

POPS Winter Meet

30 July – 5 Aug 1984

Eustis, Florida



The Eustis community center was packed with both POPS and non-POPS for the banquet.

An interesting fact: RCY GRACE POPS # 273 is the ONLY PCPS to attend every POPS meet since 1969.

The 1984 POPS National meet will be held at the Greene County SPC in Xenia, Ohio (near Dayton) Aug. 4th and 5th, with fun jumping starting July 30. There will be a round of 4 way speed star scrambles, along with accuracy and hit & rock. Green County has a swimming pool, tennis courts and a bunk house (a real one, with indoor showers). Kings Island amusement park is only 30 minutes away. You will receive an invitation with full details as soon as possible, that is, if you were mailed this news letter. If you are reading this in someone elses, write to us and we will see that you get the details. We will have two Beechs for record attempts. See you there.

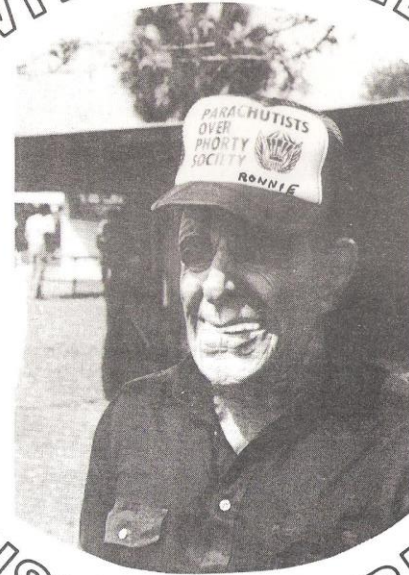
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Many thanks to Jimmy and Wilma Godwin, they give new meaning to the term "Southern Hospitality".

From the editor: Blue skys, hot dives and happy landings. See you in Xenia.

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POPS WINTER MEET



EUSTIS FLORIDA 1984



Before describing the fun we had at the Eustis meet, I feel it fitting to say a few words about the man who makes it all possible, Tom Morrison.

Tom made his first jump with the 101st Airborne in 1945. He joined USPA (then PCA) in 1963 and was presented with his twenty year certificate at the banquet in Eustis. Tom became POPS 96 in 1967 and has been TOP POP since 1977. He enjoys RW, demo and fun jumping. He was a member of the first POPS 8 man star and has a total of 4056 jumps. At 60 years old he seems like someone twenty years younger. He is quiet, unassuming and keeps a low profile as shown by his comment to a new POPS member who asked how many jumps he had, then responded with amazement saying, "Wow that's a lot of jumps." Tom replied, "Naw, that's just a lot of re-packs."

His awards include SCR, SCS, Triple Diamond Wings and 24 Hour FF Badge. He is also an ASO and holds an instructors rating.

Tom jumps at the United PC in Gilbertsville, PA. It is his job to keep track of POPS membership, Star awards and meet scheduling along with keeping the POPS membership directory up to date. He does this in addition to running his own ad agency. How he gets time to enjoy a meet, no one knows, it seems like there is always someone needing something, either a new POPS membership, POPS 8 man star award card or just a POPS patch, but some how he still finds time to enjoy himself and satisfy everyone's needs.

We all owe Tom Morrison more than a simple "Thank You" can convey.



1 Tom Morrison with his POPS "field office" box, taking care of POPS members needs.

The POPS 1984 Winter Meet could only be called a gigantic dose of industrial strength fun in the sun. The weather was fantastic, lots of sun, temperatures in the 70s and 80s and just enough wind to make for soft landings (in most cases). A number of attempts were made to set a new record for an all POPS star, the best being an attempt at a 23 way which resulted in a well formed 18 way to tie the existing record.

A number of POPS earned their all POPS 8 way award. To date there are less than 50 recorded "All POPS Stars". A lot of SCRs and SCSs were also earned during the week.

We promised George Frey that we wouldn't tell anyone about the Beech load that landed well over a mile from the airport because the spotter didn't realize that they were making a down wind jump run, so as promised, we won't tell that story.

Ted Strong and Bill Morrisey of Strong Ent. demonstrated their Tandem Parachute System" by making a number of jumps with ladies who had not jumped before. On one of those tandem jumps Emily Rossi, wife of Larry Rossi POPS 873, not only made her first parachute jump, but graduated from the status of WOPS (wives of POPS) to a full fledged POPS member, earning POPS # 1873.

