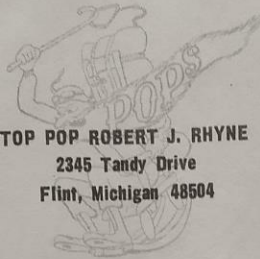


POPS Nationals

1-3 Aug 1975

Ft. Bragg, NC

PARACHUTISTS OVER PHORTY SOCIETY



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May 1, 1975

Hi Pop's.

Here are your roster additions, change of addresses and names of the first Pop's 8 man.

I would suggest you put 8 man names in the front of the roster, leaving back pages for additional names and addresses of new Pop's.

For the second consecutive year the 82 Airborne Division Sport Club will host the Pop's Nationals. We hope the 75 Meet will be the biggest and best ever. Mark you calendar for 1-3 August 75, Ft. Bragg. On 1 Aug. we will have practice jumps and Star attempts. The meet will begin at 9A.M. Aug. 2. Entry fee will be \$30.00. This year we will have a semi-formal banquet at the Ft. Bragg Officers' Club; so bring a coat and tie. Events 3 Acc jumps at 3,000, one "hit & rock" and two 3 man RW jumps. The UH1H helicopter will again be the jump aircraft. Limited housing will be available on Ft. Bragg. Motels are adequate. Feel free to bring the family-there are a lot of things at Ft. Bragg to see. For campers, we have plenty of room at the club. Hope to see you there.

Top Pop

Bob Rhyne

Pops Nationals Meet 1975
Ft Bragg N.C.
Aug 1, 2, 1975



POPS MEETING — Here are some of the scenes during the POPS 75 Parachute Meet at Ft. Bragg. Above left jumpers wait for a ride upstairs while at right Maj. Gen. Thomas Tackaberry confers with Joe Beiderbeck, 64, of Charlotte who marked his 63rd birthday by making 6 parachute jumps. Below left Dan Wolkow of Miami

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atches out as he and other jumpers await a ride and at right jumpers float down after leaving their craft. Below left, the president of POPS, "Top Pop" Bob Rhyme completes a jump and below is a view of the people attending. At bottom right Tanya Soutia of Chicago gives a hand in packing a chute.

Steve Aldridge

Maj Gen Thomas Tackaberry

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Joe Beiderbeck

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POPS Meet Conducted At Bragg

By Spec 4 LOWELL IHNS
Warm handshakes, the loud shouts of greetings to an old jumper, a good cocktail with cold beer to wash down the food and the POPS 75 Parachute Meet at Ft. Bragg was termed a success.

With temperatures in the 90's Aug. 23, the 83 POPS (Parachutist Over Forty) competitors representing 18 states sweated through the competition along with members of the 82nd Airborne Division Sport Parachute Club who sponsored the meet for the second straight year.

Other Division units provided medical support in case of emergencies and transportation from the manifest area to the aircraft boarding point. The Division's 2nd Signal Battalion and the 1st Squadron (Air), 17th Cavalry provided helicopters for use as the jump aircraft.

The POPS 75 Meet consisted of three events. Individual accuracy was first, followed by the "Hit and Rock" competition and the three-min speed star.

The "Hit and Rock" jumpers has to land as close to the disc as possible, remove his equipment, touch the disc and run to a nearby rocking chair and start rocking. Time starts for him as soon as he hits the ground and stops when he reaches the chair.

Descending from 3,000 feet to take first place in the individual accuracy competition was Mack Trent of Aberdeen. He missed the disc in his three jumps by only 0.07 centimeters. "Clint" into second was Robert Farr of Fayetteville and third went to Bobby "Spider" Wrenn of the 82nd Sport Parachute Club with 0.36 and 0.79 centimeters respectively.

The excited yells of "Hit the Disc, The Disc, Get It Off, Hurry, Hurry Up and Rock" could be heard all across the drop zone letting everyone know the "Hit and Rock" competition had started. Rocking his way into first place with a time of 6.1

75 Meet
Results

View of Meet Note! Tom Morrison #96
Ste Mpre 2nd drop zone Canopy

Don Wolkow # 92 #6-49.



