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**28-30 Mar 1997**

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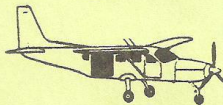
- **Competition: April 5 & 6**
- **Awards Banquet: April 5**
- **Scrambles: April 6**
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# The Daily Commercial

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## Sky's the limit in event

### Over-40 take to parachutes in Umatilla

By Julie Michalski  
Daily Commercial Staff Writer

**U**MATILLA  
As the competitors prepare at 3,500 feet, the only sound heard is the deafening whir of the motor and the whipping wind. The green light is given and one by one they take off, racing through the atmosphere. Finally they pull their rip cords and descend to the bottle cap-sized target on the ground.

This is one of the events in the 26th annual Winter Parachutists Over Phorty Society Meet at the Umatilla Airport on Saturday. The meet is organized by Umatilla resident Jimmy Godwin.

Godwin had his first taste of sky diving in the military in 1954. He's been doing it ever since.

"I always wanted to fly," Godwin said. "I don't have any wings so I've got to use a parachute. Sky diving feels more like flying like a bird than flying an airplane does."

In addition to sky diving, Godwin also flies planes. However, nothing compares to free-falling, Godwin said. Godwin, who owns the drop zone and hangers at the Umatilla Airport, has made his love of the sport into a family affair. Godwin's wife, son and daughter also sky-dive.

Godwin said most of the approximately 75 sky divers at the Saturday competition were husbands and wives, parents and children or grandparents and grandchildren from across the United States.

However, in accordance with the POPS rules, all parachutists were at least 40 years old. The oldest competitor was a 72-year-old man who sky dives about six to eight times a day.

Thirty years ago sky diving was a dangerous and unpopular sport.



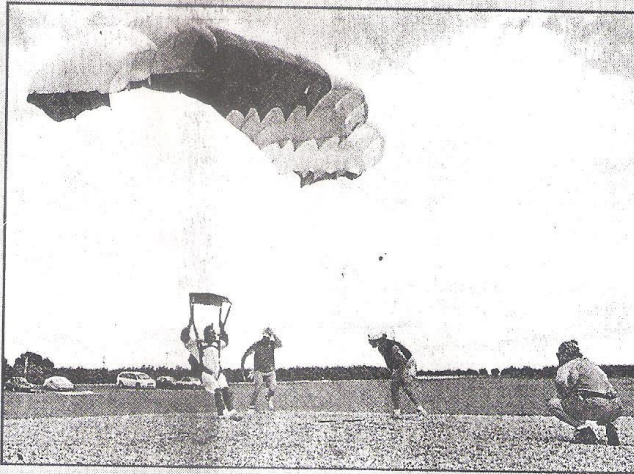
eight times a day.

"Thirty years ago sky diving was a dangerous thing to do if you were over 40," said Alicia Moorehead, president of POPS. "If you did it you were pretty much a hero. Today the equipment is so good there's no reason to stop now. People compete well into their 70s."

POPS works to encourage older people to try sky diving or continue sky diving. The 31-year-old organization has about 6,000 members nationwide and 14 chapters throughout the world. Moorehead, a resident of Long Beach, Calif., compared the group to a fraternity with the first jump as its initiation.

Moorehead said she got into sky diving because she always thought windows on airplanes were too small.

"I always wanted a better view," Moorehead said. "So I  
Please see JUMP, A2



Staff photos by Chris Livingston

**ABOVE:** Terry Ross of Pennsylvania gathers his parachute after making a jump Saturday at the Umatilla Airport. Skydivers from across the country converged on Umatilla this weekend for the 26th annual Winter Parachutists Over Phorty Society (POPS) Meet.

**LEFT:** Sky divers competed in two contests at the weekend event. In the accuracy contest, jumpers tried to land the closest to a target the size of silver dollar.

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## JUMP

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thought well, I guess I'll have to jump out of the plane."

During her time in the sky, Moorehead has only had to use her reserve chute twice.

"Mentally you prepare for it every time you jump," Moorehead said. "You rehearse it in your mind so many times it's automatic. You get scared later."

Moorehead, 49, has completed 1,100 jumps from formations to free falls. Her husband Pat, 62, and

his 42-year-old also belong to POPS.

"It's exciting," Moorehead said. "It keeps me in shape. Also it's fun traveling all over world competing."

