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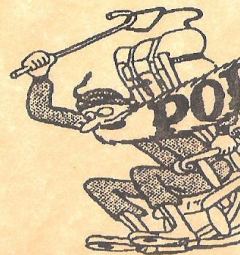
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Parachutists Over Phorty Society



CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

This certifies that

*Josepha Eveleigh Chris Kelly M.J. Butt
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Pamela Rhodes Chris Libs Gail Sims
Bette Klett Melinda Martinez Caroline Foxmeyer*

*did participate in the National & California State record
POPS Tiny Broadwick Memorial
18 woman freefall formation
at Skydive Elsinore on September 16, 1995*

*Your POPS Event is acknowledged and recorded in the POPS Awards History.
Sincere congratulations!*

*Alicia P. Anderson
TopPop #9*

*Len Zak, POPS 460
POPS Award Coordinator*

ATTENTION DZ OPERATORS!

Coming soon to your drop zone:

- FAR Part 135 for Jump Aircraft Operations.
- 10% Ticket Tax on all Twins over 6,000 pounds.
- User fees for General Aviation, to include skydiving.
- Increased FAA Surveillance and Inspections.

Unless We Pull Together Now.

Plan to attend the USPA-sponsored DZ operators meeting on Nov. 30-Dec. 1 at the Ramada Seminary Plaza hotel, (703) 751-4510, in Alexandria, Virginia. Small clubs or big centers—this meeting is a must! (USPA affiliation not required to attend). Working groups on airport access, excise tax, FAR compliance and much more.

Guest Speakers:

Bob Francis, Vice Chairman NTSB

Peggy Gilligan, Deputy Associate Administrator FAA for Regulation and Certification.

Contact Arleen Richman at USPA Headquarters for more information, (703) 836-3495. Invitations are in the mail, but don't wait to make travel reservations.

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Harrisonville for damages resulting from these actions. In order to fulfill financial obligations, Horizon Skydiving has been forced to sell all of its assets. DZ owners are requesting any suggestions or knowledge from similar cases in order to help them fight this battle. They can be reached at (816) 923-7006.

Virginia's Newest Record

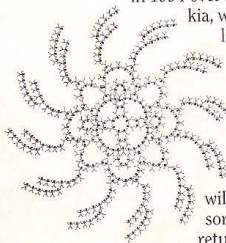
On Saturday, October 7, women from around the state gathered at Skydive Virginia in Louisa to set a new women's state record. The 21-way was built on the first attempt, easily beating the previous record of 17. Sandy Wambach organized the event which focused on new formation theories and, of course, on having fun.

The Biggest Blot Yet...

USPA National Director and James Bond stuntman B.J. Worth has plans to assault the world freefall formation record next September in Russia. The formation: a symmetrical 300-way reinforced with an X-ray base and strengthened by using 3-way triangular anchors. [See illustration below—a Parachutist exclusive.]

Worth is working from the lessons learned in 1994 over Bratislava, Slovakia, where 216 people linked up for an unofficial world record. The event is being billed as World Team '96, and all of the team captains from Bratislava will be back to help sort things out. Also returning will be a fleet of three or four MI-26 choppers, each capable of hauling 100 jumpers with room for eight across the tailgate.

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The jumps will take place about 1,000 miles south of Moscow in Anapa, a resort town near the Black Sea. Stay tuned for more details.

Fatalities So Far: 23

A tandem instructor and his passenger died the second weekend in October, accounting for fatalities 22 and 23 for 1995.

It was the tandem instructor's sixth tandem of the day. Although details are still unclear, early reports indicate a normal drogue deployment and freefall. A witness watching from under canopy as the pair fell flat and stable through 3,000 feet until impact reported that the reserve pilot chute and three feet of bridle appeared to be out of the container. The AAD was on, but inspection indicates that it fired after the reserve handle had been pulled. The incident is still under investigation.

Extreme Games Will Return

Jeff Ruhe, a senior vice president at ESPN, announced that the Extreme Games will return to Rhode Island in 1996. The week-long, multi-sport event will be held June 24-30 and will be televised on ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPN International.

The Games, which last year attracted more than 130,000 spectators and featured approximately 50 hours of programming, were originally scheduled to take place in 1997; however, the success of its premiere led ESPN to announce a 1996 return.

The 1996 Extreme Games will include at least seven sport categories: bicycle stunt riding, bungee jumping, in-line skating, sky-surfing, skateboarding, street luge racing and water sports.

Tiny Broadwick Memorial Skydive

On September 16, a hot autumn Saturday, 18 POPS women met at Skydive Elsinore to pay tribute to parachuting pioneer Tiny Broadwick. Coordinated by Josepha Eveleigh, it was the third time the same core group of women had come together to

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attempt a new POPS women's record. So, who was Tiny Broadwick? And why did these women honor her?

On September 13, 1914, at the age of 21, Tiny became the first person to freefall from an airplane, and therefore, became the world's first skydiver. Broadwick was demonstrating a "coat-pack" parachute designed by Charles Broadwick to the U.S. Army Aviation Bureau at San Diego's North Island. When her lines became snagged, she cut herself free from the static line attached to the plane and fell until pulling the end of the line still connected to her parachute. She had discovered freefall and the ripcord pull at the same time!

