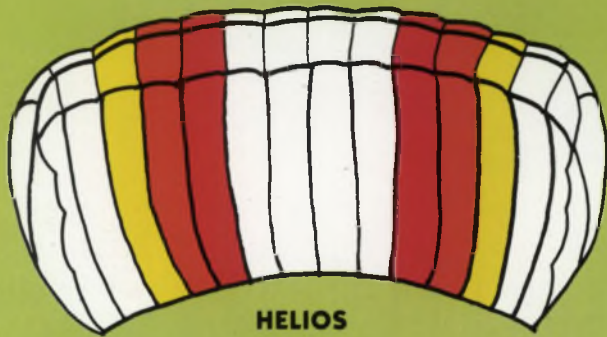




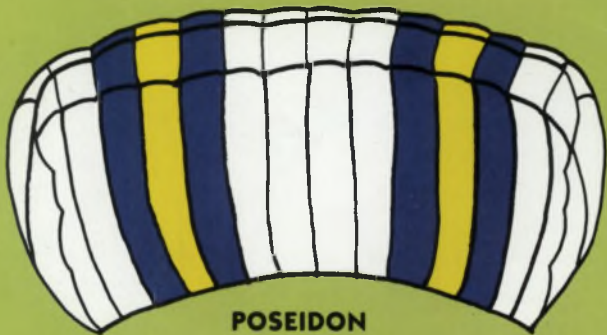
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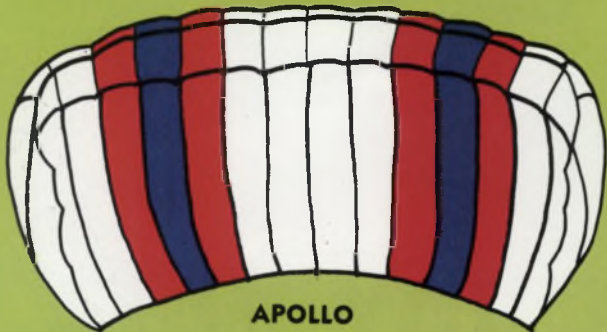
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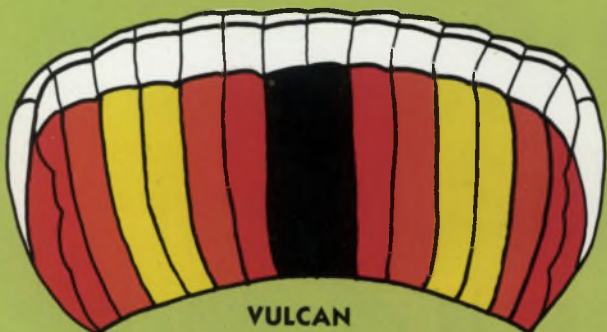
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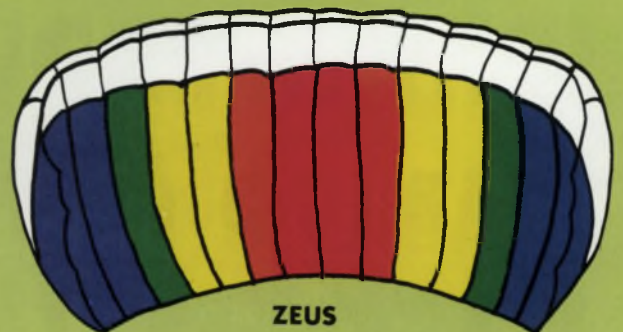
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EDITORIAL

It's apathy that fails to provide enough copy for SAFETY this issue. It's apathy that fails to produce the article you wanted to read about in this issue. It's apathy that causes people to moan about our Association—"... the BPA are useless ..." or words to that effect.

IF YOU BELIEVE THIS KIND OF THING IT'S AS MUCH YOUR FAULT AS THOSE YOU BLAME. YOU ARE THE B.P.A. Have you got the energy, enthusiasm and unselfishness to attend ten Council Meetings a year, ten STC Meetings a year and give up enormous amounts of your time working for our sport? If you have then stand for election to Council — if not, don't moan, just nominate the right guy for the job then vote for him. (If you're a true coward, of course, you set up an alternative organisation and support that because you haven't got the guts to work democratically for B.P.A. which indirectly probably started you in the sport and is, on your behalf, fighting daily battles for its survival and improvement). Our Association doesn't just happen — it has to be worked for — are you a worker or just another bar-propping talker?

Congratulations to the British Team on their success at the World Meet — see page 14. Congratulations also to the Marines on their Brit. record 8 Man Canopy stack at Weston recently — see page ... sorry! no one sent me an article or photos!

Go safely now,

Charlie



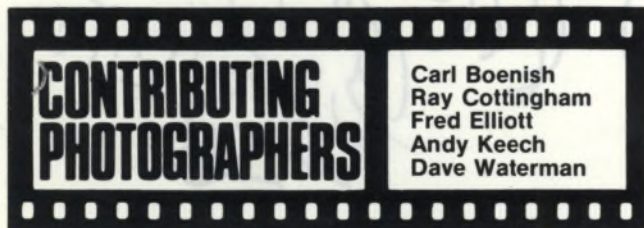
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THE DROP MAN

Calendar of Events
 5-9 Nov '79 BPA Instructors Course, 4/79, Aldershot
 4 Jan '80 BPA Dinner/Dance, Leicester
 5 Jan '80 BPA A.G.M.



"Do you think, for the sake of realism, we could have the fag out?"



Paul Applegate demonstrates a landing that allows him maximum free fall time!



Leo Dickinson records Andy Mann taking an Instamatic photo of a "dangle dive" over Shobdon...

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... THEIR LAST ROUND WAS REALLY DYNAMITE!...

—HERE GO THE USA TEAM AGAIN—



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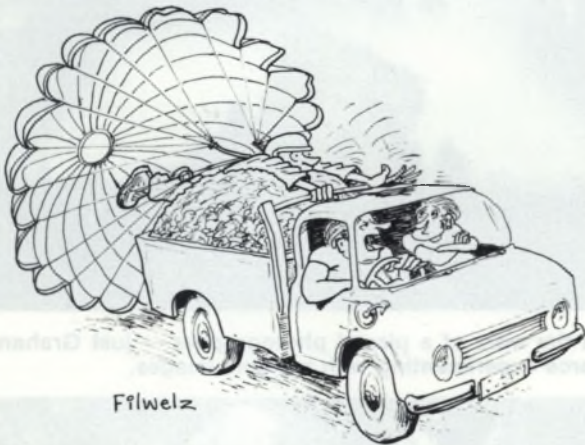




... before recording Robin Bevan's premature opening on a subsequent dangle dive.



Nigel (Pink) Panther poses for Reveille photographer Ian Spratt over Netheravon.



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"I'm beginning to wonder whether that thumping noise is something to do with our sudden loss of speed!"

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J.P.S.



WO Ted Lewington of the Red Devils meets Her Majesty the Queen in Hyde Park. Congratulations on his recently achieved 2,000 descents.



Not the work of a pissed photographer — just Graham Pearce experimenting with multiple images.



Kit Marriott catches Robin Mills lifting his feet to clear the trees at Netheravon.



Now on 15 seconds Peter Rowland of LBBFFC fills us with admiration — he's totally deaf and dumb.



How the incorrect connecting of a static line caused a total malfunction and hang up.



Congratulations to BPA members Terry Smith and Pam Spencer seen at their wedding party with Pat Walters, Dick Sutton and Derrick Orton.

Overheard at the DZ Bar:

Skygod: "When I started skydiving I was a very conceited person—now I'm perfect!"

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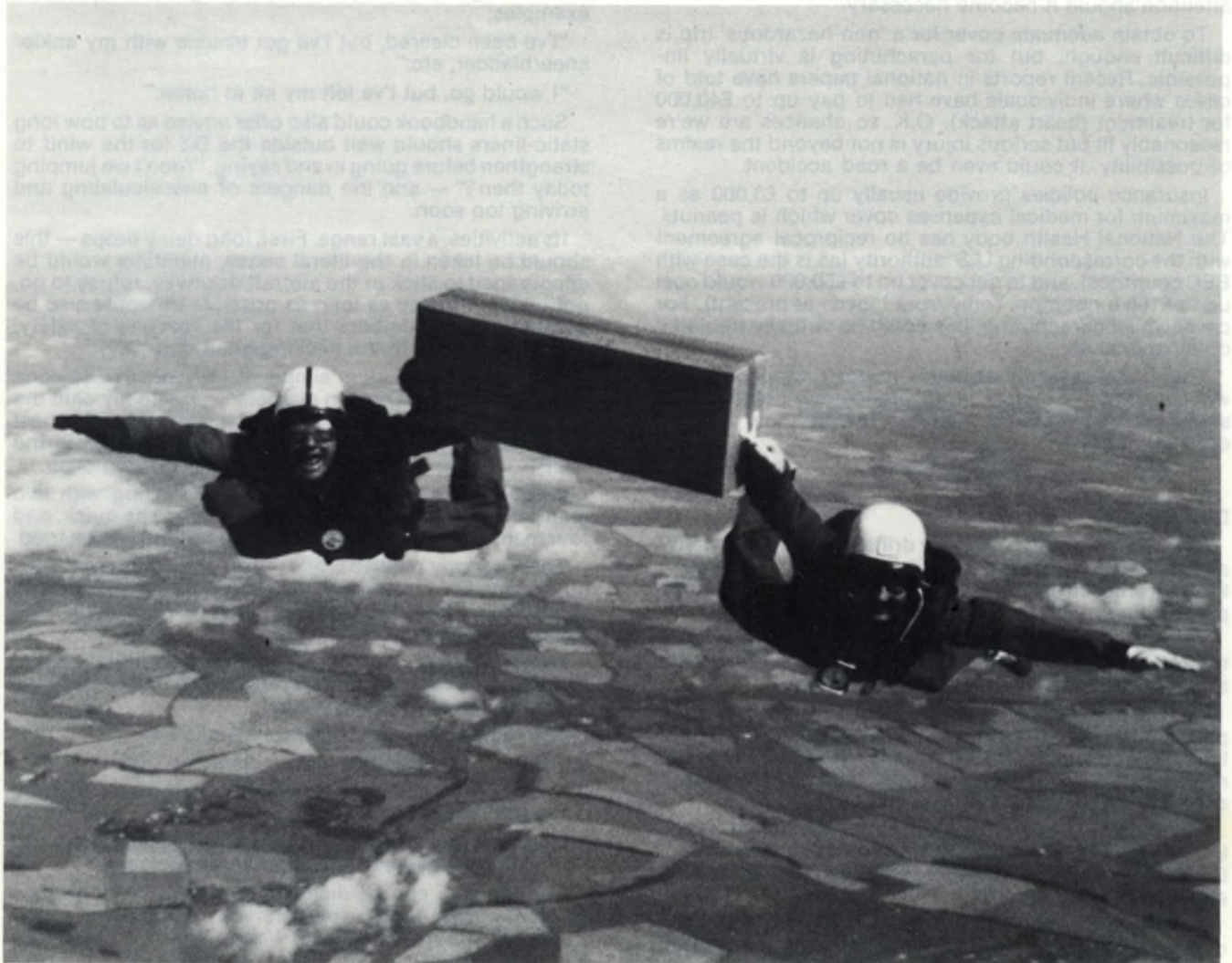
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John Laing and Wally Wallace drag a Carton Industries box through the sky over Netheravon. Charlie caught it on film.



CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Charlie,

Going to America to jump is something which most of us wish to do at least once, if not more often. I feel, however, attention should be brought to the fact that, if readers are not already aware, there is a considerable risk in such a venture — this being the cost of medical attention should it become necessary.

To obtain adequate cover for a 'non-hazardous' trip is difficult enough, but for parachuting is virtually impossible. Recent reports in national papers have told of cases where individuals have had to pay up to £40,000 for treatment (heart attack). O.K. so chances are we're reasonably fit but serious injury is not beyond the realms of possibility, it could even be a road accident.

Insurance policies provide usually up to £3,000 as a maximum for medical expenses cover which is peanuts. The National Health body has no reciprocal agreement with the corresponding U.S. authority (as is the case with EEC countries), and to get cover up to £50,000 would cost up to £100 if not more (only from Lloyds at present). For cover whilst parachuting, this could be virtually trebled if obtainable at all.

There is always the attitude "it won't happen to me" when it comes to taking out insurance, but before we all shoot off over there the matter is worth some thought don't you think?

Yours sincerely,

C. Pollett, D2041.

Dear Charlie,

The other evening whilst idly drifting down onto the DZ at Weston (and missing the pit by a good 100 yards) a thought crossed my mind — is there room for a brand new parachuting club?

Previous ideas on CLOUDS had been greeted by a tremendous wave of apathy and spurred on, I had started to think of things new, in particular new clubs.

My new club will be for static-liners only, because most parachutists who drop onto a DZ on a good day are static-liners, which isn't the same number of parachute jumps made onto a DZ on the same day; so as a fraternity, I contend, static-liners are in the majority.

Many do only one or two jumps and then give it up — but why should they, is there anything that can be done? Down on the ground I pondered on the purpose of such a club.

First, who could join? Well, those who because of lack of time, money or years left on this earth, are unable to do other than jump on the line; it will also be open to those who have proved their ability to, lose the count, de-arch,

plunge head first, then on the slide, and have a written and signed condemnation, sundry, commendation to this effect in their logbooks.

Its advantages? It could furnish members with a handbook to assist explanation as to why they are (still) static-lining, or perhaps not jumping that day, some examples:

"I've been cleared, but I've got trouble with my ankle/knee/bladder, etc."

"I would go, but I've left my kit at home."

Such a handbook could also offer advice as to how long static-liners should wait outside the DZ for the wind to strengthen before going in and saying, "Aren't we jumping today then?" — and the dangers of miscalculating and arriving too soon.

Its activities, a vast range. First, long delay drops — this should be taken in the literal sense, members would be encouraged to stick in the aircraft doorway, refuse to go, not budge — delay as long as possible (it would also be pointed out to members that for the reasons of safety, they should stick in the packing-shed doorway).

Next accuracy work — simple, it only needs someone to design a disc 100 yds in diameter — but in my club the highest marks would be awarded to those landing furthest from the centre. (Thinks — if this rule had been in the 'POPS' weekend, I would have won the rocking chair.)

What about static-line relative work starting with two man link ups (ok, so members would have to be quick, and four mans would require longer lines) but it could be tried.

Then, canopy relative work — comparatively easy, four out on one line, and when that lot has opened, someone is bound to be standing on, (or even more exciting shot through) someone else's canopy.

Finally freefall, not to be approached lightly as it requires dedication and nerve, and unlike most static-line activities, rehearsal beforehand.

The handbook would tolerate as follows;

1. Jump at 10,000 feet, 'chute opens on line.
2. Capewell, and if not already achieved, assume contorted stable position.
3. Extract mirror from left pocket, hold in left hand and watch the ground reflection coming closer.
4. When cars can be distinguished, right hand grasps the 'spare' handle (readers with anatomical knowledge will note that both hands are now engaged).
5. When people can be identified, prepare to pull the handle.

6. When CCI can be recognised (he'll be the guy with the hands over his eyes) REPLACE MIRROR IN TOP POCKET, repeat REPLACE MIRROR IN TOP POCKET, pull handle and throw the spare. (The dangers of throwing a spare whilst holding a mirror cannot be stressed too strongly, such carelessness could lead to a serious accident — and seven years of bad luck.)

This simple logical procedure does away all of the nonsense on counting, and the expense of buying an altitude-indication-device (a pregnant pause now, whilst people take in the abbreviation — A.I.D.).

The club's name and motto? Why not Static-liners United Gain Strength, SLUGS, for short.

Hell, I hope no one is taking this rubbish seriously, because I have a real purpose in writing, confirmed by meeting some grand people at the POPS meeting, and that is to say that static-liners may for a variety of reasons choose not to go into freefall, and if they can't or don't wish to — then why should they!

So Jack, or Jill or John, or whatever your name is, if

you enjoy jumping on the static-line then jump. You'll discover, as I have, every encouragement and help from your fellow club members, any disgust you feel at your level of performance exists in your mind, not theirs. Of course, you will find the odd one who will belittle your efforts, but you're big enough to deal with that, aren't you — just ask yourselves why they need to act this way.

Eventually you may find — if the pressure is off, you don't feel in competition, you don't have to keep up with the others, you don't have to prove anything, you're doing your own thing — that one day to your surprise you are in a perfect stable position on a 30 second delay — and who knows, to my greater surprise, I could be up there with you. And we wouldn't be SLUGS anymore, but when we were we didn't stay on the ground hiding in the shade — we could be seen and we weren't stamped on.

So, just keep slogging away.

Yours,
GEORGE HARRISON
POPS 25
R.A.F.S.P.A.

BUZZ'S CANADIAN COLUMN

The 1979 Canadian National Championships were held at Gimli, Manitoba from July 21 to 29. Gimli is a small Icelandic community on the shore of Lake Winnipeg some forty miles north of the city of Winnipeg, noted for its cold windy winters. The site used was an old Canadian Forces base, used for flying training from 1943 to 1971. It has two 10,000 ft runways one of which is still active, the other being overgrown and used by skydiving Cessnas and a drag strip. The base itself has been turned into an industrial park; its main claim to fame being the centre for CN (Canadian National Railways) train driver training — computer simulated I am told. This gives plenty of accommodation for homeless parachutists looking for a place to stay. Plenty of hot water and breakfast at some ungodly hour of the morning. Just as well as this year turned out to be the biggest Nationals ever, with 151 registered competitors; 26 four way teams, 12 eight way teams, 5 junior four way teams, 40 in accuracy and 20 in style.

That number of competitors caught us all unawares especially the organiser responsible for aircraft who thought he could run a Nationals with just two 180's in spite of many warnings and much advice to the contrary. Needless to say more were required and by the time we had finished, six were in operation. The hit of the meet from a flying point of view was Sheila, a young buxom lady, who flew the best style runs I have ever seen. That was only one of her endearing attributes. A DC3 was used for the eight way event and we were able to finish that event in a day and a half by carrying five teams per load. The plane returned the following weekend for some fun loads; the only notable one being a 30 way attempt which built smoothly but slowly to 28 or 29 when time ran out.

The main interest of the meet centred on the four way event with most attention being given to Rocky Mountain High, defending world champions, Colateus, the team from Quebec, who had trained in Pope Valley and Sundance a combination from Abbotsford and Winnipeg.

The event got off to a great start, when two of the then three 180's quit after the first load. Things could only get better, which they fortunately did as a result of a marathon phone session to acquire some reliable flying

machines. The battle ended up being for second place as Rocky Mountain High never looked anything else but winners, as they were at least one formation faster on each jump, amassing 87 points over ten rounds. Colateus were fast but dirty. They seemed never to have read the rule that requires a clear demonstration to the judges of the sequence. One round they were scored six in time, as a result of which there took place a long impassioned debate, half in French half in English as to the correctness of the score as they claimed to have done at least 12 formations. Peace finally reigned and fortunately both the packing area and the judges agreed. Oh for a video to deal with such problems. They beat Sundance by one point; 76 to 75.

A very pleasing aspect of the whole event was the vast improvement in the overall standard of sequential relative work, although on one round in which the first formation was a star, three teams managed to score zero points.

The six round eight way event was won by Rocky Mountain High, being the first and third four way teams combined, with 25 points. Colateus was second with 21 and a team from Toronto placed third with 13.

