drawing the attention of members to the need for their support whenever nominations are called for from the press, radio and television.

Item 55/78

#### PUBLICATION OF BOOK "THE BEST OF SPORT PARACHUTIST"

Mr. Shea-Simonds felt there was a need after 14 years for such a publication. He had discussed the matter with the Chairman and between them they would undertake the publication as a private venture. He sought Council's approval. Outlets for the publication would be the BPA Office and the commercial organisations within the sport with of course BPA having the best financial deal. Mr. Mitchell proposed and Mr. Crocker seconded a proposal that the project has the approval of Council and that the publishers have authority to use such material from the issues of Sport Parachutist as may be required.

Carried Unanimously

Item 56/78

#### REFUSAL OF DISPLAY TEAM APPLICATION — "BARRETT'S"

Mr. Prince reported that in July Barretts Free Fall Team (Mr. Horan) had been granted approval to carry out a display inside the Leeds Bradford Special Rule Zone. Then, in August when he again sought approval for another display in the same area his request was turned down in a letter stating the following reasons: "As a result of the previous activities of the locally based free fall club. In the past there have been many complaints from the public, from Councillors and most important of all from a safety point view from Air Traffic Control Officers — the site you have chosen is exactly on the extended centre line of our major runway and from activities could constitute an extremely serious hazard to our air traffic.

In a subsequent telephone call an alternative site was agreed but it was said "there would be no more parachuting in this Special Rule Zone at all".

It was agreed that the NCSO refer the matter to the CAA pointing out that in our view 'blanket' barring of parachuting within a Special Rule Zone was not acceptable and that each case should be decided on its merits. The NCSO to be given a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Horan.

Item 57/78

#### CLUB LISTING IN BPA JOURNAL

Mr. Acraman had referred to the wording used in the club listing in 'Sport Parachutist'. His point was that the wording used inferred that those listed under affiliated clubs were inferior to those listed under approved clubs. Council accepted the wording used and pointed out that the remedy was in Mr. Acraman's own hands — he should seek to have his club recognised as "Approved".

Item 58/78

#### PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

- a. **National Championships (Classic) (Item 39/78 2.c.)** Mr. Slaughter referred to the suggested reduction of 50p per jump and the fact that the reduction was not in fact implemented. Mr. Prince who had been responsible for asking the jumps to competitors had made his calculations on the basis of breaking even against aircraft costs and it was therefore true to say that a 50p reduction per jump was not implemented.
- b. **'State Express'/Sports Aid Foundation (Item 39/78 4.a.)** Mr. Mitchell referred to the recent announcement that 'State Express' was giving £½m to the S.A.F. The Sec-Gen pointed out this had been a matter of controversy with sports concerned about sponsorship coming from Tobacco companies. A questionnaire recently returned to the S.A.F. showed that our sport had no reservations on taking a share of sponsorship money no matter what the source.
- c. **Protest to B.G.A. (Item 39/78 4.c.)** A draft letter by Mr. Crocker was passed to the Meeting and it was agreed that this letter go to the BGA under the Chairman's signature.

