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DEAR MEMBER:

You're right! We're late ... Delayed by Directors Meeting, US Team Tryouts, and, much mail to get out ... but have heart ... we're here! PCA DIRECTORS MEETING, New York, 6 April: Directors present: General James M. Gavin, Joe Crane, George Bosworth, Jacques Istel, Wolfgang Lieschke, William Tucker, and Russell Gunby.

Due to pressure of other business General Gavin reluctantly resigned as Chairman of the Board but retained his status as a Director. He also volunteered to assist in the current US Team Fund drive. Committee appointed to nominate a new chairman of the Board. ADMINISTRATIVE PCA ORGANIZATION: President, VP, and Secretary empowered to form much needed operating policy and grant waivers are finalized as the managing body with Directors acting as advisory board. This should smooth out procedure and cut coordination and communication time. Plans call for having a full time executive officer and an office in the new NAA building in Washington within 1-2 years.

New Duties: The following duties were delegated to the persons shown:

Mr. Istel: Write rules for competitions and methods of running a competition.
Conduct liaison between PCA and NAA.

Colonel Grieves: Liaison between PCA and FAA. Washington, D.C.

Mr. Lieschke: PCA Publicity Director.

Mr. Stanley Zielinski &
Cadet Frederick Terry: Organizers of the national College Parachute League.

Mrs. Nancy Hall: PCA Treasurer.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: It was agreed that the PCA By-Laws be changed to read: Fifteen (15) Directors will be elected for a three-year period. Thereafter five (5) new directors will be elected each year. In addition to the five men up for re-election each year, the ballot will include the names of five new men so that there will be a choice of ten (10) men in each election.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION PLAN: Adopted: That the US be formed into ten* Parachute Conference Areas as follows:

<u>Conference</u>	<u>States</u>
Northeast	Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut.
East	New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Washington, D.C.
Southeast	North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Florida.
South Central	Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi.

Central	Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan.
North Central	North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin.
Northwest	Montana, Idaho, Wyoming.
Southwest	Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico.
Northern Pacific	Washington, Oregon.
Southern Pacific	California, Nevada.

*Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico will each be a conference in themselves.

The plan is based on the four US FAA regional boundaries so that any decisions made by the FAA regional and the district office would affect the clubs in that area equally and without conflict and, where a local or district office might make a questionable decision relative to parachuting, a coordinated appeal can be made to the central regional office from all clubs affected a united effort at one point, so to speak.

At this time we will not designate one person to head each conference area as this is a full time task in itself to cover such a large area. When sport parachuting becomes popular to the extent where PCA memberships will produce enough revenue to subsidize people in supervisory positions, then a conference director will come into being.

Until then, PCA Club and Area Safety Officers will insure the safety of the sport. At least one Safety Officer will be appointed for each Club and where two or more clubs are in close proximity, an Area Safety Officer is being appointed. Appointments are being tendered by letter at this time and a list of Club and Area Safety Officers will be published in the next PARACHUTIST. Overseas clubs will have Club Safety Officers appointed. As the sport grows, more area and club Safety Officers will be trained and appointed as needed.

With the Conferences, parachute meets can start locally, work up to state, then inter-conference, and, finally, to a national meet for selecting the US Team.

It is a flexible plan which allows for easy growth, additional conference subdivisions, good safety control, cooperation with FAA, and, even if it doesn't grow, will work well with what we have now or even less. Obviously, the entire set-up hinges on the quality of the Safety Officers. More detailed information will be put out from time to time as the program gets rolling.

PCA & NAA: As you know, PCA has always been an affiliate of the National Aeronautic Association. However, the NAA has revised their organization and all affiliates are now called "divisions". So we are now a division of the NAA rather than an affiliate. This means closer ties, a more powerful NAA, better subsidization of PCA by NAA, closer coordination of effort in matters of aircraft and flying, and local-thru-national mutual support. Sorta' like the Air National Guard and the Regular Air Force relationship.

The NAA has a monthly magazine and they would like to have all their divisions share space in it. Sometime in the future the PARACHUTIST will become a part of the NAA magazine so you'll not only get what you now receive but flying information as well. Don't knock it 'till you've seen it!

