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U.S. TEAM TRYOUTS

Olathe, Kansas

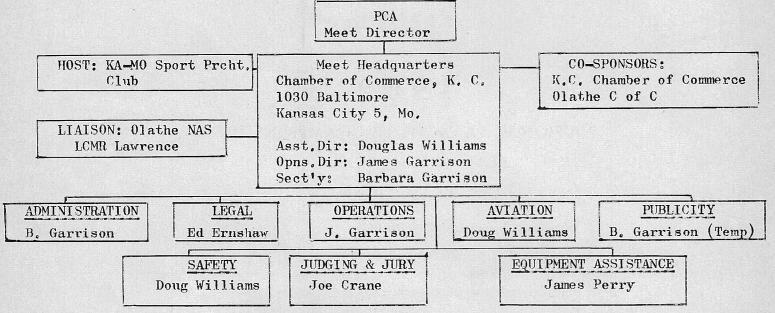
26 May - 5 June



Planning for 1962 National Parachute Championships commenced in Sept. 1961, when the KC site was approved by the PCA Board of Directors. Of immediate concern was the organization of Olathe Municipal Airport as the jump site, the Olathe Naval Air Station as the housing - feeding site, and, determining the extent of local support.

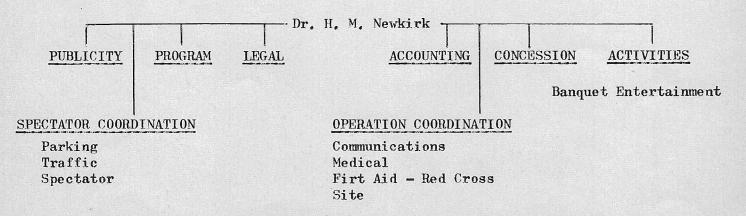
Local hosts were the KA-MO Sport Jumpers, Inc., the Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City, and, the Olathe Chamber of Commerce. The KA-MO parachutists were to be responsible for the actual organization of the Meet itself and the two Chambers of Commerce were to be responsible for the promotion and organization pertaining to the public and the anticipated crowds.

In order to implement the Meet the following organization was set up:

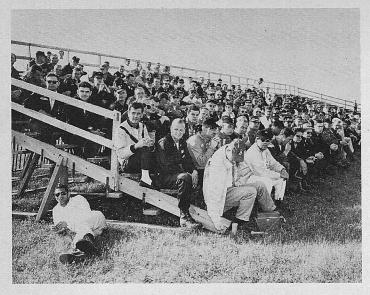


By February 1962, the organization was completely implemented and a Championship Secretary, Mrs. Barbara Garrison (KA-MO) was employed full time, and an office opened in the K.C. Chamber of Commerce. Due to the many organizational and procurement problems, it was later necessary to also hire a full time Operations Director, Mr. James Garrison, (KA-MO). The Assistant Meet Director, Mr. Douglas Williams (KA-MO) donated his full time to the organization of the Meet. Hence, it was possible to plan, organize, and conduct the entire Meet while paying only two salaries.

In order to organize the non-operational aspects, the Olathe Chamber of Commerce was organized as follows:



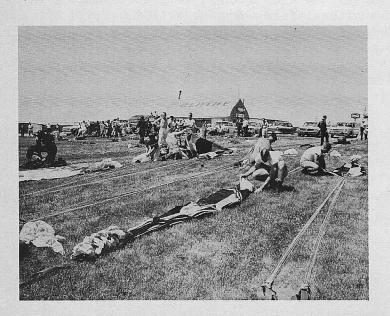
The Olathe Chamber of Commerce did an excellent job, both in planning and supporting the entire affair. Their attitude was one of positive helpful assistance and most of the credit should go to Dr. H. L. Newkirk, an Olathe Veterinarian, who was the sparkplug and contact between PCA and the Chamber's working groups. It was his task to organize the local Chamber groups into working forces such as auto parking committees, setting up bleachers,



Contestants receiving their initial rules orientation prior to commencing the Meet.



One of the 10 Cessna 180s and 182s which were used to make over 2100 jumps during the Meet.





Chief Judge, Capt. James Perry and Eddie Grandis, Chief Style Judge briefing contestants.



Packing Area.

selecting routes for police supervision, etc., and he and the working groups did an excellent job.

2) Support: Major support for the meet was furnished as follows:

Housing & feeding of male Contestants, Judges and Pilots: Olathe NAS as coordinated by Lt. Commander Fred Lawrence.

Housing and feeding of female Contestants, Officials, and Pilots: Local Motels and Restaurants. *Note: The noon meal was the responsibility of each participant.

Jump Site: Furnished by Olathe City. Programs: KA-MO Sport Jumpers, Inc. Bleachers: Olathe Chamber of Commerce

Security: (24 hours) Johnson County Sheriff's Dept.

Aircraft: Rented by PCA - 10 Cessna 180 and 182 Aircraft. Pilots: Volunteers from various Parachute Clubs in US.

Packing Equipment: Donated by US Army Parachute Team & some contestants brought their own.

Drop Zone Food & Drinks: Olathe C of C through Concessionaires. Traffic Control: Olathe C of C through Johnson County Sheriff.

