

POPS West Coast Meet

1,2 May 1993

Elsinore, CA



Good Morning!

14 January 1993

Well, it's that time again. Back by 'popular demand' (really) we are presenting the bi-annual POPS WEST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The competition will be held at Elsinore Paracenter (Cy Perkins Parachute Club) on May 1-2, 1993. This is the site of the first POPS West Coast meet in 1970 and where the recent POPS 40-way world record was made last December.

As we all realize, the participants in our sports are 'maturing' and, in fact, almost 20% of USPA members have reached that age that makes them eligible for POPS. At our last meet (the ONLY POPS meet held in the West) there were over 65 competitors and about 120 people attended the awards banquet. A real successful affair to say the least. And this year, from what we are hearing, we expect those numbers to grow. I think it's partly because we meet only every two years out here.

In order to make our meet a more exciting event, we would like your help in the form of a contributory sponsorship. Obviously, not everyone will win a medal or a large prize so it helps to have some sort of prize for the 'also rans.'

We'll happily accept your donation of anything from a canopy or rig to anything you feel comfortable in contributing - including the smallest trinket. You know us skydivers; we love to win somethin' for nothin'. (That never changes, does it?)

And, if you can make it, please join us for a real low-key 'fun' meet. We still haven't forgotten how to have a good time. Hope to see you on May 1st.....

Thanks - Sincerely,

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WHAT WOULD IT COST TO RUN A SMALL AD TO THANK THE SPONSORS OF OUR RECENT WEST COAST POPS CHAMPIONSHIPS? I ENVISION THE AD TO BE SIMILAR TO THE U.S.TEAM SUPPORT AD AT THE BOTTOM RIGHT ON PAGE 34 OF ISSUE #143 OF SKYDIVING MAGAZINE.

SORTA LIKE:

THE COMPETITORS AT THE
POPS WEST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS
SINCERELY THANKS OUR SPONSORS FOR
THEIR GENEROUS AND CONTINUOUS SUPPORT:

Aerial Tease Sport Wear
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Glidepath International
The Hat Shoppe
Headlites Goggles
The Jump Shack
Norm Kent Productions
Kroops Goggles
Parachutes Associates
Performance Designs
Perris Valley Skydiving
Dan Poynter Publications
Precision Aerodynamics
Relative Workshop
Rigging Innovations
Skydive Arizona
Skydiving Book Service
Sky Systems - Tubestos
Square One
Sun Path Products
Sunshine Factory
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..Redesign as necessary to not cost us an arm and a leg. This is not a 'for-profit' meet. (snivel- snivel-snivel.....)

CALL OR FAX TO: PAT MOOREHEAD, 310 630-5229

-- THANKS.....

POPS WEST COAST CHAMPIONSHIP 5993

REGISTRATION: Saturday starting at 7:00 a.m. and continuing until 9:00 a.m.

EVENTS AND FEES: Cash or Checks payable to Pat Moorehead.
No Charge Cards.

- 5 way Team Scrambles/Accuracy. 3-jumps from 8500'. Trophies to third place.
- HIT N' ROCK, one jump from 3500'. Trophies to third place.

TOTAL ENTRY FEE: INCLUDES: 4 jumps, trophies, awards banquet, and approximately \$?? in prizes. (Additional banquet tickets cost 13.00 *Non-POPS and non-jumpers are welcome.)

RULES AND PROCEDURES: (LISTEN for loudspeakers: "POPS - "POPS - "POPS...)

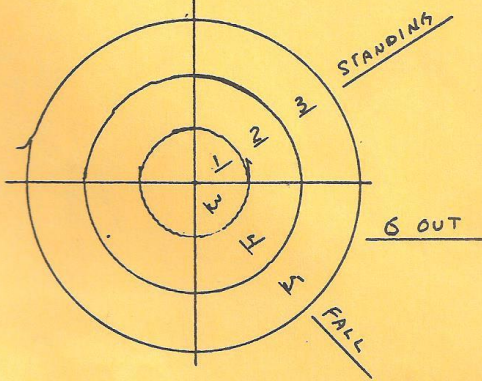
- COMPETITION starts Saturday, 9:30 a.m. with 5-way team jumps. HIT 'N ROCK follows immediately.
- SCORING by the judges will be final.
- NO REFUNDS except as caused by the weather.
- RE-JUMPS or tie-breaking jumps will be at the expense of the competitor.
- PACKING must be completed within 45 minutes after landing.
- IF EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS ARISE, judges and POPS manifest must be notified as soon as you know if before your next schedule jump is called.