Besides seeing the world, the Mooreheads have participated in numerous team formations, met Bruce Willis and Demi Moore when they were hired to parachute into a couple's 40th wedding anniversary and had their share of kisses while free-falling.

Next month the couple will be jetting off to the Mideast to participate in the POPS World Meet.

Accuracy Scores & Hit & Rock

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1	Rose, Ted	7.00	0.43	2.47	9.90	5.70
2	Wood, Bill	4.85	7.00	2.93	14.78	8.40
3	Wadel, Mike	4.74	0.14	0.10	4.98	8.80
4	McDonnell, Bob	7.00	7.00	7.00	21.00	99.00
5	Morrison, Tom	7.00	7.00	7.00	21.00	13.60
6	Moorehead, Pat	0.13	0.06	0.88	1.07	6.50
7	Garrett, Shaw	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.07	21.00
8	Garcia, Ruben	7.00	7.00	7.00	<del>21.00</del>	10.30
9	Zak, Len	2.60	7.00	7.00	16.60	17.20
10	Sanborn, Lew	1.83	1.20	0.14	3.17	8.20
11	Ervin, Harry	2.65	4.52	7.00	14.17	10.00
12	Campain, Kate	7.00	2.99	7.00	16.99	99.00
13	Cordeira, Larry	0.04	4.20	0.00	4.24	7.00
14	Read, Dennis	4.73	3.35	1.67	9.75	12.50
15	Rosenberg, Al	7.00	0.03	0.01	7.04	99.00
16	Marklin, Jerry	0.00	0.05	0.77	0.82	22.40
17	Hovan, Dave	7.00	7.00	4.00	18.00	18.50
18	Tsakiris, George	0.10	1.68	0.50	2.28	8.50
19	Johnson, Victor	7.00	7.00	0.48	14.48	11.70
20	Burse, Fredrick	7.00	7.00	7.00	21.00	99.00
21	Zellers, Ty	5.68	7.00	7.00	19.68	99.00
22	Frey, George	0.79	5.45	7.00	13.24	10.70
23	Shitford, Cheryl	0.09	4.03	0.65	4.77	99.00
24	Phillips, Vince	7.00	6.08	7.00	20.08	99.00
25	Burling, Howard	0.00	1.36	4.00	5.36	7.90
26	Coleman, Jeff	7.00	7.00	7.00	21.00	8.70
27	Vanepps, Bill	3.91	0.01	0.09	4.01	99.00
28	Williams, G. D.	0.17	5.22	7.00	12.39	18.50
29	Gracey, Sue	7.00	7.00	7.00	21.00	99.00
30	Richards, Joe	3.43	7.00	7.00	17.43	49.40
31	Clark, David	1.20	7.00	3.15	11.35	20.00
32	Guerriero, Phillip	7.00	7.00	1.69	15.69	26.20
33	Coats, Terry	7.00	7.00	7.00	21.00	99.00
34	Ross, Terry	6.65	7.00	7.00	20.65	7.90
35	Eiff, John	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	10.60
36	Reid, John	4.43	7.00	1.54	12.97	10.60
37	Morris, Bob	7.00	6.24	7.00	20.24	99.00
38	Gouchenaur, Richard	7.00	7.00	7.00	21.00	99.00
39	Brissey, Ron	1.28	1.45	1.00	3.73	19.50
40	Deen, Bob	7.00	7.00	4.70	18.70	13.40
41	Smith, Carl	1.30	0.01	0.00	1.31	5.60
42	Scalf, Fred	1.12	4.24	5.67	11.03	11.40

