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19-23 Aug. (new date)	Exam Course 3-85	Cark
19-29 August	Army Championships	Netheravon
24-26 August	8 Way Speed Meet	Sibson
31 Aug - 1 Sept	LAC Meet	Headcorn
7-15 September	RW Seminar	Sibson
21-22 September	CRW Championships	Netheravon
4-8 November	PI Course 4-85	Swansea
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14-18 August	World Cup, Classics	Graz, Austria
19-23 August	16 Way International RW Meet	La Ferte-Gaucher
15-25 September	World Championships RW	Mallosing, Yugoslavia
2-10 November	Cyprus Championships	Cyprus
21 Dec - 4 Jan '86	Swiss Boogie	South Africa

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I have written before that whatever else one might perceive God to be, he (or she) certainly isn't a Sport Parachutist. Witness the atrocious weather we have had this year - particularly at weekends - Mondays and Tuesdays are reserved for the sun, except of course if there is a competition or boogie on.

So much credit must go to the organisation at this year's Nationals, particularly to the originator of the inspired idea of having air to air video judging, without which the eight-way event would not have taken place.

What a peculiar sport competition parachuting is. What other group of international athletes would be asked to produce their best efforts at 4.30 a.m. after having stood by until 10.00 p.m. the previous day - not just for one day but for several in a row.

The current BPA Instructor List, which is published in this issue, shows that we have over 240. The total has increased year by year. Surprise is expressed at some of the names on the list, particularly as some centres have difficulty getting weekend instructors. Perhaps some should reconsider their reasons for keeping their name on the list. A rating should not be a status symbol.

It is also interesting to note that although the instructor list grows, the print run of the magazine (which is a good indication of the full membership numbers) has remained about the same since I became editor nearly five years ago.

DAVE WATERMAN



Steve Scott finds a novel way to dock over Weston picture Dave Waterman

Ref. this month's issue of the mag. (June '85) the lower photo on the front cover is one of a group I sent earlier this year.

STEPHEN A. BELL

WERNER KROEGER MEMORIAL FLIGHT IN AID OF THE CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

The Werner Kroeger Memorial Flight took place on Monday 8th July and after an initial take off in Islander G-AYRU at 0430 hours from Netheravon we jumped into the following DZ's: Badminton - 0445 hrs, Colerne - 0510 hrs, Dunkeswell - 0555 hrs, St. Merryn - 0652 hrs, Swansea - 0750 hrs, Shobdon - 0852 hrs, Long Marston - 0930 hrs, Halfpenny Green - 1010 hrs, Cark - 1135 hrs, Topcliffe - 1235 hrs, Bridlington - 1330 hrs, Sturgate - 1415 hrs, Langar - 1455, Sibson - 1529 hrs, Weston-on-the-Green 1625 hrs, Pampisford - 1718 hrs, Ipswich - 1802 hrs, Headcorn - 1852 hrs, Thruxton - 2010 hrs and back into Netheravon at 2036 hrs.

The individual team members achieved the following:-

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Patrick Long	5hrs 14mins flying & 8 jumps
Simon Ward	14 jumps (12 with a camera)
Gerry O'Hara	13 jumps
Julie Hanks	9 jumps
Tony Rose	8 jumps

TOTAL 9hrs 53mins flying & 60 jumps

The flight has raised many thousands of pounds for the



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Cancer Research Campaign and to everyone involved we'd just like to say - "Thank You".

The photo was taken just after we had arrived back at Netheravon - the champagne never touched the sides!

THE TEAM



WILD GEESE N.I.

Three very important people at Wild Geese have achieved three firsts, **John Rhatigan** our CCI, an ex-American Marine has chalked up his 1000th sport parachute jump, alongside him in our new Cessna 206, G-EESE, was our new DZ controller **Alan Fielding** at only 18 getting his 200th jump for his 'D' Licence and also **Maggie Penny** getting her 100th jump.

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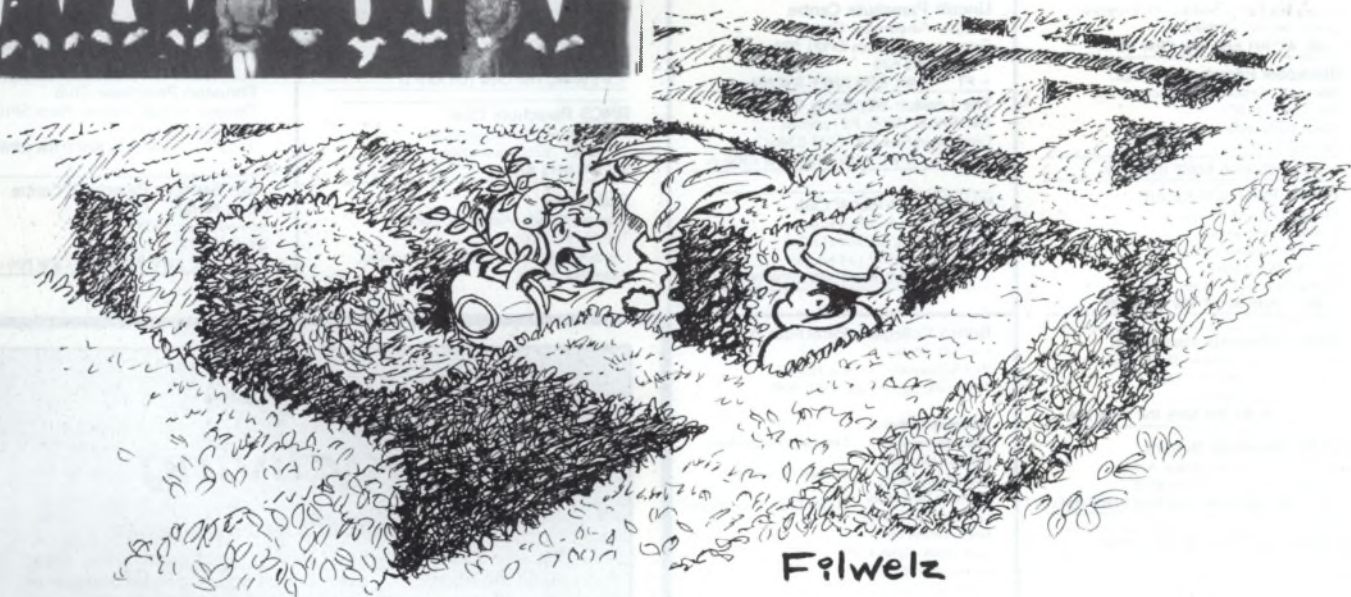
IT'S PARKED ON THE RUNWAY UPSIDE-DOWN ! "

ROYAL AWARDS CEREMONY

On May 1st, the Annual Royal Aero Club Awards Ceremony was held - with a difference. On this occasion the awards were presented by the Club's Patron, Her Majesty The Queen accompanied by Prince Philip. As it happened the British Parachute Association did not feature quite so strongly in number of awards this year, but this was more than compensated for by the major award, the Gold Medal, going to **Chris Lyall** for outstanding bravery in saving the life of a Skydiver knocked unconscious in freefall in the Oman. When the citation was read out the 450 guests and dignitaries assembled at the magnificent Whitehall Palace banquetting suite burst into the longest and loudest most spontaneous applause of the evening. The BPA was well represented by **Charles Shea-Simonds**, Vice Chairman of the Royal Aero Club, **Peter Ritchie**, Hon. Treasurer of the Royal Aero Club and **Jim Crocker**, Council Member, who even managed to present **Bill Ottley**, Executive Director of the USPA to Her Majesty, thereby cementing our transatlantic connections well and truly.



Picture of Chris Lyall receiving award.



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ASIA INVITE

The name is **Mike Newton, D3522** who has been jumping in Asia for the last five years. I have just finished a 5 week holiday and wish to say see you soon to my 'old' skydiving mates. A special thank you to **Andy 'justa' Guest** for arranging some great skydives for myself and **Bill Sutton** my buddy from the States and Indonesia. After a 4-way dive at Nethers was most impressed by the speed myself and Nigel got a CRW link, (the black eye has gone now). To all my mates at Nethers see you soon with yet another special thank you to the Marines for putting a nice eight way together for us.

On the theme of Marines the hospitality was excellent at Dunkeswell. **Bob (get that oven clean) Schouler**. I had a magic time. It was great fun getting **George's** and **Charlie's Cat. 10** (I've still got the hangover), I will be talking about the speed of **George's** packing for a long time (sorry George). Best of luck to the guys training for the demo in Berlin. I know I don't have to **shirt** I **Bob S** in writing about my tee **short**, dig, dig. For anyone visiting Indonesia we are jumping most weekends from various aircraft - 206, Cherokee, Islander. The club is run by a couple some of you will know **Robbie & Yasmin Mandagie** who will welcome you with an open door and 9000ft. Anyone visiting Indonesia maybe on the way to Bali and do not want to bring your kit for one weekend, no problem, the club has up to date equipment available. Indonesian hospitality is hard to equal and is a very beautiful country. Anyone visiting contact myself on the below address or phone **Robby** on Jakarta 760885. Well signing off now and hope to be back soon (not too soon as that would mean I've been given the boot). Blue skies,

MIKE NEWTON, D3522
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Seletan, Indonesia. Tel. 792131.

SKI DIVE?

With the assistance of **Major Bob Card**, Commandant RAPA, I managed to arrange a one jump course for some of the staff of the British Outward Bound Centre Norway. The course was held over a weekend at Lippspringe and we were fortunate to have blue skies for the whole time. **Brian McGill** so enthused the first timers that they all managed to

complete 4 jumps. I personally managed 20 jumps to gain the magic D Licence. Our sincere thanks to all staff for their assistance in all aspects, we had a great weekend and suddenly some staff find canoeing and climbing not quite THE sport. Best wishes, we hope the RAPA staff can ski Norway with us this winter. Yours in Sport,

CAPT. STEWART McNEISH,
BOBC Norway 'D' 5142
P.S. I left a crate with the boss lads!

DORSET

A letter on two subjects, first the newly opened Dorset Parachute Centre. The club was built in a week with a shovel, two crowbars, a box of nails and a very large hammer, and when the dust subsided we were left with a packing shed, ground training room, car park and even a toilet! There is also a very nice mock-up made almost entirely of six inch nails, so if you are ever passing by drop in and say hello, and if we get enough of us, we will move the mock-up!

The few good weather days we've had since we opened have been used very well, with a lot of lifts getting off the ground, with **Mike Bodden** being the first parachutist to land on the DZ, whilst certain others on squares persist in missing our measley 400 acres! (Don't worry Simon, I won't say who it is!) But, for a fairly new DZ, we are not doing half-bad!

My second subject is thanks. Thanks to everyone at DPC for the beer you've bought me in the last couple of months. Particularly **Mac** (tearing his hair out!), **Simon** and **Simon, Tony, Steve and Jane**, and everyone else who I owe drinks to, but as I move on to pastures new for awhile I'll just say thank you to everyone at the club for a smashing couple of months, and watch it, 'cos I'll be back!

DAVE MOORES, BPA 194104
P.S. Adam, get your grubby mits of my Freefall Rig!!

FOREIGN NEWS

Just a few lines to say hi to all the people who made my trip to England last year great and who I haven't written to because I'm too lazy, slack (and busy jumping).

Couple of things - one, I'm an Australian now, passport and all, so perhaps I'll be eligible for the 'foreign visitor's' prize at Duck End next time. Two - I'm now a commercial operator with a share in a Tandem parachute

(Vector) (has that debate started yet? or are you saving it until you finish discussing AFF?)

Anyhow, I'm into my first winter for 2 years and with spare time on short days I have produced this crossword. You might like to use it. It should be done up side down since that was the way I wrote it.

I've been looking for your overseas subscription rate but it is not in the mag. Enclosed is £12, if it's more let me know, if less, put the balance into the team fund. I'm paid up to April so this is for June and on. Regards,

JOHN CHAPMAN, AFF F184

SORRY WALLY

I must agree with **Mr. Gubbins'** comments in the last issue, letters of thanks don't make very stimulating reading, but I'm sorry Wally, I am about to bore you.

I'm speaking on behalf of the teams who have been training for the Nationals this year in the UK. Teams in training are very demanding of a DZ's facilities and can afford to pay little for them. Both at Headcorn PC and Peterborough PC the eagerness to get us in the air and the provision of excellent air to air and ground to air video is, to my knowledge, unequalled in the world. If only the weather were as willing. Sometimes it would have been cheaper for the operators to give us £5 each and tell us to sit on the ground. Thank you **John** and **Dave** and especially the staff at Headcorn and Peterborough.

Also on behalf of those of us who will be representing the BPA at the World Championships in September. We would like to thank BPA members and the Sports Council for their support to continue our training for the World Championships, we will endeavour to represent the country and the BPA to the best of our ability in Yugoslavia.

SARAH BREARLEY

FROM THE DESK OF WALTER GUBBINS, IFC.

Mr. Waterman,

Imagine how disgusted I was upon reading my last correspondence with your publication to find that you had, totally unbeknown to me, not only altered the letter but even left a part of it out.

Had I wished you to change the punctuation I would surely have written the letter in a different manner. I do not expect a sporting publication to employ left winged, fascist editors

who only print material to their liking. Nor do I expect editors to alter letters to comply with their own views. I hope, Mr. Waterwash, I have made my point.

Now having perused the mag and forgiven you Dave, I'd like to pick up a couple of points. Do Slipstream Adventures employ a chinese instructor (see ad in last mag) or is that the same guy who was on the winning eight way team at WOG for the nationals. Come to think of it I think they were a nine way team who only jumped the most appropriate eight at any one time. Walt's hot tip goes to the Army Team this week, "When lying second...Protest". Yup, old Walter Gubbins was hiding away at the Nationals before sneaking off to watch his proteges The Air Bears in the States.

I notice we still have the stream of Brownie Point letters thanking the world and his wife for inventing the aeroplane without a door. Maybe we could start a thank you page in the mag with a special BPA official who tours the Dee Zees soliciting good reports about CCT's.

Now then, having raised the occasional pound or two for good causes I'd like to sound you out Dave reference the raffle. Have you tried selling tickets to the general public in aid of the Brit Para Team when all you can offer is a life membership (non transferable) to the BPA. What's the second prize, Life Chairmanship (non transferable) of the BPA? I reckon you've got a better chance of selling a diet to **John Hitchen**, furthermore, what are the 'Other Good Prizes'...P6 membership perhaps. Come on chaps get some National company to sponsor a decent prize in return for a bit of Press Advertising in the Mag (Don't try JVC at the moment!!) (see minutes - Video)

Time for a bit of Parachuting History here Dave, last time I told you about Tandem Jumping and its very beginnings, well have you ever thought about the advanced aerodynamics of the track. My old mate **Scratch** (Garrison) wasn't the only person to experiment and subsequently go on to improve vertical separation dives (VSD). Early in the seventies I was training the Austrian Ski Jump team to improve their performance. I will say however that I was as hesitant to jump with two 12 foot planks as landing gear as they were to jump with a parachute to land with. I must say though, even **Franz** was Klammering (!) to try out my methods for his downhill strolls - did alright too eh!

Tell me, has **Jo Vaughan** recovered yet Dave? Poor thing looked quite ill, it

must be really sad when no one will jump with you. 2-way Isotosis I heard a hard core RW person call it the other day. By the way, Andy Keech is spelt without a 'T'. What's he done to upset you Dave, misprinted one of your Snaps?

I was going to tell you all about the Wally Gubbins computerised jumpsuits and the 4 Way Spider Trainer this edition but I fear that you may cut me short if I don't wind up, so it'll have to keep to next time, by then we should have the 8 way spider working without the entanglements.

Rumour Control: **Charlie**, I'm writing another best sell, **Shea-Simonds** did eight jumps in a day for the Dawn to Dusk competition. Apparently the Sinclair C5 in the Spot the Parachutist competition won't go above 3,500 feet. Stay alive in '85.

WALTER GUBBINS, IFC.

NEW START

As most experienced parachutists will know, British Skysports is a custom built drop zone with very pleasant social amenities, canteen, accommodation, packing facilities and is situated in a lovely part of the country. Towards the end of last year a fire in the kit store destroyed more than kit, it took away something which is too hard to explain in terms which can be readily understood - OK, I know it had its 'funnies' and a lot of people judged it on what they had heard about it, without giving it a visit and experiencing the atmosphere, but now it is functioning again and it feels great!

David Johnston encouraged by John Hitchen, Brian Greenwood and David Ruffell as parachuting staff, Nick Riddin and Joe Allanby as regular pilots, Mary Yates in the kitchen and Lynne Rawson in the office, have all worked hard to create a very pleasant atmosphere; kit has been provided, initially on an ad-hoc basis from various sources, but now the kit store can boast something to meet everyone's needs - C9's, Aeroconicals (new), 710's, Free-fall rigs and squares; there is modern air-to-air video (instant feedback) available; three aircraft (2 x Cessna 206 and 1 x C180), and even the surrounding farmers seem pleased to see parachuting activity again - they nearly saw a ten way last weekend (6th July).

