

POPS

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RECORD-HAWAII

GRAND OPENING PARTY A SUCCESS!!

This years "Party in the Pacific" hosted by the new owners (Harry O'Connor, Guy Banal, Patrick DeGayardon, Atsushi Yamanaka & Marc Bonneau) of Pacific International Skydiving Center, although everything didn't all go according to plan it was still a great success 130 jumpers registered, 125 Super Skyvan loads & a few Helicopter were flown. This ten day celebration was kicked off with a gourmet Aloha dinner & live music by local sensations "Sunburn", other evening activities included a Chili Cook Off & fabulous dinners right at the DZ. A state record free fly formation of a 14 way & daily free fly seminars were held & organized by "Structure Fire" (Billy Calhoun, Jimmy Pouchert, Shaylan Allman & Jarron Priest) of Perris Valley, Ca. & local free fly team "Belly Up" (Keith Hashimoto, Micki Bish & Eric Pacheco) Several 20 way relative work jumps were organized by Harry O'Connor & / or Mark Hewitt & were successfully completed, some smaller formations were organized by Ron Rzylik. Accuracy contests held both on the beach & at the dz were won by John Robson & Atsushi Yamanaka. Skysurfing pointers were given by Patrick DeGayardon along with some lessons on how to fly his newly designed "wing suit". John Colclasure & Zach Hoffman of Ca. were recruited by PISC to shoot lots of video & photos which will be showing up in publications soon. "POPS" representatives Pat & Alicia Moorehead organized the biggest "Pops Formation in the State of Hawaii" which now holds with a 12 way, including jumpers Pat & Alicia Moorehead, Don Henderson & Dave Wallace (from Calif.), Steve Noonan (from Johnston Atoll) & local jumpers Jon Larsen, Ron Rzylik, Mike Salmons, John Robson, Paul Poulson, Luis Merino & Flip Holstein. Video & photos for this record jump were shot by camera man Zack Hoffman. The party was completed with a Hawaiian Luau, including live music by a local Hawaiian band called "Haleiwa Express". We'd like to thank all of our sponsors & our staff who worked so hard to make this celebration happen & to also thank the many jumpers who were here to join us. We look forward to seeing you all again & to making next years party even bigger & better!!

Aloha & Blue Skies,

Chrissy Smith
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Party Coordinator



Members of the Parachutists Over Phorty Society build a 12-way at the Party in the Pacific Boogie. The formation set a POPS state record, reports DZ party coordinator Chrissy Smith. Photograph by Zach Hoffman.

Hawaii

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"It went really well, a lot of fun," said Jicha, who lived in Hawaii from 1979 to 1984. "By Hawaiian standards, it was a medium-sized boogie. There was nothing structured, no formal events. Jerry and I just grabbed whoever showed up over the nine days. He'd take a group, I'd take a group. Most dives ranged from eight to 12 people, and there were several really good 6- to 8-point 10- and 12-ways—not bad considering a King Air jump plane and a strung-out exit."

Jicha said dives were organized according to the situation and mood of the moment: "Some days groups wanted intricate, serious skydives put together. Other days, the group's commitment level wasn't high, so we just did fun stuff, not challenging or difficult."

The registration also covered a lot of food and drink. There were barbecues almost every night and a Saturday night luau featuring a 30-pound ahi—bluefin tuna—caught just a few miles up the road in Haleiwa Harbor.

Hinshaw and Jicha said visitors were also treated to an extra big helping of Hawaiian

beauty and majesty.

"I used to live in Hawaii and can't remember a time when I've seen so many whales," said Jicha, "and the weather was crystal clear. You could see all the other islands from altitude."

"The waves were just huge, too," said Hinshaw. "On many days, it was 12 to 15 feet with some going past 25. Some of the locals went surfing, but none of the mainlanders did. But it didn't matter. We had a whole bunch of real happy skydivers here."

Pacific Skydiving: A Good Beginning

Pacific Skydiving saw 130 people register for its first "Party in the Pacific," far fewer than the hoped-for 200, but more than enough to get the fun factor going, according

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