Judges: PCA

Officials and Scorers: Volunteers from the KA-MO Club and other volunteers.

Optical Instruments: Binoculars - Rented by PCA

Stop Watches - US Army Parachute Team.

Medical Support: CAP Ambulance

Dr. William Carlos, Volunteer Olathe Community Hospital.

Legal Assistance: Ed Earnshaw, NAA, Volunteer.

Electronic Scoring Equip. & Personnel: IBM - Volunteers (no cost)

PA Systems: PCA - Rented

Target Signals: US Army Parachute Team

Auto Parking Areas: Contracted for by Olathe C of C.

Finance: The original plan envisioned that the contestant entry fees, parking fees, and a percentage of the concessions would more than pay for the Meet. However, due to poor weather and inadequate publicity, attendance was poor and the plan failed. As a consequence PCA was forced to absorb the costs of the Meet which was approximately \$20,000.00. A tear-stained financial accounting is shown elsewhere herein.

Publicity: Advance news releases were sent out by the K.C. office, but, were lacking in the necessary quality and detail. A 30 sec. promotional film was made by PCA but did not reach TV stations in time to be effective. Further, TV and newspaper advertisement costs were prohibitive to purchase. Advertising was bought in three newspapers but was evidently ineffective in producing the desired crowds. A vital question which must be answered is, "Was our publicity ineffective, or, is it just that the general public does not care to see championship parachuting?" We feel that the first query is correct and shall pursue the matter further.

Weather: In the planning phase, an analysis was made of the Olathe April-May weather over the past ten years. Based on this study the time selected was deemed most favorable. Unfortunately "unusual" heavy rains and high winds caused four days of cancelled jumping and it was necessary to extend the meet for two additional, expensive, days.

Competitors:

NAME Adair, Willie (Duke) Jr	HOME TOWN Santa Ana, Calif	CLUB AFFILIATION Rumbleseat Sky-Divers	NO. OF JUMPS 245	LICENSE NO. D-117
Alexander, Charles M	Boulder Colorado	Western Parachute Club	77	C-639
THISOPP, LICOHAI U		Ft. Campbell S.P.C. Independent		C- C-401 D-13
Bahor, Erick M Baldwin, James T	Sharon, Pennsylvania Dayton, Ohio		410	D-34 C-165 D-144



Only girl pilot, Jan Mauritson, Tulsa, Okla., waiting for more jump contestants to load.



Jumper Away!



Right turn Left turn . . .



Three contestants, Judy Simpson, Jeannie McCoombs, and Woodrow Hunter rigger check each other prior to jump.



While down below judges grade every move. Note switch or blinker signal panels used to notify jumper which maneuvers to execute.