Since re-opening the centre on 1st December 1984, a large number of first time students have jumped, mainly sponsored, in addition a pleasing number of 'old' members have returned (included among them is Alan Jones, now a full-time instructor, nice one!) and have assisted where they could to revive the DZ into what is now a very happy and friendly place. Dave Johnston has plans to improve amenities available, but it would not be prudent of me to state what these are (yet) but if the recent trends continue into the short and medium term future, then things look good for Bridlington Paracentre.

I now see at British Skysports an enthusiasm for promoting parachuting/skydiving; it makes first timers and visitors welcome; criticism is

invited; it is forward looking - we look forward to seeing the old regulars again, plus the people who wish to broaden their parachuting horizons - other than through bad spotting!

Finally, may I say thank you very much to Dave Johnston for having the confidence to reopen the DZ and for providing us all with opportunities to continue in the sport at British Skysports.

GEORGE CHEW, C4936

DOLLAR v RAND

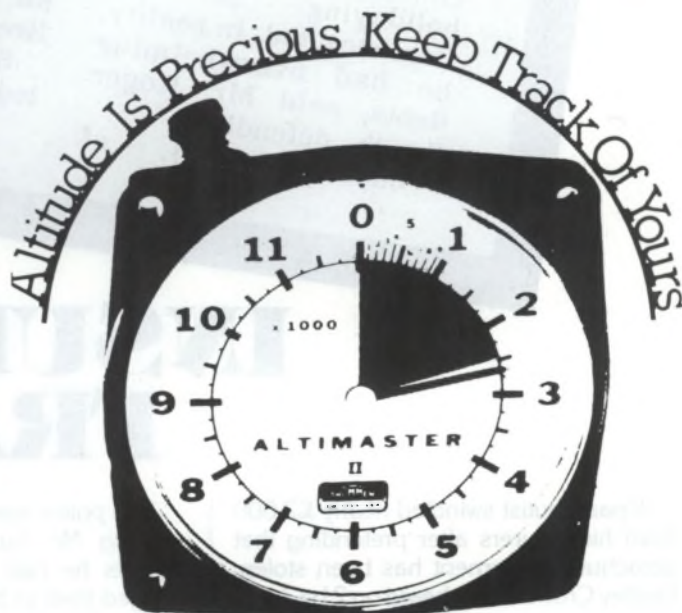
SWISS BOOGIE has been held for 5 years and is a rapidly growing event, last year 300 jumpers attended and this year they have included an invite to the USA which will increase the numbers to around 500. It takes place from 21 December 1985 until 4 January 1986 at PHALABORWA South Africa, on the Indian Ocean side next to the Krüger National Park. The aircraft is the largest version of the Hercules, the L100/30, lifting 150-200 jumpers to 13,500ft in 6 minutes. The format is varied with large and small formations, RW and CRW seminars, first jump courses, AFF, and individual progression training is also available. The loads are organised and much of the instruction is given by 'BLUE MAGIC' the Swiss world championship RW Team. It is mid-summer so no weather problems (other than how to keep the beer cool for sunset!). If you want to include the old sightseeing a wealth of trips are available. Okay, sounds interesting? So what is it going to do to the bank balance? The prospectus has not yet been issued but based on last year and the exchange rate with the Rand which reached its lowest ever against sterling recently, I forecast a cost of approx. £1000 which will include: Your return flight to Johannesburg, uplift to Phalaborwa in the Herc, accommodation and 30-36 skydives from a minimum of 4000M. The only costs on top will be food drinks and trips. A New Year's Eve party with night jumps is also planned.

I am aiming at a party of 100 to get the most favourable rates and right now all I need is names and addresses of those interested. Full info will then be issued as available and a bond of £100 will be payable on booking to safeguard the venture. The first 100 received will get the places. Drop me a line at my Centre address and include your experience. Blue skies in S.A.

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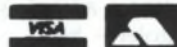
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Parachute man fell into trouble

Free-fall parachutist David Suckling tried to swindle his way out of trouble as he plunged into crippling debt, Dudley Crown Court was told.

Suckling cheated an insurance company out of £1,800 and tried to fiddle a similar sum from another firm to repay loans and clear a bank overdraft, the court heard.

He appeared to have an affluent lifestyle, having thousands of pounds worth of parachuting equipment and holidaying in the Canaries, but, in reality, he had overwhelming debts, said Mr. Roger Smith, defending.

Suckling (30), of

Lakeside Court, Amblescote, Brrierley Hill, was jailed for 18 months after admitting dishonestly obtaining £1,850 from Commercial Union Assurance and attempting to obtain the same sum from West Mercia Insurance Services of Wombourne.

He also admitted having a shotgun and an air rifle without a firearms certificate.

Suckling's wife was led sobbing from the

court as Judge John Evans, QC, passed sentence and ordered the weapons to be confiscated.

Mr. Peter de Mille, prosecuting, said Suckling told Commercial Union he had camping equipment stolen from his car and his claim was accepted.

Later he claimed his parachute equipment had been stolen and also pretended his house had been broken into.

INSURANCE FRAUD

A parachutist swindled nearly £2,000 from his insurers after pretending that parachute equipment has been stolen, Dudley Crown Court heard on 21st June. Later, the parachutist **David Suckling**, tried to claim from a second insurance company but was caught by the police.

Mr. Peter DeMille prosecuting, said Mr. Suckling claimed £1,850 from Commercial Union Insurance after pretending that his equipment was stolen in Scotland. He subsequently insured the equipment for £1,830 with West Mercia Insurance Services and again claimed it had been stolen - he said.

The police were called in and on interviewing Mr. Suckling, discovered the reports he had made concerning the alleged theft in Scotland.

Mr. Suckling admitted charges of fraud and attempted fraud and was jailed for 18 months.

Roger Washbourne of West Mercia Insurance Services has informed the British Parachute Association that every effort is being made to keep the cost of insurance for parachutists down. The risks from the insurer's point of view are high and the majority of insurance companies will not even quote on insurance connected with parachuting.

Insurance premiums are quoted by looking at the claims experience. In the end it is not the insurance that pays but the individual parachutist.

West Mercia Insurance Services have further stated that they consider it their duty to their clients, the British Parachute Association, to report any person to the police who makes a fraudulent claim even on information received after a claim has been paid.

Insurance for parachutists is very important and every effort continues to be made to maintain the best possible cover available at an economic cost.

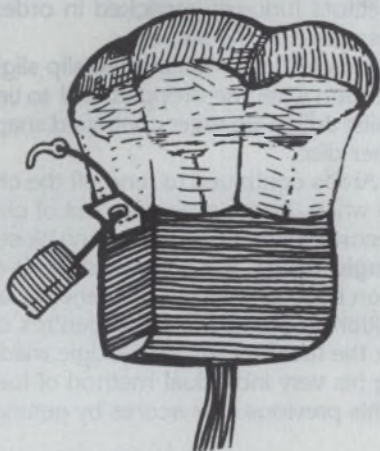
KIT NEWS



by Rob Colpus

GRAB BAG

Some American CRW jumpers have been experimenting with a revolutionary new Ram Air Deployment Bag. The 'Grab Bag' is a normal deployment bag with the netting of the pilot chute sewn directly around the top of the bag. A pull-out handle slides through a grommet placed at the foot of the pilot chute section. The idea is to do away with a long bridle line which can become entangled with other canopies during CRW. Jumpers using the Grab Bag have reported that a positive action of throwing the bag into the airflow is necessary for trouble free deployments.



PLASTIC RIPCORD HANDLES

The Parachute Equipment Industry Association of the USA have issued a recommendation that all types of plastic ripcord components, which includes thermoplastic and thermosetting plastics, should not be installed on reserve or emergency parachute assemblies.

This recommendation is not law in the USA but is a recommendation based on cumulative experience to date. Main Parachute assemblies are not included in this bulletin.

CYLINDRICAL SPRINGS AGAIN

In the June issue of 'Kit News' we reported on some incidents in Europe where some 'Parachutes De France' cylindrical spring pilot chutes had jammed. Parachutes De France have since informed us that they have received no such reports on their equipment, and a similar pilot chute is produced by some other manufacturers.

However, they did recommend that when compressed the fabric of the pilot chute should be packed between the springs to prevent jamming taking place, which seems to indicate that they do accept cylindrical springs can jam.

MINI RINGS

3-Ring Inc. of Florida are now marketing a mini slotted harness ring for its 3-ring release system. Apparently the new

ring, named the RW-7, is smaller than its rivals. Other mini rings are offered by Thomas Sports in this country and Parachutes De France.

ELASTIC SUITS

Two US manufacturers have produced elastic torso RW jumpsuits. The Skylite Skin Suit and the Skysuit utilise a spandex type elastic fabric on the body of the suit to produce a skin tight fit, with a medium weight poly-cotton type fabric on the arms and legs to give some degree of control.

JETSTREAM PARACHUTES

Another company in the USA has entered the already crowded ram air market. Jetstream Parachutes have produced a series of 13 ram air mains, designed primarily for Relative Workers and available in both 7 or 9 cell versions. They have also produced a 300sq.ft. accuracy canopy with different stabilisers and control lines, a split slider and shorter suspension lines.

Jetstream claim that their canopies have a different airfoil profile than others on the market. Whereas most ram airs place the thickest section several feet back from the nose, Jetstream have their's immediately behind the nose, which they claim gives them an aerodynamic advantage. They also have a new construction method which involves the suspension lines being attached to four Jetstream Falres which pass through the bottom skin and overlap before attaching to the top skin. These flares replace the commonly used single load bearing cell walls.

Jetstream's owner **Tony Cockrell** claims that the overlapping flares distribute load evenly along the top seam, which results in a smoother, more efficient airfoil. Because of the triangular shaped holes left by the overlapping flares no crossports have to be cut.

SAFETY NOTICE

An incident has occurred where the Slider Stop on the Canopy of a Sky Lark Parachute, pulled through the Slider Grommet causing a rotating malfunction. On examination it was found that the material used for the Slider Stop was flexible and allowed the Stop to pull through the Slider Grommet.

This incident could re-occur. It is advised that anyone with a Sky Lark Canopy should contact a Rigger to have their Canopy checked.

For further information contact JOHN HITCHEN.

1985 CLASSIC NATIONALS

Like the flip side of a coin the Classic nationals could not have been a greater contrast to the RW week. Less than 48 hours after starting all ten Accuracy and four Style jumps had been completed.

A very respectable 'off year' total of 37 competitors was boosted unexpectedly by the late entry of the Unit Arab Emirates team. Their ten man team was expected to considerably reinforce the standard of the competition, especially in the Accuracy event.

The Accuracy event stuttered into a false start on Sunday afternoon in marginal conditions. The first two teams out in this event both got rejudges due to the winds going over the limit, but others were not so lucky. Particularly unfortunate was **Cheryl Cochrane** who picked up five metres in the first round for the second year running! Intensive lobbying by **Esther Reynolds** in the same team as Cheryl also found no escape from 4.09. More wave offs and rejudges eventually forced a stand down until later in the evening.

Come six o'clock the winds had dropped well within limits and the competition began in earnest. The UAE competitors on their first jump demonstrated the value of full time jumping with a professional coach to observe them. Six of their ten entrants scored discs, only two discs were shared among the twenty five other competitors. The writing appeared to be on the wall that the home team were in for a hammering.

Now that the competition had started in earnest, meet director **John Hitchen** cranked up the pace. The turbine Islander began picking up competitors from the pit and took all of three minutes to pitch the first team out. One circuit and two minutes later out went the second team and down came the Islander to repeat the process. The rounds passed very quickly with only six loads to contend with.

It was not until the late summer sun had dipped below the horizon and five rounds had been completed that a halt was called. **Issa Mohammed** led the field with an unblemished score, five Dead Centres on the trot. Fellow countryman **Jasem Mohammed** was in second with 0.01 and keeping the home flag flying in third was **Julian Spencer** who followed up 0.02 in the first round with four discs.



'Disc-connected' - 2nd in British Team Accuracy.

Only eight hours were to pass before the next five rounds were embarked upon. Food was beginning to become an unheard of luxury as competitors furiously repacked in order to keep up with the relentless pace of the aircraft.

Round six saw leader **Issa Mohammed** slip slightly from his pedestal of perfection when he dropped 0.01 to tie with **Jasem Mohammed**, whilst **Julian Spencer** continued snapping at their heels with another disc.

The accurate Arabs continued to fend off the chasing group until round nine when **Jasem** scored an out of character 0.13. **Julian** now in second with 0.04 would get no closer to the lead. Team mate **Dougie Young**, a long time stalwart of the British Team called upon his many years of experience at the highest level of competition to string five dead centres together after totalling 0.05 for the first four jumps. **Dougie** made it six in the last round using his very individual method of toeing the disc. **Julian** equalled his previous nine scores by getting 0.04 on his last jump.

Issa Mohammed remained un-headed throughout the competition, his total of 0.02 was a world class performance and emphasised the excellence of the UAE teams ability in the accuracy event. Their ten competitors completed 100 jumps between them and achieved 99 pad landings. As well as 1st place they packed eight of the nine places between 4th and 12th. With the exception of **Dougie Young**, **Julian Spencer** and **Jim Coffey** they severely showed up the British competitors in foot placement. Anything over 0.02 should be considered a bus ride and to be competitive to international standard a 50% plus hit rate on the disc is essential. Many of the home participants



Jane Buckle 1st Lady in Style.



Julian Spencer - 1st Overall Men
- Even beat all the Arabs!



Dougie Young - 2nd in accuracy with 0.05 cents total -
Top Brit.



'Fill Your Boots' - 3rd in British Team Accuracy.

managed to hit the pad every time, but the scores gained built up to over 30 and 40 centimetres in total. A three or four centimetre average may sound quite impressive but in international terms its a bit like running a five minute mile, too many other people can do it faster.

With the accuracy now completed in full, a stand down was called to give competitors a chance to indulge in such luxuries as eating and washing. This was of course just for a few hours, past experience of the vagaries of the British climate would not allow blue skies to pass unaccompanied by the whine of an Islander despatching stylies.

Judging of the style event was done as per the RW events using the superb Larsen and Brussgard Video. Gone are the days of shakey blob on the screen, it could have been a BBC outside broadcast such was the quality.

Surprisingly enough, considering this was an off year for the classics, the overall standard of style was higher than last year. **Julian Spencer** has continued to progress and has even mastered the art of turning in the right direction. A 7.35 set in the first round followed by three more sub eight second sets ensured that Julian was never headed.

The UAE team proved to be less overwhelming in the style but high sevens and low eights from **Ahmed Murad** gave him second place. **Kevin Hardwick** despite having concentrated mainly on the RW event this year, improved considerably on his winning performance of last year to come third.



Jo Vaughan - 1st Ladies Accuracy.



1st Lady Overall.

Other performances of note were those of former champion **Dougie Young** who came fourth with a series of scores in the low eights despite having only done a dozen or so practice jumps in the past three years. **Les Carrol** has made a determined effort to improve his performance and scored low eights for his first two sets; large penalties on his next two unfortunately dropped his average into the nines.

The ladies seem to have marked time since last year with none of them managing to break into the eights. **Jane Buckle** turned the cleanest style of the meet with three clean sets in the nines. It was her tidiness which enabled her to stay ahead of the basically faster **Jo Vaughan**.

By ten o'clock on Tuesday it was all over. Prize giving was to be brought forward four days! Such is the unpredictability of the British weather.



Jane Buckle

It is traditional that the prize giving is a rather confusing affair, this year was no exception. With Open, British and Ladies prizes to sort out perhaps it's not really surprising. The non sexist computer regarded everybody as being equal and disregarded race, colour and gender. Maybe for the sake of simplicity we ought to do the same.

The prize giving was performed by one of the RAF's parachuting 'trail-blazers', **Group Captain Peter Hearn**. The trophies for overall champion going to **Julian Spencer** and the Ladies shared by **Jo Vaughan** and **Jane Buckle**.



Alan Holloway - winner Novice Accuracy, only one there!

So that was it for another year, ambitions fulfilled or dashed in less than forty-eight hours frantic activity. The abandoning of individual accuracy in favour of team passed without any significant problem as did the extra scoring style jump.

From the results achieved in the Nationals six individuals who met the selection criteria were subsequently selected to go to the 'Sud Ost Cup' at Graz in Austria in August. These were: **Julian Spencer, Kevin Hardwick, Les Carrol, Jim Coffey, Jo Vaughan** and **Jane Buckle**.

STEVE EVERSFIELD D1705

BRITISH NATIONAL OPEN CLASSIC PARACHUTE CHAMPIONSHIPS - WESTON ON THE GREEN 1985.