Jim Gowin

Accuracy Scores & Hit & Rock

43	Haas, Ed	1.70	7.00	7.00		15.70	8.40
44	Moore, Denny	7.00	7.00	6.39		20.39	11.20
45	DeWolf, Dave	0.73	1.11	0.87		2.71	10.00
46	Ellis, Nancy	7.00	7.00	7.00		21.00	99.00
47	Wall, David	7.00	0.14	2.32		9.46	99.00
48	Gilbert, Graham	3.10	1.80	2.00		6.90	12.40
49	Achenbach, Tim	5.49	1.17	7.00		13.66	18.00
50	Rose, Jim	7.00	0.09	0.15		7.24	9.10
51	Norris, Jeff	7.00	7.00	7.00		21.00	7.40
52	Poruben, Karl	0.89	0.26	1.15		2.30	99.00
53	Zukowski, Tom	1.60	0.00	0.05		1.65	7.50
54	Chmielewski, Don (ski)	2.31	0.11	0.03		2.45	6.00
55	Chmielewski, Donna	7.00	7.00	7.00		21.00	99.00
56	Logan, Robert	7.00	7.00	7.00		21.00	18.50
57	Bickel, Dean	4.63	3.74	0.00		8.37	9.00
58	Lalonde, Jack	1.46	1.10	7.00	2.47	9.56	99.00
59	McCawley, Ray	1.55	0.06	0.50		2.11	9.90
60	Oatman, Ken	5.10	3.11	7.00		15.21	12.40
61	Wilt Kenton	7.00	7.00	3.34		17.34	11.30
62	Crook, Butch	0.82	7.00	3.73		11.55	11.30
63	Foster, J.W.	3.33	7.00	7.00		17.33	22.50
64	Pollack, Monte	7.00	4.22	0.15		11.37	9.90
65	Wertheimer, Steve	7.00	7.00	2.90		16.90	99.00
66	Gradey, Dan	7.00	7.00	7.00		21.00	99.00
67	Bjork, David	3.43	Rejump	7.00	7.00	17.43	17.70
68	Cobb, Leo	0.04	Rejump	0.67	1.40	2.11	7.90
69	Miller, Gary	7.00	7.00	1.68		15.68	18.60
70	Esquerra, Ernie	7.00	Rejump	7.00	5.25	19.25	11.70
71	Sonmar, John	7.00	0.30	7.00		14.30	99.00
72	Strong, Ted	0.07	0.04	2.00		2.11	14.10
73	Price, Bill	0.23	Rejump	0.15	0.15	0.53	99.00
74	Cassady, JR	7.00	7.00	7.00		21.00	21.30
75	Daily, Anne	7.00	7.00	7.00		21.00	16.40
76	Liu, Wes	7.00	7.00	7.00		21.00	11.40



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## POPS Gather for 26th Annual Winter Meet

by Pat Moorehead

Clear skies and steady winds greeted the 75 Parachutists Over Phorty Society members who met last month in Florida for the 26th Annual POPS Winter Meet.

The boogie and competition was held March 29 through April 6 at Skydive Orlando in Umatilla. The DZ is operated by Jimmy and Wilma Godwin.

Participants came from across the U.S.

and as far away as Canada and England. A Cessna Caravan and three Cessna 182s flew a total of 248 loads during the week.

As usual, about 30 percent of the jumpers were over 60 years old and walked away with many of the trophies. Skydivers Over Sixty (SOS) is a subgroup of POPS.

The competition itself was held over one day during the last weekend of the event. The meet included three rounds of traditional accuracy and one round of the infa-

mous and hilarious hit-n-rock. For this event, jumpers land, shed their gear, stomp the disc and then run about 40 feet to sit down in a rocking chair.

Winds were fairly strong during the competition with occasional gusts which caught some competitors off guard.

Florida jumpers cleaned up in both accuracy events, taking the top three places in traditional accuracy and winning hit-n-rock.

John Eiff won the accuracy competition with a 0.01 meter total. Garrett Shaw was second with 0.07 meters, and Bill Price was third with 0.53 meters.

Carl Smith of Florida won hit-n-rock with a time of 5.6 seconds. Ted Rose of Oklahoma followed closely with 5.7 seconds to take second place. Ski Chmielewski, another Florida jumper, came in third with 6.0 seconds.

Rose probably made the most skydives during the event, making up to 14 jumps each day for a week's total of 70 skydives.

Former Golden Knights member Bob McDonnell from New York turned 60 and was presented with an SOS membership. He and 13 other senior jumpers tried to top the SOS 12-way record by building a 14-way, but the dive didn't complete.



Ted Rose cinches second place in the POPS' hit-n-rock.

Dave DeWolf of Pennsylvania made his 9,000th skydive during the boogie.

And just for the fun of it, four married POPS couples made a 3-point 8-way dive. Participants included Donna and Ski Chmielewski from Florida, Ron and Donna McFarland from Illinois, Pat and Alicia Moorehead from California, and George and Sue Frey from New Jersey.

Their combined totals added up to: 19,300 jumps, 175 years in the sport, and 62 years of marriage.

