

POPS Meet

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Ft. Bragg, NC



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POPS MEETING — Here are some of the scenes during the POPS 75 Parachute Meet at Ft. Bragg. Above left jumpers wait for a ride upstairs while at right Maj. Gen.

Thomas Tackaberry confers with Joe Beiderbeck, 64, of Charlotte who marked his 63rd birthday by making 63 parachute jumps. Below left Dan Wolkow of Miami

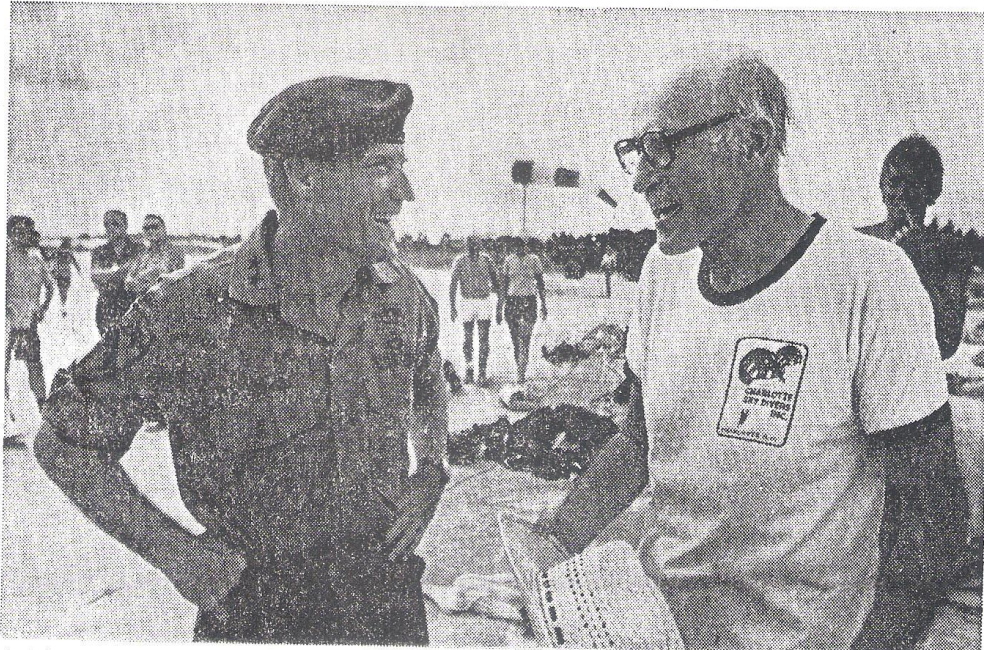
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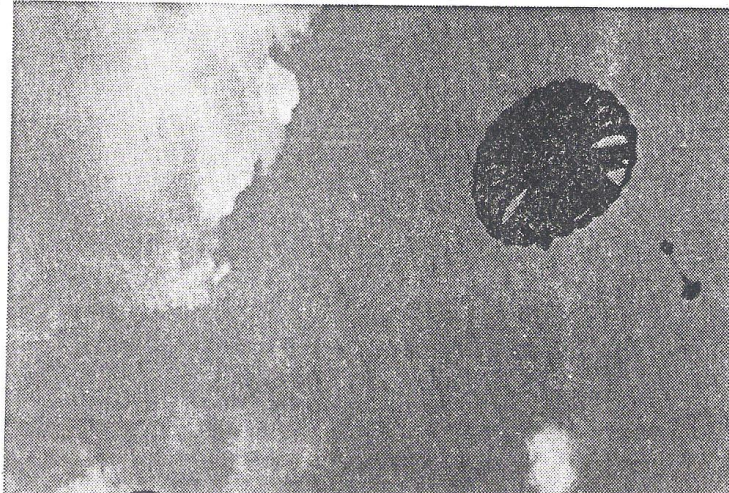
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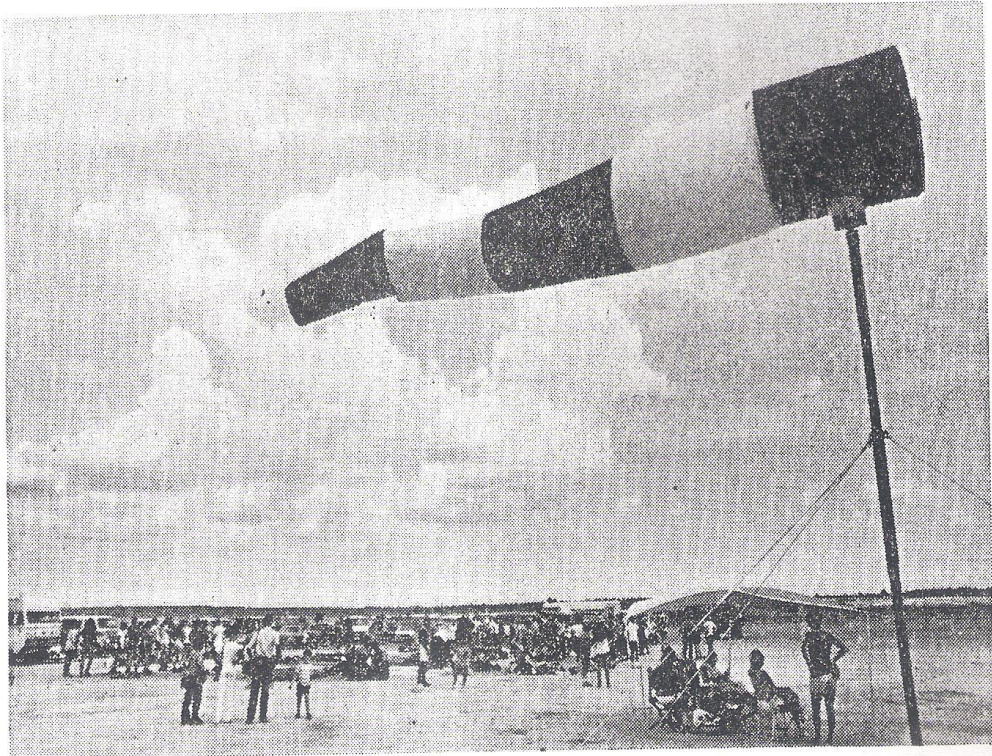