SENIOR ACCURACY

Pos.	Name	Round Nos										Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	Issa Mohammed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02
2	Dougie Young	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05
3	Julian Spencer	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.08
4	Ali Nasser	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.09
4	Said Khalifa	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.09
6	Jim Coffey	0.06	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.10
7	Jasem Mohammed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.13	0.02	0.17
8	Hamdan Amhed	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.07	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.18
9	Abdullah Kamis	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.01	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.20
10	Khalil Ahmed	0.11	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.23
11	Ahmed Murad	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.00	0.26
12	Abdul Ahmed	0.00	0.11	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.28
13	Neil Dixon	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.16	0.31
13	Joanne Vaughan	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.10	0.03	0.00	0.09	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.31
15	Les Carrol	0.00	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.05	0.04	0.32
16	Jeff Chandler	0.04	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.09	0.08	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.38
17	Harry Morgan	0.00	0.08	0.01	0.05	0.11	0.04	0.07	0.05	0.00	0.01	0.42
18	Abdullah Murad	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.22	0.43
18	Jane Buckle	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.10	0.10	0.02	0.43
18	Brian Shaw	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.21	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.43
21	Steve Eversfield	0.01	0.05	0.37	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.25	0.06	0.04	0.83
22	Jon Turner	0.22	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.01	0.22	0.05	0.44	0.04	0.01	1.13
23	Kevin Hardwick	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	1.01	0.00	1.19
24	Chrissie Clements	0.02	0.22	0.06	0.01	0.13	0.05	0.63	0.01	0.06	0.10	1.29
25	Steve Thomas	0.34	0.04	0.06	0.00	0.14	0.69	0.06	0.00	0.07	0.13	1.53
26	Gerrard Margiotta	0.13	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.07	0.13	1.45	2.03
27	Esther Reynolds	4.09	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	4.29
28	Andy Law	0.08	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.09	0.05	5.00	0.01	0.00	5.36
29	Cheryl Cochrane	5.00	0.04	0.05	0.13	0.03	0.08	0.03	0.08	0.01	0.07	5.52
30	Tim Mace	0.05	0.71	0.04	0.11	0.10	0.08	0.02	0.01	5.00	0.07	6.19
31	Robert Scott	4.60	0.93	0.47	0.98	3.13	0.20	0.34	0.18	0.37	1.58	12.78
32	David Emerson	5.00	0.23	0.14	0.10	0.08	0.93	0.06	0.07	1.30	5.00	12.91
33	Mike Strachan	0.80	0.06	1.26	0.69	0.06	5.00	0.75	4.11	1.47	0.05	14.25
34	Frank Mallabone	2.37	0.14	0.50	0.32	0.13	2.34	2.97	0.43	1.64	3.44	14.28
35	Ken Gregory	0.47	1.67	0.19	1.28	0.30	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	28.91

INTERMEDIATE ACCURACY

Pos.	Name	Round No.										Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	Taff Williams	0.05	0.05	0.26	0.08	0.13	0.08	0.07	0.01	1.95	0.76	3.44
2	Kevin Veitch	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.64	0.06	0.63	0.09	0.26	0.05	1.59	3.56
3	Nick Johnson	0.50	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.90	0.05	3.96	5.53
4	Pat Smith	1.70	0.35	0.07	3.18	0.11	0.04	0.08	0.02	0.09	1.56	7.20
5	Dave O'Dell	0.06	0.13	0.14	0.12	5.00	0.44	0.12	0.09	0.05	2.21	8.36
6	Keith Duncan	0.53	5.00	1.96	0.20	0.16	0.22	0.21	0.00	0.10	0.00	8.38
7	Denis O'Brian	5.00	0.05	1.88	0.13	0.06	0.67	0.12	0.03	0.68	0.08	8.70
8	Kev O'Connell	0.07	0.10	0.20	0.40	0.01	0.53	5.00	1.18	3.80	0.26	11.55
9	Lynette Heaton	4.81	1.93	0.12	0.06	0.06	0.12	0.13	5.00	0.05	0.89	13.17
10	Stewart Mulligan	3.01	3.39	0.09	3.85	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.20	1.65	5.00	34.19
11	Scott Bernie	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	50.00

NOVICE ACCURACY

1	Alan Holloway	25.00	7.29	12.13	10.95	4.02	9.55	16.43	12.16	15.27	0.00	112.80
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SENIOR OVERALL

Pos.	Name	Acc'y Place	Style Place	Acc'y Point	Style Point	Overall Points
1	Julian Spencer	3	1	9	1	10
2	Dougie Young	2	4	4	16	20
3	Issa Mohammed	1	5	1	25	26
4	Said Khalifa	4	7	16	49	65
5	Ahmed Murad	10	2	100	4	104
6	Ali Nasser	4	10	16	100	116
7	Hamdan Amhed	7	13	49	169	218
8	Joanne Vaughan	12	9	144	81	225
9	Les Carrol	14	6	196	36	232
10	Abdul Ahmed	11	13	121	169	290
11	Jane Buckle	16	8	256	64	320
12	Kevin Hardwick	19	3	361	9	370
13	Jasem Mohammed	6	19	36	397	361
14	Abdullah Khamis	8	20	64	400	464
15	Neil Dixon	12	18	144	324	468
16	Abdullah Murad	16	15	256	224	480
17	Jeff Chandler	15	17	224	289	513
18	Gerrard Margiotta	21	11	441	121	562
19	Khalil Ahmed	9	23	81	529	610
20	Esther Reynolds	22	12	484	144	628
21	Cheryl Cochrane	24	16	576	256	832
21	Brian Shaw	16	24	256	576	832
23	Chrissie Clements	20	22	400	484	884
24	Tim Mace	25	21	625	441	1066
25	Andy Law	23	25	529	625	1154
26	David Emerson	26	26	676	676	1352

INTERMEDIATE OVERALL

Pos.	Name	Acc'y Place	Style Place	Acc'y Point	Style Point	Overall Points
1	Kevin Veitch	2	2	4	4	8
2	Pat Smith	4	4	16	16	32
3	Nick Johnson	3	5	9	25	34
3	Dave O'Dell	5	3	25	9	34
5	Taff Williams	1	6	1	36	37
5	Keith Duncan	6	1	36	1	37
7	Kev O'Connell	7	7	49	49	98
8	Stewart Mulligan	8	8	64	64	128

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		Base	(Pen)	Total	Base	(Pen)	Total	Base	(Pen)	Total	Base	(Pen)	Total	
1	Julian Spencer	7.15	0.20	7.35	7.53	-	7.53	7.40	0.40	7.80	7.77	0.20	7.97	30.65
2	Ahmed Murad	7.37	0.60	7.97	8.00	0.20	8.20	7.66	0.40	8.06	7.80	-	7.80	
3	Kevin Hardwick	7.60	0.20	7.80	7.47	0.60	8.07	8.03	0.60	8.63	7.90	-	7.90	32.40
4	Dougie Young	8.20	0.20	8.40	7.60	0.40	8.00	7.87	0.40	8.27	7.90	0.20	8.10	32.77
5	Issa Mohammed	8.20	0.40	8.60	8.73	0.40	9.17	8.76	-	8.76	8.27	0.60	8.87	35.40
6	Said Carrol	8.20	0.40	8.60	8.10	0.20	8.30	8.60	2.10	10.70	8.20	1.40	9.60	37.20
7	Lay Khalifa	8.70	0.60	9.30	8.83	0.80	9.63	8.80	0.60	9.40	8.40	1.20	9.60	37.93
8	Jane Buckle	9.27	-	9.27	9.10	-	9.10	9.97	-	9.97	9.33	0.40	9.73	38.07
9	Joanne Vaughan	8.67	0.80	9.47	9.20	0.60	9.80	9.23	0.60	9.83	8.97	0.60	9.57	38.67
10	Ali Nasser	7.73	0.80	8.53	8.03	1.20	9.23	8.20	1.40	9.60	8.47	2.90	11.37	38.73
11	Gerrard Margiotta	9.47	0.60	10.07	9.13	1.40	10.53	9.70	0.40	10.10	9.23	0.40	9.63	40.33
12	Esther Reynolds	9.10	0.80	9.90	9.77	0.60	10.37	9.90	1.40	11.30	9.17	0.80	9.97	41.54
13	Abdul Ahmed	8.50	1.70	10.20	9.63	0.60	10.23	10.03	0.60	10.63	9.43	1.20	10.63	41.69
13	Hamdan Amhed	9.70	1.00	10.70	9.83	-	9.83	10.13	0.80	10.93	9.63	0.60	10.23	41.69
15	Abdullah Murad	9.43	0.40	9.83	9.73	0.40	10.13	10.20	2.30	12.50	9.50	0.40	9.90	42.36
16	Cheryl Cochran	10.10	1.20	11.30	10.40	0.20	10.60	9.70	0.80	10.50	10.00	0.80	10.80	43.20
17	Jeff Chandler	9.17	2.00	11.17	10.30	0.20	10.50	9.60	0.20	9.80	10.66	1.20	11.86	43.33
18	Neil Dixon	10.23	0.60	10.83	11.60	0.80	12.40	10.17	-	10.17	10.30	0.20	10.50	43.90
19	Jasem Mohammed	10.60	1.80	12.40	11.23	-	11.23	9.83	0.40	10.23	10.23	0.60	10.83	44.69
20	Abdullah Khamis	10.33	0.20	10.53	10.70	0.20	10.90	10.06	0.80	10.86	10.40	2.40	12.80	45.09
21	Tim Mace	11.45	0.80	12.25	10.65	1.20	11.85	9.90	0.60	10.50	9.97	0.80	10.77	45.37
22	Christie Clements	10.70	0.20	10.90	10.47	0.40	10.87	12.10	0.60	12.70	11.77	0.20	11.97	46.44
23	Khalil Ahmed	11.80	0.20	12.00	11.43	-	11.43	11.60	-	11.60	10.95	0.60	11.55	46.58
24	Brian Shaw	11.30	0.40	11.70	10.75	0.40	11.15	12.57	0.20	12.77	10.50	1.00	11.50	47.12
25	Andy Law	10.83	0.20	11.03	10.87	1.40	12.27	11.30	1.50	12.80	11.43	1.40	12.83	48.93
26	David Emerson	13.27	0.20	13.47	12.30	-	12.30	12.60	1.00	13.60	14.17	1.20	15.37	54.74

Pos.	Name	Intermediate Style Round No. 1			Intermediate Style Round No. 2			Intermediate Style Round No. 3			Intermediate Style Round No. 4			Style Score Total
		Base	(Pen)	Total	Base	(Pen)	Total	Base	(Pen)	Total	Base	(Pen)	Total	
1	Keith Duncan	7.43	-	7.43	6.87	-	6.87	6.70	0.60	7.30	6.17	-	6.17	27.77
2	Kevin Velch	6.57	1.80	8.37	5.90	1.70	7.60	5.77	0.60	6.37	6.00	0.40	6.40	28.74
3	Dave O'Dell	5.67	1.20	6.87	6.50	2.10	8.60	5.80	0.20	6.00	6.33	1.20	7.53	29.00
4	Pat Smith	7.77	-	7.77	6.83	0.60	7.43	6.33	1.20	7.53	7.23	-	7.23	29.96
5	Nick Johnson	6.47	1.00	7.47	6.00	1.80	7.80	5.80	1.40	7.20	10.00	-	10.00	32.47
6	Taff Williams	7.73	1.20	8.93	10.00	-	10.00	7.30	0.60	7.90	6.37	0.80	7.17	34.00
7	Kev O'Connell	8.43	1.20	9.63	8.23	1.40	9.63	7.40	0.80	8.20	8.30	-	8.30	35.76
8	Stewart Mulligan	7.00	2.00	9.00	6.30	3.70	10.00	7.00	1.70	8.70	7.13	1.40	8.53	36.23

TEAM ACCURACY

Placing	Team Name	Total Score		Disc Connected				Six Between Us	
1	U.A.E. 'A'	0.63	5	Fill Your Boots	9.11	9	A Team	40.07	
2	U.A.E. 'B'	0.81	6	Token Male	11.31	10	Couldn't Care Less	43.67	
3	Red Devils	1.57	7	Silver Stars	23.73	11	Anybody	52.64	

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The meet started on Thursday 20th June with 2 practice days (had the weather permitted).

Registration followed by a team leaders and judges meeting was carried out on Friday night to discuss the rules and the technicality of judging the events.

The Competition started finally on Sunday with broken cloud, however the weather was still not good enough and the first 8-way team was given a rejump. This prompted the meet director to have a stroke of genius - air to air video. This was discussed with the team leaders who on consulting the weather forecast for the week decided to give it a one round trial. We completed all ten rounds! Hopefully in the future all 8-way championships will be judged in this way.

Now for a few words about the 8-way teams.

1st place team - Blipverts - **Brian Dyas, Joyce Dyas, Sarah Brearley, Kevin Hardwick** (Mondays Child 4-way team). **Rob Colpus, Geoff Saunders, Fred Kerry, Pat Allum** (Symbiosis 4-way team). **Tim Mace** (Alternate).

Blipverts started off well except for a bust on the 4th point on the first round. This increased their determination and by the 4th round they scored a nice 7 points in time. The gold medal was still one of two teams right up until the last round when Blipverts pulled another good jump out of the bag.

2nd placed team - The Army **Tim Andrews, Tim Pape, John Home, Steve Clark, Pat Hough, Paul Applegate, Nick Harrison, Eddie Carroll, Jim Scarrot, Bob Ames.**

Although this team did not win it is one of the best teams the army has put together and without a doubt the most consistent team there.

When they arrived it was with style, in a helicopter. They had their own mess tent as well, in fact all they were missing was personal packers. This team were a lot of fun to party with.

3rd placed team - Parallel Lines **Matthew Mortlock, Glenis Howarth, Fred Ryland, Dave Hughes, Sandy Spence, Lyn George, Ian Atkins, Chris Thomas and Geoff Stag** video man.

They made a good start after two reumps on the 1st round but things just did not go their way. They seemed to be pulling back to make the 8-way event a tight meet but got a bad bust in the 6th round which put them right out of the running.

The team would like to thank **Geoff Stag and Stewart Meacock** for their help on videos at the training camp, also **John Meacock** and all his staff at Sibson.

4th placed team - The Team

Dave Howerski, Tony Butler, Pat Bath, Heather Leach, Mark Wilson, Andy Ring, Rob Harmer, Neil Deigham.

The team consisted of jumpers from all over who committed themselves to a hard training camp at Halfpenny Green just before the Nationals. They started badly with launch trouble, but once they sorted out this problem they started to put some good jumps together. This is a team to watch out for in the future.



Peter Allum of 'Blipverts' 8-way Team and 'Symbiosis' 4-way Team before one of his jumps.



The all important video man returns with the evidence of the 'Slug Brothers' jump, complete with spotted shorts.

5th placed team - The Slug Brothers - **John Goodman, Mark Cox, Nolan Mackey, John Mayo, Malcom Knox, Steve Bartholomew, Dave Rugg, Kevin Burchell.**

Well what can I say about this team - at every nationals you need entertaining characters to release the boredom of bad weather and the pressure of the competition. On the first round they walked to the aircraft all wearing pokerdot boxer shorts over their jumpsuits. Then they made the video man, Scot Bernie, wear them as well. At night they provided a hospitality tent with free beer and

The 4-way Event - this event started very slowly because of the weather but picked up momentum as it went along. We only managed to complete five rounds and to finish that the last 2 teams Going South and Indecision had to jump from 12,000 above cloud being videoed air to air.

There were 18 teams entered and the standard of jumping was a very high with the 1st six teams scoring very good points.

The first two teams Flash Trash and Mondays Child were in a hard head-to-head conflict. Flash Trash starting with a good 11 points but dropped a

Mason, Neville Howarth, John Parker, Steve Newton.

This team has been together for just over a year and the training consisted of one week at Headcorn before the Weston weekend meet and another 2 weeks before the nationals. They did about 50 jumps in this time - however they have been semi training since Weston reopened.

From the sound of this it is easy to win a national, but the members of this team have been hardcore 4-way jumpers for the last six years and finally found the right formula.

2nd team - Mondays Child.



When the plan didn't stop in the usual place 'The Team' decided to chase it.



The 'Slug Brothers' complete with the latest fashion in underwear, dirt dive. (Have they seen too many Superman films?)

good vibes, not to mention a resident clown and five jugglers. But a team professed to have six degrees in it is sooner or later going to get caught up in the competition itself and at the end they were competing just as hard as the rest of us. Whilst the score sheet does not show a lot of points for this team, they scored a lot in my book.