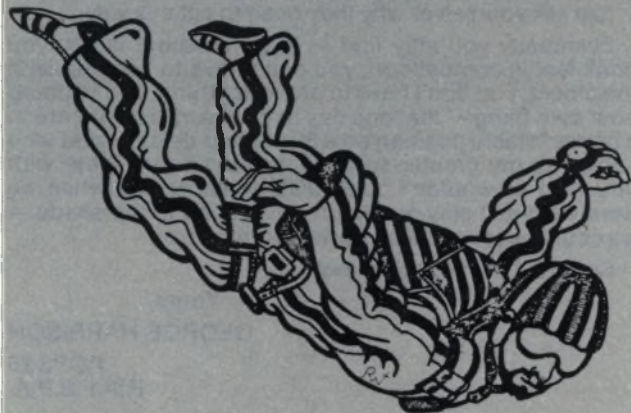
The team suspension was finally put to rest when the BOD decided to lift it (the decision being made after the four way event was over) Government funding is dependent on satisfactory behaviour as reported by the Head of Delegation. Peace and order at last.

Style and accuracy was notable for the people who were not there. Craig Winning took style and overall being second in accuracy. He was the only stylist to average under 8 seconds. Nobody else was under 9 seconds. A lot of work is needed before next year. Kathy Cox swept the women's events.

The weather was typical prairie weather — windy and changeable. Accuracy had the luxury of only two rounds in low winds, the rest being close to limits all the time. One day within the space of one hour we went from blue sky and zephyr breezes to thunderstorm and 50 mile per hour winds back to blue sky and jumping. Altogether a good competition at a good site.

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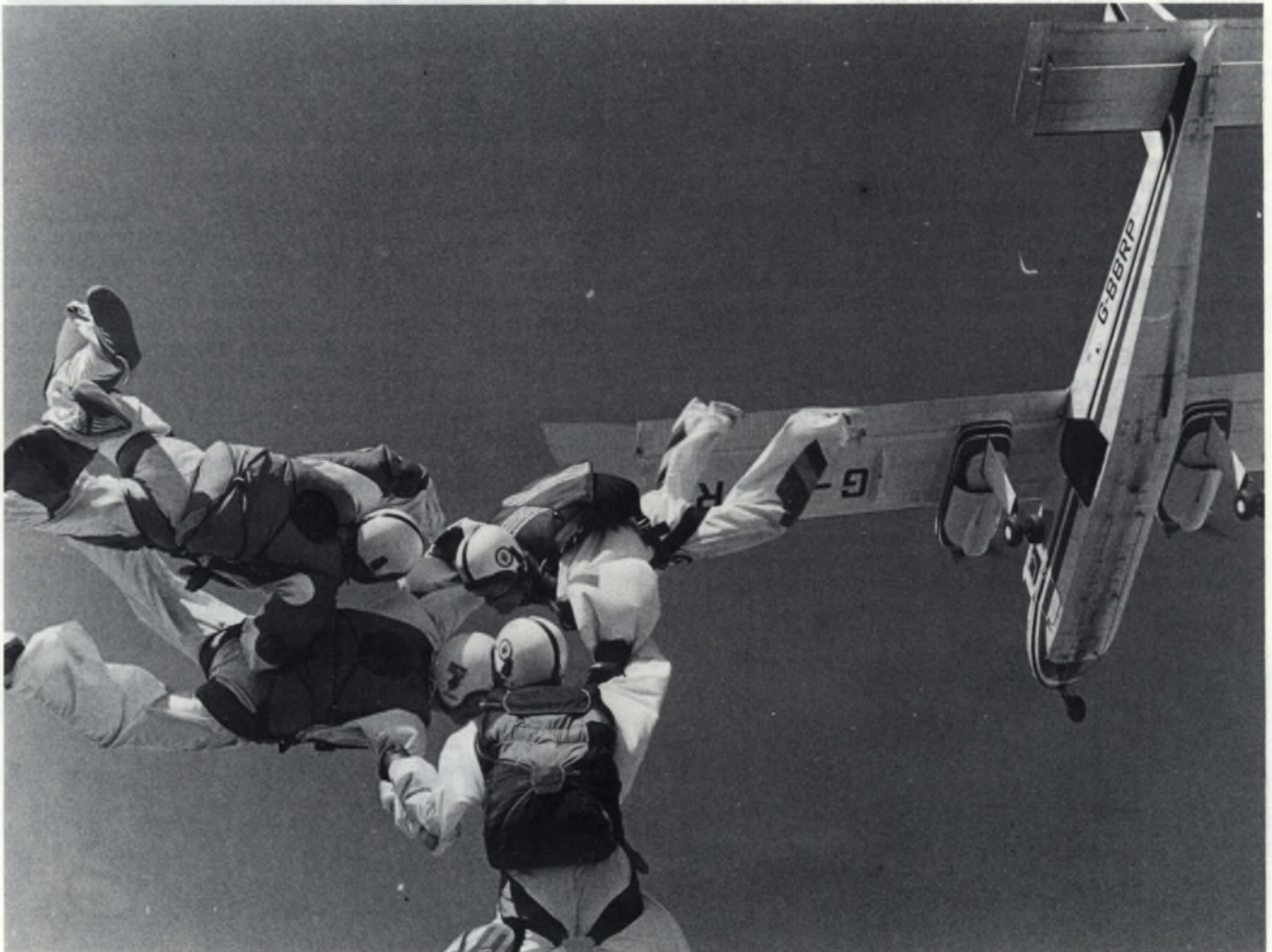
PAT THE CARPET

He was kind, he was humble, he was generous; but above all he was an enthusiast — he was Pat the Carpet and we will surely miss him. Pat Keeley lived for parachuting and for the numerous friends he had made in his 7 years and 500-plus jumps in the sport. He served his country during the war as an air gunner in the Royal Air Force and it was in 1972 that he started sport parachuting at Compton Abbas. The formation of Pops UK came as a golden opportunity for him — as Pops No. 10 he threw his energy into making it a success as exemplified by the recent Pops Meet at Weston on the Green; he was even in the process of organising the 1st World Pops Meet. As one of his Pops colleagues said: "It'll take four of us to do the work he did." At 54 years old Pat only a couple of weeks ago qualified for his SCR — it was an achievement which was a highlight in his time in the Sport. His tragic death has sent a shock wave of sadness among those who were fortunate to know and love him. But Pat was always smiling and that's how he'd want to be remembered, so let's be glad that our lives were enriched by knowing him and by participating with him in the sport that he lived for. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.



Pat in the sky, as he would have us remember him.

photo— Fred Elliott



Wally Wallace, Pete Hough, Mike Smith and John Laing launch a 4-Man over Netheravon

photo— Arthur Gibson



IT'S A SILVER!



Thursday, 30th September — It's late afternoon and the atmosphere in the darkened judges' video room is one of warm stale sweat. Chief Judge, Uwe Beckmann, calls the seven duty judges' attention to the flickering monitors in front of them where the gaping rear of a Nord Atlas centres on the screen. "Stand by"... "Exit"... a short pause and Symbiosis launch their familiar 'T' formation off the tailgate. A smooth transition is followed by the round 10 random sequence — stairstep diamond — marquis — bunyip — caterpillar — unipod and into the repetition. It's a flowing skydive typical of the team — "thirty one... thirty two... thirty three... thirty four... thirty five." Time up and it looks like 8 formations in time. "First replay" calls Uwe Beckmann and the jump appears a second time on the screen. It's been an easy one to judge and the score sheets are quickly collected — they are all identical, revealing a score of 8 points. Moments later the team have been informed — for them the tension and strain of the competition is all over — they can now unwind after 5 months of dedicated and determined training. They are assured of the silver medal as it's unlikely the leaders, Canada, will make a mistake on their last jump or that third place Australia can catch up.

This, in fact, was the case and the following telex was immediately sent to Deesons, the BPA Public Relations Consultants:

FINAL RESULTS AS FOLLOWS:

8 MAN EVENT — 1st USA 66 Pts., 2nd CANADA 49 Pts, 3rd FRANCE 46 Pts, 4th CHINA 37 Pts, 5th GB 33 Pts.

4 MAN EVENT — 1st CANADA 82 Pts, 2nd GB 76 Pts, (SILVER MEDAL), 3rd AUSTRALIA 73 Pts, 4th CHINA 70 Pts, 5th USA 65 Pts.

Please inform the whole country of this fabulous achievement. The first time GB have won a medal at a relative world championships. 8 Man Team not to be forgotten either for a better than expected result.



Will, Dane, Rob and Geoff— Symbiosis 4.

The Delegation finally assembled at Chateauroux, France, the site of the 3rd World RW Championships, on the evening of Tuesday, 21st August. It consisted of the Symbiosis 4 Man Team, Dane Kenny, Rob Colpus, Will Grut and Geoff Sanders; the Formate 8 Man Team, Tony Uragallo, Robin Mills, Jackie Smith (also alternate on the 4 Man Team), Fred and Jim Keery, Steve Newton, Mike Smith, Tim Andrewes, Bob Hiatt and Tim Kirstead-Moore (the latter two being alternates); Charlie Shea-Simonds and Doug Peacock who were Head of Delegation and Team Leader respectively and our representatives in the Judging Area — John Laing (Delegation Judge), Bob Burn (i/c Training Judges) together with Roger Flynn and John Hitchen (Trainee Judges). The two teams had done virtually all their training in the U.S.A.;



Dane congratulates Jackie on her 2000th jump.



Formate.

Symbiosis with two sessions at Pope Valley before joining Formate for a Skyvan (and tailgate) session at Detroit. The Skyvan training session had allowed our guys to have a look at the Canadian and American opposition with the former being the team to beat in the 4 Man Event and 1977 World Champions, Mirror Image, (the latter) being hot favourites in the 8 Man Event.

With the gracious affection the French have for Great Britain it came as no surprise to find we were accommodated in a spartan military barracks about 3 miles from the DZ; surprise, surprise that the French Team were in a 3 star hotel immediately opposite the airfield entrance. This was just the first of many trying situations that caused the Delegation to view the French organisation with raised eyebrows, (this is a bloody ridiculous understatement!!!)



The Delegation less Doug and . . .

