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WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE UP TO



Mission Beach Adrenaline Festival. Seven Nippers aged between 9 and 13 from the Mission Beach S.L.S.C. make tandems with Paul's Parachuting with Waivers to APF O.R. 2.3

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

APF Golden Anniversary 2010

We have set up the [Australian Parachute Federation Golden Anniversary](#) group on **Facebook** as a place for members to contribute photos, scanned images, stories and memoirs celebrating the history of the sport and Federation over the last 50 years!!! These images will form the basis of a slideshow and memorabilia display at the [2010 Annual Conference](#) to be held in May 2010 at Novotel Brighton Beach Sydney. Alternatively please provide your contributions on disc or via email to apf@apf.asn.au.

A big thank you to those members that have already generously supplied us with material – we have received some amazing paraphernalia from a wide variety of people, past members and present, so please keep it coming! Make sure you label photos and include your sender details so we can contact you for further information or higher resolution images where necessary and available. Thanks!



Dave Millard circa late 60s. Accuracy landing

- **CASA Instrument 405/09 – Direction under regulation 209 (CAR209) of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 – Conduct of parachute training operations**

On the 9th of October 2009 the Civil Aviation Safety Authority issued Instrument 405/09 which governs the conduct of parachute training operations, in particular with jump pilot and parachuting aircraft operations. Members are encouraged to read the document which is available at http://docs.apf.asn.au/images/CASA_Instrument_405-09.pdf and if they have any queries or concerns to contact either the Chief Executive Officer, Brad Turner ceo@apf.asn.au or the Director Aircraft Operations, Grahame Hill hihilly@optusnet.com.au.

The Instrument came into effect 1 November 2009 subject to subsections 6 (2) and 6(3) which come into effect 1 July 2010. Further information on subsections 6 (2) and 6 (3) will be broadcast in the near future

SAFETY CHECK



Suunto Watches

While there may be some skydivers using these types of watches as an altimeter, it is to be noted that the manufacturer specifically states (in their manuals) that **it is not to be used for skydiving**. The specific quote is - Note: The Wristop Computer should not be substituted for acquiring measurements that require professional or industrial precision and should not be used to acquire measurements when skydiving, hang gliding, paragliding, gyrocopter riding and flying small aircraft.

It has also been noted that unlike traditional altimeters, if you bump one of the select buttons on a Suunto, it changes function and you no longer have an altimeter for ready reference to height above the ground.

APF Operational Regulation 5.1.8 states: An approved and functioning visual altimeter set to indicate height above the DZ shall be worn on all descents. The altimeter shall be securely mounted so that the

wearer can observe it without difficulty throughout the descent...etc.

O.R. 5.1.1: The word “approved” used in this section shall mean approval by the ASO or Chief Instructor unless otherwise stated.

The manufacturer has been approached by the APF for confirmation and/or clarification of their statement, with no response.

Any approval for the use of these watches as primary altimeters is therefore in direct conflict with the manufacturer’s directions. To avoid disappointment, please consider carefully if you choose to purchase one with the intent on using as your sole altimeter.

RIGGING ISSUES / SERVICE BULLETINS



[APF Service Bulletin 091110 – Issued 10th November 2009 – recall of Vigil Cutters](#)

Background

An incident occurred on the 19th of September 2009 in Belgium, in which a cutter body separated from its base on a Vigil AAD (The original was originally received in French. [Click here for APF Technical Officer’s translation](#))

Advanced Aerospace Designs (AAD) have completed their investigation of the Vigil unit and concluded that the cutter was part of a batch produced in December 2007. They have released a Service Bulletin that requires the **recall and replacement** of the affected cutters. Their SB requires the cutters to be replaced at the next reserve repack cycle.

Though the Vigil PSB-5 has an issue date of October 10th 2009, this bulletin was not made available to the wider skydiving community until early November.

The APF has released mandatory APF SB 091110 on the 10th of November, **which takes precedence over the Vigil PSB-5**. It includes the following APF Policy regarding the Vigil PSB-5

APF POLICY: These cutters are to be replaced **PRIOR TO NEXT USE** for each affected unit. The cutter date of manufacture is printed under the part number 9582006 in the format 12-07-2 (mm/yy/batch). A hologram number is found on the cutter with a corresponding hologram on the main box. If the cutter has been upgraded from type 1 or 2 to 3 after December 2007 you will need to check the date of manufacture or hologram number against the list issued as part of AAD PSB 5 – the reserve container will need to be opened to inspect. Owners are to contact AAD VIGIL or dealer for replacement cutter.