Item 40/78.1

- d. **National Championships (Item 40/78.1)** Mr. Shea-Simonds reported that Gen Wilson had not received an invitation to the 1978 National Championships and would like to have come had he been invited. He would be interested in attending the National RW Championships to be held at Netheravon and would love to receive an invitation to present the prizes. The military agreed that Gen Wilson be invited by a personal letter from the Chairman to present the prizes at the 1979 National RW Championships. It was essential that the letter goes to him soon as he does go out of the country quite a lot.
- e. **Competition Caravan — (Item 40/78 3)** The NCSO reported that he had now reconsidered this requirement and had made his view known to the members of the Competition Committee — his paper would be considered at the next Competitions Committee Meeting. Basically this was to purchase a "Dormobile" type vehicle to replace the BPA Maxi and provide facilities for a Mobile Control Unit.
- f. **Outstanding Loans — (Item 40/78 (7,9 & 10))**
  1. **Wessex Para Club** — Nothing further other than that as a result of the notice in "Sport Parachutist", an individual also seeking Mr. Donovan had contacted the BPA. It was agreed that any information obtained by either party would be passed to the other.
  2. **G.S. Custom Parachutes** The outstanding balance of £50 had not been paid and contact with Mr. Shone was proving difficult.
  3. **Elvin Skysports** Mr. Crocker reported letters are still being returned marked "No Postal Point".
  - g. **Whitbread Sport Trust Grant** The amended scheme had been circulated to all C.C.I.'s and a copy to all eligible new members.
  - h. **Electronic Disc Pad — (Item 45/78)** It was reported that Para Gear was unable to satisfy the order for an electronic Disc and two spare pads — they had sold the only three manufactured by them. It was now considered that the Para Gear disc and pads were probably not suitable and that BPA would be better to concentrate on those being made by Dr. Flinn and Mr. McBride.
  - i. **Bob Leefman's Appeal Fund — Item 46/78** Mr. Lilly referred to the agreement that any credit balance from the Classic National Championships 1978 go to the Bob Leefman's Appeal Fund. He noted that the credit balance had reduced from the previous figure of £233.70 to £97.53. The Sec-Gen pointed out that there was now a provision for £167.60 against Official Expenses — this was the balance between the estimate of £300 given to him and the actual claims paid to date — as it now seemed all claims had been made, the provision allowed as a possible expenditure would now go towards the credit balance bringing it to £265.13. No further expenditures were anticipated. The Sec-Gen reported the Leefman's Appeal Fund as standing at approx. £930.00 but more money had come in during the day. Mr. Waugh reported that donations should be forthcoming from the Duck End Meet.

The Minutes of 20th July 1978 were accepted on a proposal by Mr. Waugh seconded by Mr. Slaughter.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### Calendar

A calendar (Royal Meteorological Society) sent from GASCO was shown to the Meeting. GASCO had suggested that if orders of 100 or more can be got from organisations the cost could be brought down from £1.50 to £1.20 each, thus providing a small profit for organisations. The Meeting decided that whilst the calendar was nicely produced they didn't think we had a market for it. Mr. Shea-Simonds would inform Mr. Ward at the next GASCO Meeting.

### Life Assurance

The Sec-Gen reported that he was in contact with a broker who was preparing quotations for Insurance which would embody the benefits of group rates without BPA having to give a guarantee of numbers joining any scheme. Life Insurance premiums would not be loaded because of participation in Sport Parachuting including Competitions and display. The Sec-Gen would place details before Council when these were received.

Mr. Shea-Simonds felt that a lot of time was spent encouraging young people to take out life insurance when they ought to be encouraged to put money into Building Societies and buying property. The only time you need life insurance is when you are married and you want instant cover for your wife and dependants in event of your death.

If you do need money for buying a house etc. you don't even recover your premiums. He did not think the Association should be encouraging people to get life insurance. The Sec-Gen reminded Council that we were concerned not only with life insurance but with all types of insurance and what was suggested was not that we encourage members to take out this or that type of insurance but that we should be seen to be of assistance in getting the best possible terms for those of the membership who may be interested in any particular form of insurance.

### Loan South Cotswold Para Club

The Sec-Gen reported that he had received an application for a loan of £400 from the recently affiliated South Cotswold Para Club. It was felt that a new club such as this one should prove itself before qualifying for a loan. Application would certainly be considered on its merits at a later stage when as had been stated the club had proved itself.

### Mrs. H. Curry

The Meeting agreed that a gratuity of £25 be given to Mrs. Helen Curry who recently left the Association's employment in appreciation of her 3½ years service to the Association. It was suggested that Mrs. Curry be invited to attend the next Council Meeting when a cheque for the agreed amount could be presented.

### World Parachuting Championships—1979

The Chairman, who attended the World Parachuting Championships as the Head of Delegation, made the following observations:

1. A full report is being compiled by Mr. Slaughter for the Magazine.
2. The finish of the training in the USA and the commencement of the competition left a big gap and perhaps this could have had some effect on some of the style jumps.
3. Transport—it is better if you can have your own rather than to have to rely upon local arrangements.
4. He went on to summarise the performance of the British Team all of whom gave a very creditable performance. Special mention had of course to be made of the outstanding performance by Jackie Smith in winning the Gold Medal in the Ladies Individual Accuracy Event. Mr. Crocker proposed a vote of thanks to all members of the team and this was heartily endorsed by the meeting. The NCSO had the teleprint copy of the official results but would write to the organisers for copies of the final published results and report.



