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This meet corresponds with Archway's "July Skydiving Jubilee". Mike Mullins' KING AIR WILL BE HERE and so will a lot of your friends. Skydive with Dave Verner (a legend in his own mind). Schedule of events includes:

- Fri. July 8th - Fun Jumping and renewal get-together.
- Sat. July 9th - King Air Boogie / POP'S & SOS Reunion Party Begins
Scheduled events include; Accuracy with "Hit & Rock"
Competition and banquet in the evening.
- Sun. July 10th - POPS / SOS Midwest record formation attempts and party.

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*****NEWS RELEASE - POPS MEET - ARCHWAY SKYDIVING CENTRE*****

ON JULY 8TH, 9TH, AND 10TH SIXTY-ONE POP'S AND SOS MEMBERS DESCENDED UPON THE ARCHWAY SKYDIVING CENTRE IN VANDALIA, ILLINOIS. THE EVENT WAS THE "FIRST EVER (AT LEAST IN VANDALIA) POPS/SOS MEET AND MIDWEST REUNION". THE HOST OF THE MEET WAS DAVE VERNER (POPS 1405), OWNER AND OPERATOR OF THE ARCHWAY SKYDIVING CENTER. DAVE HAS BEEN SKYDIVING FOR 30 YEARS AND RUNNING A DROP-ZONE FOR 29 YEARS.

THE WEEKEND EVENTS INCLUDED AN ACCURACY COMPETITION, HIT-N-ROCK, A BANQUET ON SATURDAY NIGHT, AND A "MULLINS KING AIR" BOOGIE. POPS AND SOS MEMBERS FROM TWELVE STATES AND LONDON, ONTARIO STARTED ARRIVING THURSDAY NIGHT. FIRST ON THE SCENE WERE RON GREEN (POPS 1429) FROM ELDY, ARIZONA, CECIL OUTLAW (POPS 2729) FROM DOVER, TENNESSEE, ALICIA ANDERSON (TOP POP 2375), AND PAT MOORHEAD (POPS 572). SOMETIME DURING THE NIGHT BERNIE LARKIN (CANADA POPS 69) ARRIVED FROM LONDON, ONTARIO.

BY FRIDAY AT NOON MOST OF THE "OUT OF TOWNERS" WERE IN TOWN. THEY PRACTICED ACCURACY AND 4-WAY. THEY TOLD STORIES AND RENEWED ACQUAINTANCES. FRIDAY NIGHT SOME PARTIED BUT THE PRESSURE OF THE COMING COMPETITION WAS BEGINNING TO TAKE ITS TOLL.

SATURDAY MORNING DAWNED A SPECTACULARLY BEAUTIFUL DAY. IT WAS BRIGHT, CLEAR AND REASONABLY COOL. BY COMPETITION TIME THE BREEZE HAD PICKED UP, CONSIDERABLY ! NOW THE PRESSURE WAS SHOWING ON MOST FACES. THE STORIES TOLD ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY ABOUT "BACKING IT INTO THE PIT" WERE RESURFACING TO HAUNT THEIR AUTHORS. THE JOKES AIMED AT COMPETITORS PLANNING TO SHOOT ACCURACY WITH HIGH PERFORMANCE CANOPIES WEREN'T AS FUNNY AS THEY HAD BEEN.

THE TIME HAD ARRIVED. FIRST ROUND, FIRST JUMP, FIRST FOUR COMPETITORS. THE "WIND DUMMIES" THEY WERE CALLED. DENNY HAYES (POPS 2282) OF DES MOINES, IOWA WAS THE FIRST OUT OF THE PLANE. HE SCORED A RESPECTABLE 9 "CENTS". THEN CAME THE HOST, DAVE VERNER. DAVE WAS NOT NECESSARILY THE LOCAL FAVORITE BUT WE DIDN'T WANT HIM TO EMBARRASS US EITHER. HE ANSWERED THE CHALLENGE WITH A "DEAD CENTER". LOCALS GARY PEEK AND DAN WRIGHT WERE NEXT WITH DAN POSTING ANOTHER 9 "CENTS" SCORE.

THIRTY-THREE BRAVE SOULS ENTERED THE THREE ROUND COMPETITION. THERE WERE FIVE DEAD CENTER SCORES. TWO OF THOSE WERE COMPLIMENTS OF LARRY KING (POPS 3232) WHO WON THE COMPETITION WITH A THREE ROUND SCORE OF 3 "CENTS". THE WIND WAS A FACTOR, BUT NOT AS DECISIVE AS ORIGINALLY FEARED. THERE WERE SOME BACK-INS BUT NOT MANY.

