



# APF BROADCAST NEWS

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## WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE UP TO

*If you have something out of the ordinary in the skydiving game that you, your club or someone has been up to, send us a short article with a great picture – and it'll be considered for this section. [apf@apf.asn.au](mailto:apf@apf.asn.au)*

### NSW 2009 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The State Championship events in VFS (4-way & 2-way) and FS (2-way) were held at Sydney Skydiver's Picton DZ over the weekend of 14/15<sup>th</sup> November.

VFS - 10 teams registered for these events.

VFS 4-way 1<sup>st</sup> Three Legged Dog: Brad Pokroy, Sonnica Van Zijl, Cath Comyns, Erica Tadokoro. Camera: Adam Long

This comp was closely fought between the top two teams, with the results tied after the final round. After a jump-off, only two points separated Gold and Silver.

VFS 2-way 1<sup>st</sup> Sonick: Sonnica Van Zijl & Nick Kontra. Camera: Brad Pokroy.

Again, a closely battled comp with 2<sup>nd</sup> place team Flimsable only one point behind after the final round.

For full results and team lists [click here](#).

FS 2-way: 8 teams registered for this event. Team 'Maksit' with Michael Vaughan, Kate Langley & Rob Ellery on camera resoundingly took out the GOLD massing up a score of 102 points after 5 rounds, with an average of 20.4!

For full results and team lists [click here](#)

Congratulations to all medal winners and competitors and all those who made this competition happen.



VFS 4-way 1<sup>st</sup> Three Legged Dog L-R Adam Long, Erika Tadakoro, Cath Comyns, Sonnica Van Zijl, Brad Pokroy



VFS 2-way 1<sup>st</sup> Sonnick L-R Brad Pokroy, Nick Kontra, Sonnica Van Zijl

Photo: Shane Pieschel



FS 2-way 1<sup>st</sup> Maksit L-R Kate Langley, Rob Ellery, Michael Vaughan

Photo: Fiona McEachern

## FAI World Cup in Canopy Piloting December 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 South Africa

The Australian Canopy Piloting team departs, South African gold hunting season declared open!

The Johannesburg Skydiving Club (JSC) on behalf of the Aero Club of South Africa will be hosting the 5th FAI World Cup in Canopy Piloting for 2009. The competition starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December and finishes on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. The event will be held at the Carletonville airfield, 120km from downtown Pretoria and 100km from downtown Johannesburg.

We wish the Australian Canopy Piloting Team all the best. The team, captained by Michael Vaughan includes, Andrew Gellatly, Tom Gilmartin, Michael Howell, Nik Jackson, Robbie McMillan, David Noble, Ronnie Perry, Shane Price, Kieran Rundle, and Koppel Solomon.

Craig (Crash) Bennett will be representing Australia on the Judging team and Graeme Windsor will be attending in his capacity as President of the International Parachuting Commission.

## ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

### APF OFFICE CLOSING DATES OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

The APF Office will be closed over Christmas from 1pm Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> December through until the 4<sup>th</sup> January. Can all Clubs please ensure Pink Card orders are in by Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December at the latest?



Members that might require new or renewed Display Licences, please ensure your applications are at the office also by the 23<sup>rd</sup> December.



## APF Golden Anniversary 2010

The [Australian Parachute Federation Golden Anniversary](#) group on **Facebook** is 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](mailto: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!

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

On the 9<sup>th</sup> 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](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](mailto:ceo@apf.asn.au) or the Director Aircraft Operations, Grahame Hill [hihilly@optusnet.com.au](mailto: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

### Know your Reserve Parachute



Read the owner's manual\* for your reserve parachute. Discuss with experienced jumpers what to expect from your reserve's performance. Jump a demo reserve parachute (as a Main) if you are somewhere this is available. As soon as you are safely under reserve, unstow the toggles and do a few practice flares. Get an idea of the overall control range of the brakes. Does it stall easily? Does it fly straight in full flight? Never chase your reserve free bag or try to catch it. Do not chase your jettisoned main canopy. If time permits and you are sure of your landing area, watch your main and note any landmarks that will help find it later. Avoid trying to land next to your jettisoned main. Focus first on landing safely: worry about the main after. If possible, land in familiar territory, preferably the DZ.

\*If you bought your rig 2<sup>nd</sup> hand and never got the manual, source it on-line. [Parachute Manuals on-line](#) is a good place to start. This is an online collection of Parachute rigging manuals. The purpose of this site is to provide access to manuals in case the manufacturers are unable to be reached. Efforts have been made to try to ensure that the latest revisions of manuals have been included, but you should always contact the manufacturer first to ensure you are using the latest revision

## RIGGING ISSUES / SERVICE BULLETINS



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

#### Background

An incident occurred on the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Rigging_and_Equipment)*

### [Paratec Gmbh Product Service Bulletin 01-2009 Issued 11/11/2009. Cutter Buffer](#)

Following is an extract only from PSB 01-2009. Use the link above to go to the PSB in its entirety.

Subject: Cutter Buffer to protect cutter and grommets and to gain cosmetic appearance of rig.

Status: Optional, recommended.

Identification: Next Sport, Next Student, Next Tandem and all Ultra H/C Systems.

Background: Due to Airtecs mandatory directive for all 6 flap reserve containers and Paratec's

implementaion of it (LTA-PT-01-07 dated 15.02.2007, change cutter position from below flap 1 to below flap 3), our Next rigs have not only suffered cosmetic downsides. The fact, that the cutter now comes to lay right on top of the pilot chute grommet hascaused damages both to cutter and grommet on various rigs over the last 2 years.

Realising this, Paratec was out to find a solution. After many different valuations, this solution appears to be the one with the greatest problem solving potential. This buffer keeps the cutter in place to stop it from moving on the pilot chute grommet, it equalises the areas around it and smoothens out flap#3 by it's double wedged shape. (see pictures in PSB 01-2009) and it creates a decrease in pressure, exposed to the cutter by the flaps without this buffer.



## 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](mailto:tim@skydivethebeach.com)

- **Position Vacant – Skydive Coffs Harbour**

Tandem Master wanted. Please contact Dave on 0433 254 438 or

[skydivecoffsharbour@australiaskydiver.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:paulweir56@yahoo.com.au)  
PO Box 86 Southport B.C. Queensland 4215

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Hand equipment** can be found at: [http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Gear\\_for\\_sale](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.](#)

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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](http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Calendar_of_Events)

### 6<sup>TH</sup> ASIANA Video Competition – On Now!

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

**Total Prize Money of USD 230,000!!** Will be distributed to the winning teams/performers.

**Location:** Palm Jumeira Dubai, UAE.

**Registration has been extended!** Preliminary Rego - 30/11/2009. Final Rego - 15/12/2009  
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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