And so, these 18 women gathered at Lake Elsinore, California, to honor Tiny with a special skydive. With the very first jump, consisting of a free-flown exit, the 6-way base formed and the pods and wedges began docking. They nailed the formation by 8,000 feet, easily breaking the previous POPS record of 16. Enthusiasm was high, and they piled back into Elsinore's Super Otter to make three more jumps to extend their ceremony. That evening the whole DZ celebrated the accomplishment with a party, complete with a band, beer and tales of Tiny's first jump.

Dive Rite Goes Thermal

Dive Rite, the company that designed the first-ever variable geometry skydiving jumpsuit, has developed a new lightweight, insulated coverall that is adaptable to high-altitude or cold weather skydiving.

The suits, known as Flexerals, are custom-tailored to the individual with tough, waterproof exteriors and insulated linings.

Dive Rite designer Buzz Ansley first entered the jumpsuit market in 1990. Two years later, he supplied the world record 200-way over Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, with color coordinated Dive Rite products.

For more information, Ansley can be reached at (615) 962-1879.

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COVER STORY: SKY DIVING

THE SKY'S NOT LIMIT FOR THEM

PARACHUTING: At 8,000 feet, 18 over-40 women complete a world-record geometric formation.

By **JAENA THOMPSON**
The Orange County Register
From Lake Elsinore

At the top, they look for the green light in the cargo hold of the De-Havilland Super Otter to indicate they're at altitude, 13,500 feet, and over the landing area.

They smile and wave to the cockpit, then bunch at the double-wide door, shifting the plane's load. Their lead cameraman, Tom LeBus, steps into the doorway. They organize alongside. Then they go.

They boil out the door. The plane shudders as they roll forth, cameraman Tim Moore head flailing for footing as he brings up the rear. They must exit rapidly. They fall away at 120 mph.

As they maneuver, or track, through the air to position themselves in formation, they can move at up to 200 mph. A false move, one diver bumping another, can result in death to one or both. It's a heads-up sport.

Pilot Karl Gullede pushes the Otter's nose down to compensate for the sudden weight redistribution. He banks the plane left and spirals downward. He'll be on the ground only shortly after they are.

From the ground, they appear as specks in a little, tiny net. Then they scatter, like the hatching of a ball of baby ants, each scrambling away from the knot.

As they near the landing area, a rustling sound marks their approach. Each swoops in from a different direction, the sliders on the lines of their canopies flapping noisily.

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Whether they have crossed the age designation willingly or otherwise, these women over 40 have a collection of expertise and enterprise not found in youngsters.

M.J. Butt, the day's load organizer, is an airline pilot. Kitty Baran owns a jumpsuit company. Cathy Jacklin owns a Hemet dog-training business. Joy Brown is a free-lance nurse and free-fall photographer. Paula Thules is in retail merchandising. Gail Sims co-

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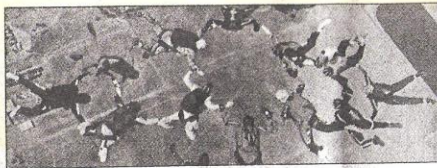
"Skydiving's extremely good for your ego," Thules said. "There are very few people who've jumped out of an airplane. You're learning and achieving. The more you jump, the faster you advance. To me, it's total freedom."

CBS EXPLOITS PRIMAL FEARS

► 'AMERICAN GOTHIC' DREDGES UP EVIL. **SHOW, PAGE 6**

DISHES FOR ROSH HASHANA

► FRUIT, HONEY SWEETEN HIGH HOLY DAYS. **FOOD, PAGE 1**



WOMEN PAST 40 SKY-DIVE, AND RECORD FALLS

► FORMATION DIVE INVOLVES 18 WOMEN. **SPORTS, PAGE 15**

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TOGETHER IN SPIRIT AND FAITH

Hundreds of teens across Orange County joined in a 7 a.m. nationwide prayer rally Wednesday. Arms locked, heads bowed, eyes shut, they gathered



70 mph limit is in passin

LEGISLATION: House votes to repeal the national speed law. Now it could be up to the president and governor.

By **MARC LIFSHER**
The Orange County Register

If Pete Wilson and Bill Clinton cooper-

limit to 70 mph just as soon as the president signs a similar measure that passed the House on Wednesday and now heads to a conference committee that will work out differences with a Senate version.

The House bill, passed 313-112, would repeal the federal speed limit of 55 mph for all vehicles, turning over to the states the question of how fast motorists should be allowed to drive. An earlier

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Tiny Broadwick

Georgia Thompson "Tiny" Broadwick, America's "first lady" of parachuting, died recently in California.

Under the tutelage of her foster father, veteran air show performer Charles Broadwick, Tiny helped pioneer parachuting in the U.S. She first jumped

from a hot air balloon in 1908 at the tender age of 14.

Accompanying her father to air shows all over America, Tiny continued to jump, enthraling audiences with her daring. In the process Tiny became the first woman to jump from an airplane and later made the world's first recorded intentional water jump.

Until 1914 all of Tiny's jumps utilized a bulky "vest" parachute, invented by her father, which was a forerunner of the static line systems we use today. However, during a series of demonstration jumps for the U.S. government, a static line entanglement nearly killed Tiny, and for subsequent jumps she simply cut short the static line and disconnected it from the plane, pulling it herself after she was clear of the aircraft. Thus Tiny became the first woman ever to freefall, and probably the first person to ever make a planned freefall parachute jump.

Before she retired in 1922, Tiny made an estimated 1100 jumps, and in 1973 was awarded an honorary set of Gold Wings in Los Angeles.

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