Berg, William M	Snohomish, Washington	Ft. Devens S.P.C Seattle Sky-Divers So. Fla. Parachute Assn	207	C-135 C-508 C-624
Beverly, Elbert W., Jr Binford, Frank	Muscatine, IowaColfax, Calif		160 100	C- C-307 C-620 C-587
Bourquin, Gerald F Brezin, Ben Warren Bristow Bobby W	Ft. Bragg, N.C Miami Beach, Florida Pensacola, Florida	U. S. Army Parachute Team	708 325 304	D-22 D-56 C-505
Byard, Danny R	Ft. Bragg, N.C		1130	D-12 D-76 D-11
Cameron, Lyle H Cannavino, James Michael Card, John R	Buena Park, CalifLeominster, MassBeaumont, Texas	Ka-Mo Sport JumpersAmerican Sky-DiversSilver Wings Paraflight SchoolGalveston Sky-Divers	500 91 145	C-569 C-403 C-630 C-468
Castle, Forrest D Charette, Wilfred J. A., Jr	Ft. Bragg, N.CFt. Bragg, N.C	Rumbleseat Sky-DiversXVIII Abn. Corps S.P.CU. S. Army Parachute TeamFt. Benning S.P.C	129 429	D-111 C-358 D-90 C-169
Collinsgru, Robert M	Pensacola, FloridaHuntington Park, Calif	U. S. Navy Parachute Team	172 130	C-376 C-523 C-
*Cousins, Jean McGuire Curran, Owen M	San Diego, Calif Broomall, Pennsylvania	XVIII Abn. Corps S.P.CSan Diego Sky-DiversChester Sport Parachute Club	153 155	C-644 C-290 C-451 D-137
DeLaMar, Donald Donahue, Sgt. Robert L Draper, John D	Chicago, Ill ⁱ noisFort Lee, Virginia Elyria, Ohio	Rainbow Sky-DiversFt. Lee S. Parachute Club	148 151 235	C-422 C-276 D-97
Duffy, Raymond T Dunham, Dave Dupuis, Lawrence Richard	Ft. Bragg, N.C Ft. Hood, Texas De Land, Florida	U. S. Army Parachute TeamFt. Hood Sky-DiversFalling Angels	349 92 208	C-420 C-289 C-582 D-145
Ebersole, Christian K Edge, William E	Astor, Florida Ft. Bragg, N.C.	Skyward Paraclub	212 536	C-577 C-396 D-23
Emery, Jay O* *Emmons, Kim	Omaha, NebraskaChicago, Illinois	Ft. Polk Sp. Parachute ClubOmaha Sky-DiversChicago Sky-Diving ClubStormville S.P. Center	76 99	C-597 C-633 C-333 D-104
Feliciano, PeterFlick, LeslieFortenberry, Richard T	Spring Lake, N.CMint Canyon, CaliforniaFt. Bragg, N.C	XVIII Abn. Corps S.P.C. Independent U. S. Army Parachute Team. Ft. Campbell S.P.S.	390 300 802	C-195 D-130 D-38 C-594
Gainor, Gary Dennis Galbraith, Lachlan N Garrison, James W	Olympia, WashingtonFt. Campbell, Kentucky Kansas Čity, Kansas.	Ft. Campbell S.P.C	190 270	C-460 C-412 D-94
Gough, Cpl. Harold W., Jr Grabow, Richard M	Beaufort, S. Carolina Lewisburg, Pa	Falling Angels	186 188	C-375 C-416 C-361
Ham, Lowell Harman, Sp. 5 Richard C Helms, Sgt. Jack C	Lincoln, Nebraska Europe Europe	Delaware Valley Parachute Club. Lincoln Sport Parachute Club.	83	C-278 C-659 C- D-19
Hough, Paul E Howard, Michael J	Batavia, New YorkFt. Campbell, Kentucky	So. Fla. Parachute Association	170 255	D-88 C-204 C-330 C-566
Johnston, Howard RJohnstone, Edward P	Hillsboro, OregonCincinnati, Ohio	Houston Parachute Club. Portland Parachute Club. Cincinnati S.P.C. Cincinnati S.P.C.	240 297	D-42 D-131 C-137 C-277
Kidwell, Jerry Knight, Buford W Kremar, Michal	Ft. Campbell, KentuckyFt. Bragg, N.CFt. Campbell, Kentucky	Ft. Campbell S.P.C	182 240 848	C-434 C-386 D-18
Lanzendorf, David O Lea, Harold	Syracuse, New YorkFayetteville, N.C	U. S. Navy Parachute TeamSyracuse Sp. Parachute ClubTarheel Sport Parachute ClubU. S. Army Parachute Team	171 121	D-121 C-608 C-578 D-25
Little, SFC Jimmy B Long, Charles	El Paso, Texas	Fort Bliss S.P.C. Fort Hood Sky-Divers Hoosier Sky-Divers	132 85	C-444 C-614 D-46
*McCombs, Jeanni	El Paso, TexasFt. Bragg, N.C Hollywood, Calif	Skydivers of El Paso U. S. Army Parachute Team Para Ventures Las Vegas Sky-Diver Parachute Club	83 420	B-987 D-70 C-336 C-374
Martin, Roy D Mathews, Robert A., Jr May, King D., Jr	Ft. Bragg, N.C Cherry Pont, N.C Ft. Bragg, N.C	U. S. Army Parachute Team. Marine Sport Parachute Club. XVIII Abn. Corps S.P.C. XVIII Abn. Corps S.P.C.	530 240 82	D-41 D-118 C-628
Moge, Maurice R Molitor, Don I Moncrief, Frank, Jr	Fitchburg, MassVan Nuys, CalifPensacola, Florida	Silver Wings Parajumpers Rumbleseat Sky-Divers U. S. Navy Parachute Team.	482 322 156	D-88 D-49 D-95 C-606
Moore, Sumner D Morrow, Don	St. Joseph, Mo Country Club Hills. Ill.	Champaign Urbana S.P.C. Ka-Mo Sport Jumpers Midwest Sky-Diving Club. Ft. Benning S.P.C. Calistoga Sky-Divers	180	C- C-666 C-219 C-404
Muliy, 1000CIU A	Ganianu, Cani	Cansuga sky-Divers	304	D-52





Larry Edwards and Louis Perkins (in van) of IBM discuss some automatic computer problems with the Meet Director. This was the first time that automatic IBM equipment was used to score a parachute meet.



Bill Berg, Bill Edge, Pilot Jan Mauritson, Lyle Cameron, and Sherm Williford eyeball other contestants on way down.



Judging Area. Bob McDonald trying to keep his mind on style judging when assisted by Carol Carson, Michele Connelly, and Roxanne Rogers.



Volunteer help — Doug Williams (less head!) Barbara Garrison, Russ Gunby, Eda Baca, and Carol Carson.



GUSTY!