5 WAYRW/ACCURACY SCRAMBLES RULES 8500 ft. 25 seconds maximum work time.

This event consists of a team speed star followed by accuracy on the same jump.

NO SHOW _____ NO HOLDS _____ NO PIECES out the door. NO FLOATERS.

Judges must be able to see separation between jumpers on exit. At 4000 ft separate for staggered openings for individual accuracy. Plan ahead, maintain canopy separation. The target consists of 3 concentric bullseye circles. Points are awarded based on the circle in which you land. Standing landings are awarded bonus points. The lower the points, the better the score. The object is to avoid crash and burn landings. The peas area is small. After landing, clear the area fast as possible. Up to 4 other jumpers may be landing in the same target area within moments. Medal awarded to first 3 place RW teams.



ACCURACY SCORING

<u>CIRCLE</u>		<u>POINTS</u>
1	stand	1
1	fall	3
2	stand	2
2	fall	4
3	stand	3
3	fall	5
4		6

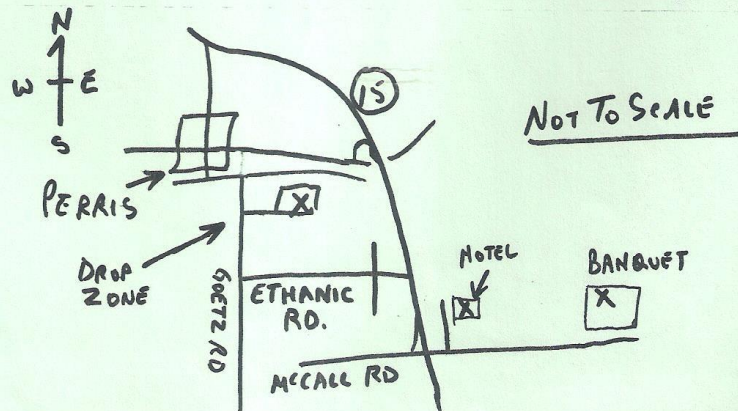
HIT N' ROCK RULES; This is a TIMED event. Time starts when the jumpers feet touch the ground on landing and stops when the jumpers butt hits the seat.

- Chair is placed 40 ft (POPS) from the disc at a right angle to the wind.
- Time measurement starts the moment of touchdown and ends as the jumpers butt hits the chair, NOT when the jumpers feet leave the ground as in a flying, twisting leap.
- After landing, jumper must remove harness while standing in place WITHOUT moving his feet towards the disc. AFTER getting out of the harness while standing in place, the jumper must step on the disc or touch it with his hand ENROUTE to the chair.
- If the jumper dead centers, he must AGAIN touch the disc after getting out of his harness.
- Leg harnesses with connector snaps or quick ejector snaps may not be disconnected BEFORE OR AFTER landing. All harnesses are to be used as step in harnesses for this event.
- Belly and/or chest strap removal is optional.
- Optional equipment; helmet, goggles, gloves, jumpsuit, altimeter, etc.
- Hit and rock jump order will be in individual numerical sequence.
- A jumper may be disqualified if; 1) Leg straps are unsnapped before after touchdown. 2) If jumper moves toward disc before harness is removed. 3) Jumper fails to touch disc enroute to the chair. 4) Misses his assigned aircraft.

NOTES: Bar opens at Menifee Valley Bowl (Sun City Bowl) at 7:00 PM.
Dinner at 8:00 PM.

DIRECTIONS: Route 15 South to McCall Exit - Left (east) on McCall Blvd to Bowling Alley Complex (approx 1/2 mile) 27400 McCall Blvd.
Sun City.

