

POPS Western Meet

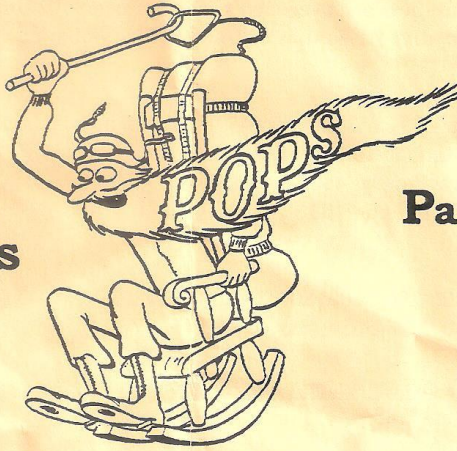
5-7 May 1995

Eloy, AZ

Skydive Arizona Presents

**The 1995
P.O.P.S.
Western
Championships**

**May 5 - 7, 1995
Eloy, Arizona**



**Parachutists
Over
Phorty
Society**

New Location of the Len Zak/Pat Moorehead Pops West Coast Championships

4-way RW in two classes: declared teams and scrambles teams will compete in four rounds drawn from a special Pops dive pool that will not be revealed until the meet.

Hit and rock, plus three rounds of conventional accuracy.

Overall Champion: highest placer in RW, Hit and Rock, and accuracy.

Fun jumps too! Beer every night! Great weather!

Two Super Otters, a King Air, two Cessnas, plus a 1942 DC-3 and 1954 D-18: airplanes older than some of you, but still in great shape!

Travel: fly into Sky Harbor Airport, Phoenix. Rent cars there or call a shuttle. We are an easy hour's drive south of the airport. Need a travel agent? Ask for Yasmin at Global Travel, 1-800-756-5807.

Lodging: a list of hotels is on the back. The Bent Prop Cafe right on the dz serves breakfast and lunch. Several restaurants are within a ten minute drive.

Pops and USPA membership, in date gear required.

Combine the fun of a great POPS meet with a visit to beautiful Arizona, with great outdoor sports, shopping, and sight seeing. Enjoy the desert in bloom under clear, sunny skies and beautiful starry nights.

Contact Bryan Burke at 602-466-3755 for further information.

All telephone numbers are preceded with area code 602 unless another code is listed.
For example, Skydive Arizona is 602-466-3753, Global travel is 206-347-5180.

Skydiving Services

Skydive Arizona: 466-3753, fax 466-4720. School information: 466-4777.
Wayne's World Rigging: 466-4737
Arizona Parachute Supply: 466-7112, fax 466-9452
Fun Air Productions: 466-4133

Travel Agents

Global Travel 206-290-5700; 800-756-5807; fax: 206-347-5180
FM Travel 407-895-5634; fax: 407-895-5637

Area Hotels (* indicates budget lodging, # mid-range, \$ expensive)

Toltec Inn*	466-9287	4 miles away, Toltec Rd. (exit 203)
Super 8#	466-7804, fax 957-1506	4 miles away, Toltec Rd. (exit 203)
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Sunland Inn*	836-5000	7 miles away, Sunland Gin rd. (exit 200)
Best Western\$	836-1600, fax 836-7242	12 miles away, exit 194
Holiday Inn\$	426-3500, fax 836-4728	12 miles away, Highway 84 in Casa Grande

Other Lodging

Team rooms/RV hook-ups on the drop zone: call or fax Skydive Arizona.

Villa Oasis: fax 466-3752. This is a former boarding school providing dormitory style lodging to large groups. Fax "Lupe" for information on reservations.

Village Condominiums. Three condominiums, fully furnished, five miles away. Each has two bedrooms and a sofa bed for a total of three double beds. Kitchen and laundry included, plus covered carports that are also excellent creeping areas! \$350 a week, \$1300 per month (slightly more if over four people.) Call Vicki Litzler at 723-5758.

RV Rentals: Call or fax for a current list.

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Casa Grande Call a Ride	421-1438	by appointment
Pinal Connections	800-427-1271	by appointment

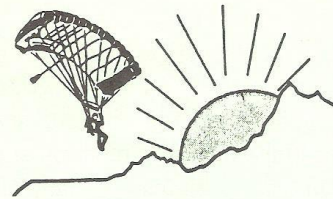
Car Rentals

Ten car rental agencies operate at Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix. Call your travel agent for the best deal. No rental cars are available in Eloy, and availability is limited in Casa Grande.