Royal Marines in line

photo by Gary Lawrie

**BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION  
SAFETY & TRAINING COMMITTEE, TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER 1978,  
held at BPA Offices, Kimberley House, Leicester**

**PRESENT**

W. J. Meacock	<i>PPC— Chairman</i>
D. Peacock	<i>NCSO</i>
D. Orton	<i>STAFFS</i>
P. Young	<i>RSA</i>
J. Hitchen	<i>SHEFFIELD</i>
D. Prince	<i>NWPC</i>
P. Hibberd	<i>Halfpenny Green</i>
G. Chandler	<i>PCT</i>
P. Hick	<i>SCPC</i>
J. Barnes	<i>TWPC</i>
D. Turner	<i>NCPC</i>
B. Jones	<i>LBFFC</i>
J. Laing	<i>APA</i>
T. Strawson	<i>RGJ</i>
D. McCarthy	<i>HEREFORD</i>
C. Shea-Simonds	<i>Co-opted</i>
D. Palmer	<i>LIFFT</i>
J. Norris	<i>RAFSPA</i>

**OBSERVERS**

R. Atherton	M. Haskoe
D. Hickling	K. Townsend
D. Parker	P. Drabble
J. Wright	R. Hicks
N. Perks	S. Cottrell
B. G. Nelson-West	G. Simons
H. Curtis	J. Davis
P. Fisher	C. Thomas

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

J. Crocker	L. Thomas
M. Winwood	R. Willis
A. Collingwood	A. Knight
J. Sharples	A. Riddick

In the absence of J. Crocker, the meeting was chaired by W. J. Meacock.

Item 1

**PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes of 13 December 1977, item 1b — banning of blast handles. A letter from J. Scott Hamilton, Chairman of the USPA Safety and Training Committee was read to the meeting. This set forth the intention of USPA to ban the use of blast handles at the 1979 US National Championships and to begin an educational campaign to discourage the use of blast handles. In addition, the USPA were to strive to persuade US parachute manufacturers to discontinue the installation of blast handles on new parachute equipment. Minutes of 15 August — attached letter from I. Robertson concerning potential jamming of R3 Canopy releases was again read to the meeting. The attention of all members is drawn to this letter.

The minutes were then approved.

Item 2

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO BSRs SEC 6 (PILOTS)**

These proposed changes were set out in the minutes of 15 August (Item 4.1) C. Shea-Simonds stated that the current wording of para 1 "must be thoroughly familiar with the aircraft to be used" did not sufficiently define the standard of aircraft handling ability required. He felt that interests of safety demanded certain minimum standards from Jump Pilots and that these should be clearly laid down. He therefore proposed that para 1 of Sec 6 (Pilots) of the Basic Safety Regulations be amended as follows:

"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 hrs P1 — 10 hrs P1 on type.

150 — 250 hrs P1 — 5 hrs P1 on type.

Over 250 hours P1 — to have been checked out on type."

The remainder of Section 6 to be unchanged.

This proposal was seconded by P. Hibberd.

Considerable discussion ensued, several members feeling that such conditions would prove unduly restrictive and also expensive for pilots to obtain the requisite minimum number of hours. The matter was put to the vote and the proposal was carried by 8 votes to 7. In view of the small majority, it was decided that the effects of this proposal be reviewed in twelve months time.

Item 3

**ADVANCED INSTRUCTOR RATINGS**

- D. Thorne** An application for upgrading to Advanced Instructor, signed by two examiners, was considered by the meeting. This application was approved, subject to his satisfactory assessment on the Advanced course being run at RAPA in conjunction with their approved P1 Course.
- R. Swainson** A letter from R. Swainson applying for upgrading to Advanced Instructor was read to the meeting. It was noted that this application was not supported by two examiners (BSRs Part 2 Appendix A). R. Swainson had attended BPA Advanced Instructor Course 2/78 but was not considered ready for upgrading at that time. In view of the foregoing, the application was not approved. The NCSO was to write to R. Swainson to this effect.