With Rudy Collins at the manifest table (Rudy got his Gold Wings at the POPS banquet) and Jimmy Godwin as load master, the accuracy and Hit and Rock went smoothly, there was only one re-jump due to canopy congestion over the target. The accuracy competition wasn't decided until the last few jumps of the last round when Lew Sandborn squeezed in with a 1 cm total to put Frank Farnan in 2nd place with 4 cents. Then there were those of us who were happy just to walk back to the packing area with pea gravel in our shoes. Not that I landed hard after I missed the pit on my first accuracy jump, but I heard the judge mutter, "I should have docked him three points for not replacing his divot."

Hit and Rock proved to be it's usual display of poetry in motion with Bob Donley taking an early lead with a smooth 5.74 seconds only to be pushed into fourth place by Don Wright who placed third just 1/100 of a second behind the 2nd place winner.

COVER PHOTO: Bob Donley shaved for this shot. 2

The DZ was filled with heros, legends, greats, near greats and the not so greats of skydiving, but there were some common bonds evident, we were all POPS and we were all having fun. What more can you ask for.



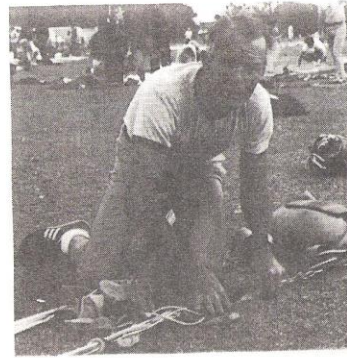
SKYDIVERS AND THEIR FAMILYS ENJOY THE FUN AND SUN AT EUSTIS.



EMILY ROSSI, BILL MORRISEY AND LARRY ROSSI AS THEY LOAD THE PLANE FOR EMILEY'S TANDEM JUMP WITH BILL.

This was the first jump for Emily, the first time that a POPS wife became a POPS making a tandem jump during a meet, etc. etc.. From the best I can figure, Emily, Larry and Bill collectively owe 137 cases of beer for all of the "firsts".

Tom Morrison congratulates Emily after her landing.....



LEW SANDBORN D-1

Lew Sandborn, 1st place accuracy winner packs for another of his more than 3000 jumps. Lew is a lifetime member of USPA. He holds A-1, B-11, C-19 and D-1, that makes him America's first official "Expert Parachutist". These are impressive facts, but the fact that impresses everyone most, is that he is one of the nicest guys you've ever met. In the words of a young jumper on vacation at Eustis, "It's great to meet one of your heros and find out that he's just as you hoped he would be, a nice guy." Lew likes all types of jumping, he holds POPS # 548.

A FAMILIAR SIGHT AT EUSTIS AS A JUMPER LINES UP FOR FINAL APPROACH ON THE TARGET.



PAT MOOREHEAD

Pat Moorehead POPS 572 is looking for input about the possibility of having the 1985 POPS Nationals at Perris Vally DZ in Cal. He says they have a great DZ, swimming pool, bar, restaurant, bunkhouse, 2-DC 3s, a Twin Otter and other attractions. He wants to know if you would be interested in having the meet there, and if so, when? He says Aug. is hot, but Oct. is nice. Please let him know how you feel about it.

Write: PAT MOOREHEAD
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ACCURACY

1st place



LEW SANDBORN
1 cm

2nd place



FRANK FARNAM
4 cm

3rd place



BILL HECTOR
19 cm

HIT AND ROCK

1st place



ART PERKINS
4.59 sec.

2nd place



BOB NOVAK
5.66 sec

3rd place



DON WRIGHT
5.67 sec

20 YEAR USPA MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS



TOM MORRISON



BOB NOVAK

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STATISTICS

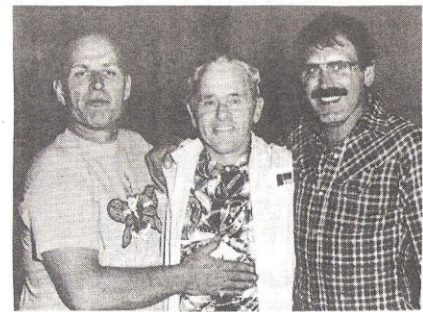
The following statistics were compiled from 58 POPS information forms.