Attached to this email is the [APF SB 091110](#), which includes the Vigil PSB-5 plus list of affected cutters.

The Index of all Rigging Bulletins from Manufacturers, Federations, Aviation Authorities, APF and the International Parachuting Commission (IPC) can be found linked off the Rigging & Equipment Portal on the APF web site at: http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Rigging_and_Equipment

INDUSTRY VACANCIES & GEAR FOR SALE / WANTED

- Skydive the Beach Sydney - Tandem Masters needed

Sigma, display "B" and HC required
Professional well presented instructors needed.
Make great money over summer and work with an awesome crew!
Call Tim 02 4225 8444 or 0418 512 634
tim@skydivethebeach.com

- **Position Vacant – Skydive Coffs Harbour**

Tandem Master wanted. Please contact Dave on 0433 254 438 or
skydivecoffsharbour@australiaskydiver.com

- **Newcastle Sport Parachute Club - Tandem Master needed**

NSPC is seeking a Tandem Master with Sigma rating, IB.
Handy Cam an advantage but not necessary and AFF rating would be an advantage for extra work.
The successful applicant will be the sole TM for the operations and we offer full facilities,
accommodation on the DZ and camping also available.
Take off and land at the DZ, so no travel involved.
Be part of a club member owned and operated Hunter Valley club celebrating 50 years operations.
All applications to be made to gwiennison@bigpond.com

- **Gear wanted**

Opportunity exists to **sell** your old RIG before the Service Date Expires.
Harness/Containers, X300 Mains, X300 reserves, X228 reserves (or equivalent).
Equipment must be manufactured within the past 19 years. (1990 D.O.M. at the Latest)

Genuine interest to purchase:

- Harness/Containers (TAS, S/L & FF capable of 95 – 120kg suspended weight)
- Main canopies (Capable of 95kg – 120 kg suspended weight)
- Reserve canopies (Capable of 95kg – 120kg suspended weight)

Please contact Paul Weir Mobile Phone: 0416 611 499 Email: paulweir56@yahoo.com.au
PO Box 86 Southport B.C. Queensland 4215

- **2nd Hand equipment** can be found at: http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Gear_for_sale

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Slots available for Airspeed 4-way Skills Camps

Airspeed is extremely pleased to announce the dates for the famous Airspeed 4 Way Skills Camp:
March 2 - 6th 2010

They have been running these camps for many years and the use of the tunnel in the Skills Camps have elevated the experience of campers. There are spaces left, to make enquires or book the camp contact
[Todd by clicking here.](#)

Subscribe to the Airspeed Mailing List – [Click Here](#)

The following State & National events AND MORE (including club events, boogies and Instructor courses) can be found in detail at:

http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Calendar_of_Events

6TH ASIANA Video Competition – On Now!

NSW State Council Meeting, 12th November. 11am Bass Hill RSL.

NSW VFS State Championships, 14 - 15 November 2009

Location: Sydney Skydivers, Picton NSW

APF Mid Year Board Meeting, 19-20 November 2009

Location: Brisbane International Virginia Palms, Boondall QLD

Dubai Parachuting Championship and Gulf Cup, 06 - 18 January 2010

Location: Dubai, UAE. Registration is before 15/11/2009. International teams & individuals welcome.

International Parachuting Commission Meeting, 26 – 31 January 2010

Location: Lausanne, Switzerland

ASIANIA FAI Judge Training Course, 4 – 18 February 2010

Location: Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

National Championships Canopy Piloting, 17 – 21 February 2010

Location: Sydney Skydivers, Picton NSW

National Championships Formation Skydiving, 13 – 20 March 2010

Location: Sydney Skydivers, Picton NSW

National Championships 10 Way Speed, 16 Way FS , 2-5 April 2010

Location: Sydney Skydivers, Picton NSW

*~ Blue skies and fair winds ~
From all of us at the National Office!*

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