stretches out as he and other jumpers await a ride and at right jumpers float down after leaving their craft. Below left the president of POPS, "Top Pop" Bob Rhyne com-

pletes a jump and below is an view of the people attending. At bottom right Tanya Soutia of Chicago gives a hand in packing a chute.

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Warm handshakes, the loud shouts of greetings to an old jumper, a good cookout with cold beer to wash down the food and the POPS 75 Parachute Meet at Ft. Bragg, was termed a success.

With temperatures in the 90's Aug. 2-3, the 63 POPS (Parachutist Over Phorty) competitors representing 18 states sweated through the competition along with members of the 82nd Airborne Division Sport Parachute Club who sponsored the meet for the second straight year.

Other Division units provided medical support in case of emergencies and transportation from the manifest area to the aircraft boarding point. The Division's 82nd Signal Battalion and the 1st Squadron (Air), 17th Cavalry provided helicopters for use as the jump aircraft.

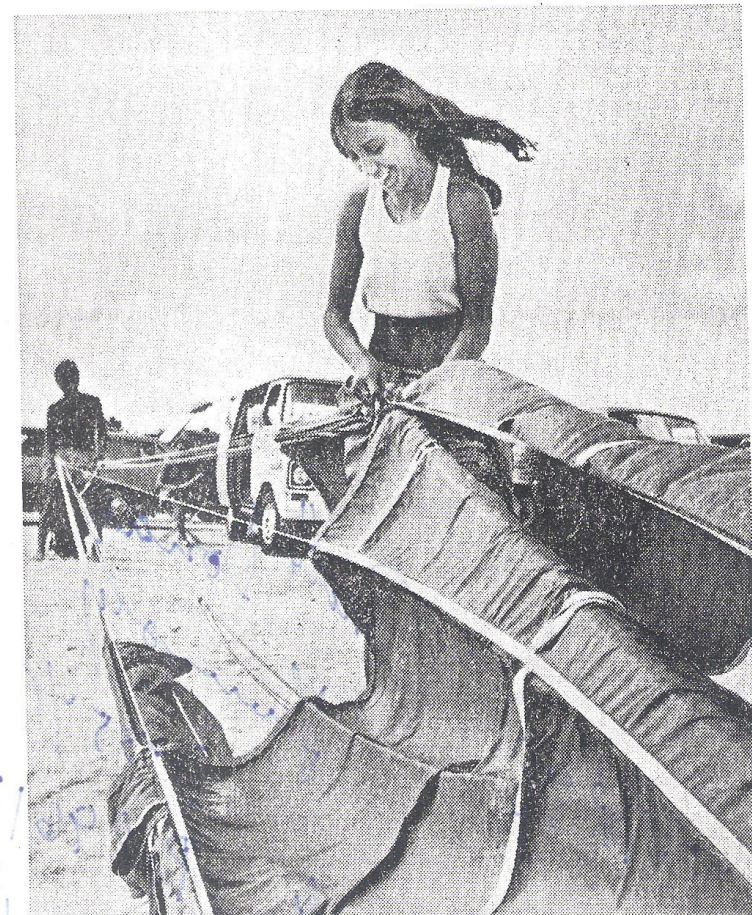
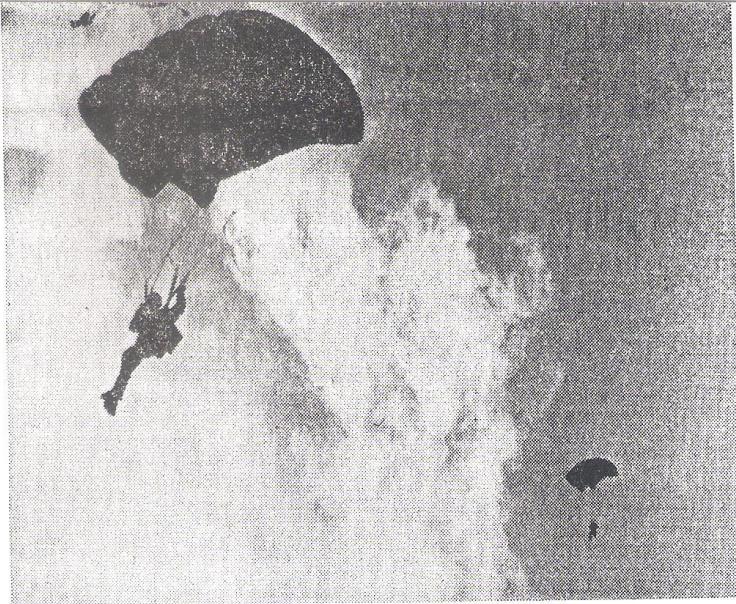
The POPS 75 Meet consisted of three events. Individual accuracy was first, followed by the "Hit and Rock" competition and the three-man speed star.

The "Hit and Rock" jumpers has to land as close to the disc as possible, remove his equipment, touch the disc and run to a nearby rocking chair and start rocking. Time starts for him as soon as he hits the ground and stops when he reaches the chair.

Descending from 3,000 feet to take first place in the individual accuracy competition was Mack Trent of Aberdeen. He missed the disc in his three jumps by only 0.07 centimeters. "Chuting" into second was Robert Farr of Fayetteville and third went to Bobby "Spider" Wrenn of the 82nd Sport Parachute Club with 0.36 and 0.79 centimeters respectively.