Item 4

**P1 COURSE—HONG KONG**

A letter from S. Coxall and G. McLane, both C certificate holders resident in Hong Kong was read to the meeting. They requested joint exemptions from conditions imposed in BSRs Part 2 Appendix B in order to attend a P1 Course in Hong Kong at the end of October. S. Coxall required an exemption from the 150 jump qualification, G. McLane an exemption from the same qualification and was also one month short of the required two years in the Sport.

The application was supported by the CCI D. Wright. The Army team to visit Hong Kong was J. Laing, C. Copeland and K. Mapplebeck and it was decided that the exemptions should be granted and a report on the course submitted by the Examiners. The NCSO was to write to the candidates concerned.

Item 5

**EXEMPTIONS**

- RAF Parachute Jumping Instructors, not being BPA Cat. 10 parachutists, to jump Ram-air canopies at Weston on the Green.

R. Willis requested this exemption on the grounds that:

a) These instructors jumped Strato Clouds as part of their normal instructional and display duties, after about 60 descents experience.

b) He wished to introduce more Service instructors into the Sport. The NCSO estimated that these RAF RJIs, were certainly equivalent to BPA Cat. 8.

It was proposed by D. Orton and seconded by C. Shea-Simonds that nominated PJ1s be permitted to jump Ram-air canopies at Weston on the Green under the auspices of RAFSPA. Names were to be forwarded to the NCSO and this exemption to be dependent upon R. Willis holding the position of CCI RAFSPA.

Carried unanimously.

- G. Phillips, BPA Approved Instructor, to act as CCI Paraclan. Exemption from BSRs Part 1 Section 2.2.

This application was considered by the meeting and it was decided that G. Phillips should attend a BPA Advanced Course before the exemption could be granted.

- L. Cooper  
B. Greenwood  
G. Fitt  
A. Ramsey

These 4C certificate holders requested permission to use assemblies incorporating single point release systems. All were fully recommended for such exemption by their respective CCIs. Exemptions were granted in each case.

Item 6

**RIGGERS RATINGS**

1. **R. Atherton** R. Atherton made a personal appearance and requested that he be granted exemption from the ruling that Advanced Rigger status can only be conferred after 2 years as an Approved Rigger. He is currently an Approved Rigger and in May of this year passed the Advanced Rigger examination. The request was made on the grounds of his previous rigging experience and the high pass mark obtained at the examination.

It was proposed by C. Shea-Simonds and seconded by J. Laing that R. Atherton be granted Advanced Rigger status. Carried unanimously.

2. **CPL Vollenhaven** No record of his rigger qualification was held by BPA. It was stated by J. Laing that Cpl Vollenhaven had attended a rigger course at the APA Centre Netheravon in November 1977.

The NCSO was to ascertain the position.

Item 7

**INCIDENTS**

1. Royal Marines Display Team— Hull Show.

This incident involved one parachutist cutting away at approx. 1200' from a canopy RW entanglement. The entanglement, between two experienced CRW jumpers occurred when one steering toggle of the top man was caught in a suspension line of the low man's canopy. The top man had released his toggles in order to grip the canopy of the bottom man. The team's recommendations to prevent future occurrence are that toggles must not be released until such time as the bottom canopy is below the level of the top man's risers. It was also felt that the use of soft toggles might be a good idea to avoid such a situation.

No damage to persons or property was involved.

2. Hereford Parachute Club

Two incidents on successive days were reported. Both involved female jumpers whose canopies re-inflated after landing and became draped over high tension power cables. The CCI stated that action had been taken to have this particular stretch of cable insulated by the local electricity board.

The following observations were made by STC.

The first incident involved a Cat. 9 parachutist jumping in competition and in marginal winds (15 m.p.h.) and using a C9 T.U. This was not considered prudent. It was further stressed that the location and nature of power cables in the vicinity of any DZ be made known to all regular and visiting jumpers. BSRs Sec. 13 para 9 applies.

Item 8

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO BSRs**

Certain proposals to amend BSRs Secs. 8, 16 and 17, forwarded by M. Winwood were considered by the meeting. The following amendments were proposed by C. Shea-Simonds. And seconded by M. Beynon.

