

**POPS Nationals**

**3-7 Aug 1983**

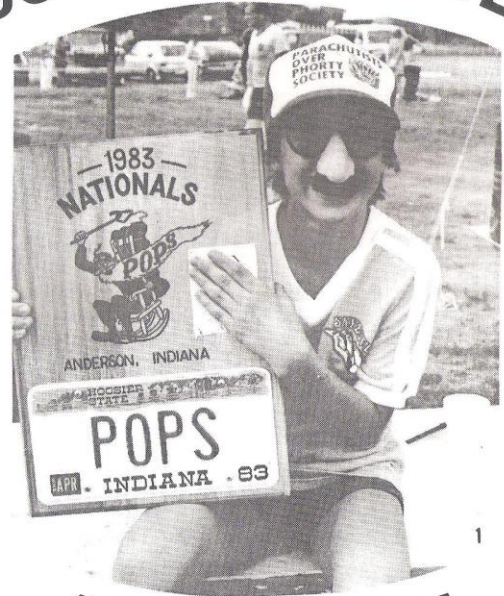
**Anderson, Indiana**

ENTRANTS LISTED BY TEAM

1. Bob Donley  
Jim Tranter  
Roger Humphrey  
Wayne Powell ) — Tie 1st place RW
2. Len Zak ----- 1st place Hit & Rock <sup>5.0 SECS</sup>  
Jerry Lind ) — Tie 1st place RW  
Mike Furry )  
Jerry Fry )
3. Dave Waight ----- 1st Place accuracy  
Leo Posey  
John Hubbell  
G. D. Williams
4. Walter Kohlhepp ----- 2nd place accuracy  
George Rabe  
C. A. Bell  
Ted Pullem ----- 3rd place accuracy
5. Corb Thornton  
Bill Fliszar  
Jimmy Godwin  
Harry Ervin
6. Francis Schwegmann  
Mike Horan --- tied - 2nd place Hit & Rock  
Pat Morehead ---  
Jim Marrie
7. Larry Rossi  
Roy Grace  
John McKenzie  
Jeff Badders

See Y'all at the POPS 1984 Winter Meet in Eustis  
Florida.  
Fun Jumps and record attempts - Mar. 5-6-7-8-9  
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# POPS 1983 NATIONALS



## ANDERSON INDIANA

The 1983 POPS Nationals were held at Anderson, Indiana's Ace Airport DZ operated by Jim Tranter. Fun jumps started Wed. Aug. 3rd. around 3 PM. After two unsuccessful attempts from 7500, the first 4 way was put together. Thur. opened with a thunder storm which lasted until noon, then jumping resumed. Each load seemed to include a new arrival or two. On Fri. Jim West flew in with his Twin Beech. The first Beech load put together an 8 way, but no one earned their "All POPS Star" because only 7 in the formation were POPS. Between the POPS and local jumpers, the Beech was kept busy til dark.

The meet opened at 9 AM Sat. with the briefing given by Wayne Powell meet director. There would be two rounds of accuracy and two of Hit and Rock from 3000. 4 way RW would be out of the Beech. Both RW jumps would be 3 points with 25 seconds working time from 8500. The first "set" would be a "round" to a "line" back to a "round". The second, a "round" to a "diamond" to a "cat". With a six point max, the team with the most points would win. Of the 75 POPS expected, only 28 showed up. That made an even 7 teams. Funnels and missed formations were common. Most dives ended with the judges asking the jumpers if they had made

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Cover photo: Jim Tranter's daughter Lora holds the POPS plaque won by Jerry Fry. The plaque was the idea of Wayne and Shirley Powell. The license plate belonged to Wayne.