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The summer of 1994 was another record season, as Skydive Arizona not only flew boogies around the country and placed aircraft at two California drop zones, but flew record numbers of lifts here at home. Fall is coming again, along with the events we all love - Halloween, Thanksgiving, and the Holiday Boogie. Details will be covered here, along with news of some new events. New toys, new events, new faces - we've got it all this season! Read on and find out what's in store!



AIRSPEED RULES!

Skydive Arizona's dream 4-way team, Arizona Airspeed, is home from a victorious visit to the World Cup in Ampuriabrava, Spain. The photo above shows (left to right) Mark Kirkby, Jack Jeffries, packer Anneka Jeffries, cameraman John Lemming, Kirk Verner, and Dan Brodsky-Chenfeld victorious after their first meet as a team following the Valentine's Day Money Meet last February. At the World Cup, they set a new **world record 29 points in time!** That's a point every 1.2 seconds. Seen another way, if they had been timed over 60 seconds (a typical freefall from 13,000) they would have had a 50 point skydive! In addition, they handily won the first test of the proposed Olympic skydiving format following the World Cup. The team will be going for gold at the US Nationals about the time you read this. Then they'll have a busy winter training and coaching at Skydive Arizona. Teams and RW camps from all over the world will be taking advantage of Airspeed's talents.

Something Old, Something New

BY BRYAN BURKE

On May 6-7, the 1995 POPS (Parachutist Over Phorty Society) Western Championships took place at Skydive Arizona. In past years this event was held in California, organized by Len Zack and Pat Moorehead. This year the founders decided to turn the organizational tasks over to Skydive Arizona.

Nearly 50 POPS members from New Zealand, Canada and across the U.S. showed up to enter in three different events: 4-way RW, accuracy and Hit 'n' Rock—a combined event. Though not yet a POPS member himself, Skydive Arizona's Bryan Burke served as meet director.

The competition began with relative work because of weather concerns as a huge Arctic storm drifted toward Arizona from California and Nevada. With a forecast for clouds as well as winds, it was decided to use the blue skies while they lasted. A quick briefing at 8 a.m. was followed by the dive

draw and assignment of team numbers.

Relative work contestants had two choices for teams: they could enter as a "declared" team—people who knew each other and elected to jump together in advance, or as a scrambles team. To even the playing field, declared teams had a more difficult set of rules, essentially USPA's intermediate rules for the Nationals. Scrambles rounds came from a simplified pool of randoms used in Skydive Arizona's annual Valentine's Day meet. In addition, scrambles teams scored an extra point for every team member performing a stand-up landing in the peas.

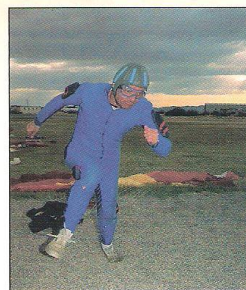
Both categories had a 50-second working time and all teams launched a star before beginning the dive sequence. This significantly reduced rejumps from video problems, although with seasoned videomen Richard Stuart, Steve Cooper, George Foreman, Zane Parker, Tim Moorehead and

Swiss cameraman "Tazio" on the job, video ran without a hitch. National judge and OmniSkore inventor Ted Wagner scored the jumps and transmitted the judging over DZ TV.

At the briefing, Burke explained the theory behind the rules. "The very nature of POPS is beginning to change. More and more current, capable skydivers are over 40, and when they go to a meet they want an honest challenge. At the same time, the social nature of the organization means that you need to accommodate the fun and the not so current element, too," said Burke.

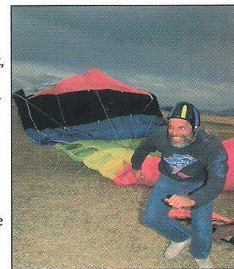
Following the new set of rules, a scrambles team could compete on a relatively even footing against a declared team because they had some advantages: a much easier skydive and up to four extra points for stand-up landings on every round. Burke also wanted to present the possibility of a standard set of meet rules. "Every POPS meet in the past has had a different set of rules for RW, although accuracy and Hit 'n' Rock are carefully con-

MICHAEL MCGOWAN



Photos by Michael McGowan.

The most popular POPS event is always Hit 'N' Rock, the challenge of parachute accuracy combined with a sprint to the finish. High winds kept most competitors grounded in Eloy, but organizers were able to finish the meet.



trolled," he added. "If anyone wants to see a copy of the rules, have them contact me. They would probably work very well for any fun oriented 4-way meet."