SECOND PLACE HONORS WENT TO RON GREEN WITH A SCORE OF 11 "CENTS". THIRD PLACE WENT TO CANADIAN, BERNIE LARKIN WHO

POSTED A RESPECTABLE 21 "CENT" TOTAL. DEAN BICKEL PLACED FOURTH.

THE HIT-N-ROCK COMPETITION CAME NEXT. IF THE WIND WAS NOT A FACTOR IN THE ACCURACY EVENT, IT CERTAINLY WAS IN THE HIT-N-ROCK. IN THE EARLY ROUNDS COMPETITORS WERE TRIPPING OUT OF RIGS ATTACHED TO RE-INFLATED CANOPIES MORE OFTEN THAN NOT. IT SEEMS THE SECRET TO THIS CONTEST WAS SPANDEX. DENNY HAYES (POPS 2282) TURNED IN A WINNING TIME OF 5.52 SECONDS. DUANE DAWS TOOK SECOND PLACE WITH A TIME OF 6.41 SECONDS. BOTH WERE WEARING SPANDEX. THEIR RIGS WERE OFF AND THEY WERE RUNNING IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE. LARRY KING (REMEMBER HIM?) PLACED THIRD WITH A TIME OF 6.55 SECONDS AND DEAN BICKEL FINISHED FOURTH. HIS TIME WAS 6.81 SECONDS.

SPECIAL THANKS GO TO DEAN BICKEL FOR FURNISHING THE ROCKER. SOMEHOW IT SURVIVED. I WOULD PERSONALLY LIKE TO THANK OUR HOST AND MY EMPLOYER DAVE VERNER FOR SAVING ME THE EMBARRASSMENT OF WINNING THE HIT-N-ROCK COMPETITION.

BEING RELATIVELY NEW TO THE POPS SCENE I DIDN'T KNOW THE RULES. AFTER WORKING ALL DAY, (NINE TANDEMS, YOU'RE WELCOME DAVE) DAVE FIRST "CONVINCED" ME TO COMPETE AS HE WAS WALKING TO THE AIRPLANE. SOMETHING ABOUT NOT HAVING A FULL LOAD. DAVE FILLED ME IN ON THE RULES DURING THE RIDE TO ALTITUDE. I JUMPED. I LANDED DEAD CENTER AND DROPPED MY GEAR IN VERY GOOD TIME, SO I'M TOLD. (I WAS WEARING SPANDEX!) AS I WAS RUNNING TOWARDS THE CHAIR I HEARD SCREAMS, "HIT THE TARGET AGAIN". YOU SEE, I HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED THAT YOU HAD TO HIT THE TARGET AFTER YOU DROPPED YOUR GEAR! THANKS AGAIN DAVE!!

I FINALLY GOT OVER MY DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE BANQUET SATURDAY EVENING. MASTER OF CEREMONIES WAS NONE OTHER THAN TOP POP, ALICIA ANDERSON. HER ABLE ASSISTANT WAS TOP, BUT NOT OLDEST SOS, PAT MOORHEAD. TROPHIES WERE PRESENTED TO THE TOP THREE FINISHERS IN THE ACCURACY AND HIT-N-ROCK COMPETITIONS.

A SPECIAL TROPHY WAS PRESENTED BY DAVE VERNER TO THE BEST SPORTSMAN AT THE EVENT. THAT HONOR WENT TO EARL "BUD" LORE (POPS 384). BUD DIDN'T COMPETE BUT DID JUDGE BOTH EVENTS AND PROVIDED SOME OF THE BEST STORIES. I THINK BUD HAS KNOWN DAVE VERNER WAY TOO LONG!

AWARDS WERE ALSO PRESENTED TO THE OLDEST AND YOUNGEST POPS IN ATTENDANCE. OLDEST HONORS WENT TO CHUCK SPIDELL (POPS 198) OF KOKOMO, INDIANA. CHUCK IS SIXTY-SIX AND FINISHED WELL ABOVE THE MIDDLE OF THE FIELD IN BOTH COMPETITIONS. THE YOUNGEST POP AWARD WENT TO GARY PEEK OF ST.CHARLES, MISSOURI.

THE BANQUET WAS A SUCCESS. A PARTY FOLLOWED BACK AT THE HANGER. I'M TOLD IT WAS ALSO A SUCCESS. FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR, BILL HAYES.