Over 150 people attended the banquet held Saturday night. □

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## Landing Accident Injures British Jumper

An experienced skydiver was badly injured March 24 at Skydive Sebastian in Florida when he turned too low to the ground.

Charles Ross, 33, of Great Britain, told rescue personnel that he was trying to avoid landing on the runway. Although he missed the runway, he could not recover from the turn. He was air-lifted from the scene with multiple injuries.

The accident occurred on the south side of the airport, some distance from the DZ. A DZ employee said only a few model-airplane hobbyists

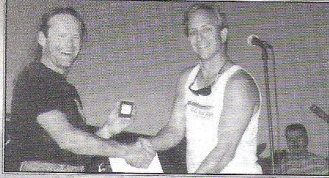
witnessed it.

Ross, who has about 560 jumps, was flying a Performance Designs Stiletto 135. Rigger Danny Page inspected Ross's equipment after the accident and found no anomalies.

Page estimated Ross's weight at about 195 pounds. He said the hard helmet Ross was wearing was full of blood when he arrived at the scene, but it may have saved his life. He was reported to be in critical but stable condition three days after the accident. □

## Wings & Things

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Continuing from Davis, Eric Lee, D-10723, receives his Triple Diamond Freefall Badge from Ferrell.

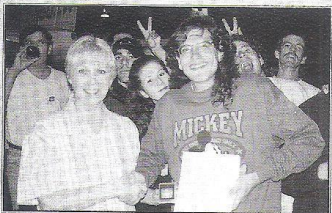


Finally from SkyDance, Ferrell presents Dan Sommer, D-14046, with his Triple Diamond Wings.

## Southeast Region



Gerson Gonzalez, D-15391, accepts his Diamond Freefall Badge from Southeastern Regional Director Robert Rhyne at Air Adventures in Clewiston, Florida.



Mike Bergerson, D-14304, receives his Penta Diamond Freefall Badge from DZ owner Betty Kabeller at the World Skydiving Center in Lake Wales, Florida, during the DZ's Turkey Boogie.



Also at the Turkey Boogie in Lake Wales, Kabeller presents Diamond Wings and a Double Diamond Freefall Badge to Barry Chase, D-9545.

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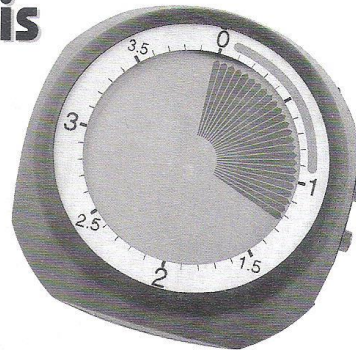
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# Calendar

## FEBRUARY '97

### 1-2

**Boogie-til-ya-puke**, FreeFlight Skydiving School, Coleman, FL. \$99 all you can jump from the King Air, \$99 all you can fly in the wind tunnel. FFI: (352) 748-8005.

### 8-14

**AFF Pre-Course**, Skydive City, Zephyrhills, FL. FFI: (800) 404-9399.

### 8-9

**4- or 8-Way Meet**, World Skydiving Center, Lake Wales, FL. King Air, Twin Otter. FFI: Betty Kabeller, (941) 678-1003.

### 9

**USPA DZ Operators Conference II**, Houston, TX. A special one-day session leading into the PIA Symposium. FFI: USPA Headquarters, (703) 836-3495.

### 9-13

**PIA Symposium**, Sheraton Astrodome, Houston, TX. Registration required. FFI: (904) 738-6899 (phone/fax); e-mail: symposium@pia.com.

### 14

**Valentine's Day**, World Skydiving Center, Lake Wales, FL. Girls jump half price! King Air, Twin Otter. FFI: Betty Kabeller, (941) 678-1003.

### 14-16

**Valentine's Day Money Meet**, Skydive Arizona, Eloy, AZ. FAI rules, top judges. Open, intermediate and novice 4-way. Intermediate and open 4-way. Fun jumpers also welcome. FFI: (520) 466-3753 (phone); (520) 466-4720 (fax); SkyAZ@aol.com.

### 15-16

**Happy Valentine's Day**, Air Adventures, Clewiston, FL. Mister Douglas DC-3, possible high altitude and organized 40-ways, \$20 registration fee for beer and party. FFI: (800) 533-6151.

