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Karl Poruben POPS 2292



Karl Poruben of Pittsburgh, Penn., gets ready to hit the target during the 20th Annual Winter POPS Meet at Umatilla, Fla., last month. Photograph by Mike McGowan.

Florida Jumpers Big Winners at POPS Meet

Eighty-nine members of the Parachutists Over Phorty Society gathered at the Central Florida Parachute Center in Umatilla, Fla., March 16-24, for the 20th Annual Winter POPS Meet.

Although many of the participants traveled from several states besides Florida, resident jumpers took the first three places in the two scheduled events.

Carl Smith won the three-round accuracy event with a score of 9 cm, Bill Price and Ski Chmielewski tied for second place with 10 cm. Ted Strong placed third with 11 cm.

Bill Hector won the "hit and rock" event with a time of 4.9 seconds. Jumpers are timed from when they land, stomp the accuracy disk and run to a rocking chair placed 40 ft. away. Jack LaLonde came in second with 5.1 seconds, followed by Chmielewski with 5.4 seconds.

Four Cessnas, a Twin Otter and a Queen Air hauled the jumpers. DZ operator Jimmy Godwin recently purchased the Twin Otter, and will base the aircraft at Skydive Chambersburg in Pennsylvania from May through November.

Pat Moorehead, a director of the U.S. Parachute Association, handed out several USPA membership certificates during the awards banquet Sunday night. Mike Costella received his 10-year certificate, Lynn O'Donnell 15 years and Godwin 30. Moorehead also announced O'Donnell's completion of 50 solo flights across the Atlantic to Europe in a Piper aircraft.

Godwin said he tallied the total number of jumps of those present. The total came to nearly 170,000—an average of almost 2000 jumps each. □