I would now like to thank the video operators who were at least 8-10 jumps a day and without them the 8-way event would not have been completed. **Pierre du Tertre, Scot Bernie, Dave Stevens.** The quality of video was excellent and the judges and competitors were very impressed.

few points on the 5th round to put them just one point in front of Mondays Child. So the tension was on for the 6th round. First to go was Flash Trash who scored 8 points, they looked worried, then Mondays Child went up. It was all or nothing from them, as you watched on live video you could feel the atmosphere was electric. Exit 1 point - 2 points, watch the timer - 8 points in time. Flash Trash 1st, Mondays Child 2nd.

The Novice 4-way event was also of a very high standard with all the teams fighting it out for the medals. A little bit about the first 3 teams.

1st team - Flash Trash. **Brian**

Dyas, Joyce Dyas, Kevin Hardwick, Sarah Brearley.

Well this was a team that really went for it. They put a lot of time and money into getting to the top.

Training consisted of three weeks in Zephyr Hills - 90 jumps then 3 weeks at Headcorn - 40 jumps and a final training camp at Sibson for three weeks leading up to the Nationals another 40 jumps. This team asked me to thank **John Meacock** and **Dave Parker** for their help and their video without which they would have had a harder job.

3rd team - R.A.F. **Bob Souter, Steven Thomas, Gary Corkish, Nigel Rogoff** and **Scot Bernie.**

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'Mondays Child' 4-way Silver.



RAFSPA 4-way Bronze.

The RAFSPA team did very well and were only just behind the other two teams. Training - they formed in 1984 just after the Nationals. Training took place at weekends after they had finished work and sometimes during the week, they also did a two week training camp with the Golden Knights at Raeford. The Knights gave them a lot of help and useful tips. Altogether they did about 200 training jumps with the aid of air to air video operated by Scot Bernie who they would like to thank.

1st Novice team - Indecision. **Andy House, Paul Ross, Mick Mathews, Paul Langham (penguin)**. They started training a year ago for the senior 4-way event but they lost a member of the team about four weeks before the nationals and had to pull in a new member so they only got about 16 jumps in as a team. They showed a good standard of

jumping, however they said pairs flying was the most difficult part.

2nd team - Bad Habits. **Bob Rowe, Dave George, Dave Crowhurst, Angie Rowland**. They have done about 30 training jumps - disappointed in their score because they felt they could have done better. Still they enjoyed the aircraft, computerisation and will be back next year.

3rd team - Connect 4. **Tony Trace, Chris Ballance, Malcom Neilson, Dave Hutton**. A good fun team who took the competition seriously with thirty training jumps. Disappointed in their performance but said next year they will train harder and go for gold.

8-Way Speed - Just like any no show, no grip speed competition - a lot of bruises, cuts and burns, also some hot jumps. Blipverts did an excellent first jump but not such a

good second one although managed to win by 100th of a second.

1st Blipverts, 2nd Limbfall, 3rd Army.

Just a short note about altitude for this type of competition. Apart from the top four teams the average time for the rest was 20 seconds and the fastest was 11.6 seconds. So we need at least 20 seconds working time so that people don't go low!!

For me this was one of the best nationals I have ever been to and like all good competitions they are as good as the people who run them. So I would like to mention all the people in the background who made the whole thing come together. DZ Controller **John Eaton**. Gopher **Shaky Williams** who was up at 4.00 a.m. and still there at 12 midnight. Bar staff **Spud Murphy** and **Paul Cooper**. **Daver Emerson** for

picking up bum spots and putting the videos together for the judges. All the permanent staff at Weston for the food. Pilots **Ray Evans, Lewis Losardo** and **Richard Butler** who were up and running very early. All the judges who put a lot of time in for our benefit. Especially the judges from Denmark who brought over their video ground to air (**Marian Ivesen, Tom Kristensen** and **Tina Rafn**) with thanks to **Larsen** and **Brusgard**. The **BPA full time staff** who put a lot of time in organising the event. The **RAF Weston** on the **Green** for allowing us to hold the nationals there and providing such a good aircraft. Last of all - you - the rest of the competitors for making it happen. Especially the **Slug Brothers** and their free beer. Also **Brian Dyas** who got so many videos to keep us occupied durth the bad weather. **CHRIS THOMAS**



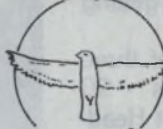
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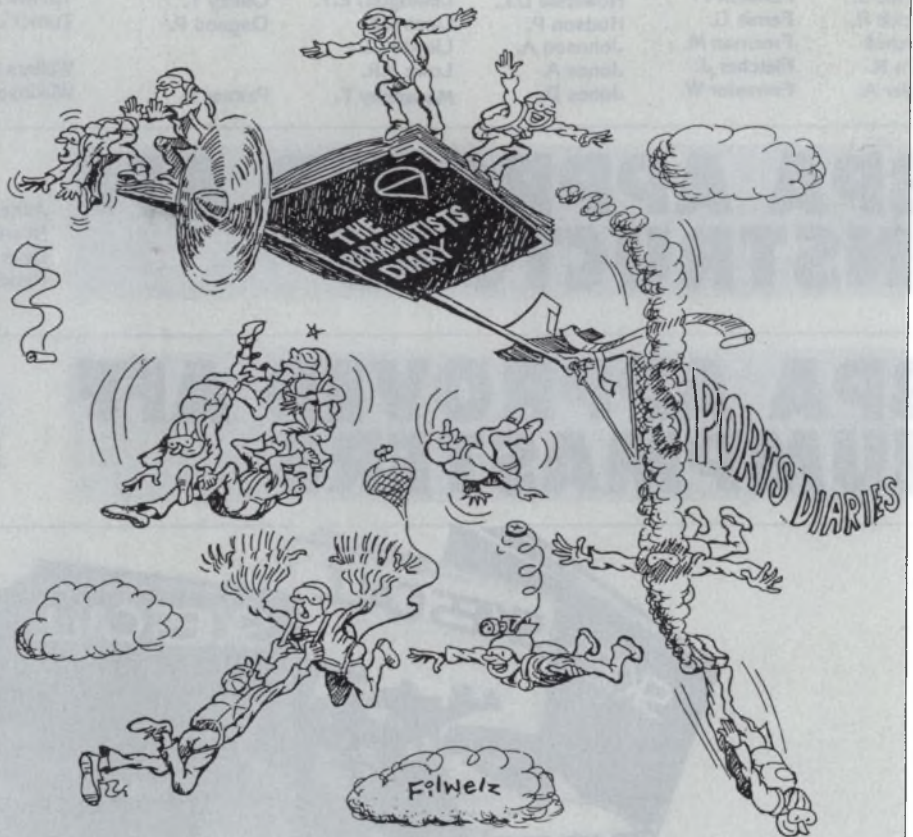
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THE PROCESS OF LEARNING AS APPLIED TO PARACHUTE TRAINING

In order for the teacher to impart effective and structured learning to his students, it is necessary for him/her to fully understand what is meant by the learning process.

'Learning' involves changes of behaviour and a person learns from a series of situations involving stimulus response. All the main elements of the learning process have an important bearing on the teaching of skills.

The behaviour of the student is gradually modified as he/she is subjected to a set pattern of stimulus response situations, which are guided by the teacher in a selective, pre-planned instructional method.

MOTIVATION

Motivation and interest generally go hand in hand. In order for a person to have a desire to learn and be well motivated, he/she must have had interest in the subject matter aroused.

You could say that the stronger the motivation existing in a student, the easier it will be for that student to learn. There are a great number of factors which affect motivation.

Personal qualities of the teacher such as attitude, bearing, enthusiasm, degree of fairness, dedication to the task etc. all play an important part. Equally important are the methods that the teacher employs, such as lesson preparation, visual aids, lesson layout, his voice, mannerisms, planning, approach to human relations etc.

However, from time to time, motives will change, and in order to be able to influence and develop them, the teacher must be able to recognise such changes.

In the teaching of free fall parachuting skills, the students are already very well motivated and have accepted a challenge to overcome a very real physical fear which exists in all people engaged in this activity in the early stages.

A very close teacher/student relationship exists, and it is the task of the teacher to build and instil confidence from a very early stage.

Hertzberg has a theory that people are affected by motivation arising from the content of the tasks upon which they are engaged and which give rise to feelings of satisfaction.

The skillful teacher should bear this in mind when planning courses and lessons and use it to maximum effect.

In free fall parachuting, this is done by planning activities in degrees of difficulty and by the progressive nature of instruction, gradually exposing the student to more difficult tasks in a step by step manner.

As each step is overcome a greater degree of confidence can be observed in the student.

INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT

In order for learning to take place, students must be receptive and their interest needs to be aroused and maintained throughout each lesson. In the learning of parachuting skills, communication is vitally important as it is very necessary for students to receive and understand a lot of information in a relatively short space of time.

ACTIVITY

Although usually more often identified with the learning of a skill, activity

is a vitally important aspect in any learning process. We learn by doing. One cannot learn to pack a parachute by reading a book.

It takes practice, practice, and more practice, and when of course the skill has been learned, the ultimate test is to put it on your back and jump from an aircraft with it.

The student, particularly in the field of parachuting must constantly practice and apply the knowledge gained by activity in the subject skill. In this way, any faults can be observed, analysed and corrections given which will enable the student by further effort and activity to improve his/her performance.

TRIAL AND ERROR IN LEARNING AND REINFORCEMENT

Learning by trial and error is an important aspect of the learning process and is allied closely to reinforcement.

Thorndyke in fact, pioneered the theory of learning by trial and error, and believed that human behaviour could be analysed and studied in terms of student response (S-R Units). He came up with three laws of behaviour being modified by S-R. These were the laws of frequency, recency and effect.

Skinner followed through with these ideas and from various experiments he devised his theory of Operant Conditioning. This principle is used to great effect in the teaching of parachuting skills. The skill is explained and demonstrated by the teacher and is then practiced by the students.

The stimulus in the form of an instruction is made, and the student responds by trying to perform the skill to an acceptable standard. The reinforcement is provided mainly by praise or progression to the next most difficult skill.

CONDITIONING

Conditioning is some shape or form, is used in almost every situation where learning takes place. It involves the shaping of behaviour by careful use of stimulus and response. An illustration of this is when a free fall parachutist operates his main parachute ripcord, he automatically goes into a safety count routine of three seconds duration, by which time if there is no main parachute, he will operate his reserve in a very similar pre-conditioned manner. Certain important decisions have been taken away from the student here, by constant and exhaustive ground training procedures. He has been conditioned automatically to carry out a specific action.

CHARACTERISTICS OF SKILLED PERFORMANCE

The teaching of parachuting skills can be said to fall into three distinct groups.

1. Theoretical knowledge of the subject.
2. The teaching of skills and sub skills.
3. Application of learning in ability to parachute.

Parachuting skills are highly co-ordinated patterns of mental and physical activity involving both recep-

tor and effector processes, resulting in a pattern of behaviour which demonstrates accuracy in timing, anticipation of movement, economy of effort and instant motor responses.

Various parachuting skills, such as flight and landing techniques, typify the chaining process necessary for the teaching of skills. Each part of the movement, during the landing, for example, is dependant on the successful completion of the last component part of the skill, and influences the next.

LEARNING AND RETENTION

A free fall parachutist has to acquire knowledge and a range of skills which is so diverse and this sometimes creates a problem between the transfer of learning and retention.

This consideration combined with the fact that certain aspects of the subject must be so well learned that reactions, based on knowledge, must be automatic and instantaneous. This requires the teaching to be planned so that a positive transfer of learning takes place.

Progressive training with a high degree of repetition is vitally important in order that students reach and maintain satisfactory standards of performance in the physical skills required, and also to ensure that the knowledge gained is applied quickly and correctly to practical situations.

Parachute training is a great leveller of human beings. It does not matter who you are or what you have achieved in the past; if you are undergoing free fall training for the first time, you are on a level with the next person in the class.

A great deal can be learned about the physiological make up of a student by observing him closely throughout training and of course 'live' jumping.

In the case of drivers, and pilots, and indeed many other potentially hazardous occupations, students are gradually introduced to performing their particular activity under close supervision and control.

For example, driving and flying simulators can be used in the initial stages prior to performing the task 'live' with dual controls and an instructor to take charge if anything goes wrong. Not so for our student free fall parachutist.

The first experience is 'live' by stepping from an aircraft at over two and a half miles high. The first time they actually put into practice the knowledge and skills learned, they are on their own.

The instructor must be confidently certain that the students are independently capable of acting correctly and immediately to any type of emergency situation.

For the instructor, a knowledge and understanding of the principles of learning and the ability to apply them to teaching situations, is vital.

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FIRST JUMP



On Sunday 21st July a young married couple Kathy & David Warne took their very first flight in an aircraft. David to 12,000ft. and Kathy to 9,000ft. The aircraft landed without them in it.

No great mystery, they had made parachuting history in the UK. Kathy 21, was the first lady to make an AFF jump in Great Britain without first doing a static line jump. They both enjoyed the experience and as the photographs show even managed a smile at the camera. Jumping 9-cell ram air canopies they landed within 20ft of the target with a stand-up (radio controlled). Slipstream Adventures trained them at Headcorn under the ever vigilant eye of Brian Dyas, with Pete Allum and Reddy Redfern acting as free-fall instructors.





David in freefall, fully aware of the presence of the cameraman.



Kathy in free fall.



Kathy on her first parachute landing - a stand-up!





Take a group of skydivers, a Hercules and a week of fine weather and, with some good organising, you have got the ingredients for a great boogie. Well that is what was available from 6th May to 1st June at Lidköping, Sweden and it made one of the most enjoyable boogies I've been to.

The Hercules was provided by the Swedish Air Force and all the spotting was done by the crew to ensure nobody got a bum spot; at a run in speed of about 120 knots you couldn't afford to waste any time on the ramp. It took the Herc a leisurely 6-7 minutes to lift approximately 90 jumpers to the usual exit height of 13,500ft. although once the training for record dives began, most people were able to get one jump from 15,000ft. This was all done for 80 SEK (approx. £7.50)!!

For those of us who had never jumped a Herc before the first thing that hit us on run in was the sheer size of the ramp. A few seconds later the second thing to hit us was the slipstream. If you got the launch right it was beautiful (and surprising) and only felt like a gentle shore, but if you got it wrong it would blast you across the sky like confetti, much to the amusement of the crew.

All sorts of exits were being attempted, with various degrees of success, from 2-way horse & jockeys and armchairs for the large diamonds etc. On one exit 12 of us tried to launch a tube. We rolled off the ramp and, after surviving the slipstream intact, began to spin. However, after four rotations the tube, much to our amusement, stabled out and we just fell like a log.

Throughout the boogie RW instructional dives were arranged for those who wanted them and load organisers were available for those looking to get into bigger formations. The manifest was computerised to try and stop people from double manifesting and give everyone a fair chance of jumping. However, only about 400-500 jumpers were there so getting enough jumps wasn't really a problem - the Herc often had to stand down for a while to let everyone pack, dirt dive and occasionally eat.

On Wednesday Swedish TV cameras arrived to provide live coverage of the boogie. Unfortunately, they also provided us with the only low cloud and rain of the boogie. Nevertheless jumping still continued, albeit from a Porter, and allowed all the CRW jumpers to do their stuff in front of the cameras (was it a Tri-Downplane?). There was also the chance to do some tandem jumping but for those of us who found the Porter a little claustrophobic the day provided time to recover from the previous days burning sun and beer.

The boogie came to a close on the Saturday with an attempted 50-way to break the European record. Unfortunately a few of us had to leave before the attempt was made and so didn't know if it was successful.

For those of you who missed this year's boogie the news is that the organisers are planning the next Hercules Boogie for 1987. It is well worth a trip.



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Many foreign jumpers at Hercules Boogie '85 were surprised by the high quality jumping. 61 in, three

Many foreign jumpers at Hercules Boogie '85 were surprised by the high quality jumping. 61 in, three out. Lidkoping in the background. Photo by Peter Degerfeldt.

Almost 6,000 jumps were made during Hercules Boogie '85 in Sweden. The four-engined aircraft brought 80 skydivers to altitude in eight minutes 70 times. Photo by Goran Widenby.

This computer made it possible for the 500 jumpers to instantly change loads and teams, and for the organisers to keep track on double and triple manifesting. The Hercules Boogie '85 ran smoother than perhaps any boogie before. Photo by Anders Bursell.

Almost 6,000 jumps were made during Hercules Boogie '85 in Sweden. The four-engined aircraft brought 80 skydivers to altitude in eight minutes 70 times. Photo by Goran Widenby.

HERCULES BOOGIE '85 IN SWEDEN - CLOSE TO PERFECTION!

24 Brits, who made 383 jumps, were among the 500 parachutists who gathered around a Lockheed C-130 Hercules in Sweden end of May. The Hercules Boogie was blessed by good weather, some 6,000 jumps were made, and everybody seemed to be happy. "The best boogie I have ever attended," Jack Gregory of Zephyrhills said afterwards.