NAME	NAME HOME TOWN CLUB AFFILIATION		NO. OF JUMPS	LICENSE NO.
Norman, Joe A	Ft. Bragg, N.C	U. S. Army Parachute Team	411	D-77
*Olson, Carlyn Edith	N. Hollywood, Calif	Chicago Sky-Divers Club Parabats Chicago Sky-Diving Club	100	C-329 C-603 C-379
Pack, Rod. Pasquale, John F. Perkins, Larry L. Potts, Leon. Poulson, James V. Preciado, Tink A. Price, M/Sgt. Jerry L. Price, Maurice H. Pride, Sgt. Thomas H. Pronier, Robert A. Pyland, E. Lynn.	Pacoima, Calif	Rumbleseaters. Cleveland Parachute Club. 82D Abn. Div. S.P.C. Asbury Park Sky-Divers. Rumbleseat Sky-Divers. 82D Abn. Div. S.P.C. Ft. Richardson S.P.C. 82D Abn. Div. S.P.C. Ft. Benning S.P.C. 100 S.P.C.	147 233 82 110 397 83 151 86 75 196 573	C-548 D-98 C- C-524 C-632 C-663 C-381 C-661 C-646 C-452 D-14
Rhodes, Dennis T Ritchie, William E Rumsey, Clifford G	Memphis, Tennessee Killeen, Texas Swarthmore, Pa	Falling Angels	320 233 84	C-665 C-572 C-429 C-638
Schmidt, Mark Schroeder, Louis H	Boston, Mass	Cambridge Parachute Club All American S.P.C. Wisconsin Sky-Divers Seattle Sky-Divers Omaha Sky-Divers Seattle Sky-Divers Seattle Sky-Divers Seattle Sky-Divers Seattle Sky-Divers Silver Wings Para-Flight School Ft. Hood Sky-Divers Independent Independent Independent Tri-State Fitzgerald, Ga. S.P.C. Selfridge AFB Sky-Divers 82D Abn. Div. S.P.C. Ft. Davis Army Atlantic S.P.C Ka-Mo Sport Jumpers Ka-Mo Sport Jumpers Chicago Sky-Divers Cambridge Parachute Club 82D Abn. Div. S.P.C. Las Vegas Sky-Divers Parachute Club Lakehurst Sky-Divers Ft. Campbell S.P.C. XVIII Abn. Corps S.P.C. Ft. Campbell S.P.C.	375 97 130 310 130 244 115 200 159 502 395 150 206 211 525 322 109 81 204 420 112 109 119 191 88	D-21 C-626 C-482 D-93 C-485 D-116 C-438 C-427 C-526 D-63 D-78 C-477 C-394 D-27 C-253 C-399 C-598 D-60 D-16 C-525 C-564 C-515 C-366 C-627 C-356
Tyson, Jerome P Unzicker, William J	Omaha, NebraskaFt. Bragg, N.C	Omaha Sky-Divers	91 423	C-521 D-32 C-413
VanDerWeg, Phillip J	Ft. Bragg, N.C	Cambridge Parachute Club	252	D-4 C-296 C-
Webber, Claude A Wenk, Peter J White, Stephen R Williams, Barry. Williford, Sherman H	Ft. Bragg, N.C North Miami, Florida Wichita, Kansas Kansas City, Missouri Ft. Bragg, N.C	82D Abn. Div. S.P.C	230 255 86 81 314	D-62 D-92 D-135 C-649 C-647 D-99 C-544

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RESULTS: Results of the Meet were excellent in that we now have 19 excellent parachutists in training to represent the US in the forthcoming Sixth World Parachuting Championships to be held at Orange, Massachusetts, in August, 1962. This team of 10 men and 9 women is already at Orange training for the International Meet.

WINNERS of the National Meet were as follows:

EVENT I

Women

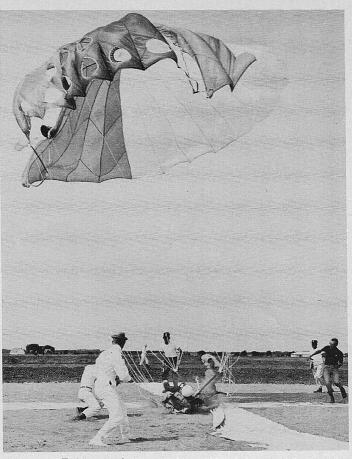
- 1. jeanni McCombs, Texas
- 2. Kim Emmons, Michigan
- 3. Judy Simpson, New York

Men

- 1. Paul Harman, USArmy, EUR
- 2. Mark Schmidt, Massachusetts
- 3. Joe Norman, USArmy Prcht. Team, N.C.



WHAM: Danny Byard, U.S. Army Parachute Team, hitting the target dead center. Danny hit dead center in two consecutive jumps from the 3400' Event I (Accuracy).



Tearing up the target with a "blow hole special."



Stretching for the Center. Bill Jolly moves in to mark a contestant heading for the center.



OUCH!

EVENT II

Women

- 1. Carlyn Olson, California
- 2. Jean Cousins, California
- 3. Judy Simpson, New York

1. Jack Helms, USArmy, EUR

- 2. Loy Byrdon, USArmy Preht. Team., N.C.
- 3. Don Morrow, Illinois

EVENT III

- 1. Carlyn Olson, California
- 2. Kim Emmons, Michigan
- 3. Jean Cousins, California

1. Dick Fortenberry, USA Prcht. Team, N.C.

Men

- 2. James Arender, California
- 3. Clyde Jacks, Texas

OVERALL (Top Ten)

- 1. Carlyn Olson, California
- 2. jeanni McCombs, Texas
- 3. Kim Emmons, Michigan