THERE WAS ONE VERY UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT. ON SATURDAY, DURING

THE HIT-N-ROCK COMPETITION, KATE CAMPAIN (POPS 3807) INJURED
HERSELF MAKING A LOW TURN INTO THE TARGET. KATE IS RECOVERING
BACK IN MICHIGAN.

ALL IN ALL IT WAS A SUCCESSFULLY FUN WEEKEND. A LOT OF PEOPLE
MADE LOTS OF NEW FRIENDS AND RENEWED OLD ACQUAINTANCES.
BETWEEN THE CESSNAS AND THE KING AIR, OVER 100 LOADS WERE
FLOWN AND OVER 700 SKYDIVES WERE MADE. TUNE IN NEXT YEAR.
WE ARE DOING IT AGAIN.



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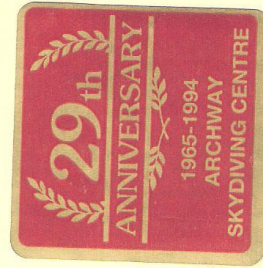
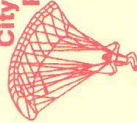
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News Briefs

Big weekend for skydivers at Vandalia Airport

Archway Skydiving Centre will welcome skydivers from all over the United States to Vandalia Airport this weekend when it hosts the Parachutists Over Phorty Society (POPS).

Dave Verner, co-owner of Archway Skydiving, the operator of the airport, said the weekend will include accuracy jumps on Saturday and the "Hit and Rock" competition on Sunday. In the "Hit and Rock," which starts at 10 a.m., divers aim for a target, touch the center of the target and run to a rocking chair.

"This will be a good weekend for people who'd like to watch some skydivers, and Sunday will be especially good for spectators," said Verner, adding that divers will be coming in from many states, including Wisconsin, North Carolina and California.



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'OLDEST COMPETITOR'

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MICHAEL BURT

The California team Perris Airmoves took first place in the July 4 Trans-America Cup fax meet held at six drop zones nationwide. Dive pools, standings and final results were faxed between DZs to determine the winners.

Summer Shorts

A PARACHUTIST STAFF REPORT

The following drop zone reports were submitted to *Parachutist* by local correspondents over the past few months. Submissions to this semi-regular feature are welcome, and anyone interested in reporting on their DZ's activities is encouraged to contact the *Parachutist* staff.

USA—Skydiving centers around the country have begun tapping into the convenience and flexibility of the 1990's "technological era." Two of the most recent "fax meets" in a series known as the Trans-America Cup were held during June and July.

The events, organized by SkyDance Skydiving general manager Dan O'Brien and aircraft contractor Bill Richards, allow teams from various drop zones to compete against one another on a given date while the standings and final results are broadcast to each DZ via their fax machine.

After a slow start during the 1993 season, O'Brien and Richards have seen a dramatic increase in the number of teams participating. Only a handful of DZs have been involved, but this year's July Fourth meet including 4-, 8- and 20-way competition drew the most teams ever.

O'Brien reported that six drop zones helped to field a total of 33 4-way teams, eight in 8-way and five 20-way teams. The 4-way event was split into three classes: novice, intermediate and open; 8-way was conducted with only the open and intermediate classes, and 20-way was open to anyone. As has been the case with other Trans-America meets, weather snuffed out competition at two of the drop zones.

The top three teams in each event received medals, and perpetual trophies for first place in each open class were sent to

the DZs with winning teams. As part of the agreement, each participating drop zone shares in the expense of trophies, medals and promotional advertising.

In the 4-way open class of July's meet, Perris Airmoves claimed first with 91 points in six rounds, followed by the U.S. Army Black team scoring 82 and the Gumbies in third with 76. In 8-way, the Golden Knights won with a total of 44 points for three rounds, and the DeLand-based team Locals Don't Run took first in 20-way with 16 total points.

Organizers held a 16-way meet in June, drawing 13 teams from nine different drop zones. Winning top honors was a team called 4x4 from Perris Valley, scoring 18 points in three rounds. SkyDance Skydiving was host to the second place team, Dead Relative Work with 15 points, while Air Adventures West sponsored the third place team, only a point behind.

According to O'Brien, the fax series is a "good way to check out the competition without spending a fortune in time and money." For more information on the Trans-America series, fax O'Brien at SkyDance Skydiving, (916) 753-2651.