The Hercules Boogie '85 was run with a completely computerised manifest. "We were afraid that the jumpers would dislike the unpersonality", Anders Bursell of the organising Gothenburg Parachute Club said. "But instead, they loved the fast, smooth handling, the opportunities to change loads and teams, and the fairness of the system." "No double manifesting, and that is good." Luc Maisin of the Belgium National 8-way agreed.

As days passed, the quality of the jumps grew higher. An attempt to build a 66-way went well until 63. One 32-way made 3 points in sequence, a 16-way (on the same load as the 32-way) made five

points. "I am happy the quality was so good," world champion Jim Captain said, "because I won't be doing so much RW this year."

Media coverage was extensive, culminating on Wednesday when Swedish television brought in equipment, 30 technicians and three reporters for a live 40 minutes broadcast.

The Hercules Boogie '85 was made possible by kind cooperation of the Swedish Airforce and Army. In fact, the whole boogie was run as a test of the regulations.

"I am completely happy", Colonel Rolf Käck of the Paratroopers (1,800 jumps) stated, "I am impressed by the discipline and the good behaviour. As far as we are concerned, there would be no problems arranging more Hercules Boogies."

"Yes, we might possibly run for it again," Martin Sämberger of Gothenburg Parachute Club says, "the organisation went well, and the skydivers were happy - and that is all that counts."

EXPERIENCE CATEGORIES FOR RW COMPETITIONS

The current range of RW competitions in this country include 4 and 8 way sequential and 8 way speed. This letter concerns only the 4 way competition. At the Scottish and British National Championships there are two experience categories, these are usually termed Novice and Senior.

To enter the Novice category, a team is allowed to have one experienced jumper but the remaining three team members must have less than 1000 jumps between them. All the other teams compete in the Senior category, whether they have 2000 or 10000 jumps between them.

By the time that jumpers start entering competitions seriously they usually have about 300 jumps. This means in the first year they compete they have a chance of winning the Novice category. This category is aimed to persuade jumpers to start competing and works fairly well.

Writing as a keen competitive jumper in my first and probably last season in the Novice RW category, what is there to aim for in the next few years? Some people may feel that it is sufficient as a competitor to aim to come say 5th or 6th in a competition, but the incentive is surely greater if there is a chance of winning some category, placed between the Novice and Senior categories.

This situation is more serious in the States where there are many more competitive teams including semi-professional teams. As Intermediate experience category has been recently introduced to the USPA National Championships. This category can be entered by any team that wishes to declare itself as Intermediate. That is there are no entry restrictions for that category.

I suggest that there is a place for an Intermediate category in the 4 way RW competitions in this country. However I believe that it should have entry restrictions designed to place it midway between the present Novice and Senior categories.

Here are a few differing ideas on how such a category could be defined:

- Allow one experienced jumper in an Intermediate team, but require that the remaining 3 team members have under 2000 jumps between them. This may place the Intermediate and Novice categories too close together so perhaps a figure of 2500 or 3000 jumps would be better.
- Do not allow any experienced jumpers in an Intermediate team by insisting that no team member has more than 1000 jumps. I wonder how many of the teams in this year's Nationals would be Intermediate by this definition? Again the figure of 1000 may be too high and a restriction at the 700

or 800 jump level may be better.

c) Simply place an overall jump limit of say 2500 jumps on the whole team. This would allow more flexibility in choosing a team.

d) Free fall time. This is perhaps a better measure of ability than number of jumps, but how many jumpers actually bother to log it?

e) All 3 categories should compete together and teams should be able to win prizes in higher categories if they have the ability.

What I ask, is that the organisers of RW competitions in this country, including both National Championships, consider introducing an Intermediate category. This category, if introduced needs first to be the subject of some discussion (Competitions sub-committee etc.).

A special thank you to RAFSPA who are considering including a Novice category in their meet next year. Perhaps they will consider an Intermediate category as well?

STEVE BROOKER
(and other Headcorn jumpers)

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HEADCORN'S 2nd ANNUAL SPEED STAR COMPETITION

Over the bank holiday weekend of May 4th - 6th, Headcorn Parachute Club hosted its second annual Speed Star Competition. This year it was a 9 Star. Eleven teams registered which was enough for Headcorn's two Islanders to cope with.

On Saturday morning, as usual, the weather didn't want to play, so everyone soon discovered what there was to do on the airfield when there is no jumping. Around 4 p.m. there were signs in the distance of better things to come as a front moved through and blue skies moved in.

So, at 4.30 precisely, the first aircraft took off with Italian Airlines on board, who want on to score an impressive 5 in 25 seconds. From then on there was no stopping, and after a couple of hours, the first round was completed. In the lead was Erotic Squash, with a 9 in 15.73 seconds, and close behind Sport Deaf with a 9 in 19.50 seconds. The best entertainment value of this round went to Collisions, who lived up to their name and scored a zap.

So into the second round with blue skies still shining out from everywhere and more excitement especially from Spencers Vulture Squadron, when they decided to build their star around one team member on her back. **Melanie Ostacchini** had the first reserve ride of

the meet and hotly denied afterwards that she only did it to get her name in the magazine.

By the end of Saturday, round two was almost complete with only one team left to jump. Erotic Squash were still in the lead, but Sport Deaf were only 400ths of a second behind. Just to finish off the day the Skyliner from Pampisford arrived loaded with jumpers just for the party in the evening. The evenings entertainment took place in and out of one of the packing sheds, with music provided by **Sam Williams** and food by **Diane and Linda**, and a good time was had by all.

Sunday morning dawned (as it always does) to a cloudy day, but it didn't seem to matter as everyone was nursing hangovers. All that is except one **Matthew Mortlock**, who was seen to be despatching first timers at a very early hour.

At about 10 a.m. an all female load was attempted out of the Skyliner, which built to a very creditable 12, and shortly afterwards the Skyliner departed back to Pampisford.

More long faces as the cloud cover was still too great to start the competition. This situation was rectified about 4 p.m. with a carbon copy of the previous day, as the cloud gave way to blue skies. **Fat Freddy's Cat** were the first to jump to complete round two but unfortunately

they weren't seen, so round three was continued while they got repacked ready for a rejump.

By the end of round three, Sport Deaf had gone into the lead with a total time of 50.22 seconds, followed by Erotic Squash with a total time of 55.71 seconds. Jumping continued until last light on Sunday but there was not quite enough time to finish round four. This was completed early on Monday morning to round off an excellent weekend. The winners were Sport Deaf, second were Erotic Squash, and third Rythmn Method. The prize for the most interesting second formation went to Erotic Squash and the prize for the most entertaining team went to Collisions.

It only remains to thank everyone for their help, especially **David Parker** for organising the meet, pilots **Mark Miller** and **Nick Frylenck**, chief judge **Jim Hooper**, judges **Diane Orton**, **Sue Dixon** and **Marzenna Evans**, manifestor **Cathy** and **Pierre** on the video, and, of course, all the help and support of the club members of the Headcorn Parachute Club.

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NETHERAVON'S BIG AIRCRAFT BOOGIE '85

You've seen it in Skies Call! Actually photographer Sward was in the Skies Call piccy (Australia 1980), but now takes them!



Does 40 Tango, Southern Cross, The Bird Machine or Mr. Douglas, ring a bell? Before the dollar rate effectively reduced the tide of Brits to Florida each Christmas to a trickle, these were the aircraft that we'd willingly overdraft the bank balance to skydive from. Magic names, marvellous memories. Don't ask why there is such a romance between DC3s and skydivers, there just is and on Saturday June 8th at 07:30 with wall to wall blue skies, nil winds and the sound of a DC3 approaching there is not doubt everyone there felt the same knot of anticipation, just where, it feels best! That familiar drone signalled the start of Netheravon's 1st Big Aircraft Boogie.

So the packing mats replaced the prayer mats and on an idyllic morning while the staff jumped, the dive organ-

isers worked hard to find the correct combination of experienced and not-so experienced. The plan was to have appointed dive organisers to prevent that old situation of people wandering around looking to luck onto dives and instead they could just approach them and ask for a slot. Zephyrhills perfected the idea, and we managed to adopt it successfully here. To **Graham 'Shanks', Steve, Tim, John and Pete** thanks. All the big dives had at least one videoman **Simon, Pierre, Leo, Kev, Nige** and **Chalkie** again a big thanks, hope you enjoyed it.

By spreading the experience out a little it really meant that not all the dives would build to completion and indeed that is just what happened. The bigger formations building to 18, 19 with one or two out were judged a success (not, I

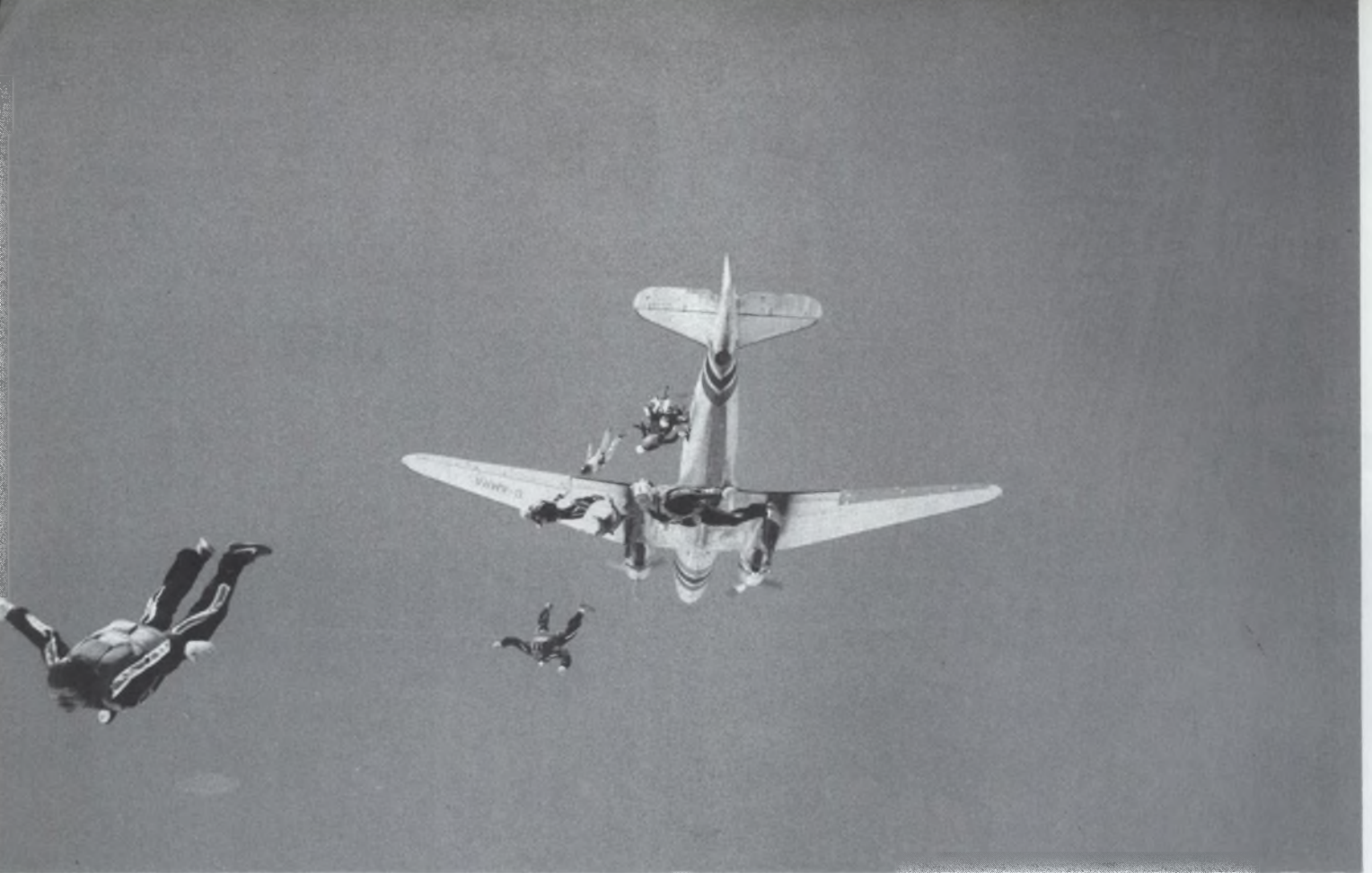
suspect by the people out!) but the objective at this stage was to provide a platform for people who would never normally get the opportunity to enjoy anything bigger than an 8 way or even a 4 way. It worked, and throughout the day while people bathed in the sunshine the DZ was a constant hive of activity, all three aircraft, the Porter, Islander and DC3 enjoying uninterrupted circuits. There were plenty of slots on the big dives if that is what you wanted and **Dave Hone** is still said to have 15 slots available on his 16 way.

By midday it was so hot 'Marios' Ice Cream Parlour ran out of ice-cream, but the clouds began to build up until the 8th DC3 load, the 9th sat on the ground. We now had a 4 hour stand down while the weather deteriorated, so time



now to dirt dive the 40 way. Unquestionably there was a depth and wealth of experience and a real buzz of optimism, sadly the dirt dive was as far as we got. We managed a bonus 2 move lifts after the restart and by now with the pigs roasting, the bar-b-q fire and the band tuning up people started to think 'party', as the last load walked back across the DZ, the beer lamp was lit.

Three hundred and fifty-three people registered which meant there were 353 people to feed, the bar-b-que task was enormous. **Dave Pewsey** and his gang put together a spread the likes of which most of us had never seen; that went on until well after midnight. Fester and his band were brilliant, albeit a little outrageous and kept rockin even after the bars had closed down. The few die



hards, determined not to be outdone boogied well into the early hours and weren't seen again until late into Sunday afternoon.

Sadly, we spent Sunday morning beaverously cleaning up after the party instead of dirt diving the next 36 or 20 way. Setting the standard weather pattern for our dreadful summer, Sunday was blown out completely and the only time the 'Three' fired up was to leave. It was disappointing not being able to build on what was a smashing Saturday, but Simon entertained the DZ with

his AV slide presentations and a raffle with some fine prizes donated by TKM, Camera Care Systems. Charlie Shea-Simmonds, Leo Dickenson, Sward Promotions and a whole host of others. All that remained was to ask the pilot if we could stand a few people on the wings for a Boogie pickie, no problems, besides we had seen it done in Skies Call.

Running a new event and trying to get it to work first time and hopefully securing it as an annual event takes a lot of commitment from a whole bunch of people. **Gerry O'Hara**

and the staff pulled out all the stops. **Brummie, Pete Reynolds** dive organisers, contributors, videomen, chefs, pilots and those in the background quietly slotting it all together, all did an excellent job. Thanks!!!

There is a big potential for an event like this, there is the means to provide it and from the response in June, a real desire from the membership to support it. I am sure the romance will continue and let's hope to see you again for a repeat in 1986.

Besides who is Mr. Douglas anyway?!!



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The Aircraft Appeal has dominated this period down in Fredland. On May 22nd the Appeal was launched with a Press conference in London, at which **Robert Maxwell** of Mirror Group Newspapers officially announced the fund raising campaign. This was followed by a descent into the grounds of Kensington Palace to meet **HRH The Prince of Wales** who is Colonel in Chief of the Regiment and Patron of the Appeal. Two Lynx helicopters from AAC Middle Wallop were used and eight jumpers took part. They were **Sgt. Major Alec Munro, Bob Harman, Roy Deakin, Neil Dixon, Jon Turner Julian Spencer, Rudra Sahi and Annette Heaton**. Annette and Rudra were presented with their coveted red berets by Prince Charles. **Micky Munn** who was still then earthbound with his broken leg was DZ controller, aided very ably by an excellent commentary by **Pete Carroll**. However, the whole scene was stolen by **HRH Prince William**, who appeared with his father and was fascinated by the helmets and wanted to try one on. For the assembled Pressmen this was manna from heaven, and assured the event of much front page coverage the following day. **Sean Day** presented the young Prince with a model of the BN2T Islander and **Graham Robertson** presented Prince Charles with a statue of a Red Devil. So, the Aircraft Appeal was well and truly launched, and the Team are indebted to all the Committee, but in particular to **Robert Maxwell** and **Terry Sanders** for their unfailing support.

Annette also made an appearance on breakfast television with **Lord Trefgarne** from the M.O.D. The MOD have pledged their support for the venture. Annette has been in great demand as the only female member of the Team and is doing a grand job as an ambassador for them. Rudra has also very quickly made his mark as both an excellent parachutist and as a great asset to the Team as a personality.

