

# CALIFORNIA PARACHUTE CLUB

P.O. Box 1065, Livermore, California 94551

**BOD Meeting:** Saturday July 15th Bill's birthday party & BOD Meeting was a great time as usual.

**Congratulations:** Ed Barr, on receiving your USPA 30 year certificate.

**DVD:** Sport of the Space Age. Contact Kent Walker, [walker@crocuta.com](mailto:walker@crocuta.com). Commentaries and stories are welcome.

**Rantoul:** Theresa writes about Rantoul: Bill and I and Kent and Madalyn made it to Rantoul this year. TJ McGrath joined us for the weekend. TJ spent Saturday doing the specialty jumps (chopper (?), DC-9, and high altitude). On Sunday, we had the chance to make one skydive with him before he had to leave. We gave him a Viking Funeral from the CASA. We all had a really good time and the convention was over before we knew it. The attendance was down significantly from previous years. We estimate maybe 1,000 people attended the convention and there were hardly any vendors. We didn't see as many friends and load organizers as previous years. Winsor, colorful Tom, Anita, and Darryl were the only LO's in Tent 3. There were not lots of specialty aircraft this year either; there was a glider, bi-plane, a very small Robinson chopper, the DC-9, and an AN2. We primarily jumped CASAs and a few Otters (only when we had to). We made a couple of jumps with the leap frogs. The highlight was the Perris DC-9 complete with airline seats, both first class and coach. As we sat on the ground waiting for take-off, the pilot turned on/off(?) the A/C and the pressure change caused the firing of 5 of the 6 Vigil AAD's, but not one Cypres. We exited out the back of the aircraft where the air stairs had been. It was as fun as when we jumped the 727 and we got 15,000'. Kent also jumped the AN2. We had weather! The weather was stormy when we arrived Thursday night and continued all day Friday. After the first storm, the weekend was beautiful; 80 degrees with a cool steady breeze. Ironically, when we had the best weather, California was getting nailed with intense heat. After the first nice weekend, Bill and I left for 3 days to Redding, CA. to attend a memorial for his dad and then we headed back to Rantoul. It was 115 degrees in Redding! While were gone, there was a fatality at the convention. It happened right outside of Tent 3 and luckily no-one on the ground was hurt. After the first weekend, we had intermittent storms followed by scorching heat. We had 3 days of pretty nasty weather including thunderstorms, high winds, and at times horizontal rain. Bill and I (once again) and Kent were caught in a powerful microburst while in Tent 3; the entire tent collapsed just like in 2000, Ed and Lee. The only tent left standing was a small tent near the bi-plane. The storm flattened everything else. No-one was hurt as far as we know. The next day was scorching; the volunteers were able to put up at least a few tents near the aircraft loading area and for us to have shade. The convention ended for us on Saturday afternoon when yet another bad storm came through. The winds were high and the rain was intense. This time we watched from the inside of the car and even then it was scary. We don't think any tents survived. We only got 20 jumps during the entire convention. We all had fun and survived WFFC 2006 with only minor injuries. Bill still has the imprint of the CASA on one of his arms and my face peeled off due to the extreme temperatures. Theresa

**\*\*Old Friends:** 9/8-9/10, Italian Benevolent Assn. Picnic Grounds, Sutter Creek.

Tentative Agenda: Friday @ 3pm, @ picnic tables. (Across Hwy. 49 from airport turnoff).

Saturday from 10am to ? (Please check in when arriving). Reminisce, auction/raffle\*. Saturday 6 pm catered BBQ tri-tip & chicken meal. Sunday Reservations end at noon. Wanna jump at Lodi? (See you there) \$25/person for meal, beverages and roster or \$10 without the food. \$10 per royal blue baseball hat with gold Old Friends logo, (but it must be ordered in advance).

Checks to Old Friends Association should be mailed to: Diane McGlynn, P.O. Box 328, Blairsden, Ca 96103. You may contact Diane at: (530) 836-0479 or [rockytop@psin.com](mailto:rockytop@psin.com) & the subject Skydiver Reunion (to prevent it from being tossed).

**Calendar:** (Subject to change to accommodate boogies, meets, etc.)

**General Meeting:** August 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 P.M. Livermore Airport Admin. Building.

**Jump Day:** August 27<sup>th</sup>, Lodi.

**BOD Meeting:** September 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Barr's.

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**General Meeting:** October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 P.M. Livermore Airport Admin. Building.

**Holiday Party:** 2007

**PIA Symposium 2007** will be held at the Silver Legacy Resort & Casino, Downtown Reno, February 5th - February 9th. PIA Room Rates. (Note the date & e-mail corrections) [www.pia.com](http://www.pia.com)