- 1. Dick Fortenberry, USA Prcht. Team, N.C.
- 2. Jerry Bourquin, USA Prcht. Team, N.C.
- 3. Paul Harman, USA EUR
- 4. Mark Schmidt, Massachusetts
- 5. Joe Norman, USA Prcht. Team., N.C.
- 6. Loy Brydon, USA Prcht. Team., N.C.
- 7. James Arender, California
- 8. Henry Simbro, California
- 9. Phillip VanDerWeg, 82d DIV SPC, N.C.
- 10. William M. Berg, Washington

SCORING of the top 20 contestants was as follows:

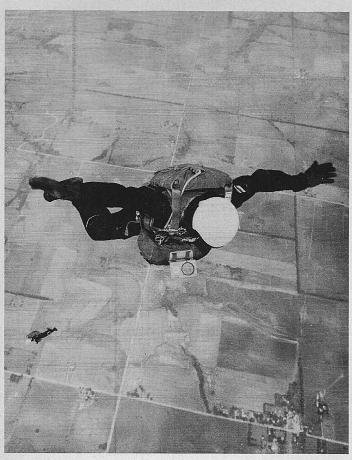
EVENT I		EVENT I	Ī	EVENT	III	OVERAL	<u>L</u>
(Poss: 120	00)	(Poss:10	00)	(Poss: 1000	+ Bonus)	(Poss: 3200	+ Bonus)
NAME	SCORE	NAME	SCORE	NAME	SCORE	NAME	SCORE
1.Harmon	1091.07	Helms	951.12	Fortenberry	1214.50	Fortenberry	3120,91
2.Schmidt	1088.76	Brydon	941,68	Arender	1200.00	Bourquin	3082,62
3.Norman	1064,98	Morrow	932.07	Jacks	1197.00	Harman	3078,92
4. Pyland	1061,83	Harmon	930.75	Bahor	1183.00	Schmidt	3061.80
5.Godwin	1059,29	Johnston, H.	930.23	Simbro	1146.00	Norman	3055,31
6.Bahor	1055.62	McDonald	936.37	McDonald	1142.00	Brydon	3025.21
7.Bourquin	1029,97	Sewell	923.86	Bourquin	1135.00	Arender	3020,26
8.Brydon	1029.03	Driver	920,28	Pond	1124.50	Simbro	2978,53
9.Simbro	1028,93	Galbraith	919.68	Edge	1122,50	VanDerWeg	2961,56
10.Fortenberry	1011.94	Johnstone, W.	918.42	May	1121.00	Berg	2958.34
ll.Galbraith	1001.05	Bourquin	917.65	Gough	1120.00	Pyland	2896.83
12.Berg	997.37	Fortenberry	894,47	Pack	1119,50	Pond	2867,68
13.Castle	992.41	Norman	893,33	Horvath	1119.00	Gainor	2856,71
14.May	980.82	MacPherson	888,97	Gainor	1119.00	Bahor	2845,13
15.VanDerWeg	979.58	Arender	888.71	Schmidt	1107.50	Godwin	2826,20
16. Johnstone, E.	972,65	VanDerWeg	883.48	VanDerWeg	1098,50	Edge	2808.33
17.Ebersole	969,10	Berg	879,47	Norman	1097.00	Byard	2800,28
18.Byard	959,19	Schmidt	865,54	Berg	1081,50	Ebersole	2759,49
19.Seymour	933,23	Lewis	864.61	Castle	1080.00	Gough	2750,56
20, Arender	921.55	Stevens	862,68	Collinsgru	1078.00	Lewis	2743.77
		Simbro	803,60	Harman	1057.10		
				Brydon	1054.50		

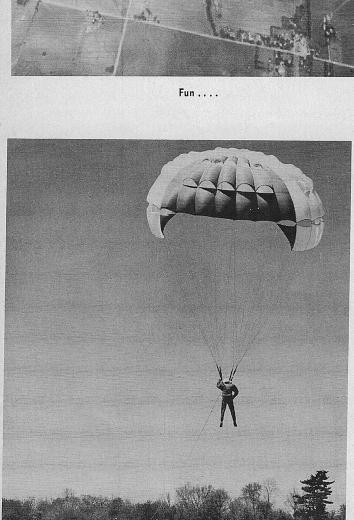
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STATUS OF PARACHUTE JUMPS

 Thur, May 24
 Practice Jumps
 245
 Sub-Totals

 Fri, May 25
 Practice Jumps
 245
 490





The Army Team brought their "Pioneer Para-Sail" and on occasions some contestants tried out the new 'chute that goes up.



.... and, Demonstration jumps.



 $\label{eq:hand-def} \mbox{Hand in Hand . . . two Army} - \mbox{two Navy contestants}.$

STATUS OF PARACHUTE JUMPS (Cont'd.)

