

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual West Coast POPS Meet**

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#### POPS STRIKE AGAIN

The 5th annual West Coast POPS MEET was held on May 7th at Elsinore Paracenter in Southern California. Wouldn't you know that the weather man would conjure up the wettest week of May since 1921?

Because of the inclement weather the participation was down from previous years however we were able to complete the 2 rounds of accuracy and 1 round of Hit 'n Rock on Saturday before the Monsoon stuck late that afternoon and closed the DZ for the balance of the weekend.

Walter Roy, POP # 514, drove in from Sacramento and won the accuracy event in his trusty Para-Commander leaving John Cook, POP # 587, from San Francisco and Pat Moorehead, POP #572, from Long Beach, to settle for 2nd and 3rd, respectively, as both pulled up short with their Strato-Clouds. Even John's 1" strike in the 2nd round followed by Pat's dead-center couldn't budge Walt's consistency.

Audrey Jackman, POP # 643, from New Zealand, had trouble with the stiff winds and blew away as did many of the other competitors.

Bob Patrick, ~~POP #~~ caught a plane in from Santa Clara but arrived too late on Saturday afternoon to compete and had to settle for a quick fun jump before the rains hit.

The Hit 'n Rock was taken by John Cook with a time of 6.5 seconds, followed (again) by Moorehead with another DC but a slower time of 7 seconds flat. Must be getting old -- (older?).

A special thanks to Manager Dan Ivey ~~and the staff~~ of PI's Elsinore paracenter for donating the the Hit 'n Rock trophy and to his staff for their interest and assistance which helped us complete the meet in spite of occasional sprinkles.

Also, welcome to Tom Friedkin who had the courage to admit to being over 40 and ~~is~~ joined the POPS organization.

(P. N. Moorehead, POP #572)