- a) Sec. 8 para 12. Additional control surfaces.  
Delete the words "cloth extensions".
- b) Section 16 para 8 Relative Parachuting.  
The words "or IX" be deleted from this paragraph
- c) Section 17 para 3 Safety during Parachute Descents.  
The first line is to read  
"Throughout every descent all Parachutists will keep well separated from each other unless partaking in PRE-PLANNED canopy relative work.  
These proposals were carried unanimously.

Item 9

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1. Ram-air Reserve Parachutes. Extracts from the Para Flite instruction manual were read to the meeting. Summarised these stated that the Safety Flier must only be packed by a licensed rigger who has attended a Rigger Certification Course to pack and maintain these canopies and is in possession of a certificate to such effect issued by USPA.  
D. Thomas of Thomas Sports Equipment is currently in the US and is attending the RCC.

2. Approval for L. Thomas S/L bag systems.

Two S/L bag systems were shown to the meeting. The first had centre base tie secured through two beackets, short mouth lock and inspection panels for the CB tie both in the bag and container. This bag was approved.

The second system was modelled on the first, but with the mouth lock tucked up and not utilised. The mouth of the bag was open and the canopy held in by the C/B tie through the two beackets. This design was not approved.

3. Incidents at Netheravon

Two incidents were reported by J. Laing. The first involved two parachutists cutting away from canopy entanglement during CRW. The parachutists were visiting Australian jumpers. G. Darr D548 and P. Chapman D347.

Canopy RW was attempted and continued below 1000ft. Darr cutaway from the entanglement and had his reserve open by 300ft. Chapman cut away subsequently and was four seconds under his reserve before landing. Both jumpers have been banned from CRW at the APA Centre Netheravon.

The second incident concerned the deployment of a reserve parachute on exit by a static line jumper. The student, jumping from the Islander, was equipped with a bag deployed main parachute and an I24 reserve fitted with a sentinel MK 2000 AOD. He made weak exit, the AOD struck the door sill and became dislodged and fired the reserve. No injury was sustained. J. Laing stated that the AODs in question have now been in service for two years and he will keep STC informed as to their serviceability record.

4. B. Jones showed to the meeting a static line bag which had been badly damaged. The cause of this damage was difficult to ascertain, as no note of the bag number was entered on the packing card.

It was noted that the bag had seen considerable service and it was recommended it be sent to Irvins for a report on its condition and possible cause of the tearing which occurred along both lateral top seams.

5. Loss of Altimeters in Free fall.

The NCSO stated that four instances of altimeters being lost in freefall had been submitted as insurance claims. The insurers were concerned on two counts.

- a) Possible injury to persons on the ground and
- b) The fact that four claims were submitted within the space of 4 weeks could indicate that the altimeters had not been mounted securely.

It was felt that, although in each case the altimeter mountings conformed to current practice (one wrist mount, 3 foam rubber mounts velcroed to harness) these could have been disturbed during close exits. Jumpers were advised to check the security of altimeter mountings more frequently.

6. Jamming of YES single point release.

John Hitchen demonstrated to the meeting a situation which could occur with this type of equipment. If the risers were twisted low behind the neck, the pressure exerted by the head prevented both sides releasing once the cutaway handle was operated.

**IT WAS EMPHASISED THAT IN ORDER TO RELEASE IN THIS SITUATION, THE HEAD MUST BE PUSHED WELL FORWARD.**

7. 30 man RW attempt 18-19 November

E. Finney stated that a film was to be made of this attempt, details of which were to appear in the October magazine. Further details could be obtained from the BPA Office.

8. Freefall assembly— Short S/L attached to handle for release. Approval to jump this assembly was given for the named instructor G. Phillips only.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2120 hours.