		Daily Jumps	Sub-Totals
Sat, May 26	Competition Jumps	429, Event I	919
Sun, May 27	Competition Jumps	368, Event II	1287
Mon, May 28	Weathered Out		
Tue, May 29	Weathered Out		
Wed, May 30	Competition Jumps	216, Event III	1503
Thur, May 31	Competition Jumps	105, Event III, II, I	1608
Fri, Jun 1	Competition Jumps	186, Event III	1794
Sat, Jun 2	Weathered Out		
Sun, Jun 3	Weathered Out	(50 Evening Fun Jumps)	1844
Mon, Jun 4	Competition Jumps	107, Event III	1951
Tue, Jun 5	Competition Jumps	229, Event I, II, III	2180

PARACHUTING INJURIES:

- 1) Muriel Simbro Ankle Fracture (Cast)
- 2) Frank Binford Dislocated Ankle (Cast)
- 3) Davis Sims Rib Fracture
- 4) Denny Manning Sprained Shoulder Muscle
- 5) Bob Buckner Sprained Knee
- 6) John Card Sprained Foot (Cast)
- 7) Richard Grabow- Dislocated Shoulder
- 8) Mark Schmidt Sprained Ankle
- 9) Frank Collison- Injured Knee Ligaments (Cast)

ACCIDENTS: One aircraft was damaged when a power failure occurred on landing and the pilot, Mr. Don Randolph, put the plane down in a newly plowed field. The plane flipped over on its back causing damage to the engine, left wing, and tail assembly. Mr. Randolph suffered only a broken nose.

MALFUNCTIONS: A total of seven "Mae West" malfunctions occurred during the Meet, none of which caused any major injuries. Probable cause of these malfunctions was hasty packing in order to meet the tight jump schedule.

VOLUNTEER WORKERS: As most of you are aware, it takes many persons to run a smooth Meet, particularly with 164 contestants, 10 aircraft, separate packing, loading, and stand-by zones, transportation, and scoring, etc. We would like to thank the following persons who came to the Meet at their own expense, worked long hours, and did an excellent job in the many activities associated with the Meet. Without this group, we could not have accomplished the task!

Lorna Gibson	Sam Friedman	Jim Pennell	Tom Copenhaver
Beverly Chaplin	Max Smith	Ray Kelly	Dee Davis
Corky Castle	Terry Chilcoat	Sgt. John Cann	Dave Roebuck
Tony Lemus	Shann Hadley	Harold & Wiley Davis	David Herren
Ken DeMoss	Michele Connelly	Erik Peterson	Charles Fronce
Sam Webb	Carol Carson	Joe Rydell	Tom Pritchard
Robert Jacobs	Tim McFerrin	Dan Hutchins	Bill Bidleman
Ronald Henry	Eda Baca	Frank Dyer	Sgt. Joe Gonzales
Larry Hawk	Wayne West	Gordon Spencer	Lt. Runnels
Edie Flick	Joe Brown	Jack Dillinger	Roxanne Rogers

A warm handshake of appreciation is also due our pilots, many of whom also attended at a personal financial loss and who did an excellent job of safely flying our jumpers during the 2180 drops without incident.

Don Randolph, Lsvl, Ky.
Fred Denny, Lsvl., Ky.
Dennis Hill, Pekin, Ill.
Jan Mauritson, Tulsa, Okla.
Paul Supan, Middletown, Pa.

Paul Steele, Miami, Fla.
Chesley Atkinson, Memphis, Tenn.
Dick Carlisle, Lake Stevens, Wash.
Norman Dugan, Salt Lk. City, Utah
Dr. Ed Fitch, Houston, Tex.
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Tim McFerrin, Omaha, Nebr.
Dave Boehnke, Cambridge, Mass.
Cliff Pitts, Olathe, Kans.
Lyle Cameron, Buena Pk., Calif.
Doug Williams, Kans. City, Mo.



Joe Crane, President of PCA, speaking to the contestants and guests at the concluding banquet. He wears the first National Parachutist wings which were presented on this occasion.



Banquet serving line. Contestants going through the buffet at the close of the Meet.



Coming in from Mass, for a few words on the World Meet was Jacques Istel (left) shown here with Chief Judge James Perry.



You probably won't believe it but the final banquet ceremonies included a beauty contest! Here you see a portion of the contestants passing in review for the judges. Ah, progress . . .

MEET HIGHLIGHTS: 1) Terrible weather!

- 2) In spite of the weather, the jumping was the best yet done in this country. In the accuracy events the target was continually being torn up and many times for the style event were 11 12 seconds for a complete series. Truly a tough meet to be a competitor in.
- 3) A total of 9 dead center landings! Danny Byard, US Army Parachute Team, started it off by making two dead center landings in a row!! Following Danny came Mark Schmidt, Mass.; Lachlan Galbraith, Fort Campbell SPC; Ed Kruse, Navy *Chuting Stars; Nate Pond, Orange SP Center; Coy McDonald, Army Prcht. Team; Lynn Pyland, San Diego; and Charles Seymour, New Jersey.
- 4) Mark Schmidt's last few jumps making one-legged landings due to a sprained ankle and then hobbling off the DZ on crutches! (He made the top 10!)
- 5) Big John Cann (the British Army Sergeant) who went far and wide on the wind dummy flat circular.
- 6) Lyle Cameron's (Sky Diver Magazine) unorthodox swinging harness acrobatics and aerial comments.
- 7) The many new cardinals, seniors, and popes made during inclement weather sessions. (If you don't know what we mean here, ask a contestant about it and also, perhaps, "Dead Ants,")
- 8) Apparent also was some pretty ratty equipment among the supposedly best jumpers in the nation. It was more than obvious that a great many of these jumpers don't have the slightest idea of what proper equipment even looks like. Rest assured that National Competitions in the future will NOT permit any equipment in the worn and makeshift state that was evident this year. Again, this was a minority group, but in too large a quanity to ignore.
- 9) A noticeable lack of complaining during the Meet which makes us think it wasn't run too badly.
- 10) A beauty contest sandwiched into the final banquet we heard no complaints!
- 11) The issuance of the first "US Parachutist Badge" to each contestant at the banquet. In addition each contestant, worker, and Pilot received an appropriate cloth meet insignia, a National Championship flight handbag, a parachutist ID and souvenier button, and an engraved key ring presented by the KA-MO Sport Jumpers, Inc.
- 12) The many personal and administrative problems confronted in extending the Meet for three additional days.
- 13) The many lessons learned which will be used to good advantage in future meets.