Wednesday saw the opening ceremony take place about which a charitable view might be that at least it didn't last more than three and half hours! This was followed by the start of the obligatory three training jumps for each team which took until lunch time on the Saturday to complete because of appalling weather. The latter continued through until Monday when the competition itself finally got under way around midday. By Monday the accommodation problem had become so desperate that the organisation were finally persuaded to move the delegation into two small hotels in the town.

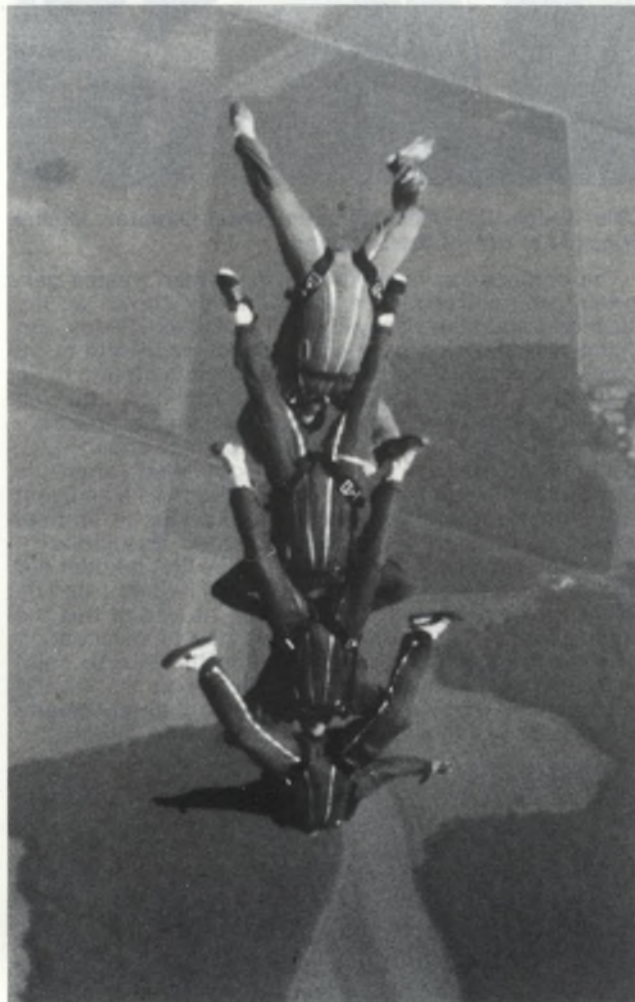


. . . John and Biff who were busy choosing necklaces for themselves!



Annie and Kathy of the Australian Team.

Nineteen nations were represented. Ian Swinborne captained the Australian 8 Man Team, having been captain of their 10 Man Team at Fort Bragg and Warendorf. His wife, Annie, and Kathy Silvestri provided a quarter of the team and a third of the total female competitors. The Aussies had benefitted from 35 hours Caribou time generously donated by their government.



The Swiss 4-Man Team launch a Caterpillar off the tailgate of the Nord Atlas.

Kelly Dunn once again captained the very successful Canadian 4 and 8 Man Teams, while Kathy Fox, one time President CSPA, did a magnificent job hassling the organisers in their native tongue. The Chinese delegation surprised everyone with their bulky fore and aft equipment which in no way detracted from an outstanding first time performance in both events. Charlie Baum and his stalwart Icarus Team from France are the only team to have competed in every World Cup and World Championships — this is an incredible achievement in itself but sadly their track record was not reflected in their ultimate performance. From the States Mirror Image were virtually unchanged since the last World Championships with B.J. Worth and Craig Fronk foremost in the line up — it was a treat also to see Jerry Bird, himself a living legend in the development of competitive RW, as a team member, albeit an alternate most of the time. The latter was, as always, a fountain of energy helping and giving valuable advice to any team who needed it.



... flown by a typical French pilot!

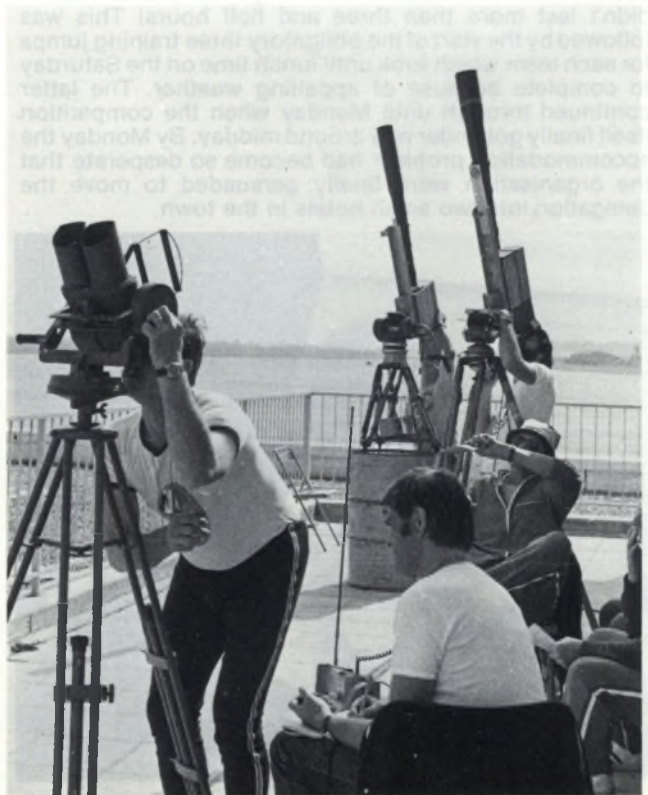


The Chinese launch a star off the tailgate ...



Chief Judge, Uwe Beckmann and Meet Director, Michel Rogovitz at one of the briefings.

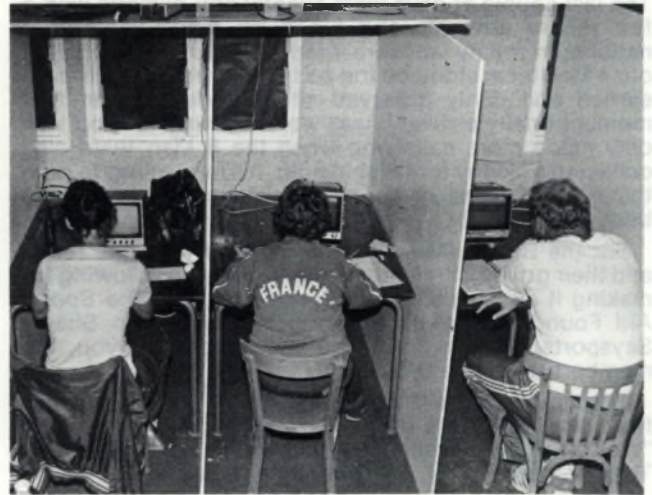
The competition opened with the 8 Man Teams performing the set sequence affectionately known as the "diamond stairstep dosey-doe", The United States and China set a dazzling pace with 9 points each with our 8 Man Team producing a respectable 5 points putting them in 6th place. Round 2, the first of the randoms to which the Chinese took an instant dislike when they scored only 3 points; we scored a steady 4 with the French and the U.S. gaining 6 points each, Mike Smith got "pied" after this round for achieving his 1000th jump. Into the 4 Man Event with Symbiosis first away to a nice 6 points in first set sequence, (also the "diamond stairstep dosey-doe!"), only being beaten by China with 7. In the first random our lads pulled off an excellent 9 points, only being beaten by Canada, who remained one ahead at the end of this the second round. Thus ended the first day of competition with the Chinese performances being the talking point of the evening; whilst they were very fast the feeling seemed to be that they weren't showing their act clearly to the judges — this later proved to be their undoing.



... tracked by the video cameras ...



A Nord Atlas lifts off ...



... and the Brit. Delegation and the judges.

The news of Lord Mountbatten's death provided a sad start to the following day; ourselves and many other nations flew their flags at half mast in tribute and mourning. Tuesday also saw the arrival of the hardcore band of supporters from Halfpenny Green led by Paul Hibberd and Dave Turner followed closely by John and Margaret Temlett supporting a British RW Delegation for the second time. Later Dave Howerski showed up with Suzie and a roar of Turbo Porsche announced Pete Sherman's arrival; even if the latter was heard to remark he was only there to get his name in the mag! Seriously, it was good to see so many supporters and the team really appreciated their enthusiastic presence. By the end of the day 4 rounds of 4 Man and 5 rounds of 8 had been completed with our lying in 2nd and 6th place respectively in each case only one point behind the team above them. It was on the next round that the 8 Man Team pulled

ahead of the Aussies with a nice 4 points on the random — (Mirror Image only scored 5 on this one but they were already 7 clear points in the lead). The sixth round saw Symbiosis score 10 points on a random equalled only by Canada and China, but the latter were now out of the running after a disastrous 2 points in round 4. Apart from France being overtaken by Canada in the 8 Man event the placings remained unchanged over the last four rounds for the teams in contention. Mirror Image rapidly increased their lead in the 8 Man event whilst Canada increased theirs in the 4 Man event but not with the same ease — Symbiosis kept up the pressure to the end finishing only 6 points behind. By Thursday evening the competition had been finished in 3½ days with good flying and judging and NO PROTESTS! The Delegation Dinner that evening was a memorable celebration and rightly so.



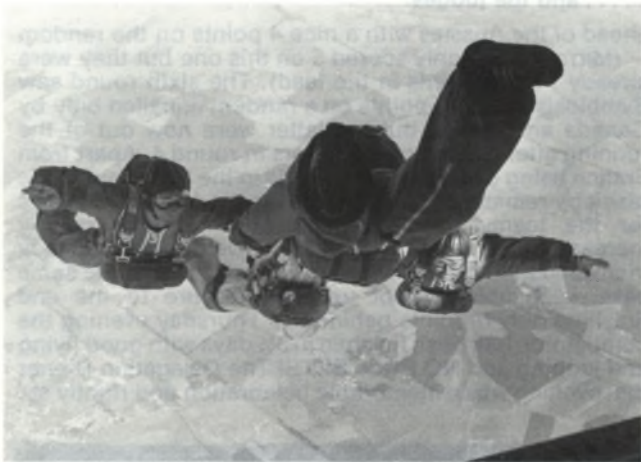
Charlie records the 8-Man Team in transition.

