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INTRODUCING THE CLASS OF 2024 . . .

Skydiving would not be what it is today if it weren't for the constant search for safety by **Lee Guilfoyle**, D-50. Because of a fatal static line jump, Lee invented, built, and put his life at risk to act as a really bad student to test his invention. It became an FAA federal law to have the Assist System on all static line jumps and it is now required in most countries. It is impossible to say how many lives have been saved with the invention by Lee Guilfoyle. In 1971, Lee was awarded the Leo Stevens Award for his contributions to skydiving. *Photo Credit: Tim Telford*

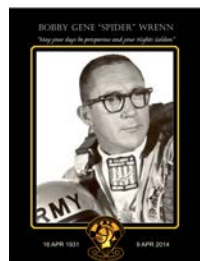


Norman Kent discovered skydiving in 1975 and quickly merged it with his passion for photography; this resulted in a unique style of imagery capturing the beauty and mystery of skydiving, which inspired many to further explore the sport and others to give it a try. His film *From Wings Came Flight* introduced freestyle to the sport, which opened the door for the creation of most new disciplines we enjoy today. Additionally, the release of *Willing to Fly* showed the power of his intentional film designs, which further inspired many with an in-depth look into our magical sport. Norman is active and shoots most disciplines still today. *Photo Credit: Samantha Schwann*



Katharina "Käthe" Paulus (1868–1935), a tailor, was the first real pioneer in parachuting. She made parachuting as a sport available for us by inventing a way to pack a parachute into a container to make it suitable for jumping from a fuselage. Without this invention, parachuting as we know it would not have evolved. She was also one of the first manufacturers to produce parachutes in a large scale.

Don Kirlin, D-5372, is a sport parachutist, organizer/promoter of larger-scale aviation events, pilot, aircraft operator and owner, air frame and power plant mechanic, and aviation business owner. He founded his aviation company, Air USA, in 1994. He was the visionary and organizer of the World Freefall Convention in Quincy, Illinois, for 17 years beginning in 1990—it was, at the time, the largest gathering of skydivers from around the world. He founded Sky's West Parachute Center in Ft. Collins, Colorado, and he was an airline transport pilot, having flown for Piedmont and American Airlines, retiring in 2020. Don is proud of his skydiving family, which consists of his wife, daughter and two sons. As a tandem instructor, he took all three of his children on their first jump at the World Freefall Convention.



Bobby "Spider" Wrenn, D-459, was deeply involved in the skydiving community from the 1960s until his death in 2014. He served in a multitude of positions with his primary goal to always improve the freefall world. Spider served two tours of duty with the Golden Knights: the first as the USAPT's Operations NCO, where he was instrumental in formulating and instituting many standards of practice which are still in use today over five decades later; the second as the first sergeant, where he realized that relative work was the next important area of competition and moved the team toward eight-way RW, among many other leadership innovations.

In 1986, **Olav Zipsper** became one of Europe's first test pilots for AFF, igniting his passion for flight. By '88, he mastered tandem and AFF jumpmastering, delving into free flying and aerobatics. Today, based in Thailand, Olav continues to share his expertise through the Advanced FreeFly 2.0 program. Honored to have won an Emmy and Gold across World Air Games, World Games championships, X Games, Space Games and more, he feels incredibly amazed by the passion of FreeFly aviation athletes in the fastest mammal sport without an engine. Olav is grateful to all who've joined him on this thrilling journey. *Photo Credit: FlyChi*



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Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 26—Skydive Chicago

All Day	Fun Jumping
4 pm–Dusk	Early Bird Registration and Packet Pick-Up
4–10 pm	Early Bird Reception/Pioneers Lounge

Friday, September 27—Skydive Chicago

All Day	Fun Jumping
10 am–3 pm	Registration and Packet Pick-Up
10 am–4 pm	Pioneers Lounge Open
11 am	Sport Accuracy Registration Closes
11 am	Affiliate Flag Jump
11:30 am	Affiliate Spotlight Awards
12–1:30 pm	Pioneers of Excellence Award Pres/Tribute Jump/Lunch
1:30 pm	<i>Fireside Chat with the HOF Class of 2024</i>
3 pm	Sport Accuracy—Briefing and Round 1—Rookies (only entering one round) and Everyone Else
5 pm	Path of Excellence Reception/BBQ/Award Pres/Pyrotechnic Tribute Jump

Saturday, September 28—Skydive Chicago

All Day	Fun Jumping
9 am	Round 2—Sport Accuracy
9 am–2 pm	Registration and Packet Pick-Up
10 am–3 pm	Pioneers Lounge Open
11 am	<i>Forum with Red Bull</i>
12:30 pm	Round 3—Sport Accuracy
2 pm	<i>Fireside Chat with Rook Nelson</i>

Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Ctr. Dr., Tinley Park, IL

6–7 pm	Hall of Fame Cocktail Hour & Sport Accuracy Awards
7–10 pm	Hall of Fame Banquet & Induction Ceremony

The 2024 Trustees Award Goes to . . . International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame Ambassador #77, **Marshall Madden**, is being awarded this year's Trustees Award "for voluntarily contributing services or making other gestures of goodwill to the skydiving museum in furtherance of its principles and objectives." Marshall made his career as a successful sales professional. He has carried those skills into his efforts on behalf of the museum. His affable and pleasant demeanor coupled with his indelible smile makes him a true ambassador for the project. Marshall is a tireless promoter of the museum and an enthusiastic Ambassador recruiter.



The Path of Excellence Award Goes to . . .

"Jump for the Cause" is a group of women who came together over two decades and set multiple large formation women's world records to raise money for the City of Hope Cancer Care Center in California. More than \$1 million was raised by the participants through creative fundraising efforts that included bake sales, T-shirts, a "Dancing Under the Stars" dinner party, and an Adult Pink Playhouse Carnival, to name a few. Not only were there multiple world records, but it truly was an amazing engineering feat and they set an unbroken record on Saturday, September 26, 2009, when 181 women from 31 countries set a largest formation women's world record. The efforts resulted in an award-winning documentary, *Pink Skies*, that highlighted the color formation.



The Pioneers of Excellence Award Goes to . . .

Jerry Birds All Stars were together for five years and dominated relative work (RW) at the time. In 1972, Jerry Birds All Stars won the first official 10-star Nationals, setting records for speed, fastest star and fastest total for six jumps ever. They were invited to the World Meet in Tahlequah and did 5-point sequential dives wearing smoke and jumping matching suits and canopies. At the end of the meet, the All Stars did a walk-up 26-star on one attempt for a new world record.