Vandalia, IL— On July 8-10, more than 60 veteran skydivers—each a member of the Parachutists Over Forty Society (POPS) or Skydivers Over Sixty (SOS) or both—descended on the Archway Skydiving Centre for what was deemed the "first



BILL BEAVER

Perris Valley Aviation's newest addition to their Southern California drop zone, a Short Brothers Skyvan.

ever Midwest reunion" of the two groups. Drop zone host Dave Verner welcomed POPS competitors from twelve U.S. states and Canada to compete traditional accuracy and the Hit 'N Rock event.

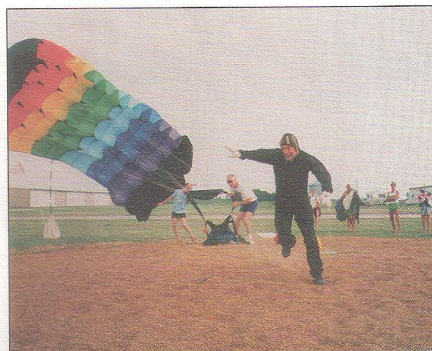
Under clear skies but stiff winds, 33 competitors entered the three-round accuracy event. Larry King took first with .03 meters, followed by Ron Green with .11 meters and Canadian Bernie Larkin in third with .21 meters total.

In the Hit 'N Rock event, gusty conditions were a decisive factor in determining the final standings. Denny Hayes attacked the target and shed his gear faster than anyone else, turning in a time of 5.52 seconds. Duane Daws placed second with 6.41 seconds, followed by accuracy winner Larry King with a time of 6.55 seconds.

In total, more than 100 loads went up and more than 700 skydives were logged at Archway. It was a first-time boogie for POPS and SOS members, and Verner and his Archway staff hope to continue the meet as an annual tradition.

Ottawa, IL— Skydive Chicago continues to churn out student tandem jumps at the pace of 135 per week, reported drop zone correspondent Ron Nowak. During the week prior to and during July Fourth weekend, Skydive Chicago put up more than 300 tandems, and the student manifest remains booked for months to come.

Drop zone owner Roger Nelson held his first annual "Freedom Boogie" which attracted more than 200 experienced jumpers—some attending to confirm their slots on Nelson's planned world record attempt this December.



Archway Skydiving Centre operator and POPS member Dave Verner heads to his rocking chair during the POPS/SOS Midwest Reunion.

Summer Shorts

Continued

Skydive Chicago maintains two Twin Otters on the flight line, and with the help of a third, 112 Otter loads were flown during the holiday weekend.

Big-way relative work loads proved moderately successful at the Freedom Boogie—given the fact that multiple-point 40-ways aren't that unusual at Skydive Chicago. The organizing staff put up several 60-way loads, but a three-point 48-way proved to be the highlight of the boogie.

Nelson and his organizers are now planning for the 200-plus world record attempt at Lake Wales, Florida, this winter.

Eloy, AZ—Last May at Skydive Arizona's annual "Turbine Madness" boogie on Memorial Day weekend, more than 300 jumpers registered to take advantage of Larry Hill's final offer of \$8 skydives.

The three-day weekend produced more than 4,600 jumps and 235 loads flown. Pilot Chris Mladinov flew 33 lifts in a single day, one load shy of the inter-staff record of 34. Skydive Arizona reported it as an unofficial record and is seeking personal bests from pilots around the country in an attempt to quantify a national record.

Single-day numbers included an average number of loads in the high '80s, compiling over 1,500 jumps per day on Saturday and Sunday. As is usually the case at the \$8 boogie, jumpers lost steam by the end of the

weekend and the planes were put away with daylight left to burn.

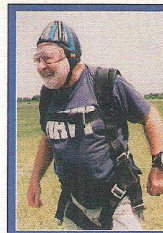
In spite of the high number of jumps, the boogie was marred by only one serious incident. A freefall collision between a cameraman and another jumper killed one of the two and critically injured the other.

On the last day of Turbine Madness, Skydive Arizona organizer George Jicha swiftly put together a new state record 80-way formation. Eloy's flightline of three Super Otters and a King Air flew four attempts, the earlier ones building to 70-plus without a problem. After a few corrections, Jicha and the rest of the Arizona regulars completed the 80-way and held it for six seconds before breakoff.

Skydive Arizona reported that it was the last time jump tickets will be so low, and prices are going up to \$10 for their next discounted event.

On the horizon for Eloy are the U.S. National Championships for formation skydiving and canopy formations. The Nationals begin on October 22 as the official practice day and will run through the end of the month. Skydive Arizona also has plans for an annual Halloween boogie just after the Nationals.