The last couple of days were slightly anti-climatic with a few record attempts and fun dives made with other nations; in reality we were simply awaiting the moment our 4 Man team stood on the podium to receive their hard earned and richly deserved silver medals. When that moment finally arrived it was worth waiting for and was only made more satisfying when the 8 Man team also collected a trophy for finishing 5th. It's interesting to note that had the overall still been in existence we would have been placed 3rd!

For the British Delegation it had been a magic result and their grateful thanks are extended to the following for making it all possible: The Sports Council, The Sports Aid Foundation, Fiat, John Collier, the Jump Shack, Skysports, Adidas, Polavision and, of course, you, the membership of the BPA.

The quote of the Championships for my money was from Jim Captain, a member of Mirror Image who said "We've learned a lot about sportsmanship from your 4 Man Team" — and surely that's what it's all about.

Charles Shea-Simonds.



A nice launch by the French Army 4-Man Team.



An Aussie goes into the crowd.

1979 CHAMPIONNATS

CLASSEMENT A 8	NATIONS	saut 1	saut 2	saut 3	saut 4	saut 5	saut 6	saut 7	saut 8	saut 9	saut 10	PLACE									
	BRETAGNE	5	4	9	5	16	3	1	15	4	21	2	24	3	27	3	30	3	33	5*	
	CHINE	9	3	12	7	11	3	1	23	4	27	3	30	3	33	2	35	2	37	4*	
	ALLEMAGNE R.F.	3	3	6	6	12	2	2	16	1	17	3	20	2	27	2	24	3	27	6*	
	AUSTRALIE	7	4	11	4	12	2	2	19	2	21	1	22	0	22	2	24	3	27	6*	
	HOLLANDE	3	2	5	4	11	1	1	11	1	12	1	13	0	13	1	14	2	16	8*	
	ETATS-UNIS	9	6	15	8	13	4	27	8	35	5	40	7	47	7	54	6	60	6	66	1
	CANADA	6	4	10	8	11	3	21	3	24	3	27	6	33	6	39	4	43	6	49	2*
	DANEMARK	1	1	2	1	3	0	3	1	4	0	4	1	5	0	5	1	6	0	6	10*
	FRANCE	7	6	13	8	11	3	24	6	30	3	33	3	36	4	40	1	41	5	46	3*
SUISSE	3	2	5	0	5	1	3	1	7	0	7	2	9	0	9	1	10	1	11	9*	
AUTRICHE	2	0	2	0	2	1	3	1	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	1	5	0	5	11*	

The Score Boards.



Symbiosis in training over Pope Valley.

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		NATIONS		saut 1	saut 2	saut 3	saut 4	saut 5	saut 6	saut 7	saut 8	saut 9	saut 10	PLAC							
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	CHINE	7	9	16	6	22	2	26	5	29	10	39	7	46	9	55	8	63	7	70	2
	ALLEMAGNE R.F.	5	1	6	3	9	4	12	6	19	5	27	4	28	4	32	6	38	4	42	10
	AUSTRALIE	5	8	13	6	10	8	27	9	35	8	44	4	48	8	56	9	65	8	73	3
	MEXIQUE	1	2	3	1	4	1	5	5	6	1	7	1	7	0	7	1	8	0	8	19
	HOLLANDE	4	4	5	2	10	4	16	2	15	4	20	1	21	4	25	5	30	2	32	15
	ESPAGNE	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	3	1	4	2	6	2	8	2	10	1	11	17
	ETATS-UNIS	5	5	11	5	15	7	22	9	31	8	39	6	45	7	52	6	58	7	65	5
	N-ZELANDE	5	7	12	3	15	3	15	3	21	7	28	4	32	3	35	5	40	2	42	10
	SUEDE	4	5	9	2	11	4	15	4	19	4	23	2	25	5	30	5	35	1	36	12
	BELGIQUE	5	4	7	4	13	6	13	6	25	6	31	4	35	4	39	6	45	2	47	9
	CANADA	6	10	16	6	22	8	30	10	40	10	50	7	57	8	65	9	74	8	82	1
	NORVEGE	4	6	10	4	16	4	18	6	24	6	30	5	35	6	41	6	47	5	52	7
	AUTRICHE	2	4	7	3	9	3	12	3	15	3	18	2	20	2	22	4	26	2	28	16
	FRANCE	4	6	10	4	11	6	20	7	27	7	34	5	39	7	46	6	52	5	57	6
SUISSE	4	7	11	5	16	4	20	7	27	6	33	4	37	6	43	4	47	5	52	7	
FINLANDE	5	3	7	3	11	3	14	6	20	3	23	3	26	3	29	1	30	3	33	14	
DANEMARK	3	4	7	3	10	3	13	6	19	4	23	2	25	5	30	4	34	2	36	12	
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John Laing, Pete Hough and Wally Wallace over Netheravon.

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An unusual and interesting canopy RW

photo—Ken Guest

THE RAPA MEET 1979

The popular Rhine Army Open Championships was once again hosted by the Bad Lippspringe Centre and, masterminded by Major Tom Oxley, attracted a record number of one hundred and fortythree entries. Although not blessed with the best of weather, the Meet once again proved most enjoyable and produced some excellent performances, particularly from Douggy Young (Red Devils) in the Style, Dave Tylcoat (Headcorn) in the Accuracy and the Rhine Army team of Al McQueen, Derek Thorne, Jack Fowler and Spencer in the Team Accuracy.

The four man RW event attracted twenty three teams, the winners after 3 completed rounds being the Belgian National team Our Way just ahead of the Dutch team and RAPA. Ladies Accuracy was most elegantly won by Sandy Milne, who also finished second in Style and second overall. A further noteworthy performance was that of the young Rhine Army jumper Spencer who totalled 9cm to take the Silver in Individual Accuracy in the face of heavy experienced international competition.



RAPA CCI "Mac" MacQueen in action.

Captain Tom McCartney was a most hardworking Meet Director, backed up by Major George Clarke who handled the manifesting superbly, a task which demanded constant juggling of the variables imposed by the weather, four different types of aircraft and the requirement to run two events simultaneously. This latter concept, introduced for the first time at the National Championships, was once again justified and must now be accepted as the most economic and efficient way to run a Meet. The Judges who made it all possible were Davy Jones (RW), Ronnie Sinclair of the US Special Forces (Accuracy), Roger Flinn and Martin Rennie. This team were most ably supported by Ann Fowler, Jamie Fowler, Gaby Liefels, Rena McGregor, Caroline McAngus and Melanie Keeley. Aircraft backup was courtesy of the German Army (Huey), Capt. Bill Scarrat (Scout), Franz Miekers (Partenavia) and Paul Baeler who flew the local Islander seemingly nonstop and with the utmost precision for over forty hours.

Special mention must be made of the catering team under WO Dick Watson who provided a four choice menu twice a day for the whole week. Brigadier Peter Chiswell presented the prizes with his usual aplomb on Friday evening; the traditional party followed which, like the Meet, seems to get better every time. See you all next year!



Derek Thorne was BAOR Champion.

RESULTS

	OPEN MEET	
ACCURACY (5 Rounds)	1 D. Tylcoat	0.04
	2 D. Spencer	0.09
	3 D. Young	0.10
	3 J. Coffey	0.10
	3 G. Fletcher	0.10
STYLE (2 Rounds)	1 D. Young	15.3 sec
	2 Sandy Milne	18.8
	3 D. Thorne	19.4
NOVICE ACCURACY (4 Rounds)	1 Ryan	(3 Para)
	2 Baker	(REME)
OVERALL INDIVIDUAL	1 D. Young	
	2 Sandy Milne	
	3 D. Tylcoat	
TEAM ACCURACY (4 Rounds)	1 RAPA	2.10 m
	2 AFCENT	4.80
	3 QUADRIGA	7.64
4 MAN RELATIVE (3 Rounds)	1 Our Way	10 points
	2 Dutch Team	9
	3 RAPA	8
	BAOR MEET	
ACCURACY	1 D. Spencer	
	2 P. Cook	
	3 A. McQueen	
STYLE	1 D. Thorne	
	2 D. Hogg	
	3 D. Spencer	
OVERALL	1 D. Thorne	
	2 D. Spencer	
	3 P. Cook	
TEAM ACCURACY	1 RAPA	
	2 QUADRIGA	
	3 RRF	
4 MAN RELATIVE	1 RAPA	
	2 QUADRIGA	

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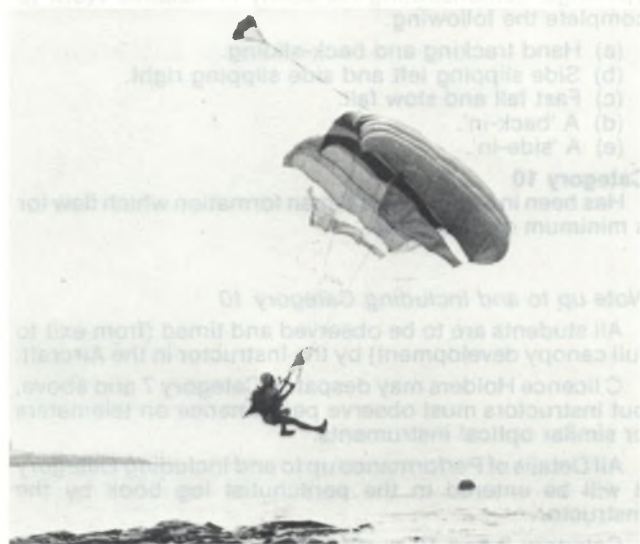
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THE CYPRUS MEET 1979

It all started on Thursday, 9th August, when competitors from U.K. and Germany arrived via Brize Norton and Akrotiri. The entry this year was the largest to-date, with over seventy competitors. Teams including the Red Devils, Golden Lions, Marines and RAPA, to name a few, arrived with the intentions of having a good meet, plus all the other delights Cyprus has to offer. Also this year Tony Johnson, Gurney Collins, Dougy Walton and Tony Connolly got together to form a team "The Sparrows", representing Cyprus in their first meet.