POPS HEADQUARTERS: Sunset Inn, 27955 Encanto Ave., Sun City, 714-679-8861



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POPS WEST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS - OR
THE GERITOL-FOR-LUNCH-BUNCH STRIKES AGAIN

By Pat Moorehead, POPS WEST

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Weather problems in California? -- on a competition weekend? Nahhhh... As the weekend approached, and the 'more mature' skydivers in our sport gathered at Perris Valley Skydiving Center, several weather fronts decided to join the fun. Here they were, stocked up with Geritol and prunes, and ready to rock-and-roll -- and not enough altitude for the 5-way RW/Accuracy team scrambles. BUT - Meet Director Len ZAK, ready to overcome any situation that might delay this 20th Anniversary meet, simply directed his staff (or was it 'waved his cane?') and the famous POPS Rockin' chair was placed at the peas for the infamous and hilarious Hit'n'rock event. You know how this works: the chair is placed 40' from the disk, and, racing the clock, the competitor lands, drops his gear, sprints to the disk, and then to the chair. For many of the newest POPS, this was a first time effort, and there were plenty of them wrapped in their canopies as they tried to beat the East Coast record time of 4.5 seconds. In the end the event was won by the New-Kid-On-The-Block, 40-year-old Dave Leclercq, with a time of 6.67. Dave was followed closely by Mike Owens, Russ Manhold, Pat Moorehead, and Pat Swovelin, with only a 1.23 second spacing from first to fifth place.

This year the competitors traveled from Florida, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Oregon, Arizona, Texas, and even four POPS from the United Kingdom. Well, call that 3. U.K. POP Brian Shepard didn't compete because he decided, on Friday, to test the density of the earth with a downwind landing under his 150' reserve. Needless to say, he

spent the weekend watching and whining from the sidelines. Among the 3-dozen competitors were two lovely young lady POPS, Joy Brown and Alicia Anderson. Between weather holds the other POPS spent some time trying to remember something - but couldn't.

So, Saturday evening, with the meet only partially completed, the party got started at the bowling alley in nearby Sun City (no joke!). The banquet hall was packed with competitors, friends and relatives and the cocktail hour lasted long enough to get the festivities moving in an upbeat mood. One thing these guys and gals haven't forgotten: 'let's party!'

Meet Director Zak, and Co-Director Pat Moorehead spent most of the evening awarding thousands of dollars worth of prizes which were generously donated by the parachuting community. Awards included anything from goggles to canopies and from books to videos and, as usual, everyone seemed to receive at least two prizes.

TOP POP Bill Wood, was in attendance as was Mr. Mike Allum, Secretary of the British Parachute Association. Special guests were co-authors Pat (SCS-1) and Jan Works (The Art of Freefall Relative Work & United We Fall) and former TOP POP, Tom Morrison. National Director Moorehead used the occasion to present 30-year USPA Membership certificates to Art Derham, D-6737 and Jim Masillo, D-1119. In addition Alicia Anderson, D-9821 was presented with her gold Lifetime Membership card.

On Sunday Morning the clouds were still coming and going ("jumpable but not judgeable" repeated Judge Brenda Reid) so it was decided to give it

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a try anyhow, and if the RW could not be scored, then the meet would be decided by the team accuracy. The meet was completed without further delay and everyone gathered for the results and awards presentation. David Pusey, one of the UK POPS, made a special POPS UK membership presentation to John 'B.J.' (Blind John) Fleming, a strong and experienced skydiver who overcame his disadvantage to pick up a 3rd place medal.

With some daylight remaining and the clouds breaking up a bit, it was decided that it was time to attempt to break the current POPSTAR record of 30 - but that's another story.....

(Kevin: Sidebar or part-2 by Carey Peck, about the record.)

(Statistics and results on following pages)

POPS WEST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS
STATISTICS AND RESULTS

--Competitors had a total of 75,400 jumps.
--Most: Tom Morrison, POP 86, with 6600 jumps
--Least: Gary Gruber, POP #3221, with 148 jumps
--Oldest: Tom Morrison, 67
--Youngest: Dave Leclercq, 40

HIT'N'ROCK:	First:	Dave Leclercq,	6.67 seconds
	2nd:	Mike Owens,	7.56
	3rd:	Russ Manhold	7.78
	4th:	Pat Moorehead	7.87
	5th:	Pat Swovelin	7.90

TEAM RW/ACCURACY:

FIRST: Team Capt. Russ Manhold
Larry Langrand
Carey Peck
Sylvester St.Cyr
Deiter Langer

2nd: Team Capt. Pat Moorehead
Dave Keith
John Brasher
Stan Perrine
David Leclercq
(Alt) Eike Hohenadl