APPLICATION FOR B, C, & D LICENSES: All license applications, plus log books, will be verified by the local Area Safety Officer prior to being submitted to PCA for approval. Initially we will still require the submission of validated log books; however, as the Conference program develops we anticipate complete dependence on the Area SO in this field. In the interim while we are establishing Club and Area SOs throughout the US or when in doubt, send your license application and log direct to PCA. PCA has decided that

employees of Commercial Parachuting Centers will not be appointed as Safety Officers in order to avoid commercial involvement in a non-profit activity such as ours.

LOG BOOK DISCREPANCIES: Several applications have been turned down due to discrepancies in the log book, e.g., a 30-second delay wherein the jumper was out of control most of the time does not constitute a satisfactory maneuvering requirement for license purposes; where figure 8s or maneuvers were planned, but executed unsatisfactorily, are not countable; in other words applicants must meet the stabilization, maneuver, and distance from target requirements in order for the jump to be valid. What good are license requirements if only the time-delay aspects are met? SOs in the future will require that the applicant actually make a jump in his presence meeting the license requirements prior to forwarding the license application to PCA for issuance.

AMATEUR VS. PROFESSIONAL PARACHUTIST: Some discussion was held relative to the merits of distinguishing between amateur and professional parachutists. This discussion was concluded with a recommendation that these requirements will not become necessary until Sport Parachuting becomes Olympic in stature. When the need does arise PCA will be prepared to determine the qualifications of an amateur in line with the Olympic requirements.

REVOKED LICENSES AND MEMBERSHIPS: Based on the recent adverse incident on the West Coast, it was decided that anyone violating the age limit rule (causing or assisting a person under 16 years of age to jump), would have his (her) membership and license revoked for one year. Reasoning: First, how far will it go? Recently a 12 year old, next month an 8 year old, then one 6 ... then 5, etc., until we're down to the umbilical cord! Second question: What happens when one doesn't work out? We'll tell you. FAA will step in and we'll be able to buy parachutes for a dollar 'cause sport parachutists won't be using them any more Let's keep the kids in the Little League. Why hazard a good sport for a little reckless publicity ... unfavorable publicity at that!

INSURANCE: All jumpers should note that as soon as any PCA member jumps for money or pay he (she) is not covered by liability insurance, only accident and death!

The validating date for PCA membership and insurance coverage is the POSTMARKED DATE on the envelope containing the membership application. (This ruling based on some persons mailing an application after they were injured or liable for damage! (believe it or not!))

1962 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: PCA voted to give their backing to the 1962 Meet. PCA will not assume any financial responsibility in connection with the Championship since a Massachusetts non-profit corporation has been formed to handle the meet and take care of the mammoth task of finance and organization. Funds for Meet to be raised at the Federal and State levels ... if this fails the corporation will seek funds from private sources, put on the Championship, and then pay back the money with interest. The prestige and publicity which will result from the US hosting this Meet will be the final clinch in gaining America's acceptance of this new sport. And based on the performance of the jumpers at the recent US tryouts, we should be the country to beat in 1962!

AIR SEARCH AND RESCUE PARACHUTE JUMPS: PCA received a request from Search and Air Rescue Service for PCA members to cooperate with the Civil Air Patrol on their rescue missions where a parachutist could be used. PCA desires that all members cooperate with the CAP in these missions but restricts an actual rescue parachute jump to Class B license holders and above for the obvious reasons. This also seems to be an excellent opportunity to get together with some of your local CAP people to work out some practice jumps in preparation for such missions. May we suggest early local CLUB liaison with the CAP in this effort.

NEW YORK NEWS FLASH: In the last PARACHUTIST we reported that New York State was going to permit parachute jumping which heretofore had been illegal in that state. Although the bill passed the House, the Governor of New York vetoed the law because the bill did not include any restrictions and the Governor was concerned that, without any restrictions, it would give persons legal authority to drop youngsters out of planes, as was done on the West Coast recently, and they do not want this repeated in New York State. Also, due to a recent parachuting death in New York State, several jumpers are under arrest for violating the New York State anti-parachuting law. PCA has an attorney working on the case. Things are not as good in New York as we had anticipated.

We deeply regret to announce that Mr. George Sarris of the New York Parachute Club, B-114, was killed at Stormville Airport during a 15-second delay, April 10th, 1960 as a result of pulling his ripcord approximately 100-200 feet from the ground; too late to permit the parachute to open.

