

3rd annual POPS SOS Midwestern Meet

13,14 Jul 1996

Vandalia, IL

1996

*Archway's 3rd Annual POPS & SOS Midwestern
Championships July 13th & 14th*

SCHEDULED EVENTS :

- *4 rounds of accuracy**
- *1 round of Hit 'n' Rock**
- Jump prices are \$7.00 to 3500'*
(practice jumps are \$5.00)
- *Banquet on Saturday night**



*Also open on Thursday & Friday for practice jumps.
It'll be "another good vibes weekend," don't miss it!*

**ARCHWAY SKYDIVING CENTRE
CITY AIRPORT, VANDALIA, IL**

60 MILES EAST OF ST. LOUIS (ON I-70) EXIT #61

(800) 283-JUMP

(618) 283-4973 (ph / fax)

email ArchwayDZ@aol.com

May 90

MAYBE YOU'VE HEARD

The 1996 World Cup of relative work is set for August 10-26 at Skydive Leopoldsburg in Hechtel, Belgium. A boogie is also planned for fun jumpers. Aircraft includes two An-28s and Twin Otters, although the Otters will be used primarily for the competition. Telephone (32) 11-34-34-34 or fax (32) 11-34-82-37.

A women's world record attempt scheduled in France this summer has been canceled (*Skydiving* #171). Organizer Alexis Perry has postponed the event until July 1997. "The event will more than likely be held in Vichy, France, just prior to the 1997 Espace Boogie," said Perry. His telephone is (33) 7109-0379 or fax (33) 7109-0396.

Skydive Sebastian in Florida flew 918 loads during its first quarter of operation this year, reports DZ manager Lyle Presse. The 14,223 jumps made included 952 tandem dives and 470 AFF jumps.

Approximately 180 skydivers took advantage of a \$10 jump special at the Easter Boogie held April 5-8 at Carolina Sky Sports in Louisburg, N.C. DZ owner Paul Fayard said the turnout was lower than expected due to a forecast of poor weather. The weather did ground the jumpers for a day and a half, but they were busy when it was good, making 1662 skydives from the DZ's CASA, King Air and Twin Otter. A \$15 registration fee covered the cost of load organizers Danny Page, Jerry Bird, Dan Pearse and Sandy Wambach.

The Federation Aeronautique Internationale in Paris, France, has established a site on the Internet. "We hope that this extension of the FAI's services will prove useful for air sports enthusiasts throughout the world," said FAI Secretary General Max Bishop. "The FAI web site is going to be under construction for a while. We welcome suggestions for improvements to the site." Visit <http://www.fai.org/~fai/> for more information.

Sales of the Time-Out audible altimeter are good, reports sales director George Pilkington of the Cool & Groovy Fridge Company in England. Over 1650 are now in use since the product was introduced last summer (*Skydiving* #171).

World champion Jack Jefferies will run a 4-way camp June 24-July 7 at Skydive Crosskeys in Williamstown, N.J. The DZ says teams are eligible for reduced jump rates.

Air Time Designs has installed a computer-driven hot knife for cutting out canopies at its factory in Zephyrhills, Fla.

The 3rd Annual POPS and SOS Midwestern Championships is set for July 13-14 at the Archway Skydiving Centre in Vandalia, Ill. The competition includes accuracy and hit and rock. The Parachutists Over Phorty Society celebrates its 35th anniversary this year. Skydivers Over Sixty, which was started in 1992, is a subgroup of the organization.

Skydive Hot Springs in Arkansas will host a POPS and SOS Summer Fun Fest July 17-21. A competition the last two days includes 4-way RW, accuracy, and hit and rock.

Membership is up in the Pterodactyl Society, a loose-knit organization for skydivers who have been in the sport for at least 25 years. "What started out to be just a lark has turned into a world-wide organization with over 100 members to date," says chairman of the board Steve Gwin. A one-time membership fee costs \$25. "All new members will receive a personalized membership certificate and identification card, membership roster (updated bi-annually), periodic newsletters, and an all-black cap embroidered with the Pterodactyl logo," says Gwin. Telephone is (510) 787-3135.

SSK Industries, the U.S. service center for Airtec Cypres automatic openers, has a world wide web site. Its address is <http://www.pia.com/SSK>.

The Swedish 8-way team "The Project" made 43 jumps during an 8-way training camp at Ostersund in late March. "Temperatures ranged from 5 to -30 degrees Celsius (41 to -22 degrees Fahrenheit) at the snow covered DZ," said correspondent Ken Hansen.

The Las Vegas Skydiving Center will relocate its operation this July to nearby Jean, Nev., 18 miles south of Las Vegas. DZ spokesman Ray Sayles says the move is due to growth in the Las Vegas area and increased airport traffic. A Leaving Las Vegas Boogie is set for June 7-9 at the North Las Vegas Airport. The event will include a 10-way speed star scrambles and state record attempt. Aircraft support includes a Twin Otter and Cessna 411. Telephone Sayles at (702) 648-6100.

AeroStore Corporation late last month opened a gear sales outlet at Skydive Crosskeys in Williamstown, N.J. The retail company, owned by Marco and Jill Castanon, has additional shops in Pottstown, Pa., and Lake Wales, Fla.

Members of Diamond Quest will be busy running CRW training camps this season at DZs around the country. At least three drop zones—the United Parachute Club in Pennsylvania, Peach State Skydiving in Georgia and Skydive Dallas in Texas—have scheduled camps at least one weekend each month this year. "Camps begin Friday evening with a training video and lecture," says United spokesman Frank Matrone who hosted a camp recently. Flight Concepts Prodigy mains will be available to participants.

Gravity Sports has moved from Davis to Truckee, Calif., near Lake Tahoe. The company manufactures BASE jumping equipment.

Jumpers on their first try built a 48-way over Skydive Sebastian on May 5, setting a record for the Florida DZ. Pat Dodgin, Lyle Presse and Carl Daugherty organized the effort, and a CASA and Twin Otter hauled it.

About 100 jumpers attended the Pink Skyvan's 10th anniversary party late last month at its home DZ in the Czech Republic. The aircraft hauled 21 free loads in marginal weather, reports correspondent Torsten Hofer.