The excited yells of "Hit the Disc, The Disc, Get It Off, Hurry, Hurry Up and Rock"; could be heard all across the drop zone letting everyone know the "Hit and Rock" competition had started. Rocking his way into first place with a time of 6.1

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seconds was Paul Katick of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. A scant 1.3 seconds behind was George Zacher of Fayetteville, and Richard Phillips of Winterpark, floridarocked into third with 7.4 seconds.

The last event of the two-day meet was the three-man speed stars. Soaring into first place was the team of Len Zak, Gus Gutshall and George Zacher with a time of 16.4 seconds. The team of Donald Dupont, Harry Ervin and Patrick Moorehead earned second with 17.1 seconds. Thomas Hyde, Hans Kukuk and Maximilian Miensopest flew their way into third with 19.4 seconds.

It was a rare occasion on Aug 3 when Sky Huminsky reached his 2,000th jump and Diamond Wings on the same jump lift that his wife, Donna, reached 1,000 jumps and her Gold Wings. Maj. Gen. Thomas H. Tackaberry, 82nd Airborne Division Commander, presented the husband and wife team from Lansing, Ill. with their Diamond and Gold Wings on the drop zone at an award ceremony held after the meet.

Both have been in National competition and both have jumped in night accuracy and night star events. Sky said, "To jump in a night star attempt takes confidence in everyone flying with you. That's what is so beautiful about his sport. I know jumpers from all over the world and wherever we go, the jumpers are the same, ready and willing to help out with anything, anytime."