This December, California jumper Carey Peck will organize 65- and 70-way POPS record attempts at Eloy starting on December 3, and the National Collegiate Parachuting Championships are tentatively set for December 27-31.



At the World Skydiving Center in Lake Wales, Florida, Roland Petschler takes it all in after making his first tandem jump at age 90. The DZ's instructional staff fully expects Petschler to keep his promise and return for another jump soon.

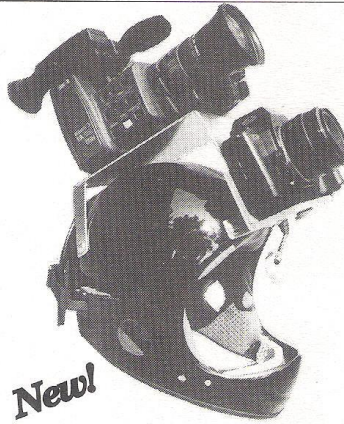
For more information on any of these Skydive Arizona events, contact the staff at (602) 466-3753

Paradise, CA—On July 8-10, Skydive in Paradise hosted its "Rebirth of the Chico Freako" boogie where more than 300 jumps were made from a visiting King Air. Sixty first-time tandem students were also trained and jumped throughout the weekend.


After its first fifteen months of operation, Skydive in Paradise reported averaging more than a load per day, according to drop zone owner James Schlermitzauer. The Paradise staff logged more than 300 tandem jumps during the same period.

Waller, TX—The Houston Skydiving Center announced the addition of a King Air to its flight line in early August, bringing the total number of available aircraft to four.

HSC currently flies a Twin Bonanza, two Cessnas and the new King Air, claiming that both twins can have skydivers to 13,500 feet in 13 minutes. ▼



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Partial Recovery

I have been skydiving for over 20 years and have been associated with USPA during that time if not longer. I have never had reason to write to *Parachutist* but now I do, and I hope I make my point.

I was involved in the tragic accident on May 28 in Eloy, Arizona, that claimed the life of our friend John O'Hara.

The accident will be looked at by you, then conclusions published—hopefully for others to learn from, and that is fine with me.

The main purpose of my letter is to express the sadness of his death that the skydiving community in San Diego feels. John will be missed by all his friends, but not forgotten. I lost my left leg in that accident, but I lost something more valuable than that—my friend. We love you John.

Thanks to Skydive Arizona for saving my life.
LUPE GONZALES, D-9485
San Diego, California

Summertime Responses

It seems to me that we are knocking on the wrong door. According to the July issue, a greater percentage of skydivers are being killed under different circumstances. Before we go to mandatory AADs, it seems we should preach more safety such as altitude awareness, parachute traffic and getting inexperienced, 200-pound people out from under 120 square-foot canopies. Out of 41 people, maybe a dozen would have been saved with an AAD. If we were more conscious, an AAD wouldn't be needed in most cases—even though it would be nice to have one.

KENNETH GOODSON, JR., D-16033
Ft. Stewart, Georgia

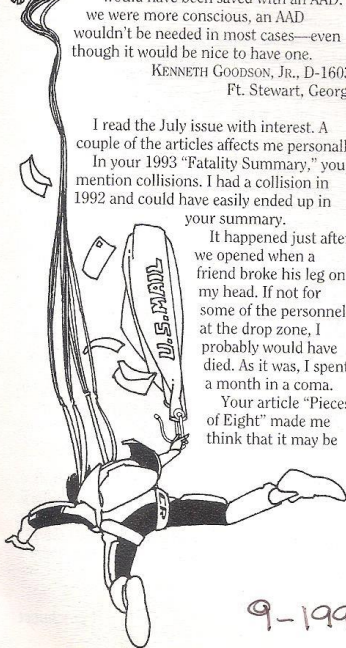
I read the July issue with interest. A couple of the articles affects me personally. In your 1993 "Fatality Summary," you mention collisions. I had a collision in 1992 and could have easily ended up in your summary.

It happened just after we opened when a friend broke his leg on my head. If not for some of the personnel at the drop zone, I probably would have died. As it was, I spent a month in a coma.

Your article "Pieces of Eight" made me think that it may be



CHARGE ROBINSON



9-1994

At 85-years old, I assure you I never dreamed I would be writing this to begin with. It all began on a Sunday back in 1992. I sat down to relax and watch television. What I saw for 12 minutes had a great impact on my life.