Administration over with, followed by a briefing from the meet Director Major Tom Oxley and chief judge Scotty Milne, practice jumps were organised for Saturday and Sunday. With only the "182" available and being assured that the Islander was on its way, practice days went well, with everyone getting at least two jumps, which surprised local jumpers, knowing the Cyprus winds.

Monday 13th arrived, and with a seven o'clock start, saw the arrival of the Islander, which made its debut with a low pass, Major Gerald Stacey at the controls. Flight manifesting began in earnest with Mike Samson and Taffy Ough having fun with more entries than their fingers could cope. Up went the novice lifts then up came the unforgiving winds followed by cries from the organisers, "Accuracy off — Rele on". As it was to be for the first two days. Accuracy started again on Wednesday with most getting two lifts that day. By Friday four rounds of accuracy and nearly five rounds of rele had been completed.



Saturday brought the "Water jump" with thirty-four competitors, including the "Pops Brigade", taking part. Both round and square canopies coloured the placid waters of Dhekelia Bay with only one competitor, Les Carrol hitting the buoy. Thanks to the Marines and their "Ridged Raiders" for supplying the divers and safety boats for recovery. All went well with fun had by all.

Sunday and Monday saw the finish of both accuracy and relative rounds with the accuracy being judged from six completed rounds instead of the planned eight. On both these days tight competition between the Red Devils, Golden Lions and RAPA for the senior prizes gave good results. Competition was also close between Armstrong, Johnson and Gooch for the round canopy

trophy. The novice trophy was a close fought battle between all fifteen competitors with Latta, Soper and Fallon leading the table. Last but by no means least it was nice to see two female competitors in the shape of Sally Goodacre and Karen Dart. Sue Foster came along for a holiday and gave invaluable help to the organisers. Thanks Sue. Best female competitor this year, the ever smiling Sally Goodacre, commiserations to Karen Dart.



The Prizewinners.

A Demonstration for the Public organised for early Tuesday set the scene for Prize Giving. Air Commodore Williams, Deputy Commander Land Forces Cyprus, kindly came along by Whirlwind, complete with dust, to present the Trophies. Sorry none for you this time Scotty. Beer and wine flowed that evening at the Victor Beach Club, to the accompaniment of a disco. The party will be talked about for many months to come, with the diving raft being named "Admiral Charters", newly initiated wives getting their first glimpse of the other version of "Singing in the rain", and Lynn Corrick swearing that she had a cossie on underneath her clothes.

With another competition to a close and competitors, complete with hangovers drifting back to from whence they came, all agreed to a good meet although the DZ was a bit hard. Many thanks would like to be expressed to Rothmans for their generous help and to all the organisers, especially Major Jim Ades, Jim Walmsley and members of the Cyprus Club for their help in making it so.

"See you all next year,"

TONY JOHNSON,
C.C.S.P.C. Cyprus.

RESULTS OF COMPETITION

CHAMPION TEAM	Winner Runners-up	Red Devils Golden Lions	Para Regiment Scottish Divisions
INDIVIDUAL ACCURACY	Winner Runner-up Third	Cpl. J. Coffey Pte. D. Young L/Cpl. Nesbitt	Red Devils Red Devils RAPA
TEAM ACCURACY	Winners Runners-up	Red Devils Golden Lions	Para Regiment Scottish Divisions
ROUND CANOPY ACCURACY	Winner Runner-up Third	Fs/r. Armstrong Sgt. T. Johnson Bdr. Gooch	2 RRF RAF 9 Sig. Reg. 2 RRF
WATER ACCURACY	Winner Runner-up Third	Gnr. L. Carroll Gnr. P. Cook L/Cpl. Nesbitt	RAPA RAPA RAPA
NOVICE ACCURACY	Winner Runner-up Third	Sig. Latta Sgt. Fallon Gnr. Soper	R. Signals REME 8 Alma Cdo. Bty.
TEAM RELATIVE	Winners Runners-up	Red Devils Golden Lions Sgt. T. Johnson	Para Regiment Scottish Divisions RAF 9 Sig. Reg.
LEADING CYPRUS COMPETITOR			
LEADING LADY COMPETITOR		Wren S. Goodacre	WRNS

THE FUTURE?

In 1950 we were still experimenting with basic body positions and stability. In the 60's we started to pass batons and turn faster style. In the 70's we are doing sequential RW and Canopy RW. Despite all of this the student parachutist of the 1980's will still be jumping **B4/B12 garbage** and struggling to excel on a progression system designed to stop him acquiring both free fall time and skill in the air at anything but a snail's pace!

When there were 300 jumpers of which 299 were enthusiastic potential suicides, then the type of strict Category System we now have was necessary. In today's atmosphere of Parachuting knowledge, properly trained Instructors and high technology I refuse to believe that our current Category System assists a student in his progression. If anything it has a retarding influence. In our bad climate the effect of this regression is felt in terms of months and years rather than the hours and days for which it was originally intended.

To become a competent free faller you must acquire free fall time. The current system delays this acquisition considerably. Continuity is always a problem. We all agree that a five second student will improve by doing 5 x 5 second jumps back to back in a short period of time. But one jump from 7,000 feet is worth 6 x 5 second jumps in free fall time. If the weather is bad if follows that we should make maximum use of it when ever it is available. That means maximum free fall time.

My argument is to get the student to altitude in a safe but fast progression and then start working.

The following two provisions go along with this idea:

1. **Mandatory A.O.D.'s on reserves.** (The argument of small clubs not being able to afford them is bullshit. If you train students you are making money! Put some of it back into Safer Equipment.)
2. **Cones and Grommets be BANNED** nationally on both mains and reserves.

Recommended System of Parachutist Classification

Category 1

Has been passed out on basic ground training (6 hours minimum) and is ready for first static line descent.

Category 2

(a) Has performed a minimum of **one** absolutely stable observed static line descent in the full spread position (counting throughout).

(b) Has completed a total of 13 hours ground training in accordance with BPA Minimum Ground Training Programme.

Category 3

Has performed a minimum of **one** successful observed static line dummy ripcord pull.

Category 4

- (a) Has performed a minimum of **one** five second delay.
- (b) Has remained stable throughout opening.
- (c) Has looked at ripcord handle before and during the reach and pull.
- (d) Has achieved reasonable Canopy handling.

Category 5

- (a) Has performed a minimum of **one** 10 second delay. (counting throughout.)
- (b) Has learned to maintain heading during exit and free fall.

Category 6

(a) Has performed a minimum of **one** 15 second stable delayed opening with the use of instruments after instruction on these and counting throughout.

Category 7

Has performed a minimum of one 20 second delayed opening and has been introduced to spotting.

Category 8

Has performed a minimum of **ten** 30 second delayed openings and has demonstrated to an instructor his ability to carry out the following exercises successfully.

- (a) Half series completed on heading within an allowed 30° undershoot and overshoot.
- (b) Successful Recovery from an unstable exit and self-spot up to 7,000 ft.
- (c) Barrel rolls to left and right and one forward loop on the same descent.
- (d) A tracking test, involving orientation in free fall and a minimum of one track turn.

On completion of Category 8 the student may be introduced to Para Commander or similar high performance Canopy at which time cutaway drills (Live) may be carried out in accordance with Section 14, Para 5(d).

Category 9

Has been cleared for self-spot from 10,000 ft. or above. Has performed a **minimum** of **five** 50 second delayed openings, demonstrating his ability in Relative Work to complete the following.

- (a) Hand tracking and back-sliding.
- (b) Side slipping left and side slipping right.
- (c) Fast fall and slow fall.
- (d) A 'back-in'.
- (e) A 'side-in'.

Category 10

Has been in a completed 8-man formation which flew for a minimum of 5 seconds.

Note up to and Including Category 10

All students are to be observed and timed (from exit to full canopy development) by the Instructor in the Aircraft.

C licence Holders may despatch Category 7 and above, but Instructors must observe performance on telemeters or similar optical instruments.

All Details of Performance up to and including Category 8 will be entered in the parachutist log book by the Instructor.

Category 9 and 10 qualifying descents will be signed and endorsed by an Instructor who can verify the descent.

Category 9 Jumpers may jump with each other in 2-man groups. Any RW group may not contain more than 2 Category 9's at the same time.

This new progression system in terms of free fall time compares favourably.

Successful and faultless Category 9 jumper completed old system.	Free fall time	7 mins 4 secs
Successful and faultless Category 9 jumper completed new system.	Free fall time	10 mins

All progression ultimately lies in the ability of the student and the decision of the instructor. The new system I hope would untie the hands of Instructors in those cases where unusual ability is prominent.

The initial speed of progression and reinforcement of the student's sense of achievement and enthusiasm will greatly foster our sport in its ever expanding movement. If we don't train and progress people today then who will we jump with tomorrow?

It is my intention to put these proposals before STC later on this year. At this stage I would like all Instructors to study the new progression system outlined and find the loopholes and problems.

I would greatly appreciate criticism and advice from Jumpers as a whole, as well as your opinion on the topic.

Dave Howerski, SSC 28 D.1027

[I publish Dave's article because I hope it will provoke intelligent thought and comment. Dave has always been progressive in his ideas and is a great worker for the sport and I know he is keen to hear other views. I certainly do not intend to comment on his article in detail — it contains a few false assumptions— but I would point out that Dave's suggested Category System is based on the **outstanding** student in the hands of an **outstanding** instructor in a perfect weather situation; the current system caters for an average student trying to progress with an average instructor in appalling weather — *Ed.*]

THE GLENROTHES MEET— 1979

More than 80 parachutists, including one from the United States, one from New Zealand and two from Norway, took part in an RW Weekend at Glenrothes Airfield at the beginning of July.

The participants took the rare opportunity to make use of a de Havilland Twin Otter and Cessna 207 Sky Wagon, sponsored by Glenrothes Development Corporation, to try and almost double the 15-man link-up achieved at the airfield last year and create a new British record.