3rd: Team Capt Richard 'Zimmo' Zimmerman
Bill Montague
Mike Owens
John 'B.J.' Fleming
David Pusey

4th: Team Capt. Pat Swovelin
Kevin Donnely
Joy Brown
Bill Wood
Dennie Sewell

5th: Team Capt. Harry Leicher
Alicia Anderson
Walter Roy
David Weaver
Patrick Paris

6th: Team Capt. Tom Morrison
Ed Ryan
Jim Massillo
Ed Moy
John Crowhurst

7th: Team Capt. Al Frisby
Sandy Reid
Wayne Powell
Gary Gruber
Mike Allum

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Is there skydiving after 40?

By Wayne Brown

Is there skydiving after 40? As a skydiver for over 15 years this was a concern to me as I recently turned 40. Was this the beginning of the end of my skydiving excitement? Thankfully I found out that I'm not at the end, but at the beginning of a whole new era of skydiving fun. I discovered this fact when I entered the 21st POPS (Parachutists Over Phorty Society) West Coast Championships.

The 21st POPS West Coast Championships were held Saturday, May 1, at Perris, California. The meet was only open to POPS members. The registration fee was \$70, which included four jumps. I wasn't a POPS member but for \$15 I signed up as a lifetime POPS member at the registration table.

My \$70 turned out to be money well spent. Meet director, Len Zak, organized an exceptional meet. This was the only POPS meet on the west coast in '93. This was also the largest POPS west coast meet to date, with 48 men and women competitors admitting being over 40. Seven states were represented with some skydivers traveling from as far away as the east coast to participate in all the fun.

The meet consisted of two events: Hit 'N Rock and a 6-way scrambles speed star with accuracy. Hit 'N Rock was a timed event, best done not wearing a jump suit. Each of us exited at 3,500 feet AGL over the target. The time started when our feet touched the ground on landing and stopped when our butt hit the chair seat. In between we had to take off our rigs completely, then run over and stomp a pie plate, in the center of the target, before landing in the chair. POPS meets in the past have used a rocking chair, but this time a high backed cushioned chair was used instead. This chair did provide the occasional rocking motion as it would rock over backwards to dump in the dirt the vigorous competitors who impacted the chair at high-speed.

The 6-way scrambles speed star and accuracy event was a three round jump-off that combined team speed stars with team accuracy on the same jump. The team with the lowest total points would win. The point totals were awarded based on RW time plus each of our team members' accuracy points, where stand up landings received lower points than fall down landings. Judges on the ground gave us our spot, cut and two minute exit window from 8,500 feet AGL. The rules were simple: "NO SHOW, NO HOLDS, NO PIECES, NO FLOATERS, NO NOTHING!"

At the end of our day of fun and friendly competition we assembled poolside for the awards and prize drawings. When the event winners were announced the Hit 'N Rock was won by Fess Edwards with time of 6.43 seconds. The 6-way scrambles/accuracy winners were the Waco Survivors (Team captain Jerry Swovelin, Perry Armstrong, Al Arnold,

Wayne Brown, Len Hart and Ed Ryan). Assistant meet director, Pat Moorehead, had arranged for sponsors that generously donated over \$8,000 in prizes, so you didn't even have to place, or even compete, to win something. Everyone who participated in the meet won something, in fact, after it was all over everyone had received at least their money back in prizes, so it was like jumping for free!

My first venture into the world of over 40 skydiving proved to be a heck of a lot of fun. I didn't even feel old since I was one of the youngest skydivers there. A number of skydivers were even over 60. The oldest competitor was Tom Morrison, who at 69 has over 7,000 skydives! If you're over 40 and haven't attended a local POPS meet, you don't know what you're missing. You will definitely not want to miss the 2nd POPS World Meet, with jumpers arriving from all over the world, November 15, 1993, in Umatilla, Florida. If you're under 40 and want to compete...Sorry, you'll just have to wait as I did...They check ID's!

NOTE: POPS membership is growing and now comprises 20% of all USPA membership. POPS is a non-profit organization. A \$15 membership fee registers you as a POPS member, allows you to compete in all POPS meets. You receive a membership directory of POPS members worldwide, and a 4" diameter POPS fabric patch. Send your \$15 fee to TOP POP: Bill Wood; 35 Dera St., Greenville, SC 29615.