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HINDSIGHT: Scoring: 1) The method used was based on obtaining the best overall performance from the individual in 18 jumps without regard for individual events. Hindsight reveals that this is not the best method. For example, after ten jumps the field was cut from 160 to 54 jumpers based only on the overall scores thus far. Ted Strong, who was then leading in Event I was cut on this basis and we prevented an excellent accuracy prospect from going any further. This, we feel, is not the best method and several plans are currently under consideration to avoid this in future eliminations.

However, do not take anything away from the top 10 winners. These contestants did prove to be the most consistent in all events and overall throughout the meet and, remember, this was our uppermost objective — to obtain the most consistent parachutists throughout an 18 jump competition. And this we did! Of the top ten, five jumpers were consistently in the top 10 bracket two out of the three events and all except three placed in the top twenty in all events.

2) Scoring: Again: One of the bug-a-boos of most meets is keeping everyone informed up-to-date of who's scoring what. We thought we had it made this time with IBM. Not se....



TOP ACCURACY MAN: Sp5 Paul Harman, U.S. Army, Europe, receives the Corcoran Boot Trophy for overall accuracy winner from James Perry and Russ Gunby.



Dick Fortenberry, left, receiving the Fort Bragg National trophy for overall meet winner from Capt. James Perry, and Russ Gunby, Executive Secretary, PCA.



1962 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Front row, left to right: Jack Helms, Judy Simpson, Jeannie McCoombs, Carolyn Olson, Kim Emmons, Jean Cousins, Muriel Simbro, Clyde Jacks.

Top row: Bill Berg, Hank Simbro, Loy Brydon, Mark Schmidt, Jerry Bourquin, Dick Fortenberry, Paul Harman, Joe Norman, Jim Arender, and Phillip VanDerWeg. (Muriel was not a winner due to an ankle set-back, but was awarded a bouquet of roses for perseverance.)

We failed in this for a few reasons: Unfamiliarity with what IBM could do and not properly briefing the operators; IBM people were not familiar with the overall DZ control and operations; not anticipating re-jumps in some events and programming the machines for this. BUT, we both learned that the IBM was fully capable of scoring quickly and accurately as planned and we hope for more successful use in the future since we both now have our feet wet. Actually, we finally ended up with our old master score sheet system because the machine could not remain for the extra two days due to scheduling. IBM's operators, Mr. Larry Edwards and Mr. Louis Perkins were sincerely interested and cooperative and did an excellent, longhours, volunteer job and we all deeply appreciate their assistance and cooperation.

- 3) <u>Hindsight: Scoring (again)</u>: On the first day we jumped 429 contestants which averaged a jumper in the air every 1.3 minutes. During an accuracy event this was too many jumpers coming too fast. The Judges, Markers, and Scorers were really pooped that night but the spectators LOVED it! (What few we had, that is....) We feel that 429 jumps must be <u>some</u> kinda record!
- 4) Hindsight: Amount of Contestants: It was apparent that we had too many contestants aboard for the purpose at hand. It appears that another means for selecting contestants is now necessary. Two years ago we instigated the "Ten Conference" subdivision throughout the US for just this purpose BUT, the key (to running ten conference meets and then having those winners compete for the US Team) is in having ten judging teams who will all judge alike and fairly, in other words, everyone in each Conference Area, will be equally judged.

We know the problem. We know of several good solutions. We are working now towards the most practical and economical solution to obtain the best US Teams possible.

5) Hindsight: Finance: PCA was, for the first time, in a position to completely subsidize this meet. And it cost us \$20,000.00 and this, plus the cost of subsidizing the training of of the US Team, has rendered us almost broke. Consequently, we have re-established the "US Parachute Team Fund" to be used for selecting, training, and supporting the US Parachute Teams and their tryouts. Right now it has been depleted and we're training the Team on what is left of PCA funds. Our next objective is to rally the consistent financial support of all manufacturers of parachuting and allied equipment, from aircraft manufacturers to the companies who make the eyelets for your boots. From these we shall ask for a consistent, annual donation from \$1.00 to \$100,000.00. Actually, our goal is \$50,000.00!

We have run on a shoestring too long. We are now 4300 members strong — the highest membership in our young history! We can no longer function properly on a day to day budget. We have done alomst everything everybody said that we couldn't do! (Except get the PARACHUTIST out on time!) We are going to do more — more world records, more competitions, more championships, more parachuting!