Donna has started an organization called HOTS (Hags Over Thirty) for the women jumpers. She said, "Most women who are over thirty don't want to admit, it, but I'm proud of my age. The organization started in March of this year and only numbers 10 at this time, the amount of members will never get as big as POPS, but I think it will become very popular among women skydivers."

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two members of the 82nd Sport Parachute Club were honored when they received Certificates of Merit for their recent performance in National competition. Nancy Wrenn was third in style and earned second overall in her competition. Mark Jones placed fifth in accuracy after ten rounds of hard jumping.

Joe Sallas of Chicago presented Tackaberry with hand made knife and a 13-Star American Flag to fly over the Division area as part of the Army's 200th Birthday observance.

"Top Pop" Bob Rhyne of Flint, Michigan was back jumping agains this year and said, "All the old die hards keep coming back to the POPS Meet along with new people coming in every day, who are very strong, competitive jumpers, membership is world wide."

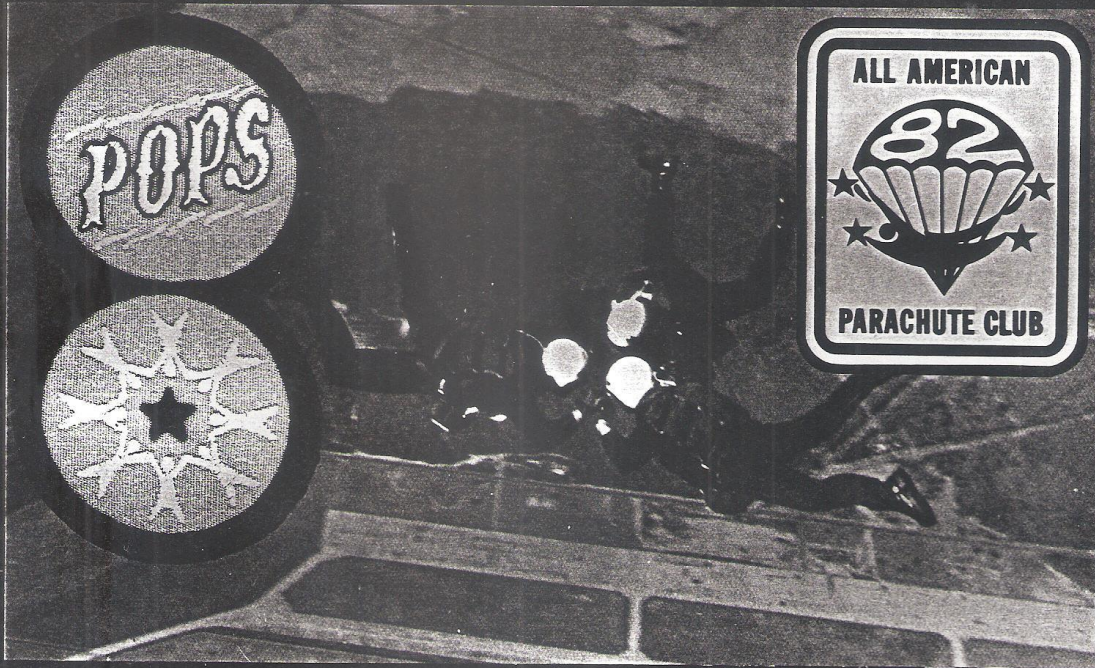
Requirements to be a POP are to be a member of the United States Parachute Association and be over 40 years of age.

As clouds and darkness closed in on the POPS jumpers on the eve of the last day of competition, the jumpers, aircraft, and equipment cooled after two days of hot jumping. Parachutes were field packed, gear packed into trunks, trailers and campers, good-bye's were said among the POPS jumpers and another POPS Parachute Meet came to a quiet close.



CHAMPAGNE JUMP— Once on the ground at Ste. Mere Eglise Drop Zone, a bottle of champagne appears for Donna and Sky Huminsky of Lansing Illinois. Jose Rodriguez from the 82nd Airborne Division Sport Parachute Club helps the husband and wife team celebrate. She made her 1,000th jump while her husband floated to the ground beside her for his 2,000th on the last jump of the POPS (Parachutists Over Phorty) Meet.. (U. S. Army Photo by Jackson)

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