“Let's Get This Museum Built!”

The time is now. . . Let’s get this museum built!” was the mantra from National Skydiving Museum board of trustees president Lenny Potts at the August 13th weekend skydiving celebration in DeLand, Florida. “I think we are all feeling the urgency to have our sport properly recorded in history. We must raise the money we need NOW to build this museum.”

When the weekend was over. . . after the 50-way formation skydivers had formed a “K” to honor Joe Kittinger’s 50th anniversary of his jump from space and the inaugural Hall of Fame Induction Dinner had recognized eleven of the sport’s legends, more than $110,000 had been raised toward the $6 million goal to build the museum.

The weekend also featured members of the U.S. Army Golden Knights 8-way team, the Air Force Parachute Team “Wings of Blue” and the legendary D-1, Lew Sanborn, all who participated in many of the activities including a 25-way diamond canopy formation.

The event, held at Skydive DeLand, also included current and historical skydiving displays dating back to the 1960s contributed by PIA and the USPA.

The 2010 National Skydiving Museum Hall of Fame Inductees were honored in front of 330 guests at a sit down dinner sponsored by PIA. The eleven inaugural inductees are Lowell Bachman (posthumous), Jerry Bird, Georgia “Tiny” Broadwick (posthumous), Joe Crane (posthumous), Joe Kittinger, Eilif Ness, Bill Ottley (posthumous), Lew Sanborn, Cheryl Stearns, Ted Strong, and Gene Paul Thacker.

The purpose of the National Skydiving Museum is to recognize and promote the sport of skydiving through public education and awareness; recognize the contribution to skydiving by its participants, suppliers and supporters; capture forever the history of the sport via its events, equipment, and personalities; and enhance aviation safety.
NATIONAL SKYDIVING WEEKEND—August 13—15, 2010—DeLand, Florida

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REMEmber Us In Your Will and Your Legacy Will Live On. . .

It has been said that a Will is the ultimate expression of a person’s values. Making a Will is the best way to ensure that your estate is left to your loved ones and to what you loved in life. Please consider showing your commitment to our sport and include the National Skydiving Museum in your Will.

All donors who have included a provision in their Will or who have been members of the “Legacy Society.” club have been recognized and through their and generosity, the National Museum in their who have planned gift with property, life insurance or a retirement plan designation.

As a member of the Legacy Society, you will receive a personalized membership certificate. All Legacy members will also be listed on the museum’s website, in the spring newsletter and in the museum upon completion.

If you already have the museum in your Will, please let us know so we may add you to this prestigious club. For more information, please visit the new tab marked “planned giving” on our website or contact museum administrator Nancy Kemble.

Now Accepting Hall of Fame Nominations. . .

The National Skydiving Museum Hall of Fame recognizes and honors those, who through leadership, innovation and/or outstanding achievements have defined, promoted, inspired and advanced skydiving at the highest and sustained levels in the past, present and for future generations of skydivers.

The following attributes are the basis on which the election of nominees is to be considered: 1. have actively participated in the sport; 2. made major contributions to the sport in at least three of the following skydiving related areas: leadership, competition (to include judging, photography/videography), aviation, innovation, invention, sports promotion (to include government liaison), philanthropy; 3. participated as a member of an International Parachuting Commission affiliated skydiving association. The nominee may be living or posthumous.

If you would like to nominate someone for the National Skydiving Museum Hall of Fame, please visit our website for a nomination form or contact the museum office. All nominations will be kept confidential.
Capital Fundraising Campaign . . . to build the museum
The high standards the museum strives to achieve can only be accomplished through significant financial support from those who believe in its mission and who desire to further its progress. Your investment is an important step to capture and share with the public the history and fascination of one of mankind’s most exciting endeavors. We are asking you today to make a donation to bring the museum to fruition. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Memorial Bricks. . . a donation that will last a lifetime
Celebrate the life of someone with whom you’ve shared precious moments with a National Skydiving Museum memorial brick. As you honor the memory of a loved one or memorialize someone special, your gift also provides much needed funding to build the museum. You are invited to participate in the Memorial Brick Program at a special rate of $1,000 (payable at one time or up to 12 easy monthly credit card payments.) The memorial bricks are sure to become a gathering place at the museum and all who purchase a brick will receive a small “thank you” brick to acknowledge their contribution to the museum. Use it as a paperweight or add a magnet and put it on your refrigerator. To secure your brick, indicate your interest on the form below, visit the museum’s website or contact the museum office.

Equipment Donations . . . save our parachute history
The National Skydiving Museum seeks to secure historical parachute equipment and documents before they disappear. They are our history. Once they are disposed of, they are gone—forever. Equipment and document donations are tax deductible. Visit the museum’s website or contact the museum for additional information.

Be a part of skydiving history . . . make your donation today!

___ Contributor (up to $99)—Name included in museum log book permanently on display in the museum and an official museum decal.
___ Friend ($100 - $499)—All of the above and name listed in the museum’s newsletter and receive four complimentary museum passes.*
___ Bronze ($500 - $999)—All of the above and one year complimentary admission pass to the museum and VIP events.*
___ Silver ($1,000 - $2,499)—All of the above plus an official National Skydiving Museum Embroidered Cap.*
___ Gold ($2,500 - $4,999)—All of the above plus name recognition on a building brick.*
___ Platinum ($5,000 - $9,999)—All of the above plus name recognition on a building block in a premier location of the museum.*
___ Other Amount—please indicate amount $___________

*Admission passes will be distributed upon opening of the museum.

___ I’d like to purchase a memorial brick. Please send me the memorial brick form to complete.

Check form of payment:  __________ Check (made payable to the National Skydiving Museum)  __________ Credit Card

Credit Card Information:  Type of Card ___AX  ___MC  ___VISA  ___Discover

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Mail contributions to the National Skydiving Museum, 5401 Southpoint Centre Blvd., Fredericksburg, VA 22407. Please indicate if donation is in memory/honor of a loved one.