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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



FAI World Cup in Canopy Piloting December 1st to 6th 2009 South Africa

[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 1st of December and finishes on the 6th of December. The event will be held at the Carletonville airfield, 120km from downtown Pretoria and 100km from downtown Johannesburg.

Over the last few days the Aussie contingent has arrived at the comp site for some pre-comp training. Exit height is 6,000ft due to the higher DZ elevation. At 5,000ft above sea level, it appears everything seems to be happening a lot faster and the

extra height is well appreciated.



Koppel has been making enthusiastic daily posts on skysurfer.com.au so to keep up-to-date with how the team are going or to send good luck messages, go to: <http://skysurfer.com.au/forums/index.php?showtopic=6147&hl=>

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, Fiona McEachern as the APF's IPC Delegate on the Jury and Graeme Windsor will be attending in his capacity as President of the International Parachuting Commission



8-Way Team Syzygy

This NSW team has just returned back to Oz after training in Eloy in November with the four members of US National Champions Airspeed. They have done a combined total of 27 hrs in the tunnel with the coaches and backed this up with jumps with A.S. members, Eliana Rodriguez and Craig Girrard.

Team members are Tracey Basman, Maybritt Prahl, Nikky Hannan, Dave Loncasty, Clayton Gill, Paul Borlase. Not at the Eloy Camp: Simone Bambach, Mark Szulmayer. Filling in were Craig and Eliana.



Syzygy & Airspeed Coaches



ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

- **APF OFFICE CLOSING DATES OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD**



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

- **RATINGS REMINDER**

A reminder to all ratings holders (packers, instructors, display licences and LDO's) to check the expiry date of their ratings. A number are coming up for revalidation in the new year. Renewal reminder notices have been sent this week.



- **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.

A different photo will be highlighted EACH APF broadcast.

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 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

- **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, un-stow 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 2nd 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 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 gwjennison@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

ITEMS OF INTEREST / CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **FAI has ratified the following Class G (Parachuting) World record**

Claim number : 15514

Sub-class :G-2 (Group jumps)

Category: General

Group : Competition / Team records

Type of record : G-2-d3 : Canopy formation, 2-way longest sequence (working time 60 sec) Course/location :

Kaohsiung (Chinese Taipei) Performance : 23 formations

Date :20.07.2009

Team: USA WG 2009

Members : Christopher GAY (USA), Elizabeth GODWIN (USA), Mark GREGORY (USA)

Previous record : 20 formations (11.09.2008)

FAI congratulates the Parachutists on this splendid achievement.

- **NSW Parachute Council Instructor rebate**

NSW Council is now offering a rebate of \$200.00 for any new Instructor Rating gained by a NSW Instructor. Any skydiver who gains an ID rating or upgrades to an IB or IA is eligible to claim the rebate. This only applies to ratings and not endorsements, so an ID Tandem who subsequently became AFF as well would not be eligible for example. Any rating gained after 11th August 2009 is eligible. Please send a copy of your rating to the IPC jaeger@shoalhaven.net.au with your name and postal address for claims.

- **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!**

- **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 & Artistics, 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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