

**1<sup>st</sup> TBM (Tiny Broadwick Memorial) skydive**

**18 April 1992**

**Elsinore, CA**



Women participating in the first Tiny Broadwick memorial skydive (kneeling, left to right) Alicia Anderson, Jan Davis, Sylvia Lindgren; (standing left to right) Karen McGuire, Chris Libs, June Urschel, Brenda Reid, Caroline Mott, Chris Kelly, Patty Crocitto, Joy Brown, Pati Horn, Dawn Arbogast and Jan Wesley Rogers.



This photograph of Georgia Broadwick was taken June 21, 1913.

# POPS Women Honor Broadwick

REPORTED BY FRANK MORRIS

It was only two years ago that Joy Brown tried to assemble eight women over 40 on whom she could rely to complete an 8-way relative work formation. She couldn't do it. Even 1991's annual west coast gathering of the Parachutists Over Phorty Society didn't produce the eight qualified skydivers.

With the abundance of expert women in the sport, none getting younger, it was to be only a matter of time. On April 18, at Skydive Elsinore, CA, Brown, with the help of Chris Kelly, organized not eight, but 14 women into skydiving history.

The 14 gathered at Skylark Airport, and found "middle age" was all around them—the plane (a DC-3), the pilots, the cameramen and even the airport itself have all seen 40 from both sides.

On the initial attempt, the first eight women over 40 joined in freefall to establish the POPS Tiny Broadwick Memorial Award, and the other six followed.

Brown dedicated the accomplishment to Georgia Broadwick, "Tiny" to her friends and admirers, who was the first woman to make a water jump, the first woman to jump from an airplane and the first person ever to make a freefall.

For her first freefall, according to Dan Poynter's *The Skydiver's Handbook*, in 1914, the diminutive Broadwick briefly caught her static-lined canopy on the tail of the aircraft while demonstrating parachutes

to the Army in San Diego. Afraid it might happen again, on the last jump, she intentionally cut the static line and deployed the parachute manually in freefall.

Broadwick logged over 800 jumps, but

most who knew her believed she had more than 1000.

Freefall photographers Dave Keith, Ivan Henery and Ken Thompson were on hand to film, and after two completions of the 14-way, other POPS wanted in on the action. That afternoon, 20 male POPS attempted to join the 14-way base from a Twin Otter in formation with the DC-3 to earn their Tiny Broadwick Awards. Some were able to keep up with the slow-falling base, and some weren't. ■



The POPS men begin to fill in slots on the all-POPS women 14-way base.



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July 27, 1992

Mr. William S. Wood, Top Pop  
Parachutists Over Phorty Society  
35 Dera Street  
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Dear Bill:

The POPS have done it again! Once more the world's most famous skydiving society (that's you!) is featured in color in our latest issue, just-off-press today.

24,000 more copies are on their way to all our members, but I thought you might like to see this early issue, while the ink is still wet.

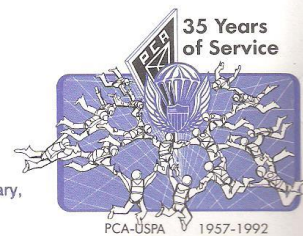
Will you extend my congratulations to all the POPS ladies.

Sincerely,

William H. Ottley  
Executive Director

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June 22, 1992

Mr. William S. Wood, Top Pop  
Parachutists Over Phorty Society  
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Greenville, SC 29615

Dear Bill:

What a great picture! God, the expression on your face -- total concentration!

Kevin and I are both delighted with the photo and agree with you that it's got real possibilities. If it appears on the cover, the decision will be Kevin's, but I think you're on the inside track.

Thanks so much for sending it to us.

Best regards always,

William H. Ottley  
Executive Director

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