

the DAILY *spotlight*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 2006



Tidbits

In 2001 Skydive Arizona hosted the USPA Nationals and during their busiest day flew 190 loads!



✧ the USPA Nationals ✧

The puffy clouds surrounded the drop zone and were illuminated by the sun and highlighted by the colorful canopies that dotted the Arizona skies. It turned out to be an absolutely gorgeous day.

THE TEAM

A team begins with someone having an idea. Maybe someone joking around that they should start a team, or friends watching an old Nationals video and are inspired. That idea is then planted with others and it grows - finally a team is born. Who wants to

fly which position and whose going to fly camera. Then it almost seems at that point when things begin to materialize - a training schedule, coaching weekends with top skydivers in your discipline, tunnel time and many weekends spent at your local DZ engineering



Fox 10 News

Thanks to Cory the weather man from Fox 10 for coming out to Skydive Arizona to cover several segments for the Nationals. Cory and his camera man were

here bright and early yesterday morning colorfully interviewing and filming several teams.

{All photos this page courtesy of mike mcgowan. }

Fox 10 news will be airing nationwide.



dives, dirt diving, jumping, debriefs and team bonding.

Much time, money and energy is spent and a new appreciation begins for those who've gone through the growing pains of a team and for those continuing on as a team after many years.

After a season of training and giving it your all it's time for the USPA Nationals. This is where we get to see the bulk of skydivers (friends) at the largest skydiving event of the year. And it's off to the races. All the hard work poured into each detail of competition.

Some serious, some sing in the plane and others absorbing it all and most of all, everyone is learning.

This whole experience of a team is hard work and we all know that. Your work goes much beyond the competition. Your stories go back to your home DZ's along with your video that lasts for ages in the video libraries at the bar (*or where ever the TV is...*) for future skydivers to see. And there, the cycle starts all over again, inspiring new generations of skydivers to start a team.

So thanks for all your hard work and congratulations! You've

earned it and we hope to see you at next year's Nationals September 8th - 22nd at Skydive Chicago.

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QUESTION ?

You have a question? Don't worry, this fun-loving trio will answer all your questions! Let's meet this team, Question (?)

STEVEN STRALEY

Home DZ: Skydive Perris
Started Jumping: 1998
Jumps: 230
Car Accidents: 0
Skydiving Accidents: 0
Cutaways: 1

NIKLAS DANIEL

Home DZ: Skydive Perris
Started Jumping: 2004
Jumps: 268
Car Accidents: 3
Skydiving Accidents: 0
Cutaways: 0

JONATHAN TAGLE

Home DZ: Skydive Elsinore
Started Jumping: Nov 2000
Jumps: 4000
Car Accidents: 3
Skydiving Accidents: 1
Cutaways: 8

TEAM: Intermediate Freefly
Training Jumps: 1

Why do you choose freefly over all other disciplines?

Steven - Seems more fun.

Niklas - It's like tunnel flying.

Jonathan - I've always been interested in freeflying. My first 800 jumps were freefly. I like the training and experimentation - I just know the basics.

I've never competed before because I never thought I had the skills to put a team together.

Do you think Freefly is now a stepping stone for VRW 4-Way?

Whole Team - Yes!

Who is your skydiving Role Model?

Steven - everyone.

Niklas - Chris Reynolds for his flying style. He was my tunnel coach. And Breanne Thompson for competition. She's taught me the mental aspect.

Jonathan - J.C. Coclosure has been a huge influence and Shannon Pilcher and Ian Bobo for the way they handle competition.

Why did you come to Nationals?

Steven - To compete.

Niklas - It was a goal to come here and compete.

Jonathan - To film for DeLand Groove 4-way.

What do you like/dislike about Nationals?

Jonathan - I like the pace.



Paraclete-photo mike mcgowan



What is it like to have the passion for a bird's eye view? This competitor is an all star camera flyer for multiple events. Let's meet....

KAREN "LEW" LEWIS

Home DZ: Skydive Perris
Jumps: 4500

Car Accidents: 2

Skydiving Accidents: 1

Cutaways: 4

Teams: 4-Way Open Perris Fury, 8-Way Open Perris Moxie, Perris 10 & 16-Way Open

Why do you like camera flying?

- I've always loved camera flying. I had an interest before skydiving, it seemed natural to combine them. There's no other place I'd rather be than camera flying.

How important is your job?

- If I do my job correctly no one notices. If I make a little or big mistake I can cost the whole team the competition.

What's the pressure like?

- There's definitely pressure, but not the same as the rest of the team.

Who is your skydiving role model?

- Mike McGowan. When I had 25 jumps, at the Richmond Boogie, I harassed and asked him questions and told him I was going to be a camera flyer.

Shout Out - "Hi mom, dad, gram and all my friends in Perris!"