"I Witness Video" featured a grandmother who had been totally blind in her left eye for 29 years. Three years prior to what she calls "her miracle," the medical profession advised her to prepare herself for total blindness.

Josie Spezio spoke about how attitudes are so important in life and how difficult solutions can be resolved by simply looking within ourselves.

On her fateful day, her brother dared her to jump tandem at 13,000 feet. She had a vision of herself leaving the airplane. As God would have it, she made a decision to follow the vision that was now haunting her. The rest is history.

She not only can see from her once totally blind eye, but now has 20/20 vision in her right eye. Of course, the medical profession did not believe her and put her through a series of tests. The X-rays came back, confirming her miraculous recovery. Today, Josie is very grateful to the sport of skydiving.

I sat there spellbound. I, too, am blind in my left eye. Could skydiving be my answer? Was I willing to take a risk that Josie took? Let us face facts, at 84-years old, it might have been the last risk I would be taking!

"If she can do it... so can I." With these words in mind, I made an appointment for my first attempt.

The plane was small and somehow my feet were not positioned properly; I landed flat on my face on the strut. My instructor pulled me in and the jump was aborted.

My friends reminded me how I could have lost my life and that I should give

possible for me to jump again sometime. My accident caused some impairment in my left hand, and last year I made a couple of tandem jumps, but I couldn't grasp the control toggles very well. I've thought about trying to get my parachute modified to make it easier for me to grab the control toggles. Several of the guys in "Pieces of Eight" have been jumping with the loss of a hand, and I was wondering if they had any modifications to make it possible.

I may never be able to jump as well as I once did, but I would like to return to the sport I love.

DUANE GRINDSTAFF
Kent, Washington

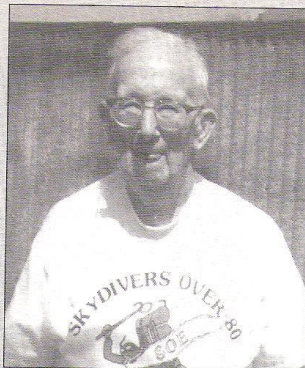
"Pieces of Eight" organizer and former USPA National Director Al Krueger responds:

"It would simply be a matter of connecting a nylon thong that can't slip over your left wrist to a fastener that would allow an after-opening attachment of the toggle with your right hand. Once the thong is securely attached, you'll be able to fly your canopy like anyone else.

I use this procedure, opening and flying to clear air with my right toggle, then when I'm clear, I use my right hand to help the toggle into my left hook.

If your arm is involved and you have further limitations, you may want to consider more radical procedures that may require contact with your rigger. Hope this helps."

Al Krueger, D-3663
Foothill Ranch, California



Charlie Stevens, founder of Skydivers Over Eighty.

up on the idea. Then I began to think of Josie again. I searched deep inside myself. The words surfaced once more: "If she can do it... so can I."

On July 24, 1993 at 13,500 feet, I too made my first skydive. There were no miracles in my case concerning my eyes; my vision remains the same. It is my attitude that experienced the "miracle."

My self-esteem reached heights beyond 13,500 feet. A smile appears on my face when I think about what I did. I am proud of myself. My life has changed.

I have formed a new club called S.O.E. (Skydivers Over Eighty). Josie and I have become friends. I, too, am grateful for the sport of skydiving.

One never realizes how miracles abound simply by looking within.

CHARLIE STEVENS
Stafford Springs, Connecticut

Words of Inspiration

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the article and photos of the "Pieces of Eight" team. It is truly inspirational to see these guys persevere until their long-awaited goal of an all-amputee 8-way was accomplished.

We should all take a lesson from these men, not only as skydivers but as fellow human beings, in turning potential obstacles into advantages.

Congratulations to Larry Yohn, Al Krueger and the rest of the team on a difficult job well done.

JOE LEE, A-18557
Birmingham, AL

Thanks for the "Pieces of Eight" story in your July issue. I'm sure everyone in our group feels honored by your presentation of our story.

While I do appreciate being identified as the co-organizer, I'd like to state that I'm proud to regard Al Krueger as our captain. Thanks again!

LARRY YOHN, D-5165
Perris, California

A Contributing Factor?

Given skydiving beer traditions and a fatality attributed to late night partying (*Parachutist*, March, 1993), it really amazed me that Paul Sitter failed to mention alcohol hangovers in his latest annual "Fatality Summary."

Hangovers could well be the leading cause of skydiving accidents. After all, drinking is com-

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