Wayne Powell and others pose for news photos



A local reporter goes for an observation ride

Their points or not. The sun or the clouds seemed to obscure most of the jumps. Only one team was made up of jumpers who jump together often, Jim Tranter, Wayne Powell and Roger Humphrey have made 200 to 300 jumps together. They were joined by Bob Donley, another hot RW jumper to form a Fearless POPS foursome that went on to tie for first place against a team made up of Jerry Lind, Len Zak, Jerry Fry and Mike Furry. Rather than have a "jump off" or flip a coin, the decision was made to buy another set of first place plaques for the other team. Accuracy was close with Dave Waight in first place with two "dead centers". Dave has hit Dead center on every POPS competition jump at every meet he has been in. Who said that hard core accuracy jumpers are a thing of the



Al Bell is interviewed by TV reporter as the oldest POPS entered.



A news photographer "shoots" Wayne and Larry



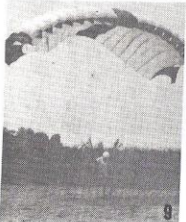
6 Jim West, wind dummy.



7 Larry Rossi, all around nice guy.



8 Pam Godwin 16 yrs old - 140 + jumps.



9 Al Bell goes for a dead center



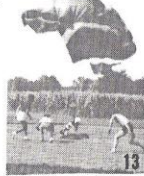
10 Unknown jumper in cornfield



11 G. D. Williams hits the peas



12 Wayne Powell in the peas



13 Bob Donely hits the disc



14 Judges Jim Neal, Pam Godwin and Dave Murphy



15 John McKenzie a "new" POPS

past? Second place accuracy was claimed by Wally Kohlhepp, who also went to the first ever POPS Canadian meet and made a dead center on every jump that he made there. Third place accuracy was won by Ted Pullum from Mich. Most of the accuracy jumps were right in the pit, with only one jumper (who will remain nameless for all time) heading for the corn field. Len Zak easily took first place in the Hit and Rock with a fast 5 second time. Second place was a tie between Mike Horan, Mid-Eastern conf. dir. and Pat Morehead of Long Beach, Cal.. When George Rabe made his Hit and Rock jump Larry Rossi had him set up for the TV-6 camera by having a guy with two doberman pinschers seated in the rocking chair to keep him out of it. George Hit and Rocked anyway, staying in the chair just long enough to be nipped by one of the dogs. The whole thing was shown on the Indianapolis 10 PM news.

The banquet was held at the Sheridan Inn with a first class buffet and cash bar. Mid-Eastern conference director Mike Horan a "new" POPS presented Wayne Powell and his "better 75%", Shirley with a certificate of appreciation. Roger Humphrey, dressed in a dark blue suit and tie, was at first mistaken for a Baptist Minister invited to give the opening prayer. When the mix-up was straightened out, Mike Horan also presented Roger with a certificate of appreciation. Al Bell received a trophy for being the oldest jumper entered. Jerry Fry won the unique plaque pictured on the front on this news letter, along with a twenty dollar bill taped to it. Rumor says that he held 48 of the 60 chances sold in the plaque raffle. The banquet closed with the consensus being that everyone would like to see next years POPS nationals also held in the Mid-West. The only injury during the five days at Anderson was when Leo Posey received a cracked vertebra in the accuracy event. Any one wishing to send him a Get Well card can address it to Leo at 9746 Dickens, Melrose Park, Ill. 60164. I'm sure he would enjoy hearing from you. There were no malfunctions during the entire week, although one incident did give everyone a bit of a surprise,



Experts check the rocking chair out



Larry who?



Jimmy Godwin



Wilma Godwin and Ginny Rabe dress up the DZ



Jerry Fry supervises the packing area



See Zak hit



See Zak run



See Zak rock

See Zak win the hit and rock competition



Dave Waight demonstrates how to dead center out.