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WEATHER

(According to www.Weather.com)

TODAY 10.25.06

- * Mostly Sunny
- * High 82F; Low 53F
- * Winds - SW 9 mph to NNW 7 mph

TOMORROW 10.26.06

- * Sunny
- * High 79F; Low 50F
- * Winds - NNE 7 mph to NNE 5 mph
- * SUNRISE: 6:39 a.m.
- * SUNSET: 5:41 p.m.

FRIDAY 10.27.06

- * Sunny
- * High 84F; Low 51F
- * Winds - NNE 9 mph to NE 6 mph
- * SUNRISE: 6:40 a.m.
- * SUNSET: 5:40 p.m.

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THE GOODS

(The here-say on the DZ)

1 - Yesterday, Jen McGowan was playing basketball with another 8-Way competitor and it turned ugly with a Jen ending up with a black eye!! Don't worry, she's joking around and still jumping!

2 - There was a canopy wrap yesterday afternoon from a CRW rotation

guy. No official report however I understand the person he was in a wrap with cutaway successfully leaving him with that person's main wrapped around him. His main wasn't inflated enough for a safe landing. He then proceeded to cutaway and he landed with partial reserve opening and the other canopy in tow.

Reports were that he stood up and brushed himself off, however it has also been reported to me that he did not get up and he was life flighted out of the DZ and is going to recover from his injuries. Official reports will be provided outside the scope of this newsletter.

3 - Did someone tell me that it was Chris Needles' Birthday yesterday?? Happy Birthday Chris!!

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Shout Outs

"Skydive Hutchinson refugees would like to send a good luck to Team Flew-Id and Spaceland Bling. Go get 'em!"

- Zabrina Warzonek

"To my big brother Kevin Keenan from his little sister KERRY in Texas. Tell "non-athlete" Kevin, congratulations on his 3rd place team "Tres Hombres" on 4-Way Rotation!! Good luck on 8-Way Speed (Team CReWZin'8) and be careful - no wraps, no cutaways!!!"

- Kerry

Hey Deguello-17! Good Luck from Home! I wish I could be there with you guys! I will be watching Omniskore closely! Love you all!

- Kimmy

Thursday is the official practice day for 16-Way and 4-Way VRW. All 16-Way and 4-Way VRW teams must be registered by 5 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday, October 26th) and the briefing and draw times and places will be announced after registration closes.

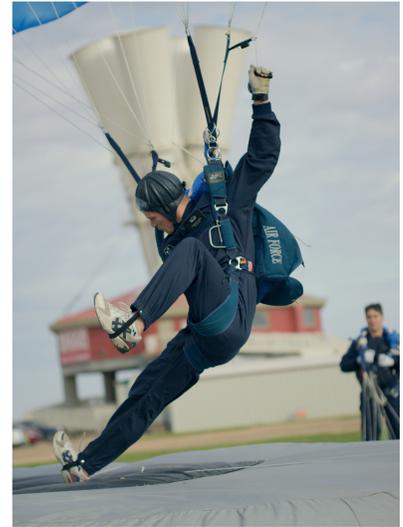


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CLOSING CEREMONIES / Awards Banquet

Saturday, October 28th
Begins at 6:30 p.m. at the DC-3 hangar. Dinner served at 7 p.m. Party at the Bent Prop circus tent and bring your Halloween costumes and dance to DJ Lupita!!

For 8-Way & Artistic Event Score Updates, check out www.OmniSkore.com!

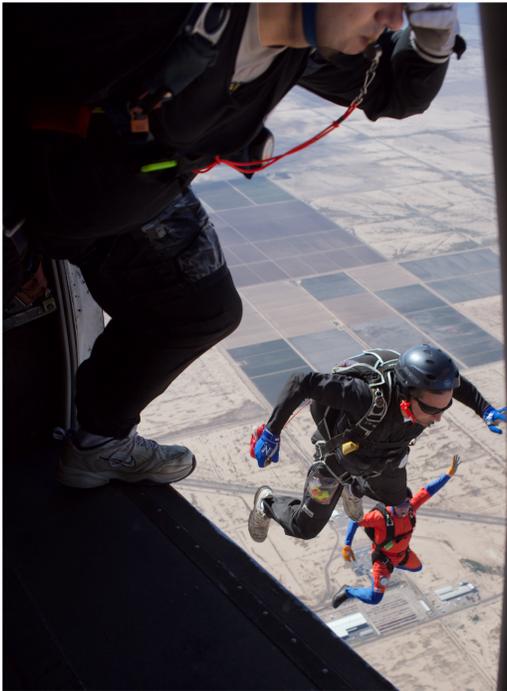


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COMING UP

Upcoming Events for competitors:
All 10-Way Teams must be registered by 5 p.m. tonight and the briefing and draw will take place one hour after in the main hangar.



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