The weather has kept parachute training on Queen's Avenue to a bare minimum until the last few days - with leaden skies and heavy rain being the predominant feature of an Aldershot June. However,

in what parachuting time has been available young **Ray Armstrong** has caught everyone's attention and looks like being a great 'find'. His CRW and Accuracy, for someone with only 150 or so jumps is outstanding - is this confident canopy handling the result of all the parascending he has done? **Jock Mossettig** is now Cat. 8 and on a square, and the other new members are progressing well. **Dave Trick** has at last organised the first tri-hand over the Avenue. **Pete Carroll** has endured the terrible chore of spending a couple of weeks in Z-hills as Instructor to jumpers from the Dental Corps (thanks for the postcard, Pete). On the student front Dr. Who (**Colin Baker**) and The Saint (**Ian Ogilvie**) have made their first static line descents (on behalf of the Aircraft Appeal), under the watchful eyes of **Sean Day** and **Jo Willoughby**.

On the Competition front, **Eddie Carroll** has joined ex-Fred **Jim Scarratt** on the Army 8-way Team, and was last seen enjoying himself at the Nationals, where they came second. A team of **Dougie Young, Spence, Dixie, and Jon Turner** went to the Karlsruhe Airborne Meet, (another postcard for Lucifer), and acquitted themselves very well indeed; winning the Overall Team Award, with Spence winning the Individual Accuracy and JT second and Dixie winning the shooting. This event was a total surprise to them and obviously Dixie's airgun practice paid off! Spence and Dixie went to Peterborough for the week before the Nationals, and were joined by Dougie later. They managed about 20 training jumps apiece which was very good in what was a dreadful week weatherwise. This must have paid dividends as in the last few hours news has reached us from Weston that Spence is National Champion (Overall) and he has won the Style and was second in the Accuracy - 8cm over 10 rounds. If he had to be second to anyone I'm sure Spence is glad that it was his Brit Team Coach, fellow Fred and mentor - **Dougie Young**. Having only rejoined the team in May it must have been a tremendous thrill for Dougie, and it couldn't have happened to a nicer person. **Jim Coffey** kept the

Fred flag flying by taking the bronze position. We are all absolutely delighted for Spence and hope he will go from strength to strength - its time we had another World Champion. The Freds Team took the Team Accuracy title, which must have been a great reward for the other two members, Dixie and JT. JT's 4-way team (himself, **Keith Saunders, Graham Robertson and Sean Day**) only managed to jump four rounds of RW in the awful weather of the first week. They were 'bust' on two rounds and scored fives in the others - but it was all good experience.

Stevie Greenhalgh continues to do well in his athletic activities; he was third in the Mansfield Triathlon, third in the Ash Vale Half Marathon and he won the South East District 5000 metres. He was well placed in the Farnham Triathlon until a sudden attack of cramp put him out of the run three miles from home. **Dave Trick's** athletic pursuits resulted in a bonny, bouncing girl - a daughter Jenna, on June 5th. She weighed in a 7lb 6oz and we send congratulations to Dave and Sherrie.

Micky Munn is now jumping again - although his leg isn't in quite such beautiful shape as it was before - he's back on the road again and working hard at getting it back to full fitness. July 6th brings the social event of the airborne soldier's calendar - Airborne Forces Day. This year, Gold Lanyards for 1000 jumps are due for team members **Eddie Carroll, Roy Deakin, Jon Turner and Julian Spencer**; and ex-Freds **Jim Scarratt, Chris Allen and Mark Flint**. The Fishmonger's Trophy which is presented for outstanding service to The Parachute Regiment, will be presented to future Team Member **Paul Burns** (who will ultimately be **Les Sedgbeer's** replacement in the Rigging Room). He will be the third Red Devil to receive the accolade - **Micky Munn** won it when he was with the Gymnastics Team and **Ken Yeoman** won it two years ago. With everyone yet to celebrate the success of the Nationals, Aldershot will surely see some inebriated paratroopers this weekend. Blue (hic) Skies, and before the next article G-ORED should be in the air! LUCIFER, BPA 90960

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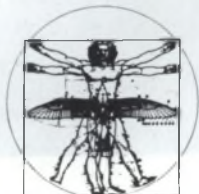


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**THE BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the
NINETIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Association will be held at:
LADBROKE LEICESTER INTERNATIONAL HOTEL,
HUMBERSTONE GATE, LEICESTER
on Saturday 11th January 1986 at 16.30 hours

AGENDA

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

Dated this 2nd Day of August, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Five.

For and on behalf of the Council of the BPA.

C.W. Port
Secretary General

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

Accommodation at the International Hotel for Friday and/or Saturday should be booked direct with the hotel - telephone Leicester (0533) 20471. Telex 341460.

Election to Council - Your nomination paper (an insert with this issue of the Journal must reach the BPA Office by not later than Friday 4th October 1985 but do please submit as soon as possible, typewritten if possible please.

Ballot Papers - These will be sent out as an insert with the October issue of the Journal.

Dinner/Dance - 10th January 1986 - Details in October issue of the Journal.

**THE BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED
NOTICE OF
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that an
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of the British Parachute Association will be held at
The Post House, Braunstone Lane, Leicester
on Thursday 31st October, 1985 at 6.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. To receive and adopt if approved, the Annual Accounts and Report of the Auditors for the financial year ended 31st March, 1985.
2. To confirm the re-appointment of Auditors and fix their remuneration for the ensuing financial year.
3. PROPOSED AMENDED ARTICLE 32
32. The business referred to hereunder, shall be transacted at an Annual General Meeting or at the Direction of the Council of Management, an Extraordinary General Meeting.
A) To consider and adopt, if approved, the Report of the Council.
B) To consider and adopt, if approved, the accounts and balance sheet for the year past.
C) To fix the subscriptions payable by members for the ensuing financial year.
D) To appoint auditors for the ensuing year and to fix their remuneration.
E) To elect the Council.
4. Subject to proposal 3 above being approved. To set P6 Membership Subscriptions for the ensuing year.

Dated the 2nd Day of August, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Five.

For and on behalf of the Council of the BPA.

C.W. Port
Secretary General

The Riggers Committee of the BPA are planning to operate rigging courses again over the next two years and wish to ascertain how many BPA members would like to attend.

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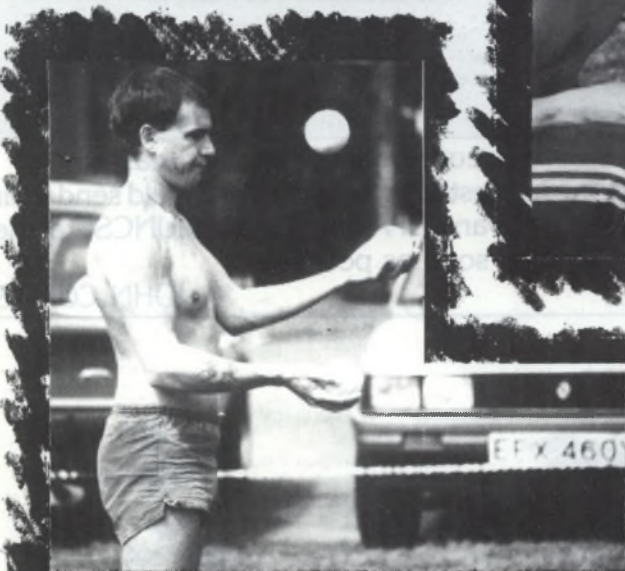
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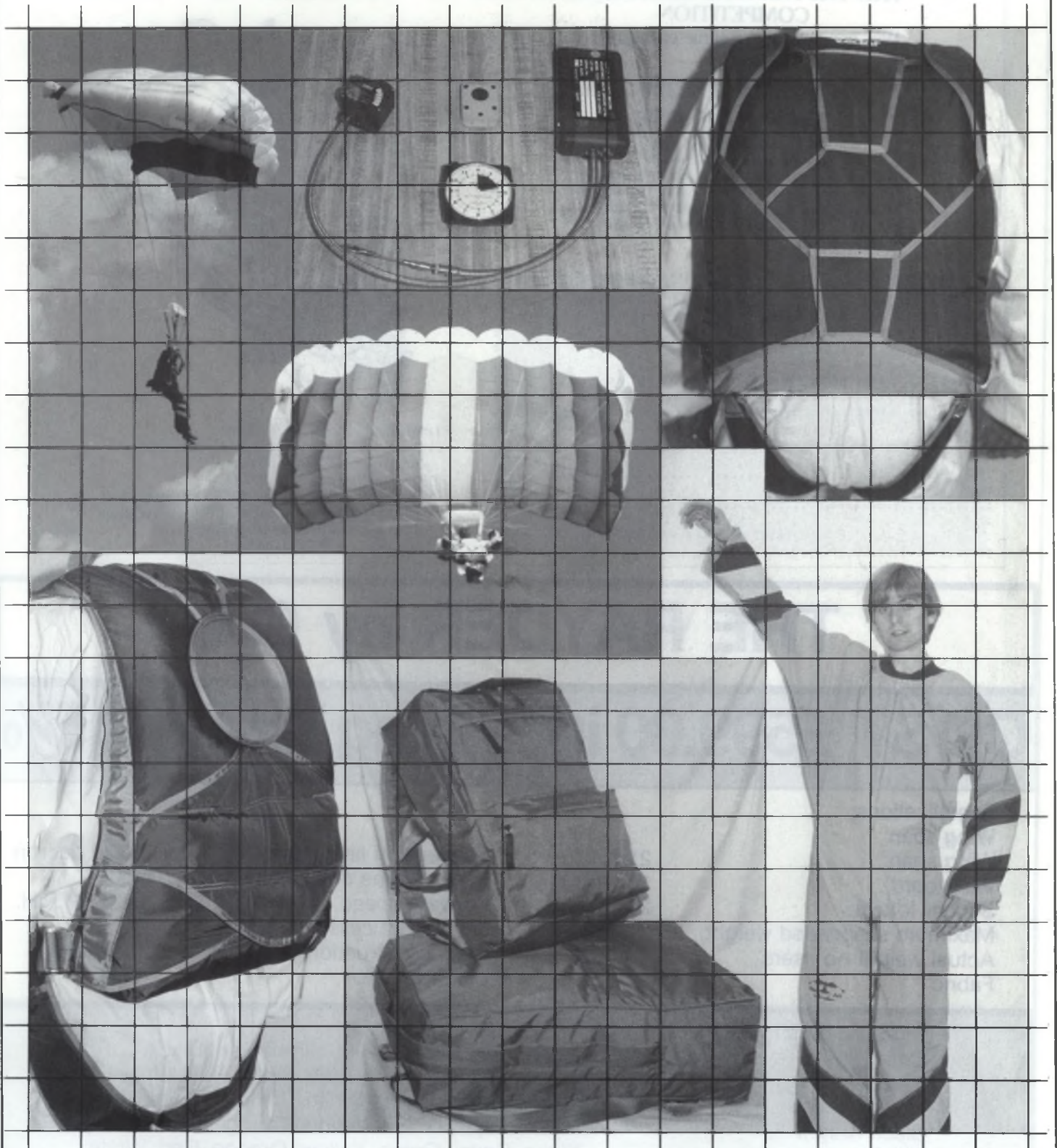
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Report and Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 1985

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The names of the present council members are stated above. Messrs Dyas, Hennessy, Hiatt, Melville, O'Hara and Watts served as council members during the period but were not re-elected at the Annual General Meeting in January 1985.

Annexed to these accounts is a report prepared by the Treasurer on behalf of the council commenting upon the results for the year and the financial position of the Association at 31st March 1985.

AUDITORS

On 1st January 1985, the auditors, Edward Moore & Sons, merged their practice with that of Rowland Nevill and are now practising as Moores & Rowland. A resolution will be proposed at the annual general meeting that Moores & Rowland (formerly Edward Moore & Sons) be reappointed as auditors to the Association for the ensuing year.

C. W. Port – Secretary General
Kimberley House,
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Leicester, LE1 4SG.
6th August 1985

**AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

We have audited the accounts set out on pages II to V in accordance with approved Auditing Standards.

In our opinion, the accounts, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs at 31st March 1985, and of its result and source and application of funds for the year then ended and comply with the Companies Act 1985.

MOORES & ROWLAND
Chartered Accountants,
London.
6th August 1985

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31st March 1985

	Note	1985	1984
		£	£
INCOME			
1. Members subscriptions	1	90,805	77,708
2. Sports Council grants		62,637	65,465
3. Members insurance		27,204	16,149
4. Shop sales		3,543	11,226
5. Magazine subscriptions		27,482	23,093
6. Magazine advertising		8,884	8,577
7. Other income	2	36,366	31,670
8. TOTAL INCOME		<u>£229,368</u>	<u>£208,941</u>
EXPENDITURE			
9. Cost of shop sales		8,423	6,365
10. Headquarters costs		3,282	2,046
11. Rent, rates, heat and light	1		
12. Depreciation of fixed assets		4,031	10,374
		11,705	8,411
Headquarters administration	3		
13. Staff costs		28,390	23,638
14. Staff and council travel		10,002	11,026
15. Postage		6,223	11,216
16. Telephone		3,517	3,902
17. Printing and stationery		11,968	8,498
18. Publicity		1,863	1,582
19. General expenses		2,990	2,234
20. Hire of office equipment		664	719
21. Audit and accountancy		2,550	2,400
22. Insurance		646	452
23. Legal and professional		1,111	348
24. Subscriptions		1,295	1,246
		71,219	67,261
Finance costs			
25. Bank charges		1,125	449
26. Bad and doubtful debts		240	480
		1,365	929
Membership services			
27. World championships		11,958	23,868
28. World Cup – CRW		3,304	—
29. European championships		717	1,419
30. National championships		7,063	2,665
31. Coaching		17,157	14,874
32. Coaching salaries		22,477	20,994
33. B.P.A. vehicle running costs	3	1,382	938
34. Boards of enquiry		606	1,072
35. General Meetings		1,648	3,059
36. Grants to clubs		3,000	3,825
37. C.I.P. conference		991	1,290
38. Magazine costs		41,171	32,734
39. Insurances		27,204	15,601
40. Development management		4,561	—
41. TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>143,239</u>	<u>122,339</u>
		<u>£231,559</u>	<u>£209,314</u>
42. DEFICIT/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u>£(2,191)</u>	<u>£(373)</u>

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET – 31st March 1985

	Note	1985	1984	1984	1984
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	4	10,412	7,228		
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		14,629	10,346		
Other debtors		12,150	12,674		
Prepayments		1,931	1,905		
Loans to clubs	5	14,513	12,110		
Cash at bank and in hand		37,026	38,035		
		<u>80,249</u>	<u>75,070</u>		
CREDITORS—					
amounts falling due within one year					
Trade creditors		1,121	1,426		
Taxation and social security		3,877	3,133		
Other creditors		20,641	15,401		
Accruals		101	146		
Subscriptions in advance		21,647	16,727		
		<u>47,387</u>	<u>36,833</u>		
NET CURRENT ASSETS		32,862	38,237		
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>£43,274</u>	<u>£45,465</u>		
ACCUMULATED FUND					
Balance at 1st April 1984		45,465	45,838		
Deficit/Surplus for the year		(2,191)	(373)		
		<u>£43,274</u>	<u>£45,465</u>		

Approved by Council on
6th August, 1985 and
signed on its behalf by:—

J. T. Crocker – Chairman

P. W. Ritchie – Treasurer

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED
Notes to the Accounts

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Depreciation has been charged on tangible fixed assets, when they have been brought into use by the Association, calculated to write down the assets over their estimated useful lives at the following annual rates:—

Office fixtures	10% on cost
Office equipment	15% on reducing balance or 25% on cost
Exhibition equipment	25% on cost
Training equipment	Various rates between 10% and 50% on cost
Vehicles	25% on cost

(b) Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(c) Annual membership subscriptions are brought into account only when received, whilst temporary P6 memberships are brought into account on a receivable basis.

(d) Corporation tax is provided for at current rates of tax on taxable investment income.

2. OTHER INCOME

Other income includes interest receivable, net of tax of £3,088 (1984—£2,884).

3. STAFF COSTS

	1985	1984
	£	£
Wages and salaries	19,514	24,911
Social security costs	2,122	2,416
Pension and Health insurance costs	841	1,063
	<u>£22,477</u>	<u>£28,390</u>
		Coaching
		Administration
		1984
		£
		18,432
		2,027
		535
		<u>£20,994</u>
		Administration
		£
		20,813
		2,290
		535
		<u>£23,638</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Association during the year was 8 (1984—8).