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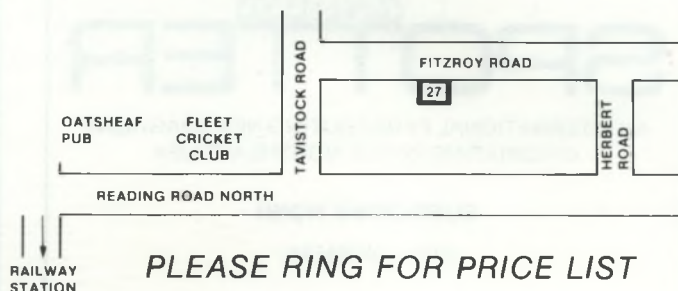
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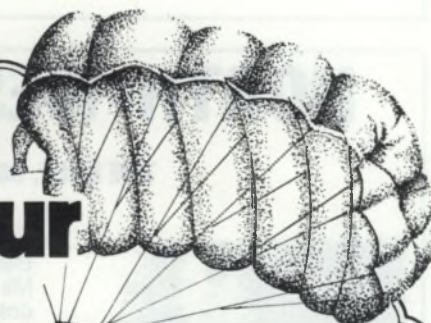
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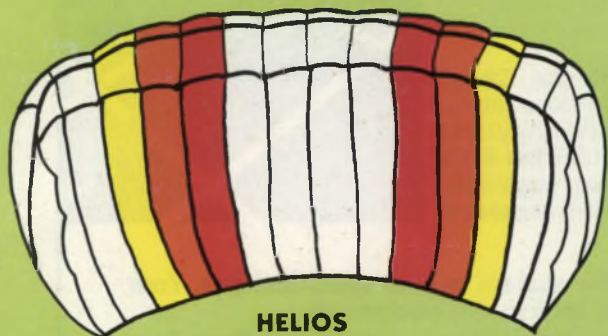
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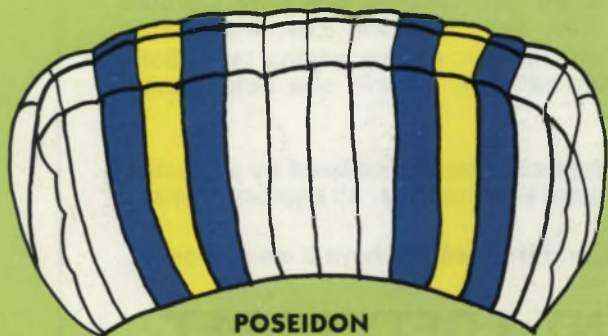


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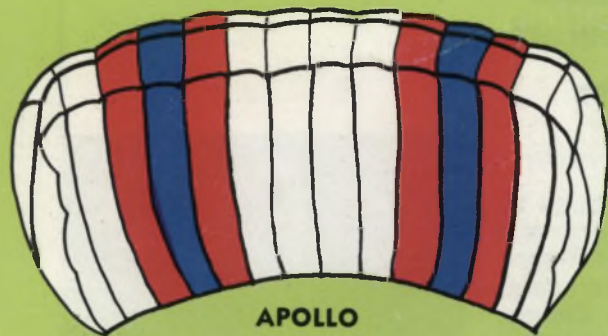
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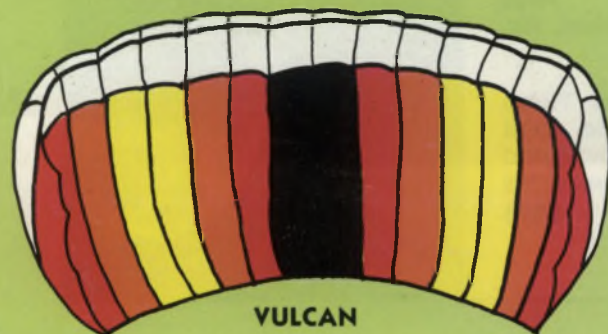
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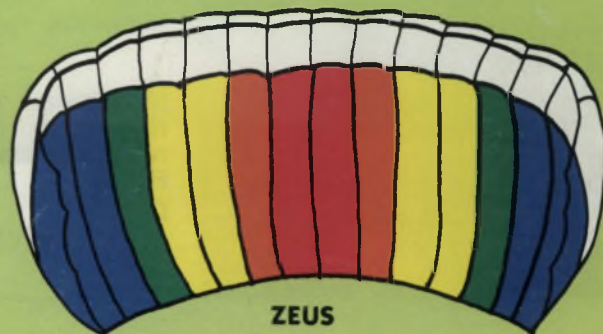
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