### 15-16

**CRew Seminar**, World Skydiving Center, Lake Wales, FL. King Air, Twin Otter. FFI: Betty Kabeller, (941) 678-1003.

### 15-16

**Sit Fly Seminar**, Apple Valley Skydiving, Apple Valley, CA. Hosted by Pat Works; demo suits available. FFI: Ivan Henry, (619) 961-1122.

### 22-23

**4-Way Competition**, World Skydiving Center, Lake Wales, FL. King Air, Twin Otter. FFI: Betty Kabeller, (941) 678-1003.

## MARCH '97

### 13-17

**South of the Border Boogie**, San Carlos, Mexico. \$545 for four nights in luxury beach-front hotel; 12 jumps from 12,500 feet onto the beach. Reservation, C license and flotation gear required. FFI: George Jicha, (540) 421-2320.

### 15-16

**St. Patrick's Day King Air Boogie**, Archway Skydiving Centre, Vandalia, IL. \$10 King Air jumps, must be USPA member and have in-date reserve. FFI: Dave Verner, (800) 283-JUMP.

### 15-23

**Muff Brothers Reunion**, Skydive City, Zephyrhills, FL. Muff Brother record, lingerie dives, Freak dives everyday, band, hit & flush. FFI: (800) 404-9399.

### 15-30

**AFF Pre-Course**, FreeFlight Skydiving School, Coleman, FL. FFI: (352) 748-8005.

### 26-31

**The Easter Boogie**, Skydive Arizona, Eloy, AZ. Organizers include Airspeed and George Jicha. Women's world record attempts, Chocolate Bunny CRW, C-123 jumps, balloon loads and more. FFI: (520) 466-3753 (phone); (520) 466-4720 (fax); SkyAZ@aol.com.

### 28-30

**1997 Canadian Para-Ski Championships**, Mont-Tremblant Ski Resort, Quebec, Canada. Six rounds of accuracy on a slope, two giant slalom runs. \$225 registration, jumps and ski race. FFI: Nelson Van Chestering, (514) 975-6287; (514) 438-7295; Nvanches@cmontmorency.qc.ca.

### 29-Apr 6

**26th Winter POPS Meet**, Central Florida Parachute/Paragators, Inc., Umatilla, FL. Turbine Caravans and 182s. Competition April 5-6. Awards banquet April 5. FFI: (352) 669-9044; 669-8867 (fax).

## APRIL '97

### 11-13

**Strong Tandem Instructor Certification Course**, The Freefall Academy, Laurel, DE. King Air, Cessnas. Advance requirements. FFI: Mike Schultz, (301) 261-0188.

### 12-13

**4-Way Money Meet**, Apple Valley Skydiving, Apple Valley, CA. Intermediate and open class. FFI: Ivan Henry (619) 961-1122.

### 12-13

**8-Way RW Camp**, Skydive Arizona, Eloy, AZ. Airspeed will host an 8-way camp. Limited slots, Saturday night seminar open to all. FFI: (520) 466-3753 (phone); (520) 466-4720 (fax); SkyAZ@aol.com.

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## FEBRUARY '97

### 1-2

**Instructor Certification Course**, SkyDance Skydiving, Davis, CA. FFI: Paul Sitter, (916) 753-2650.

### 7-8

**Basic Instructional Course**, Skydive America, Beaumont, TX. FFI: Stuart Cavanaugh, (800) 375-9348.

### 8-9

**Jumpmaster Certification Course**, Skydive Madison, Albion, WI. FFI: William Reines, (414) 924-4556.

### 15-23

**AFF Certification Course**, Skydive City, Zephyrhills, FL. FFI: Doug or T.K., (813) 783-9399.

### 22-23

**Basic Instructional Course**, Perris Valley Skydiving Center, Perris, CA. FFI: Rick Horn, (909) 657-1664.

### 22-Mar 2

**AFF Certification Course**, Skydive Arizona, Eloy, AZ. FFI: Bryan Burke, (520) 466-3753.

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**Jumpmaster and Instructor Certification Course**, Dallas, TX. FFI: Jerry Schrimsher, (972) 783-8947.

## MARCH '97

### 1-2

**Basic Instructional Course**, Dallas, TX. FFI: Jerry Schrimsher, (972) 783-8947.

### 1-2

**Basic Instructional Course**, Green Bay, WI. FFI: Mary Goetsch (414) 545-7300.