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office Fixtures	Office Equipment	Exhibition Equipment	Training Equipment	Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
COST						
At 1st April 1984	1,854	7,584	842	12,595	2,660	25,535
Additions	636	5,830	—	—	—	6,466
Disposals	(57)	—	—	—	—	(57)
At 31st March 1985	<u>2,433</u>	<u>13,414</u>	<u>842</u>	<u>12,595</u>	<u>2,660</u>	<u>31,944</u>
DEPRECIATION						
At 1st April 1984	1,315	4,492	632	9,208	2,660	18,307
Charge for year	173	1,897	210	1,002	—	3,282
Disposals	(57)	—	—	—	—	(57)
At 31st March 1985	<u>1,431</u>	<u>6,389</u>	<u>842</u>	<u>10,210</u>	<u>2,660</u>	<u>21,532</u>
WRITTEN DOWN VALUE						
At 31st March 1985	<u>£1,002</u>	<u>£7,025</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>£2,385</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>£10,412</u>
At 31st March 1984	<u>£539</u>	<u>£3,092</u>	<u>£210</u>	<u>£3,387</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>£7,228</u>

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)

5. LOAN ACCOUNTS

	Rates of Interest	Due for repayment by:	1985	1984
			£	£
Flixton Parachute Club	5%	—	—	1,262
Thrunton Parachute Club	5%	Feb. 1986	1,275	2,100
Leeds & Bradford Parachute Club	5%	—	—	5,104
Border Venture Parachute Club	5%	Dec. 1986	2,000	525
Cornwall Parachute Club	5%	July 1985	461	1,000
British Parachute Schools	5%	—	—	2,119
Ipswich Parachute Club	5%	Sept. 1987	4,722	—
London Skyway Parachute Club	5%	Oct. 1986	2,513	—
Lincoln Parachute Club	5%	Aug. 1986	3,542	—
			<u>£14,513</u>	<u>£12,110</u>
Due for repayment within one year			8,171	8,493
Due for repayment after one year			6,342	3,617
			<u>£14,513</u>	<u>£12,110</u>

Due for repayment within one year
Due for repayment after one year

SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1985

APPLICATION OF FUNDS

	1985	1984
	£	£
Deficit for the year	(2,191)	(373)
Adjustment for items not involving the movement of funds:		
Depreciation	3,282	
Taxation provided	<u>1,402</u>	<u>2,909</u>
	4,684	3,282
	<u>2,493</u>	<u>2,909</u>
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	6,466	4,012
Tax paid	<u>1,236</u>	<u>£(1,103)</u>
	7,702	6,348
	<u>£(5,209)</u>	<u>(7,451)</u>

INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN WORKING CAPITAL

Stock	4,283	
Debtors	(498)	(2,654)
Loan accounts	2,403	6,036
Creditors	(5,468)	924
Subscriptions in advance	<u>(4,920)</u>	<u>3,777</u>
		<u>(1,735)</u>
	(4,200)	6,348
	<u>(1,009)</u>	<u>(7,451)</u>
	<u>£(5,209)</u>	<u>£(1,103)</u>

DECREASE IN CASH AND DEPOSITS

6,348
(7,451)
£(1,103)

Honorary Treasurer's Report on The Annual Accounts to 31st March 1985

On this occasion we have decided to include in the magazine a very full set of explanatory notes to the accounts so I do not propose to write a long essay on the financial state of the BPA at this moment in time. In fact the deficit for the year at £2191 is slightly less than we were forecasting at the AGM in January but as I have said many times before we should be building up our reserves rather than depleting them, not only in actual monetary amounts but in real, or inflation adjusted terms. Hopefully the increase in subscriptions agreed at the AGM will rectify this and enable us to continue and improve our service to the clubs which are our lifeblood.

Once again thanks are due to the Secretary General and our staff for holding the expenses at realistic levels. May I mention that for legal purposes the numbers appearing to the left of the balance sheet and Income and Expenditure account are for easy reference to the notes and do not actually form part of the published and registered accounts.

P. W. RITCHIE,
Hon. Treasurer.

ADDITIONAL NOTES TO THE BPA ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

INCOME

1. The subscription income is compiled by taking the total BPA part of the subscription, including payments in advance received up to 31st March. Adding to that total the subscriptions in advance from the preceding year, then subtracting the payments in advance for the current year:

Cash received to 31/3/85	£94,046.97
Add subscriptions in advance 1984/85	£16,727
	£110,773.97
Sub Total	£21,647
Subtract subscriptions in advance 1985/86	£89,127
Income	

The difference between the above and the accounts figure (£90,805) is due to movements and journal entries (repayments etc) made by the auditors.

2. The total is made up from:

Administration Grant
Coaching Grant
World Championship Grant
CRW Championship Grant
European Championship Grant

3. The income for insurance is equal to that paid out (see 39 below).

4. This has shown a slight improvement, and how that the Shop is being administered from the BPA HQ 1985/86 should show an increased profit.

5/6. Magazine Income is calculated in the same way as 1 above.

7. Other income is raised from a variety of sources:

Lottery Profit/Film Hire/Interest Received/ BSC Awards/FAI's/Sponsorship etc.
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8. Total Income was up by £20,427 an increase of 9.77%.

EXPENDITURE

9. The cost of sales is less than previous year and should show an improvement in 1985/86.

10/11. The increase was due to a one off service charge of £1930 in December 1984.

12. Normal annual depreciation on fixed assets.

13. Sports Council Grant aid salaries, pensions and National Insurance costs. (2 above)

14. This has been reduced.

15. This has been reduced.

16. This has been reduced.

17. The increase was due to the printing being franchised out, but in real terms there has been a saving on staff time and no capital outlay for printing equipment.

18. Almost the same as the previous year.

19. This heading includes all the outlay not immediately applicable to the main accounts headings and has been consistently kept to a minimum.

20. This includes the annual leasing costs of office equipment.

21. This depends upon the work carried out by the Auditors/Accountants.

22. This includes Employer Liability/Insurance cover on all office equipment and fixtures/all coaching equipment on an all risks basis.

23. This includes all aspects of legal work, planning, computer consultant.

24. This is almost the same as the preceding year.

25. Monitored on a quarterly basis (currently running less than last year).

26. This has been decreased.

27. Tight budget control has reduced expenditure.

28. This was Sports Council Grant plus entry fees.

29. Tight budget control kept expenditure down.

30. The high cost was due to circumstances beyond the control of the Association. (The cost for 1985/86 will be minimal due to tight budget control and planning).

31. This heading includes all aspects of coaching, competition and coaching expenses: DZ Recces/DZ Visits/PI Courses/AC Hire/PI Course Manuals/Coaches travel and subsistence/PI Course Officials travel and subsistence/PI Course grants/Costs of seminars etc.

32. Sports Council grant aid salaries, pensions, National Insurance costs, etc.

33. Work carried out to keep the Van mobile and includes Mo T, repairs, servicing, insurance, etc.

34. This cost will vary each year depending on the number of boards of enquiry.

35. This was reduced by ensuring that Dinner Dance was self supporting and by careful budget controls on AGM, etc.

36. This depends upon Councils decisions on applications received.

37. Fewer people attended.

38. The costs depend on magazine staff.

39. The same is paid out as comes in (see 3 above).

40. This is a new heading and includes the cost of rewriting and reprinting the whole BPA Instructor Manual, Development plan costs, etc.

41. Expenditure up by £22,450, an increase of 10.62%.

42. Income up 9.77%, expenditure up 10.62% thus there must be a deficit. However, due to stringent controls being exercised from the BPA HQ, it is less than that forecast by the Secretary General in December 1984 of £6500.

Projections for 1985/86 prepared by the Secretary General show that there should be a surplus on account at the end of the financial year ending 31st March, 1986.
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BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION SAFETY & TRAINING COMMITTEE MEETING
THE POST HOUSE, LEICESTER
6TH JUNE 1985 - 7.00 p.m.

- Present:**
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|-----------------|------------------|-----|
| J.R.H. Sharples | Chairman | STC |
| M. Mortlock | London Skydiving | |
| M. Bolton | Oxon & Northants | |
| I. Louttit | DISC | |
| P. Walters | Halfpenny Green | |
| R. Ellis | Traiblazers | |
| J. Ball | Pilot | |
| T. Rose | JSPC (N) | |
| R. Buckle | Capital City | |
| T. Dobson | Leeds/Bradford | |
| T. Knight | Ipswich | |
| M. McLaughlin | Dorset | |
| B. Dyas | Slipstream | |
| D. Parker | Headcom | |
| D. Hickling | BPS | |
| J. Meacock | PPC | |
| P. Cavanagh | BKPC | |
| J. Lines | MPC | |

Apologies for Absence:
K. Noble, D. Cox, J. Rhatigan, B. Scoular, B. Souter, D. Howerski, L. Thomas, D. Turner.

In Attendance:
T. Butler JNCSCO

Observers:
B. Parry, J. Haddon, J. Wade, N. Wroe, D. Wilkinson, M. Miller, I. Aitken, L. George, K. Adkins, J. Farr, H. Watson, J. Lennon, C. Ore, P. Mansell, Y. Nisbett, J. Rix, J. Wright, K. Townsend, L. Waite, T. Johnson, G. Roberts, K. Craft, I. Topps, L. Heaton.

Item 2 - Minutes and Matters arising from STC Meeting 18th April 1985
1.1. **Medical Declaration.** The proposed amended Medical Declaration, suggested by **Dr. R. Flinn** had been sent to STC members for consideration. Also circulated to those present was a letter from **Dr. J. Carter** giving his opinion why Diabetics and Epileptics should not be permitted to parachute (letter attached to these minutes). The Chairman stated that because Dr. Carter's letter should be studied carefully, he would put this item back until the next STC Meeting.

All CCIs

It was proposed by **J. Lines** and seconded by **D. Hickling** that the minutes of the meeting of 18th April 1985 be accepted as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

Item 2 - Approval of Riggers Minutes of Meeting of 18th April 1985.
J. Curtis gave a brief resume of the Riggers Meeting of 19th April. He also stated that at this evening's meeting, Section 15 (Rigging) of the Operations Manual had been agreed and he would like it formally ratified by STC.

It was proposed by **I. Louttit** and seconded by **T. Dobson** that Section 15 (Rigging) of the Operations Manual be changed as per the proposals by the Riggers Committee.

Carried Unanimously

Changes to Section 15 (Rigging) attached to these minutes.

All CCIs

D. Parker requested the position at this time concerning tandem systems manufactured by 'Parachutes de France'. **J. Curtis** informed him that the Committee had taken note of the letter from the company to Mr. Parker, and that the committee would not be making any recommendations concerning the equipment.

Item 3 - Instructor Course 2-85
The Course Report had been circulated to CCIs and the JNCSCO asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the course or proposed recommendations of the Examiners. After which it was proposed by **R. Ellis** and seconded by **I. Louttit** that the following recommendations be accepted:

- 1) That **John Fisher** and **Trevor Dobson** be given extensions of their permissions to act as CCIs until the next Advanced Instructor Course in August 1985.

- 2) That **Gerry O'Hara** and **Brian Dyas** be awarded Examiner Status.
- 3) That **Ken Townsend** be given Approved Instructor Status, as he had lapsed in 1984.

Carried

Item 4 - AFF Meeting Report
In the absence of **Major O'Hara**, **B. Dyas** gave the Committee a resume of the meeting, which was held at the JSPC (N) on 25th April 1985. A great deal of discussion took place, concerning whether AFF Jumpmaster ratings should be retained. It was finally proposed by **D. Parker** and seconded by **M. Mortlock** that:
"It was agreed that the USPA Jumpmaster type rating may not be required within the BPA and that all those involved in teaching AFF, in the air or on the ground, should hold a BPA AFF Instructors Rating. However USPA Jumpmasters rating should be accepted for the time being."
For 12, Against 6, Abstentions 0. - Carried

All CCIs

After further discussion, the following was proposed by **B. Dyas** and seconded by **P. Cavanagh**:

- 1) USPA AFF Instructor and Jumpmaster ratings gained in the future will be upheld providing they are approved by STC.
- 2) The existing qualifications for ALL Instructor and Jumpmaster ratings remains as now i.e. 1000 descents and 10 hours free fall.
- 3) AFF Instructors/Jumpmasters must complete a minimum of 30 AFF descents each year to retain their rating. Ratings to be renewed every two years. Renewal applications must have CCI recommendations and be signed by two Examiners.
- 4) BPA Approved AFF Centres wishing to run AFF Instructor Courses must apply to the BPA for approval. Courses will be run by BPA Examiners/AFF Instructors with BPA JNCSCOs in attendance - maximum of five candidates per examiner.
- 5) Nominated assistants will be current BPA AFF Instructors.
- 6) It is recommended that at least two of each candidates evaluation jumps be recorded on video.
- 7) Critique/Evaluation proformaes would be as used by USPA with the following amendments:
 - a. Total number of evaluation descents to be five, NOT six.
 - b. Marks to be apportioned 0 - 4 as follows:
 - 0 - Unsatisfactory
 - 1 - Satisfactory
 - 2 - Good
 - 3 - Very Good
 - 4 - Outstanding
 - c. Pass mark to be 12 points
 - d. Score sheets to be retained throughout the course by the Examiner.

Course Syllabus

- 8) The syllabus for AFF Instructor Courses will be in accordance with that of the USPA, amended to include additional instruction or information as may be required by the BPA. The USPA Accelerated Free Fall Programme is currently under review by Brian Dyas and will be circulated in the proposed BPA form in due Course.
- 9) The BPA AFF syllabus will include a 'Track Turn' at Level 7, thus students on the successful completion of their level 8 i.e. (short delay) will also qualify as Category 8 within the present BPA Category System.
- 10) Candidates accepted on a specific AFF instructor Course, but who do not complete the whole of the programme must be evaluated thereafter, unless attending a completely new course, by the Examiners and Assistant AFF Instructor nominated for that course.
- 11) It is recommended that a BPA Approved AFF Centre wishing to begin AFF training with ab-initio students must have trained at least 5 AFF students through to Level 4 under the existing regulations. Applications to begin ab-initio training may be made to STC by a Centre once the above criteria has been upheld.
- 12) Students who have participated in an AFF Course, but chosen not to complete then wishing to parachute within the present recognised student programme (conventional) must start at Category 1. Conversely, students who have begun a conventional programme wishing to transfer to the AFF programme must likewise begin at Level 1.
- 13) Students completing an AFF Course in UK at an approved BPA AFF Drop Zone, and who have achieved Level 8/Category 8 standard, must complete a further 10 descents at that Drop Zone before being allowed to parachute elsewhere in the UK.
- 14) Students who have completed an AFF course other than at a BPA AFF approved centre must attend a BPA AFF approved Drop Zone to achieve their Level 8/Category 8 qualification and complete a further 10 descents at that Drop Zone before being allowed to parachute elsewhere.
- 15) The JSPC (N) be permitted to host an AFF Instructor

Course during September 1985.
For 12, Against 2, Abstentions 1. - Carried
All CCIs

Item 5 - AFF Headcom
1) **B. Dyas** proposed that Slipstream Adventures at Headcom be permitted to train ab-initio students in AFF as they had fulfilled the requirements approved by STC, this was seconded by **D. Parker**.

Carried Unanimously
J.N.C.S.O.

2) **M. Mortlock** requested that London Skydiving be permitted to train ab-initio students in AFF once they had presented proof to a JNCSCO that they fulfilled the requirements approved by STC. This was seconded by **B. Dyas**.

Carried Unanimously
JNCSCO

3) **T. Rose** requested that JSPC (N) be permitted to train ab-initio students in AFF once they had presented proof to a JNCSCO that they fulfilled the requirements approved by STC, this was seconded by **D. Parker**.

Carried Unanimously
JNCSCO

Item 6 - Incident Report - resume

1) **J. Meacock** informed the meeting of a lady parachutist of 52 years of age who had made 32 jumps and had pulled low twice, and in his opinion was not a suitable person to parachute. Mr. Meacock stated that this lady was no longer permitted to parachute at Sibson, he also stated that he had endorsed her log book concerning her pulling low and he had informed a number of Drop Zones.

J. Meacock

2) The Chairman informed the meeting of two line over type malfunctions one on a C9 canopy and one on a T10 canopy, both resulting in injury to the parachutists. He stated that net skirts may have prevented these malfunctions.

3) The Chairman stated that clubs should try to avoid as much as possible parachutists landing out, as this is likely to cause problems in the future.

All CCIs

J. Meacock enquired whether the Military Board of Inquiry into the fatality at Netheravon had been completed. **T. Rose** informed the meeting that the Coroners Court had recorded a verdict of Misadventure, and that as soon as the Military Board of Inquiry had been completed, the findings would be made known to STC.

APA

Item 7 - Drop Zones

1) The JNCSCO informed the meeting of a Drop Zone he had reced for The Wild Geese Para Club, in Northern Ireland, a copy of the map was circulated also the proposals for the DZ to be approved by STC. (OS Sheet 8. Grid ref. 792171). The DZ required STC approval as power lines to the North East came within 1000 yards of the target. It was proposed by **M. McLaughlin** and seconded by **D. Hickling** that the DZ at Ballyrogan be approved as an Unrestricted DZ provided that if the water level in a small stream to the north of the target should rise above 2ft. parachuting would be suspended.