Unfortunately, following 12-, 13- and 14-man link-ups the weather won and the attempt had to be abandoned.

Despite this disappointment, the majority of parachutists felt that the weekend, organised by Paraclan, was well worthwhile and hopes are high for an even bigger turn-out in next year's event.

There was also some consolation for the jumpers who made up the 14-man team. Many of them had been in a 20-man link-up at Netheravon, Wiltshire, earlier this year and in recognition of that, it was decided to present them with the cheque for £100 and the Glenrothes New Town Trophy both provided by Tullis Russell and Co Ltd, the largest independent paper manufacturers in the United Kingdom, who are based in the New Town.



The 14-man team included six Scots; Billy Somerville and Ricky Fleming of Edinburgh, Billy Hendrie, Kinglassie, Harry Morgan, Paisley, Sandy Spence, Aberdeen and Cathy McCormack from Dunfermline and one of the Norwegians, Rolf Gotberg of Stavanger.

Commenting on the weekend Rolf, who is a member of Norway's top accuracy team and has more than 750 jumps to his credit said, "It was great to get the opportunity to jump from a Twin Otter as it is a tremendous plane.

"We will certainly be spreading the word in Norway and there should be a substantial Norwegian turn-out next year."

BPA SCHOLARSHIP/PROGRESSION COURSE JULY 1979, SHOBDON

The second of these BPA sponsored courses was recently held at the Hereford Parachute Club, courtesy of the Club Chief Instructor Don McCarthy. Conducted by the National Coach, with specialist assistance from Dave Howerski, the primary aim of the Scholarship Course was to introduce Cat 9 jumpers to basic RW concepts through intensive and individual coaching, with the award of Cat 10 as a possible end result. The Student Progression Course, run in parallel, was directed toward lower category freefall students.



Despite indifferent weather (5 jumps each were made) the Course proved highly instructive and enjoyable thanks in no small measure to the enthusiasm of Dave Howerski who motivated the entire senior group with a continuous RW seminar punctuated by an endless variety of dirt dives — the complete Roger Hull treatment plus a few chapters from his own book.

Jumpers profiting from the Advanced session were Liz Oxtoby, Roger Shackleton, Paul Widdicombe and Turnbull Smith all from the Leeds/Bradford Club; Steve Whittick (APA) Charlie Jones (Tyne and Wear) Ian Hamilton-Head (Cornwall) Lin Broadridge (MPC) and Chris Clements (Glenrothes). Jon Dodd, John Moore and Donna Howe made up the intermediate group along with Geoff Gnapp (RAFSPA) making a comeback following injury.

At least two further courses are planned for the new year. Scholarship Courses provide *free jumping* for nominated Cat 8 students who have reached this standard within 18 months of joining the Sport. Students from Cats 4-7 may apply independently for progression courses. Further information is available from the NC/SO who would also welcome participation from senior instructors. Subjects covered in Scholarship Courses include aerobatics for Cat 8 students, introduction to ram air canopies, style and accuracy coaching as well as RW. Look forward to seeing you all in 1980.

DOUG PEACOCK,
National Coach.

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C. Bruce
J. H. Hitchen
J. Norris
D. Prince
R. Gays
J. G. Starling
J. Laing
D. D. Orton
S. Thomas — *Secretary B.C.P.A.*

IN ATTENDANCE

C. W. Port — *Secretary General*

OBSERVERS

J. Lines
J. G. Peck
M. Kinsella
S. Doyle
T. Knight

APOLOGIES

P. G. Mitchell — *Treasurer/Chairman Finance Sub. Comm.*
P. Slaughter
J. Reynolds
I. Wright

Item 66

The Chairman opened the meeting and announced the resignation of Mr. G. Lilly — co-opted member of Council, who had tendered his resignation due to pressure of work. The Chairman had written to express the Council's appreciation of his participation to date.

Item 67

Minutes of Council Meeting 20th June, 1979

MATTERS ARISING

1. **Item 55/79.** G. C. P. Shea-Simonds and J. G. Starling informed Council that there had been correspondence received regarding the letter sent to The Hon. H. Munroe, M.P. It was agreed to wait for further correspondence from the Minister with special responsibilities for Sport concerning sporting links with South Africa.

Proposed by C. Bruce and seconded by T. Lewington that the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 20th June be accepted. *Carried Unanimously.*

Item 68

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Finance.** There was no Finance Sub Committee Meeting this month but the Secretary General informed Council that the draft audit was well in hand, and the Treasurer, P. G. Mitchell, would present the Association's accounts at the next Council Meeting. An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd October, 1979 at the Post House. The Secretary General will prepare an insert for despatch with the August edition of Sport Parachutist announcing the details for the E.G.M.
2. **Safety and Training** W. J. Meacock presented the Minutes of the S.T.C. Meeting held at the Post House on 26th June.

MATTERS ARISING

- i. **Item 9.2. (d)** It was decided that there was no need for the Secretary General to write to the French Authorities regarding the various requirements needed for jumping in France. However G. C. P. Shea-Simonds will write to M Lacher outlining the problems experienced by British jumpers in France.

- ii. **Item 57/79** J. Crocker, Chairman of S.T.C., informed Council that he had drafted a letter to Langar and this would be in the post on Thursday of this week. The Chairman agreed to contact Mr. Fletcher, the Chairman of the A.S.P. to invite him to attend the next Council Meeting.
- iii. **Item 58/79** D. D. Orton undertook to form the Sub-Committee for the purpose of preparing a paper on the purchase of aircraft for parachuting.
- iv. **Item 9.3.7** There was no problem with A. Murray completing a descent prior to his 16th birthday. The Secretary General had spoken to the insurers and would write to confirm the telephone conversation.

Proposed by J. G. Starling and seconded by D. D. Orton that the Minutes of the S.T.C. Meeting be accepted. *Carried Unanimously.*

3. **Competitions** The Chairman of the Competitions Committee presented the Minutes of the last two Competitions Committee Meetings.

MATTERS ARISING

- i. **Item 1 — World Championships** Everything is under way for the World Championships. The situation has been very fluid because up until now there was no final indication of the amount of Sports Grant available. However the Sports Council have now made a final decision on the Grant available. This being the case the various budgets are now out of date. The Secretary General has now been given figures via the telephone.

The Secretary General then presented an updated budget for the World Championships, including preparation training and the actual event. On the basis of these figures it was decided that the four man and eight man teams should train in the United States prior to the World Championships. The Secretary General will prepare an up to date Budget for the entire Championships based upon the final grant figures from Sports Council which are expected by post in the next day or two.

It was further stated that it be impressed upon the team that all expenditure must be supported by receipts and statements, and that if there is any money remaining it must be returned to the Association. It was decided that £2,025, allocated for jump fees for the 8 man team was to be used only for jumping and anything remaining be returned to the Association.

After much discussion it was proposed by D. I. Waugh and seconded by J. Laing that the total sum of £4,000 be allocated for team training for the British 8 Man Team. *Carried Unanimously.*

The Secretary General was to write to Sports Council expressing the Association's thanks for the Grant made to the Association for the World Championships, both for the preparation training and for travel costs to the actual World Championships Event.

It was agreed that in future years the National Coach must be with any future national teams at all times during the training periods as well as at the event itself.

Deesons have prepared a press release following the choice for the 4 and 8 man teams who will compete in the World Championships.

- ii. **Item 7.45** It was agreed that the Secretary General in consultation with the N.C.S.O. would prepare a bid to Sports Council for aid towards the purchase of Dymar Radio Telephones.
It was agreed that the Minutes of the Competitions Committee Meeting be accepted.

4. Special Projects

G. C. P. Shea-Simonds appraised Council of the fact that Mr. Mason of the *Daily Express* in conjunction with Deeson Press Services had gone to the United States to feature the 4 man team in a promotion for *Heineken*. It would be likely that there would be some coverage of this in the *Daily Express*.

The Aviation Instructors Conference was to be held on the 1st October at either Bisham Abbey or the Lorch Foundation. G. C. P. Shea-Simonds asked that we ensure that our allocation of 20 places be filled.

Item 69

LANGAR

No further action will be taken until such time as the Chairman has contacted Mr. Fletcher, Chairman of A.S.P.

Item 70

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ACCOUNTS

The Secretary General presented the accounts of the National Championships.

It was decided that in future years only a percentage of 'refund of jump fees' should be returned.

It was further agreed that it would most probably be necessary to increase the cost of jump fees in future years.

Proposed by D. I. Waugh and seconded by C. Bruce that the accounts be accepted. *Carried Unanimously.*

Item 71

STAFF

The Secretary General informed Council of the following situations appertaining to Staff:

1. Miss Blunt has proved not to be a satisfactory employee for varying reasons, this being the case he requested Council's approval to terminate Miss Blunt's employment.
2. The Secretary General asked that he be allowed to employ a junior employee and also to engage a part-time book-keeper. The book-keeper to be employed on the following basis:
 - i. during normal periods of activity 2 days a week from 10 till 2 and
 - ii. during periods of high activity three days a week from 10 till 2. This would relieve the pressure upon the other members of staff to deal with the very much increased workload. Statistically the situation is that during April of this year membership had increased from 3,890 to 6,540, and membership till the end of June was up from 7,380 to 10,240 an increase of almost 40%. If as it appears this increase is maintained then the staff will be working flat out to keep up with the work.
3. The Secretary General would attempt to defray the costs by (a) employing the junior at a lower salary and (b) by requesting Sports Council to grant-aid the part time book-keeper.

Proposed by D. I. Waugh and seconded by C. Bruce that the Secretary General's proposals be passed. *Carried Unanimously.*

4. The Secretary General attempted to acquaint the Council with the new salary scales for administrative staff. However the Council decided that they could in no way consider these proposals until the Finance Sub Committee had met to discuss them in detail. The reason the Secretary General

brought this up at this juncture was that Sports Council had requested information as soon as possible as to whether the Association would be granting increases to staff. The Secretary General agreed to inform Sports Council that there would be a delay before the information could be passed to them. In the meantime Council had a resume of costs, and the Finance Sub Committee would have the whole document to digest and discuss and then report back to Council with their recommendations at the next Council Meeting.