Although most of the POPS were acquainted, the majority entered scrambles. Only one team entered as a declared team—Ron Green, Ray Ilarding, Carl Smith and Fred Bowen, four regulars at Skydive Arizona. As the scores went up, it seemed that the new rules concept was working. After the first, round the only "declared" team was tied for third. They pulled up a place after the second round, and finished in first after an 11-point skydive—the highest scoring jump of the meet. A tie for third was broken by awarding the medals to the team with the most freefall points.

While RW progressed, the weather deteriorated. By the last round the winds were kicking up to 20 mph, and although plenty of ceiling and daylight remained, accuracy was out of the question. Contestants were released to fun jump but asked to stay on the DZ in the event of a weather change. Sure enough, as Saturday waned, the winds dropped and a decision was quickly made to get off the one round of Hit 'n' Rock before sunset.

Hit 'n' Rock is a tradition among POPS and involves a single jump where the contestant lands, removes his gear, touches the accuracy pad, then sprints 40 feet to sit in an armchair. The clock starts as the contestants feet touch down and ends when he sits squarely in the chair. Sound easy? The top five finishers all had times of seven seconds or less. Try taking off your gear that fast the next time you jump, let alone dashing across the landing area! Russ Mangold won with 5.95 seconds, followed by Larry Langrand and Ron Green—both less than a second behind.

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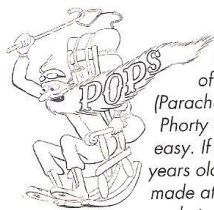
As the last jumpers were landing, banquet tables were already being set up in Skydive Arizona's indoor packing area. Several non-POPS jumpers volunteered as waiters to bring in the banquet while Top POP Alicia Anderson and Master of Ceremonies Pat Moorehead awarded medals. Ron Green not only picked up gold in RW and bronze in Hit 'n' Rock, he was also presented with a new set of wings for his 11,000th jump and a 108-Hour freefall badge.

Once the awards were out, it was time for stories and prizes. A huge pool of donors had contributed prizes ranging from pull up cords to canopies and containers. Every participant left the banquet with some sort of reward, along with a fresh set of memories.

Sunday morning the weather again failed to live up to dismal forecasts, and accuracy was under way. Three rounds of traditional accuracy went up in the drop zone's Beech. Steinkemp Engineering, makers of the ParaPad, had loaned a brand new scoring pad and Ginger Kuhlman, a nationally-rated accuracy judge, presided. Nine contestants entered and in spite of variable wind conditions, Ron Green was able to keep all his jumps on the pad for a total score of .09 centimeters. He took overall awards for first place in RW and accuracy, combined with a third in Hit 'n' Rock.

With the meet complete, some POPS stayed on to fun jump while others drifted away. All in all, it was a successful meet in spite of the small turn out. The new RW rules attracted a lot of favorable comment and may help widen the organization's appeal to include the younger generation of POPS. At the same time, many old timers had a chance to renew acquaintances and reminisce. Plans are already in the works for an annual POPS meet at Skydive Arizona. ♦

How to Join POPS



Becoming a new member of POPS

(Parachutists Over Phorty Society) is easy. If you're over 40 years old and have made at least one parachute jump

(including tandems), you're eligible to join. To get your POPS number, send \$15 for a lifetime membership (\$20 overseas), which includes a membership card, the famous POPS patch, a POPS roster, flyers for upcoming meets and more to:

Alicia Anderson, Top POP
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MAYBE YOU'VE HEARD

The Cleveland Parachute Center in Garrettsville, Ohio, celebrated its 30th anniversary May 19-21 by providing "free jumps, free beer, and free entertainment," reports DZ operator Bob Gates. The first 30 jumps were given away each morning from the center's Twin Bonanza. Two skydivers put one jump on T-10 military surplus round canopies in remembrance of the early years at CPC. "With a little luck, maybe we will be giving out 60 free jumps each day in the year 2025," said Gates.

California jumper Brian Fairhurst took first place in the California Tracking Contest held May 21 at Lodi, Calif., beating 30 other competitors in the open division. It was his second win in three years, reported organizer Richard Zimmerman. Competitors are judged on how much horizontal distance they cover after exiting a DC-3. Second place went to Mike Burrill of Oregon. Lori Kunkle won the limited division (200 jumps or less), beating four others. Glen Rogers took second place. "It was the easiest track meet in years," reported Zimmerman. "The winners were way ahead of the rest."