Carried Unanimously
JNCSCO

2) The JNCSCO also informed the meeting of two other Drop Zones reced on his behalf by **T. Andrewes** and **K. Noble**, for Skybird Para School, and the other for Crampin Skydive Centre, both were within the guidelines of the BPA Operations Manual and had been approved as Unrestricted Drop Zones. These were for STC information only.

JNCSCO

Item 8 - Changes to BPA Operations Manual

The Chairman informed the meeting that a number of Changes to the Operations Manual, other than those already approved on Rigging had been requested.

1) **Charles Shea-Simonds** requested that Appendix 'G' (Request for Air Traffic Clearance for Parachute Displays) have additional information for Display Teams added to the reverse side, this was at the request of **P. Martin-Bishop** Hd CATO 1. It was proposed by **G. Ellis** and seconded by **M. Mortlock** that this be done.

Carried Unanimously
All CCIs

Amendments attached to these minutes:

2) **J. Hitchen** had requested that Section 3 (Jumpmaster) Para 1 of the Operations Manual be changed to read:
.1 A jumpmaster is at least a 'C' Certificate Parachutist etc. This was proposed by **I. Louttit** and seconded by **B. Dyas**.

Carried Unanimously

Full amendment attached to these minutes

3) **T. Knight** requested changes to Section 2 (Classification of Parachutists) of The Operations Manual.

a) Category 8, NB (2) Para 3, will now read:

"The first two descents should be ten second delayed openings from 4,200 ft. AGL. CCI's must clear the jumper concerned and endorse his/her log book before descents."

b) Category 8, NB (4) Para 1, will now read:

"On completion of dive exit and backloops and a minimum of five tandem system jumps, the jumper may be recommended for Ram-Air Canopy by the CCI, who must endorse his/her log book.

This was proposed by **T. Knight** and seconded by **B. Dyas**.

Carried Unanimously

Amendments attached to these minutes

Item 9 - Proposed BPA Mod 4

I. Louttit presented a paper to STC on his proposals for a BPA Mod 4. STC were also shown drawings on the various modifications for Cessna 206s. After some discussion it was decided that STC would support this modification if it was approved by CAA Airworthiness Division.

I. Louttit
CAA Airworthiness

Item 10 - Report on Students on 10 sec delays using altimeters

A. Collingwood gave the meeting a verbal report regarding this subject, stating that it was working very well at his Drop Zone and did a great deal to prevent students opening their canopies too high.

Item 11 - Permissions

1) A request from **B. Harman** for Red Devil Team members to jump from 1500ft. AGL in the London area, if that was the maximum height available at the time, was presented to STC. The team members concerned were:

Name	No. of Jumps
M. Munn	1400
T.A. Munro	750
B. Harman	5020
C. Dixon	1900
P. Carroll	800
R. Deakin	950
J. Turner	1100
E. Carroll	1180
S. Day	550
S. Greenhalgh	750
D. Moore	750
D. Trick	510
A. Wickers	650
D. Young	2300

This was proposed by **T. Rose** and seconded by **R. Ellis**.

Carried Unanimously

2) A request from **B. Harman** for **Mr. A. Cruickshank**, who is a paraplegic to make a water descent into Frensham Pond. Full details of all safety measures had been given. The descent would be made under the auspices of The Red Devils. This was proposed by **J. Meacock** and seconded by **T. Dobson**.

Carried Unanimously

3) **D. Parker** made a similar request as (2) for permission to jump a polio victim into a reservoir under the Headcorn Display Permission. **Mr. Parker** also gave the meeting full details of all safety measures to be undertaken. A number of questions were asked and it was then proposed by **T. Rose** and seconded by **T. Knight** that this be permitted.

Carried Unanimously

4) A request by **D. Wilkinson** to act as CCI for Shrewsbury Skydiving Centre until the next Advanced Instructor Course in August was made. **Mr. Wilkinson** gave details of the reasons for this request.

It was proposed by **M. McLaughlin** and seconded by **J. Meacock** that this be permitted.

For 11, Against 0, Abstentions 4. - Carried

JNCSCO

5) **P. Mansell O.C.** of Royal Marines Display Team requested permission from STC for four members of the team with between 850 - 1450 jumps each, to jump onto Westminster Bridge on the 18th or 19th July. Full details of safety measures and timings were given to the meeting. It was proposed by **T. Rose** and seconded by **T. Knight** that this be permitted.

Carried Unanimously

6) **D. Parker** requested that a jumper, **Nigel Brendish** an AFF student who was now Category 8 be permitted to jump at Ipswich after he had completed 3 more jumps at

Headcorn. This was proposed by **B. Dyas** and seconded by **T. Knight**.

Carried Unanimously

Item 12 - A.O.B.

1) **D. Parker** informed STC of a jumper, **Alan Vickery** who had been permanently grounded at Headcorn for altering his log book, after he had been put back from Category 9 to Category 6, after pulling low. **Mr. Parker** wished CCI's to take note of this jumpers name, should he visit another club.

All CCI's

2) **J. Meacock** requested permission to host an AFF Instructor Course run by The School of Human Flight and the JNCSCO and BPA AFF Examiners.

This was proposed by **J. Meacock** and seconded by **M. Mortlock**.

Carried Unanimously

The Chairman informed the meeting that it had come to his notice that in some instances, once a student had made 6 jumps on P6 membership, some had not been upgraded to full membership. He reminded those present if parachutists on their DZs were not BPA members, or foreign equivalent, their instructors were not covered under the BPA Liability Insurance, they were also in contravention of the BPA Operations Manual.

Date of next meeting is 1st August, 1985 at the Post House, Leicester - time 7.00 p.m.

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING 2nd MAY 1985 KIMBERLEY HOUSE, LEICESTER

Present:

- J.T. Crocker Chairman BPA
- J.L. Thomas Vice Chairman BPA
- P.W. Ritchie Chairman Finance Committee
- S.D. Lambe Chairman Competitions Committee
- J. Curtis Chairman Rigging Committee
- T. Andrewes Club Representative
- B. Mason
- G. Lilly
- G. Copestake
- R. Harman
- R. Colpus
- M. Rennie
- S. Eversfield
- P.D.N. Parker
- J. Lines

Co-opted:

- D. Hennessy Chairman Development Committee

Present:

- A.K. Butler JNCSCO BPA
- J.T. Hitchen JNCSCO BPA
- T. Oxley Development Consultant
- C.W. Port Secretary General

Apologies:

- J.R.H. Sharples Chairman STC
- Ms. S. Brearley
- D. Tylcoat

Item 31/85 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

With the following amendments:

Item 4 to read "upto".

Item 4.3 a lunch time buffet for club proprietors to be arranged at a cost of up to £650. It was proposed by **T. Andrewes** and seconded by **J.L. Thomas** that the minutes of the meeting of 19th March 1985 be accepted as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

Matters arising

(a) Olympex 1986. The Secretary General had written for further information, to date no reply had been received. Council would be kept informed of any further information

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(b) Computer update - The membership system disc would be loaded shortly following which the membership information would be processed.

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(c) Insurance - Acting on the instructions of the Finance

Committee, the Secretary General had written to **Mr. R. Washbourne** requesting information and views, a reply was awaited.

T. Washbourne
Sec Gen

(d) Sky Channel - As instructed the Secretary General had contacted **D. Hennessy** who had been asked to attempt to obtain a guarantee of air time. Despite agreeing that the letter from the above did not quite live up to the verbal guarantee previously given, **D. Hennessy** said that as the project had now been sponsored by SKOL Lager, he felt that it was worth while going ahead with the project. This was agreed by Council who also felt that it would give experience for possible future involvement in this type of activity.

A formal vote of thanks was given to **M. Rennie** for his efforts in obtaining sponsorship from SKOL Lager. and the company were formally thanked for their offer of financial support.

D. Hennessy

It was agreed that an article on the above would be printed in the June issue of the Sport Parachutist.

(e) AGM - It has been agreed that the evening buffet be retained and in addition this should be plated.

Item 32/85 - Committee Reports

1. Safety and Training Committee

In the absence of the Chairman, **J.R.H. Sharples**, the minutes were presented by **J.H. Hitchen**.

Item 1.1.1. STC Constitution

J. Curtis asked about the above and it transpires that correspondence is still being received on the matter by the Chairman.

STC

Item 6.2 Permissions

B. Mason had reservations on the matter of altitudes for displays in London. He was asked to put his point in writing to the STC to enable them to respond.

B. Mason
STC

The minutes of the meeting of 18th April, 1985 were ratified.

2. Competitions Committee

S.D. Lambe, Chairman of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting of 1st April, 1985.

Item 3 Nationals 1985

Due to the executive of RAFSPA changing, **D. Hennessy** had been appointed as Project Officer for the National Championships. **D. Hennessy** clarified the position on several points and emphasised that the agreed arrangements would be carried out.

Comp. Cttee.

Item 5 World Championships 1989

It was agreed that **G.C.P. Shea-Simonds** be appointed as project officer for the above, if in the final analysis only to conduct a full case study.

A formal vote of thanks was unanimously given to **Clr. Bevan** and **Tony Knight** for their help and enthusiasm to date.

G.C.P. Shea-Simonds

Item 6 World Championships 1985

It was proposed by **S.D. Lambe** and seconded by **B. Mason** that the Secretary General be tasked with purchasing 25% of the dollar funds needed for the above championships when the exchange rate reached 1.29. In favour 13, Against 1 - Carried.

Sec Gen

Item 8 Selection of British Classics Team

Changes to the selection criteria for the above had been proposed by the Competitions Committee.

"1st and 2nd in style, 1st and 2nd in Accuracy and 1st Overall will constitute the British Team. If this does not result in five people being selected, the team will be made up from the subsequent Overall placings".

Paraski World Meet 1987

A vote of thanks was given to **T. Mace** for his involvement to date on the above. Anyone wishing to be involved in selection should contact **Tim Mace** direct. The minutes were ratified.

3. Finance Committee

The Chairman of the Finance Committee, **P.W. Ritchie**, presented the minutes of the meeting of 15th April 1985.

Membership Ms. C. Hinchcliffe

The Secretary General was tasked with writing again to the above to emphasise that until written agreement to the previous proposals were received then her membership could not be renewed.

Sec Gen

Council Members Travel Expenses

It was again re-iterated that whilst it was felt that no Council Member should be out of pocket whilst serving on The Council and working for the Association, it was agreed that in the present climate of keeping expenditure to a minimum the present system of expenses be maintained. It was acknowledged that this resulted in Council Members being out of pocket.

Supplementary Income - World Championships 1985

The formulation of a raffle to help to raise funds for the above was approved. Several prizes had been donated. The raffle tickets and details would be included as an insert in the June issue of the magazine, in addition all clubs would be asked to try to sell tickets. Tickets would also be on sale during the National Championships at Weston on the Green.

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Clubs

BPA Office Accommodation

It was agreed that a sum not exceeding £200 be spent on redecoration as the office had not been redecorated since 1975.

It was further agreed that a sum of £240 be spent on erecting some partitioning to turn the foyer area into an office in order that the Secretary General would have an office in which to work.

Grants

It was agreed to grant Swansea PC a grant of £300 to help defray the costs of an RW Seminar.

BPA Staff

Council agreed to keep the temporary office junior on until at least August in order to help in the transition to computerisation.

Sec Gen

Loans to Clubs

Swansea PC had applied for a £5,000 loan over a period of 3 years in order to purchase an Islander. Although this amount was more than had been recently granted it was pointed out that in the past, exceptionally, sums in that region had been granted.

After much discussion it was proposed and agreed that the Swansea PC be offered the following:
£3000 - five percent per annum front loaded repayable in equal monthly instalments over 36 months.
£2000 - at five percent per annum for a six month period the sum plus interest to be repaid by September of this year. Both sums to be subject to the normal BPA loan conditions.

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The minutes were ratified.

4. Club Representative

T. Andrewes reported that he had had 17 replies to date concerning the subject of Affiliation/Approved Club status. Most of the replies showed that though feeling that the present wording should be changed nevertheless there should be some form of distinction between differing clubs.

There was considerable discussion on the subject. In order not to make a too rapid decision it was agreed to ask T. Andrewes to contact clubs once again to attempt to ascertain an acceptable form of words, which would not

give rise to any offence. Council also agreed to put some thought into the subject and would write, individually to T. Andrewes.

T. Andrewes

5. Development

D. Hennessy, chairman of the Development Committee, gave Council an update on the whole Development situation.

(1) He said that there had been some set backs with the Sports Council but felt that it was probably due to themselves being in a learning situation.

Introductions etc. had been prepared, area by area, but the SC needed one introduction per each overall section. However this is in hand.

(2) He made it plain that the plan must be presented in the best possible light as of 6 submissions to date, 2 had had the grant level maintained, two had had it increased whilst two had had their grant reduced.

(3) There is a great discrepancy between the Sports Council idea of a development officer and that envisaged by the Association both in calibre and thus salary.

(4) Many points needed discussing and it was suggested that an additional Council meeting should be held to discuss nothing but development.

(5) D. Hennessy still hoped to be able to submit the plan in time for financial consideration for the current year, but this was by no means certain.

(6) For the above reasons the aim is for the new finalised draft to be with Council well before the proposed meeting on Wednesday 22nd May at 6.30 p.m. at J.T. Crocker's home.

6. Royal Aero Club

J.T. Crocker, the Associations representative on the Council of the R.Ae.C. was pleased to announce that G.C.P. Shea-Simonds had been elected to the post of Vice Chairman and P.W. Ritchie had been elected to the post of Treasurer of the R.Ae.C.

The R.Ae.C. award night, in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness Prince Philip has been a very great success, with the award of the Gold Medal to Chris Lyall being greeted with overwhelming applause.

Item 33/85 - B.T.S.O.

The paperwork on the above had been circulated to all Council for information and subsequent discussion.

Detailed and in depth discussion followed with input from all sides.

It was finally agreed that the whole matter of BTSO should be held until after the five year plan had been seen and discussed as this formed part of the plan.

However in the specific case of the Chaser, produced by Thomas Sports Equipment it was proposed by J.T. Crocker and seconded by P.W. Ritchie that the BTSO granted in 1979 be ratified and updated.

For 10, Against 1, Abstentions 3.

J.L. Thomas having declared an interest was among the three abstentions.

Item 34/85 - P6 Memberships

(1) The Secretary General had circulated a paper to all Council asking for advice and guidance on the situation where a P6 student had been unable, for any one of a variety of reasons, to carry out his/her first jump within the time scale allowed.

In the normal event the time was extended at a cost of £1.50, however in the instance cited a large group of people had been in this position and thus had been charged extra for the administration involved. A letter of

complaint had been received from their student union.

Council agreed that the extension and charge for this should be left to the Secretary General's discretion, but in this particular case the extra administration fee could be refunded.

Sec. Gen.

2) Membership statistics for the year had been produced and distributed.

Once again the subject of retention was discussed, as it was evident that overall the retention rate was not improving. There still does not seem to be an easy solution to this problem.

It was also noted that there did appear to be much more activity at drop zones than previously, despite the fall in retention. During visits to clubs it had been seen that some people appeared to be jumping who had not yet renewed their annual membership. It was agreed to ask club proprietors/CCIs whether BPA Memberships of jumpers were up to date.

Sec Gen

Item 35/85 - Co-option to Council

The matter of co-option to Council of the Chairperson of the SSPA had been raised by M. Rennie. The Secretary General had already written to M. Rennie to explain that no discourtesy had even been intended it was merely a fact that the SSPA had never requested co-option and that the Association had never suggested it.

It was proposed by J.T. Crocker and seconded by R. Colpus that the Chairperson of the SSPA be offered co-option to the BPA Council and that the Secretary General write to the SSPA with the invitation.

Sec Gen

Item 36/85 - Affiliation

Capital School of Parachuting had applied for affiliation, and as they fulfilled all the criteria this had been granted.

Item 37/85 - A.O.B.

1. The nomination for the CIP Gold Medal on behalf of G.C.P. Shea-Simonds had now been submitted.

2. G.C.P. Shea-Simonds had asked if he could have Councils agreement to use some parts of the Lesson Plans and training information in the 4th edition of Sport Parachuting.

Agreed

3. J. Curtis informed Council of some property for sale and was asked, as indeed were all Council, to send to the office any information on possible office accommodation for purchase.

4. Mr. G. Price - There had been much further correspondence with and from Mr. Price on the subject of a blind person being allowed to carry out a parachute descent. Latterly a letter had been received from the RNIB expressing their understanding of the reasons given in the past for not allowing this descent to take place, and they had asked if the Association could review the situation as new techniques develop.

J.T. Crocker agreed to write to those concerned on the subject. In the meantime Council reluctantly resolved that it could not find sufficient grounds upon which to grant Mr. Price permission to make a parachute descent.

Dates of Meetings

Extraordinary Council Meeting - (Development Plan Only)
Wednesday 22nd May 1985 - The Tan House, Lapworth.
6.30 p.m.

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