Jim West Twin Beech pilot



Roger Humphrey with his 80 yr old POPS student Ted Corey. Ted has 14 SL jumps



The 16 way "ALL POPS" record attempt did not make it



Twin Beech N-54-K

Pat Morehead had his AOD fire while under his square canopy after opening. The round reserve inflated perfectly and then he cut away his main, making a nice landing on the grass runway. The biggest problem was trying to find his main canopy in the corn field near the airport. Finally an ultralight pilot went up and spotted it from the air and circled until ground searchers found it. Al Bell lost his chest strap mounted altimeter on opening and Wayne Powell found himself minus one shoe in free fall. None of the ultralight pilots would volunteer to look for either. Jimmy Godwin broke up everyone on the DZ with his account of the elderly "wuffo" who came out to his Eustis Florida DZ to watch jumpers. After a four way had exited a Cessna and started to close for a four way round, the old guy got really excited and started pointing skyward while he shouted to his wife, "Look, they's bunchin up, they's bunchin up." Speaking of "bunchin up", that was the object of the Sunday POPS Star record attempts. The attempt at a record "All POPS" 16 way star was organized by Jerry Fry, the Beech was loaded



Wayne Powell  
meet director



Mike Horan  
conf. dir.



Wayne & Shirley  
accept award



Dave Waight  
1st place  
accuracy



Wally Kohlkeppe  
2nd place  
accuracy



Ted Pullum  
3rd place  
accuracy

with 12 POPS and the Cessna took another 4. No one is really sure, but it looked like 10 or 11 made it together. The second attempt didn't put it together either, but a number of POPS did attain their POPS Star ( an all POPS eight way or larger). The record to date is 13. Maybe we will see that broken at Eustis in 84. The Green County SPC Beech flew a total of 11 loads, there were 390 individual jumps made in the five days of the meet. Those that qualified for the "POPS 8 way star" are John McKenzie, Corb Thornton, Jerry Fry, Jim Tranter, Jack Ford, Mike Furry, Mike Horan. New POPS that joined at the meet were John McKenzie, Corb Thornton and Mike Horan. There were a lot of worn out people at the end of the meet, but everyone agreed that the overall objective had been accomplished, we had fun, and that's what POPS is all about. \*\*END\*\*

Maybe Anderson, Indiana will not remember the 1983 POPS Nationals competition for ever, but for five days it was the talk of the town. Wayne Powell really did a great job of making the news media aware that "something different" was happening at Ace airport. Jeff Badders jump pilot, sky diver and POPS member flew a number of "observer" loads for local reporters and photographers. The Indianapolis TV-6 crew really seemed to enjoy the assignment to cover the POPS meet. They gave us great coverage on their 10 PM news program. Hundreds of local people came out each day to line the fence and watch the sky divers "risk their necks". The people of Anderson were really friendly and we owe them a vote of thanks for having us.



Roger also  
gets award



Dave Waight congrats  
on 4000 jumps



Jerry Fry wins  
raffled plaque



Len Zak  
1st place  
hit & rock



Mike Horan and  
Pat Morehead  
tied 2nd place  
Hit and Rock



Al Bell  
oldest POPS



1st place RW "A" team  
 Jim Tranter\*Roger Hum-  
 phrey\*Wayne Powell\*Bob  
 Donley



1st place RW "B" team  
 Jerry Lind\*Len Zak  
 Jerry Fry\*Mike Furry

THE ALL POPS STAR RECORD ATTEMPT TEAM

Twin Beech pilot Jim West  
 Cessna Pilot Joe Evans

Jumpers

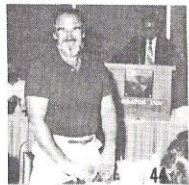
Larry Rossi	Bob Donley	Jim Tranter
Jerry Fry	Jerry Lind	Mike Horan
Harry Ervin	Al Bell	Len Zak
Mike Furry	G. D. Williams	Pat Morehead
Roy Grace	Roger Humphrey	
Jack Ford	Wayne Powell	

Oldest POPS entrant - Al Bell age 57

Thanks to Wayne and Shirley Powell and  
 Roger Humphrey they put together a really  
 great week of fun.



Lois and Jerry Lind  
 celebrate their 1st  
 wedding anniversary



Jim West



Jerry Fry

THE BANQUET CROWD AT THE SHERATON INN



Wild fans mob  
 Roger Humphrey  
 at banquet

