

POPS Winter Meet

1986

Umatilla, FL

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POPS Rock

Jimmy Godwin, D-0126, and his wife Wilma again hosted the winter meet of the Parachutists Over Phorty Society at the Paragators DZ in Umatilla, FL. A Pilatus Turbo Porter and two Cessnas flew the 62 competitors during an accuracy competition with rules are unique to the POPS gatherings, hit and rock. (These require the competitor to land as close as possible to the target, take off his equipment, touch the target, and then run to a rocking chair placed 40 feet away.)

Actual accuracy scores were respectable for a group so far away from the 18 to 25, flat-bellied, world-class competition crowd. Most noteworthy was Warren Hoyt, D-10191, at 74 perhaps the nation's oldest active jumper, who made over 30 jumps during the week-long meet. Hoyt participated in a 10-way star with jumpers who had amassed among them 28,785 jumps. Their average age was 54.

Mexican Jumping Beans

Gulf Conference Director Vern Melancon got the high sign from Mexican authorities in Nuevo Laredo just across the border from Laredo, TX, to open the horse racing season at the municipal track. Jumpers performing exhibitions into the track included Melancon, Carl Neukirch, Sr., D-4088, Carl Neukirch, Jr.,

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Melancon said he believed the authorities were more open to the American jumpers' participation than to some Mexican locals who had wanted the demo.

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