Nearly 50 competitors attended the POPS Western Championships held May 6-7 at Skydive Arizona in Eloy. Ron Green, an instructor at the DZ, won the traditional hit'n'rock where jumpers are judged on the time it takes to stomp a disc, drop their gear, and then plop down in a rocking chair. Green took less than six seconds, reported participant Pat Moorehead. Membership in the Parachutists Over Phorty Society is expected to reach 5000 this year. A complete roster is available for \$5 from U.S. Top Pop Alicia Anderson at 3350 St. Francis Place, Long Beach, CA 90805.



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HIT 'N ROCK 692
WAYNE TREFREN
FROM OREGON
POPS # 4253

FLINGS HIS BODY.
INTO POPS ROCKING
CHAIR DURING
HIT 'N ROCK COM-
PETITION.

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Wings & Things

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Western Region



At the California City Skydiving event, Bob Reynolds, D-15003, receives his Gold Wings from Bob Celaya and S&TA Ian from an AFF, static line, and tandem.



Meanwhile, Craig Ratliffe, D-14125, receives his Gold Freefall Badge from his wife, Bob Celaya. Ratliffe is a static line instructor.



Also from California City, Bob and Judy Celaya award Gold Wings and a Gold Freefall Badge to Ken Thompson, D-14125, a videographer whose work has appeared on the cover of Parachutist.



Finally, Wade Lindberg, D-1520, accepts his Gold Wings from the Celayas, also at California City.

Here & There



Ron Green, D-3642, accepts his Octa Diamond Freefall Badge and his Ruby Wings from retired National Director Pat Moorehead and Alicia Anderson at the POPS Western Championships. ♡



Ron Green, POPS 1429

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RON GREEN - OVERALL
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THINGS ARE HEATING UP IN ELOY!

1995-1996 BOOGIE SEASON

BOOGIE IN MEXICO

Sept. 28 - Oct 2 - San Carlos, Mexico

Luxury Hotel

Snorkeling

Skiing

Party

Horseback Riding

Deep Sea Fishing

Scuba Diving

Great Skydives With Beach Landings

HALLOWEEN BOOGIE

Oct. 26 - 30

Load Organizing by Airspeed and George Jicha

Costume Contest and Party Saturday Night

Thanksgiving Boogie

November 23 - 26

Skills Camp Thursday and Friday With George Jicha

Scrambles on Saturday

POPS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

Dec. 1 - 3

BLOT CAMP

December 8 - 10

George Jicha Will be Organizing an Entry Level

Large Formation Camp

HOLIDAY BOOGIE

Dec. 23 - Jan. 1

\$13.00 to 14,000 ft.

Organizers

New Years Eve Party

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

Jan. 19 - 21

George Jicha Invitational

VALENTINES DAY MONEY MEET

Feb. 16 - 18

4 and 8 way Competition

EASTER BOOGIE

April 5 - 8

40 Way Sequential Dives

CRW Meet

MEMORIAL DAY BOOGIE

May 25 - 27

\$10.00 Skydives

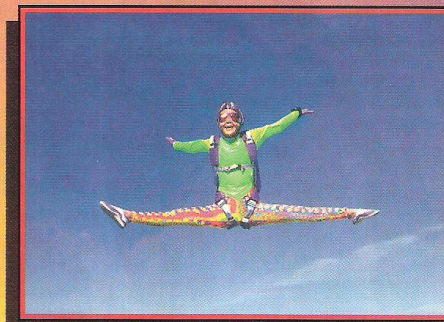


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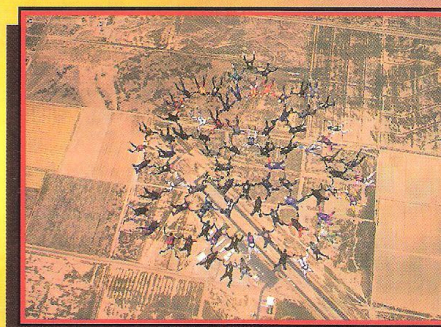
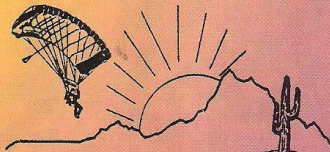
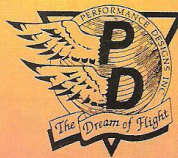
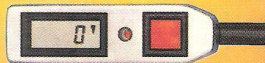


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