Total jumps - 75,681	Total age - 2734
Lowest ----- 10	Lowest ---- 40
Highest ----- 4350	Highest --- 60
Average ----- 1304	Average --- 47

Years since first jump

Total - 1086
Lowest - 1
Highest - 39
Average - 18

The above information was taken from the POPS competing in the meet. It should be noted that the oldest POPS member at the meet was Ted Corey POPS # 1567, Ted did not compete. He is 81.



TED WITH TWO OF HIS HOME DROP ZONE JUMPERS

Ted has 10 static line jumps with 1 emergency cutaway. He didn't start jumping until he was 73 years old. Ted was given a well deserved standing ovation at the POPS banquet. When asked to comment on his age he said, "I gotta good watch and a bad heart."

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The POPS star record attempt team put together an all POPS 18 way to tie the existing record.

Ted Strong pitches a nylon tent over the pit on one of his accuracy jumps. The canopy is a nine cell "Mighty Mac" with 337.5 square feet and is manufactured by his company, Strong Ent. of Orlando, Fla.



BILL WOOD, USA POPS # 1135
AUSTRALIA POPS # 14
ENGLAND POPS # 202

Bill has attended POPS meets in all three countries. He has 295 jumps, started in 1970 and lives in Greenville, S.C.



EVERY WHERE YOU LOOKED
THERE WERE POPS CRACKING
SMILES.



Recently JOHNNY CARSON of the Tonight Show became POPS # 1783, he made a sixty second AFF jump about ten years ago in Calif. Johnny did not compete in the Eustis meet, maybe next year.



JOHNNY CARSON
POPS # 1783



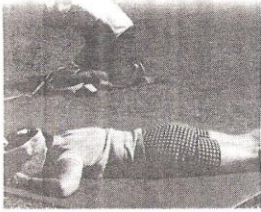
Jerry Thompson POPS 692 and Linda Edoff, Linda made a tandem jump with Bill Morrisey. It was her first jump.



BILLY
COLWELL
SHOOTS
ACCURACY
THE HARD
WAY, WITH
A P.C.



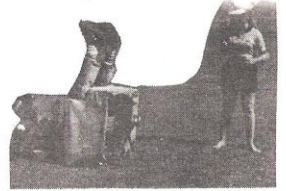
WE NEVER HAVE FIGURED OUT WHAT
LEW WAS LOOKING AT, BUT WE DO
KNOW WHAT HE WASN'T LOOKING AT.



NO CAPTION NEEDED ON THIS PHOTO.



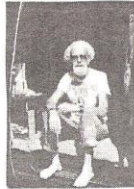
JUDGES, ALLEN AND SANDY DID A FANTASTIC JOB OF SCORING THE COMPETITION.



BOB DONLEY "ROCKS" AS SANDY "PUNCHES HIS CLOCK".



JIMMY GODWIN HANDS THE WDI TO HIS DAUGHTER PAM, SHOWN HERE WITH THE "WIND DUMMY" LOAD L. to R. NORA BODANZA, JOAN COONS, JIMMY, PAM AND CONNIE BARTKIEWICZ. (WCW, I had to bend that name around the corner)



CHET POLAND CAME DOWN FROM DELAND TO SEE THE MEET.

GEORGE RABE'S DAUGHTER TAMMY IN FREE FALL WITH TED STRONG AS THEY MAKE A TANDEM JUMP, HER FIRST.



FRANK BENDER STOOD ON A TABLE AT THE BANQUET AND BLESSED EVERYONE AND THEN ANNOUNCED THAT HE AND LARRY ROSSI WERE ELOPING TO ARGENTINA FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.



WALLY KOHLHEPP, EARL WILSON, GEORGE PREY, FRANK FARNAN AND LYNN ZAK JUST BEFORE AN ACCURACY LOAD.



JIMMY GODWIN WITH HIS BETTER 75%, WILMA.



WALLY LOOKIN GOOD



WALLY LOOKIN WEIRD



"SNUFFY" SMITH CELEBRATED HIS 44th BIRTHDAY AT THE BANQUET.



CONNIE BARTKIEWICZ LOCKIN SUUUUPER