

7th Annual Southern California POPS Meet

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ANNOUNCING:

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POPS MEET

ELSINORE PARACENTER; SAT-SUN.

APRIL 21-22, 1979

- ACCURACY, 2 ROUNDS
- HIT 'N ROCK
- SPEED-STAR SCRAMBLES
- POPSTAR RECORD ATTEMPTS

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Tom: As usual I am inundated with projects. Bob Young handed me the notes he had made and I am going to put random stuff below from those notes and my memory of the meet. Please edit it, add to it, and see that it goes to the magazine. I havn't gotten back any pics, I only took a few. There instamatic type and maybe couldn't be used (?). Let me know and I send them in a later mail.

~~XXX~~ Here Goes..... (PS: Use ~~x~~ Bob Young, or you ~~xxx~~ or me, or all 3 for 'author'. Maybe it'd be nice if Bob Got the credit. He took the notes.... whatever ...

The 7th annual Southern California POPSMEET was held on a gorgeous weekend, April 21-22, at Elsinore Paracenter. Jerry Thompson, came in on Thursday from the furthest distance, East Rockaway, N.Y, 3200 miles, and spent Friday making a few leaps in preparation for the meet. Jerry is well known as the proprietor of the Bounty Inn on Long Island, NY, where the walls abound with skydiving photos and many a gathering of the parachute folks is held.

On Friday, TOPPOP Tom Morrison, owner/operator of the United Parachute Club, father of "THE HERD", (and leader in jumps with about 3100 in his log, flew into town with his beautiful wife Elaine, for their first visit to the west coast. Tom got off the plane at noon and wanted to head straight for the DZ but a few cups of the bubbly on the plane, along with jet-lag, destined him for an afternoon nap at his host home, Pat Moorehead, Elsinore regular and meet director of the annual POPSMEET at Elsinore.

Early Saturday morning, Pat, Tom, Elaine, along with the prettiest ground crew ever assembled: Bobbie Gallo, Overall Coordinator, Linda Franklin, Chief Judge, and Casey (Karen) Brown, Asst Judge and Recorder, piled into Moorehead's van and headed for the DZ.

Walt Roy in
from Sacra-
mento.

Several POPS had arrived already, including John Cook, Virginia ~~Braun~~ Braun, and Max Kaaha, (at 58, the eldest competitor) who flew in from San Francisco in Johns C-182. Also waiting were Walt and Barbara Roy. Walt was going to make his first jump since last year's meet where he broke his foot on a downwind accuracy shot. Stan Perrine drove in from Lake Arrowhead, Audrey Jackman was still here from last year on a visit from New Zealand, and other pops came from all over the SoCal area.

Tom Morrison made the first Competition jump, using his PC, and scored a 3'11" mark. Later on Dick Pedley marked a 2'2", followed by Moorehead with the meets first DC. and on it went. Blah Blah Blah... Tom you add here)

~~Thompson~~ The hit and Rock event, usually is the most fun and it was again this weekend with Moorehead, Cook and Len Zak ~~x~~ hitting and running and placing in that order. Seems ~~Max Kaaha~~ Thompson and Moorehead are always fighting for that chair. Phil DesVerney won a heavy round of applause from the spectators when a wind change put him in the boonies and he nevertheless competed, running and struggling and hitting the rocker in 5min8sec. (Usually a 5sec event.) That's dedication. Fran Atkins joined us after driving for two 1/2 hours from Simi Valley and became the second lady in the competition.

After logging from 4 to 7 jumps each the group decided to kick back and a bunch joined Moorehead for the ride back to Long Beach where tons of pizza and chicken were devoured, generosity of Max Kaaha. Max, incidently had to drop out of competition as the only injury of the meet with a pulled ligament. Moorison brought a buncha bottle of wine and we showed hours and hours of skydive movies to alleviate our habit.

Early the next morning, we all piled into the van and off again to Elsinore. Thompson cant' go very far without his coffee and donuts (go-below ~~x~~food) we found out.

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Meanwhile, back at the DZ, the competition was getting tougher. Lotsa close marks but not many DC'd ~~Q~~ (do you suppose the jumpers ~~WRRR~~ were distracted by the three girls, age 25,25, and 28, in halters and short-shorts?) Naw, not these dignified men of the parachute world. (Heh Heh Heh) Anyhoo, in comes Harold Davis, venerable nemises of accuracy meets and knocked off 3 great rounds with his PC (Whats a PC?) and took first place accuracy.

Then the fun began. Typical of the good time confusion of POPSMEETS, a list for four teams in the RW Competition were set up for the drawing and when it was discovered that only ~~enough~~ enough jumpers signed up for the 4-man scrambles, The #1 was discared and we entered as teams 2, 3, and 4. Never did figure that one out. Fortunately there was another meet happening at the same time and we asked some of the national USPA FAI Judges to clock our team jumps. Just a 4-man scrambles from 7.2. Fun Stuff. Team ~~Q~~ 3, Dick Pedley, Dean Schumaker, Fran Atkins, and Virgil Fordham completed both round formations and had the best time for first place.

All in all a good time was had by all, as usual.

Special thanks to the ground crew, besides the girls there was Judi Young, secretary, lookin' good in her teeny-weeny blue Bikini, Bob Young, with his cane and cast, from his first jump last month (a new POP nevertheless) and the ~~many~~ many other friends and jumpers that pitched in to make the meet the usual success that it was.

The accumulative total of the POPS entered inthe meet: 14,322

We were disappointed in our quest to break the POPSTAR record of 15 when airplane problems and an abundance of students canceled our plans for Sunday afternoon after completion of the meet.

OK TOM; GO FOR IT !!!!