We also regret the announcement of the loss of Robert Douglas, Seattle Sky Divers, Seattle, Washington who is reported to have drowned after landing in a swift river. Observers say that he did not loosen any part of the harness nor eject any single item. He stayed afloat for about two minutes but the moving current and the steep bank hampered the rescue and he disappeared beneath the surface. At this writing the body has not yet been recovered.

US TEAM FUNDS: We still have a requirement for thousands of dollars to send the US Team to Bulgaria in August. We hope the appeals we have made so far have not been forgotten by our members.

DELAWARE CUP MEET CANCELLED: We have just received word that it has been necessary to cancel the Delaware Cup Meet which had been planned for June 11 in Newcastle, Delaware.

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WINNERS OF US TEAM TRYOUTS:

MEN

First	Brydon, Loy B XVIII Airborne Corps SPC
Second	Arter, Harry E XVIII Airborne Corps SPC
Third	Arender, Jim L 82nd Airborne Division SPC
Fourth	Fortenberry, Richard T Special Warfare Center SPC
Fifth	Pearson, James P 82nd Airborne Division SPC
Sixth	Byard, Danny R Special Warfare Center SPC
Seventh	Love, Ray L Special Warfare Center SPC

WOMEN

First	Gray, Barbara D XVIII Airborne Corps SPC
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US Team Tryouts

Many rumors are bound to be flying about with respect to the last minute change in the type of aircraft used by the civilian contestants during the tryouts for the United States Parachute Team conducted at Fort Bragg. To set the record straight and to insure that all of us have the real dope the following are the facts in the case.

Immediately after the appointment for the Selection Committee by the Board of Directors of PCA, preparation for the Tryouts was started. As early as last December initial preparation and coordination was begun between the Committee and Fort Bragg authorities. In the process of this coordination a request was made to Department of the Army by Fort Bragg for civilian contestants to jump from military aircraft. No difficulty was expected in obtaining this approval since similar requests had been approved in 1958 and 1959 by the Department of Defense. Planning proceeded in good faith on this basis. However, at the last minute a legal ruling was made by Department of the Army which prevented granting Fort Bragg's request. Unfortunately, by the time the decision reached Fort Bragg it was too late to obtain an adequate number of identical civilian aircraft of ideal type without excessively delaying the tryouts. The best aircraft immediately available were obtained and the Tryouts were conducted in as fair a manner as possible under the existing conditions.

The Chairman of the Committee considered the use of civilian aircraft by all contestants, both civilian and military, but lack of available funds, as well as the shortage of time, prevented this solution.

Prior to continuing the tryouts on the basis of civilians jumping from civilian aircraft and military jumping from military aircraft, a meeting of the contestants was held, they were informed of the situation, and asked if they believed that this would constitute an unsound basis for tryout. No civilian jumper present stated that the basis was unsound.

Throughout the Tryouts the maximum possible assistance was given by Fort Bragg and by the Continental Army Command. Without this assistance and support it would have been extremely difficult, if not impossible, for PCA to have held Tryouts involving the number and types of jumps which were conducted. We owe a great deal to Fort Bragg for their support.

A fine US Team has been selected. They have just one objective - to win the World Championships in Bulgaria this summer.

US Women's Parachute Team

All parachutists can be proud of the outstanding performance of Bobbie Gray in the US Team Tryouts. Bobbie, the only woman entered, went the full distance competing against the men, stood 13th out of 49 jumpers, and a look at the score sheet shows that she beat some very good men. She is now the only selected member of the US Women's Parachute Team. Since there were less than five women competing in the Tryouts, the Selection Committee may now directly select women jumpers for the other two vacant positions on the Team. Do any of you girls meet all the following requirements?

- a. PCA Member.
- b. Valid New "B" or higher license.
- c. Your log shows that you can satisfactorily do five turns (with three changes of direction) followed by a backward loop from 7000 feet with delay between 23 and 30 seconds.
- d. Your log shows sound canopy work.

If you can meet the above and want to be considered for a place on the US Women's Parachute Team, inform Colonel W.P. Grieves, 704 Hallwood Avenue, Falls Church, Virginia. Inclose a complete copy of your Log. No applications can be received after 31 May 1960.