Who is "WE"? It's YOU! Now get out of your chair and get that man from whom you buy aviation gasoline each week-end to make a donation to your "US Parachute Team Fund"!

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PARACHUTE CLUB OF AMERICA FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1962

NATIONAL PARACHUTE CHAMPIONSHIPS

CASH RECEIPTS:

Entry Fees	\$4770.00
Concessions (%)	117,00
Parking Fee (%)	120,00
VFW Beer (%)	150.00
Fun Jump Reimbursement	45,00

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$5202.00

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CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

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ADMINISTRATION:		DROP ZONE PREPARATION, MATERIAL,
	\$203.70	& LABOR:
Stationery & Printing	308.12	. 1988년 - 1988년 - 1988년 - 1988
Telephone		TOTAL DROP ZONE: \$ 423,50
	307.05	TOUT MONTE
Travel & Conference (Incl	802,90	EQUIPMENT:
acft pickup, liaison, auto		PA System 489,00
exp, gas, etc., from Sept		Generators 252,13
to June)		Trucks, tractors,
Salaries (2: Secty & Opns from	1515,69	plow, bus, binoculars,
March to June)		etc.: 364,61
Memberships, Olathe and K.C.	133.00	TOTAL EQUIP: 1105.74
Chambers of Commerce		
	2734,24	ENTERTAINMENT:
Petty Cash	145,00	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION:	\$6149.70	Cocktail Party 300.00
		Banquet 282.00
ADVERTISING:		Decorations 30.00
Newspaper	528,90	TOTAL ENTERTAINMENT: 612,00
30-Sec. TV Films (20)	185.82	TOTAL ENTERCIATIVEM 1;012,00
Posters	304.00	FEEDING:
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AWARDS:		pilots & workers:
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Judges Jackets	150,00	TOTAL FEEDING: 2655,81
TOTAL AWARDS:	\$1287,40	
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AIRCRAFT: (10 Cessna 180, 182, & 1 - 185		Male contestants,
	6582,26	pilots & workers
(Pend-\$1800.00)		(Olathe NAS) 650.54
	1900,67	Judges, female
TOTAL AIRCRAFT:	\$8482,93	contestants &
		workers:(Hotel &
TRANSPORTATION:		Motels) <u>884,43</u>
	1219.22	TOTAL HOUSING: 1534.97
Local for contestants		
& Officials:	169.64	MISCELLANEOUS:
Gasoline:	93.28	Repair & Replacement of
Misc:	109,10	borrowed equipment(tele-
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION:	\$1591.24	phones, cords, tractor
		damage, etc.): 436.71
		Police Security (24 hours) 572.00
		Weather Services 25 00

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TOTAL MISC:

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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$26,071.88 Less RECEIPTS : 5,202.00 TOTAL COST : \$20,869.88

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FINANCE NOTES: Average meet cost per initial (160) contestant: (prior to deducting receipts): \$162.94.

Breakdown:	Aircraft:	\$ 53,01	(per jump:	\$3.87)
	Admin:	38.43		
	Adver:	6.36		
	Awards:	8,05		
	DZ:	2,65		
	Equipment:	6.91		
	Entertain:	3,82		
	Feeding:	16,60		
	Housing:	9,60		
	Transport:	9,95		
	Misc:	7.56		
TOTAL PER C	ONTESTANT:		\$162.9	4

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1) Unquestionably, the Meet was an expensive but well organized operation. The most significant factor, however, is that the entire meet expenses were borne by the Parachute Club of America without any outside financial assistance. Every bill has been paid and no obligations are outstanding. Certainly an outstanding indication of becoming a mature organization.

2) Actually, this is not a true cost statement since many items and services were donated, such as two new Ford trucks which were used in drop zone transportation, an expensive mobile drop zone phone donated by the SW Bell Telephone, rental of some aircraft for as little as \$7.00 per tac hour (Darius Vakharia), plus the innumerable services donated by volunteer workers, TV stations, pilots, trophy manufacturers, the Army's packing equipment, signals, etc., the Navy's reduced feeding and billeting fees, and many others.

Add to the above costs the cost of underwriting all the US Parachute Team's expenses (which we are now doing) for three months of training and competition, procuring aircraft and equipment, paying travel and transportation costs, competition entry fees, etc., and perhaps you can realize exactly WHY PCA must procure donations to the US Parachute Team Fund in order to continue to field a team worthy of our entire nation! AND continue its normal administration and other fields of pursuit. Initial costs for training the US Team at Orange this year already exceed the \$6,000 dollar mark and, in all probability, this figure will be close to \$8 or \$9,000.00.

4) It is most important for you to know that <u>all</u> of the above costs have been paid for by PCA this year <u>solely</u> from your membership and license fees! Without your dues and fees neither the National Championships nor the 1962 US Team would have been possible. At this point our membership exceeds the 4300 mark. Keep up the good membership work and

we here at PCA will do our utmost to utilize all monies properly.

R. A. Gunby Executive Secretary

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Carolyn Olson, California, posing and playing.

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