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WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE UP TO

-  **New Women's World Record**

181 female skydivers from 31 countries joined together on Sept 26 at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time to set a new women's formation skydiving world record and raise over \$900,000 for the fight against breast cancer, the most in the event's history. The week-long event was organized to raise funds for City of Hope's breast cancer research. Sponsored by Jump for the Cause, a sky diving nonprofit organization, the event was held at the Perris Valley Skydiving Center in Perris, California, September 21-27 to kick off October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

13 Aussie girls were on the jump!!! For more info and footage of the event, go to <http://www.youtube.com/JFTC2009> where roving reporter Luke Oliver has loaded heaps of material.

Congratulations to all!



Photo by Willy Boykens

A message from Shirley on the record jump.

The record was made from a total of 20 jumps over 6 days. Day 1 and 2 were sector jumps of 60 ways including the base and K plane. 200 women and 20 men 3 plane formations. Day 3 and 4 we did 180 ways with only part of the formation being allowed to dock. (9 plane formations). We lost time for weather holds. On Thursday night last jump things looked good so Friday we started taking jumps up to 18K. We did 4 jumps on Friday and were hoping to get it on the last jump of the day but it was not to be. Saturday morning we were ready. All emplaned ready to go at 8am but one of the planes had a problem so we were stood down for an hour or so. First jump was close but not there. There were changes made to the formation to reduce crowding on approach and then we walked out in to the hot sun to dirt dive it. Mid day and 40 degrees Celsius. One Australian injured but soldiered on with strong ankle support. Took to the air at 1pm and it felt good. The electricity during the jump and on landing was amazing. We waited nearly 2 hours for confirmation and then we were called to the creeper pad with jumpsuits we were told to build the formation and when it was complete we were told that we had achieved the record.

SHIRLEY!



The Aussie Team Members

Standing L-R: Heather Little, Michelle Kosmer, Shirley Cowcher, Maxine Tate, Ellen Coenra, Cheryl Robertson, Nicole Hannan.

Kneeling L-R: Yukari Hashimoto, Julie Nichol, Suzanne Bourke, Peta Holmes, Leanne Critchley, Leigh (adopted Kiwi).



Photo by Luciano Bacque

- **NEW** **New Men's World Record**

122 men on the "Jump For The Cause" men's support event set a new men's formation skydiving world record at Perris Valley 26 September 2:30 pm pacific time. Inspired by the awesome visuals of the women's completion the men's record was set on the very next jump.

The following APF members were on the team: Guy Taylor, Ryan Sanders, Luke Oliver, Andrew Preston, Eric Schaechter and John Winkler.

The men's jumps were lead by Larry Henderson & Tom Jenkins, assisted by B J Worth and Roger Ponce de Leon.

OFFICE UPDATES

- **NEW** **APF Sporting Code correction**

There was an error in the measurements for the APF CP Rules Zone accuracy originally put onto the website. Zones 1, 2 and 3 are all 6 m width. This has now been changed, so ensure you have up to date rules if you previously downloaded them. [Click Here for changes.](#)

Fiona McEachern

Director of Competitions.

- **Position Vacant**

Australian Parachute Federation Licensing & Ratings Officer

A position has become available within the APF for a highly organized, multi talented, self motivated & creative individual able to show initiative & leadership qualities with a solid administrative background & possessing advanced computer skills. With a Portfolio including maintenance of licensing & ratings processes, assistance with implementation & advancement of APF development programs, the successful applicant should preferably be a skydiver with an Instructional background. Currently located in Canberra, the APF National Office is relocating to Brisbane within six months & the applicant would have to be prepared to relocate. This is an exciting opportunity for the right person working with a dynamic team focused on membership services & advancement of the federation & our sport. Apply to the APF Office Manager with resume & covering application letter: susan@apf.asn.au

- **Call for photographs**

Thanks heaps for the fabulous photos received at the Office, please keep them' coming! Any skydiving shot that's worth sharing with the rest of Australia! The APF is updating all posters and manuals, and we'd love to showcase some of our star camera jumpers out there.

Where practical, we'll aim to give you a subtle photographer credit when we use your shot.

Thanks for doing your part to help us create a brighter APF. Send your pictures to: apf@apf.asn.au

RIGGING ISSUES / SERVICE BULLETINS

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

POSITIONS VACANT & FOR SALE

- **Position Vacant – Skydive Coffs Harbour**

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

- **Airspeed Experience Raffle drawn in October**

Here is your chance to train with Airspeed!

If you have ever trained 4-Way, then you have probably asked yourself (or been around someone who has) "What is it like to train with Airspeed?"

Well, here is your chance to find out. The prize is an amazing 2 days of 4 Way training with Arizona Airspeed: 30 minutes of tunnel, 16 jumps, video, packing and the Experience of a Lifetime. Prize is valued at US\$4,400.

The raffle will be drawn at the US Nationals in October at Skydive Spaceland. You don't have to be present to win.

The raffle is limited to 100 tickets and are \$100 per ticket. All proceeds will go to help Airspeed at this year's nationals in Texas. [To purchase your tickets click here to contact Eliana](#)

- **Business Opportunity**

Air Safety Solutions is a small privately owned company that manufactures and distributes textile-engineered products for the aviation industry. The proprietor, Dave Smith, is looking for expressions of interest from persons wanting to work for the business with the prospect of acquiring it outright from the present owner. It is available for outright purchase as well, but, the owner would prefer to remain involved on some basis.

The company started trading in 2002 when it acquired the aviation business of Sala International. It now manufactures parachutist single point restraints, life preservers, and is the sole Australian Distributor of Strong Enterprises parachutes.

The company manufactures a range of TSOed aircraft seat belts and helicopter rescue equipment. It

builds specialised supply dropping equipment for the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and the Australia Department of Defence.

The company holds a CASA Certificate of Approval for maintenance, a Production Approval for its range of manufactured products and the owner has a CAR35 Instrument of Appointment. It also holds a Department of Defence manufacturer approval. The 52m2 workshop is located at Illawarra Regional Airport, 100 km south of Sydney. There is one fulltime and one part time employee with some manufacturing contracted out to third parties, when significant volumes are involved. The business is profitable with scope to grow by increasing marketing efforts and extending the product range and would best suit someone with a parachuting background and reasonable sewing skills.

Interested parties should contact the owner via email on dave@airsafetysolutions.com.au for further information on a commercial-in-confidence basis. Calls for expressions of interest will remain open until 30 September 2009.

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:

November 3 - 7th 2009

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 can be found in detail at:

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

6TH ASIANA Video Competition – On Now!

New South Wales 4 & 8-Way FS State Championships 3 - 5 October 2009

Location: Sydney Skydivers - Picton DZ

West Australian 4-Way FS State Championships 10 - 11 October 2009

Location: Skydive Express, York

NSW Canopy Piloting State Championships 10 - 11 October 2009

Location: Picton NSW

1st New South Wales v Victoria POPS Championships, 30 October - 1 November 2009

Location: Skydive Nagambie, Victoria

SQPC State Championships 31 October - 1 November, 2009

Location: Brisbane Skydivers, Willowbank QLD

NSW VFS State Championships, 14 - 15 November 2009

Location: Sydney Skydivers, Picton NSW

International Parachuting Commission Meeting, 26 – 31 January 2010

Location: Lausanne, Switzerland

ASIANIA FAI Judge Training Course, 4 – 18 February 2010

Location: Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Cheers!

Your team at the National Office

For more information, comments or suggestions please email apf@apf.asn.au