Item 72

AFFILIATIONS

Proposed by J. T. Crocker and seconded by D. D. Orton that the British Prison Officer's Parachute Club be afforded affiliation to the BPA. *Carried Unanimously.*

Item 73

GLADWELL GREENHILL LTD

It was decided that the attention of members be drawn to the above by recording the matter in the minutes. The Secretary General was requested to write to the above company.

Item 74

WOMEN PILOTS ASSOCIATION

Council agreed that the Secretary General write to them and put them in touch with the nearest Club who might be willing to become involved.

Item 75

APPROVED CLUB STATUS

It was agreed by Council that the R.S.A. would be appointed approved status upon the following conditions being observed:

- i. All students take out immediate BPA Membership.
- ii. That the CCI become an advanced instructor.

Further to this it was agreed that the National Coach up date all approved clubs, and that these clubs should be re-checked every two years. Also to write to the approved clubs and make sure that all are ensuring that students take out immediate BPA Membership.

Item 76

LOAN APPLICATIONS

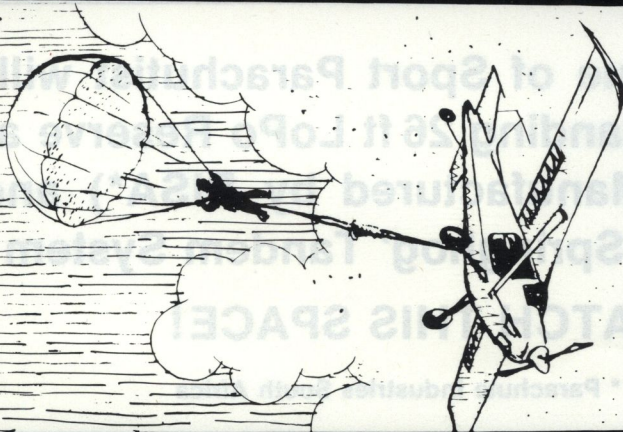
- i. Proposed by T. Lewington and seconded by G. C. P. Shea-Simonds that Windy Gyle Parachute and Outdoor Centre be granted a loan of £1,000 at 5% interest repayable over a period of 12 months, subject to a satisfactory security of the loan being available. *Carried Unanimously.*
- ii. Proposed by G. C. P. Shea-Simonds and seconded by D. D. Orton that the Northern Counties Parachute Centre be granted a loan of £3,000 to help in the purchase of a Cessna 182. Subject to adequate security of the loan being available. The loan to be over a 24 month period at 5% interest, at monthly staged repayments, which will be backloaded. *Carried Unanimously.*

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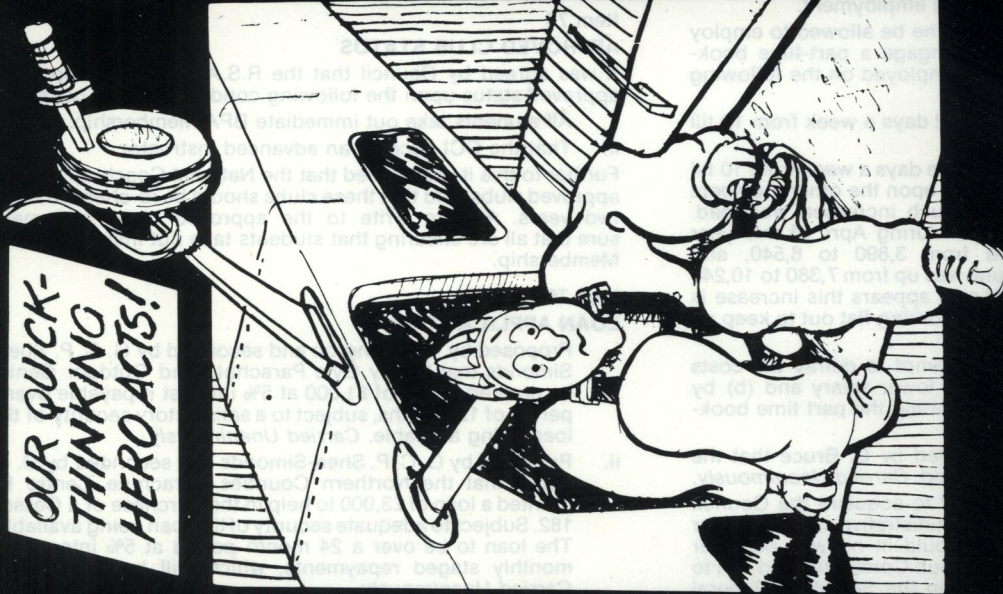
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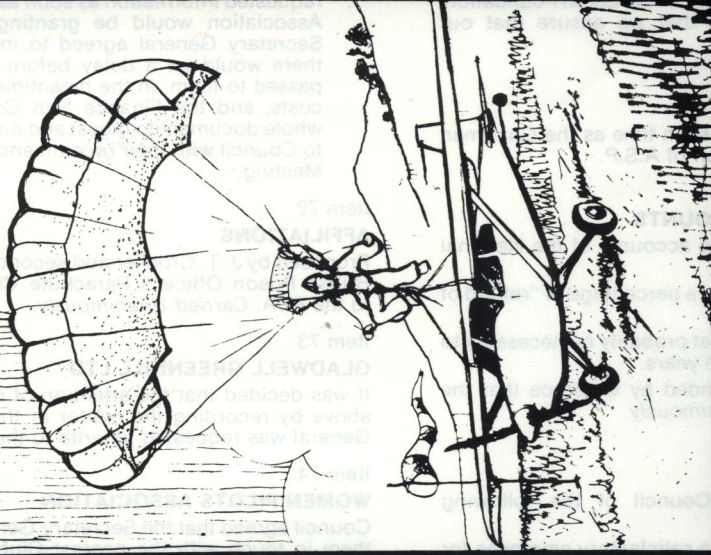
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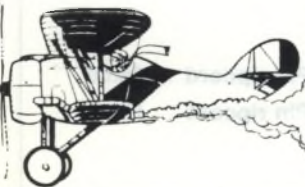
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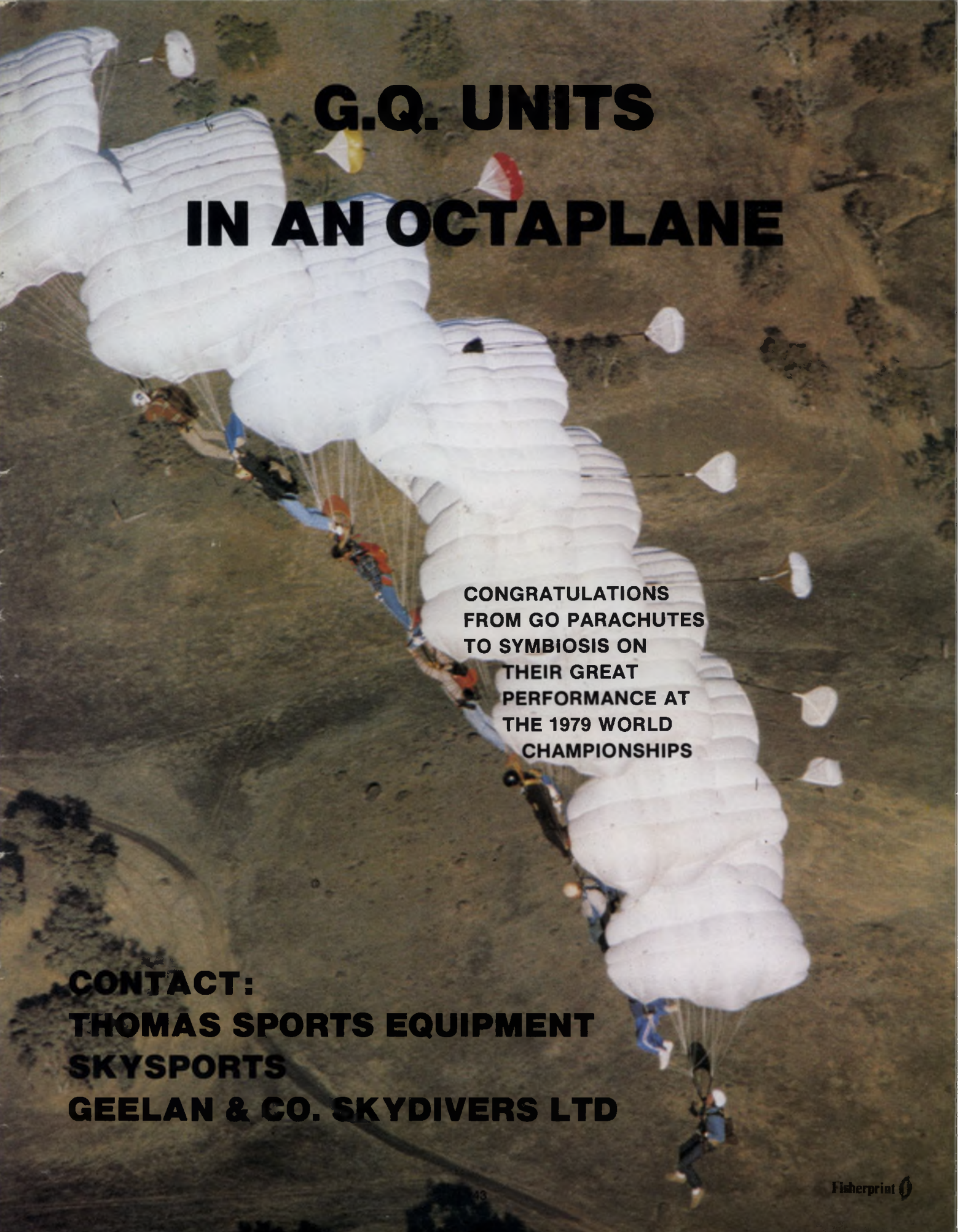
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