FINAL RESULTS
1960 Tryouts - United States Parachute Team

NAME

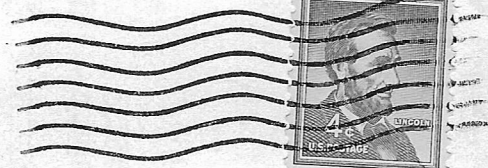
	A		B		C		D		E		F	GRAND TOTAL
	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II		
Arender, J L	174.0	215.0	189.4	220.0	173.1	225.0	187.1	220.0	-	210.0	220.0	2033.6
Arter, H E	193.9	205.0	189.3	200.0	160.6	205.0	171.7	195.0	177.4	200.0	180.0	2077.9
Baldwin, J T	165.4	-	105.0	150.0	65.1	180.0	172.0	180.0	175.5	130.0	175.0	1498.0
Bourquin, G F	186.7	190.0	160.7	-	125.5	190.0	128.2	-	-	170.0	(Elim)	1151.1
Braden, T B	-	120.0	180.1	160.0	24.9	200.0	187.8	115.0	-	-	180.0	1167.8
Brown, G R	-	205.0	155.0	210.0	183.0	205.0	148.5	210.0	-	205.0	200.0	1721.5
Brydon, L B	171.6	215.0	196.7	185.0	186.8	220.0	196.7	205.0	175.2	175.0	190.0	2117.0
Byard, D R	173.4	195.0	187.3	160.0	92.6	215.0	178.0	205.0	172.0	195.0	195.0	1968.3
Clark, D L	-	120.0	-	-	54.9	-	(Elim)	-	-	-	-	174.9
Curtis, H	-	160.0	114.6	-	109.3	150.0	139.1	160.0	(Elim)	-	-	833.0
Dugan, N	-	-	-	110.0	-	-	(Elim)	-	-	-	(w/dr)	110.0
English, A J	165.0	-	165.9	-	146.2	145.0	133.8	180.0	-	190.0	-	1125.9
Falejczyk, F J	-	140.0	109.3	(w/Dr)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	249.3
Fortenberry, R T	186.6	220.0	183.6	220.0	190.1	-	195.9	220.0	188.9	205.0	215.0	2025.1
Glenn, V R	165.5	135.0	-	140.0	-	-	(Elim)	-	-	-	-	440.5
Gray, B D	-	140.0	159.0	150.0	179.7	190.0	132.5	210.0	148.0	180.0	160.0	1649.2
Guilfoyle, L	-	-	197.1	-	-	110.0	196.4	130.0	-	-	(Elim)	633.5
Heisel, C H	-	-	169.3	-	-	140.0	182.9	-	(Elim)	-	-	492.2
Helms, J C	155.7	-	134.2	205.0	151.9	180.0	167.3	190.0	153.6	170.0	190.0	1697.7
Higbee, R H	165.6	200.0	-	205.0	-	180.0	144.1	-	(Elim)	-	-	894.7
Hollis, J T	126.8	200.0	160.4	145.0	143.9	145.0	173.3	205.0	-	150.0	190.0	1639.4
Hughes, C W	180.8	175.0	178.5	150.0	180.7	195.0	187.4	125.0	164.1	155.0	-	1691.5
Hulick, G W	93.4	100.0	-	160.0	-	-	(Elim)	-	-	-	-	353.4
Kremer, M	-	90.0	-	180.0	149.4	155.0	180.2	140.0	-	70.0	-	964.6
Lanier, R H	-	-	-	80.0	179.0	(w/Dr)	(Elim)	-	-	-	-	259.0
Lewis, H R	178.0	170.0	-	120.0	52.5	135.5	189.7	210.0	196.6	210.0	150.0	656.0
Love, R L	192.6	190.0	182.5	155.0	-	200.0	(Elim)	-	-	-	-	1876.4
MacPherson, A	-	190.0	-	70.0	86.7	-	(Elim)	-	-	-	-	346.7
MacPherson, D	-	140.0	-	-	6.9	180.0	(Elim)	-	-	-	-	326.9
Martin, R D	170.4	40.0	83.0	-	92.2	130.0	158.0	-	(Elim)	-	-	673.6
Mathwig, J E	170.6	-	190.2	160.0	162.4	70.0	189.9	210.0	172.9	215.0	190.0	1731.0

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