Joe Sallor # 759 Soni girlfriend
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CHAMPAGNE JUMP— Once on the ground at Ste. Mere
Eglise Drop Zone, a bottle of champagne appears for
Donna and Sky Huminsky of Lansing Illinois. Jose Ro-
driguez from the 82nd Airborne Division Sport Parachute
Club helps the husband and wife team celebrate. She made
her 1,000th jump while her husband floated to the ground
beside her for his 2,000th on the last jump of the POPS
(Parachutists Over Party) Meet. (U. S. Army Photo by
Jackson)



Donna, Pops # 802 M. Donna

Hit & Rock - Results

POPS have rocking success

By Spec. 4 Lowell Ihns



IS THIS HIT AND ROCK? - A member of the 82d Airborne Division Sport Parachute Club jumping in the "Hit and Rock" competition of the POPS (Parachutist Over Phorty) Meet gets into the chair quickly, but not necessarily correctly during the Meet Aug. 2-3. POPS 75 was sponsored by the 82d Sport Parachute Club and was held on Sic. Mere Egline Drop Zone at Ft. Bragg. (U.S. Army Photo by Spec. 4 Phil Jackson)

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Rocking his way into first place with a time of 6.1 seconds was Paul Katich of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. A scant 1.3 seconds behind was George Zacher of Fayetteville, North Carolina and Richard Phillips of Winter Park, Florida rocked into third with 7.4 seconds.

The last event of the two day meet was the three man speed stars. Soaring into first place was the team of Len Zak, Gus Gutshall and George Zacher with a time of 16.4 seconds.

The team of Donald Dupont, Harry Ervin and Patrick Moorhead earned second with 17.1 seconds. Thomas Hyde, Hans Kukuk and Maximilian Miensopost flew their way into third with 19.4 seconds.

Requirements to be a POP are to be a member of the United States Parachute Association and be over 40 years of age.



See more you and you

POPS

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was limited to 10,500 feet. That was the maximum capability of the hose remaining. HUEY at the end of the weekend, and the challengers were made aware of the limitation before boarding the aircraft. More pressure was put on them by the fact that it would be the final lift of the weekend. There might not be another chance for a whole year. But they had it together enough to set a new record. A five-man was put together so quickly that one jumper got below and lost every chance at a slot as the rest of the star built and floated above him.

Ground observers clocked the nine-man at flying for 10 seconds — and that was breaking at the 82nd Club's field rule altitude of 4,000 feet.

Those in the record star were: Top POP Bob Rhyne (No. 308) — Flint, Michigan. Max Miensopust (No. 451) — Bronx, N.Y. Frank Bender (No. 816) — Passaic, New Jersey

George Zacker (No. 780) — Fayetteville, N.C. Pat Moorehead (No. 572) — Bell Gardens, California Jim Bates (No. 97) — Windsor Locks, Connecticut Roy Grace (No. 273) — Davison, Michigan Harry Erwin (No. 661) — Nashville, Tennessee Hans Kukk (No. 860) — New York, N.Y.

The cumulative age of the team was 402 years the day of the jump. Their total number of parachute jumps was more than 10,275.

Several POPS SCR patches were awarded on-the-spot to jubilant POPS members in recognition of their achievement.

The next gathering for POPS large-star relative work is expected to take place next February at Jimmy Godwin's drop zone in Eustis, Florida. After that, Fort Bragg will again be the August site for the '76 POPS Nationals, according to Bobby "Spider" Wrenn, Custodian, 82nd Airborne Sport Parachute Club.



World Record Team: 1st POPS Nine-Man Star.
Ray Grace, Jim Bates, Pat Moorehead, George Zacker, Hans Kukk, (seated) Harry Erwin, Bob Rhyne, Max Miensopust, Frank Bender.

POPS Top The Record

By Jim Bates

A new "world" record was set at the 1973 POPS (Parachutists Over Forty Society) Nationals held at the St. Mere Eglise DZ, Fort Bragg, North Carolina in August.

A nine-man star was successfully made at the weekend meet hosted by the 82nd Airborne Sport Parachute Club. The previous record was an eight-man star built at last year's POPS Nationals, also held at Ft. Bragg. The record setter was only the third successful eight-man made by POPS members. Getting enough of them together in one place for large star attempts is an unusual occurrence in itself.

Several 10-person (including one female RWer) attempts were made on practice and fun jump days, but the best that could be done at first was a record-equalling eight-man on the Friday practice day. This gathering of POPS people from as far as California and Michigan was essentially a "scrambles" group. The first couple of tries were necessarily efforts to develop the right combination from the assortment of shapes, sizes, weights, and gear at hand. The record ultimately made started as another 10-man try. Altitude

