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.

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2014 Weekend Celebration and Hall of Fame Ceremony
Skydive Raeford at PK Airpark, NC
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2013 Weekend Celebration. . .

The Retirement of D-1... The museum’s weekend celebration including honoring the retirement of Lew Sanborn...Friday evening’s BBQ celebrated Lew’s accomplishments...

Left and Below: A “D-1” was formed to honor the retirement of Lew Sanborn. Photos by Henrik Csuri

Above: The one and only, Lew Sanborn. Photo by Alex Blumer

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Friday’s BBQ was a fun time for all!

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Remembering Cliff Schmucker (1954—2013)

Cliff Schmucker was more than a leader, he was a doer.
As an engineer with a love for skydiving, he had the technical expertise that he put to work for the PIA, the Museum, and our industry.

Some people cannot be replaced. Cliff was that type of person.
Dan Poynter, Museum Trustee

Clifford Schmucker, age 58, of Lebanon, Ohio, died in a skydiving accident on Sunday, May 26, 2013.

Cliff served as a trustee of the National Skydiving Museum. He supported the preservation of the history of the parachute industry and the sport of skydiving. He was the technology expert on the Board of Trustees, supplying Internet expertise and audiovisual equipment.

Cliff was the president of the Parachute Industry Association for nearly 20 years. During that time, the PIA membership quadrupled as the parachute industry grew and government and military organizations joined. Cliff provided steady and innovative leadership and guidance to the industry association.

An electrical engineer, he was President of SSK Industries Inc. in Lebanon, Ohio. SSK operates the US sales and service office for the CYPRES automatic activation device. More than 83,000 CYPRES units are in use.

Blue skies Cliff...

Dori Bachman honored by Banic Foundation

Museum trustee Dori Bachman received the 2013 Štefan Banič gold medal for her lifetime contributions to the sport of skydiving as owner of ParaGear Equipment Company. On behalf of the Banič Foundation Chairman of the Board Slavo Mulik, Dori was honored during the museum’s three-day Hall of Fame weekend celebration at Skydive Chicago, Ottawa, IL.

Lowell Bachman, Dori’s late husband, founded ParaGear in 1960 in the Chicago area and Dori joined him as his partner when they married in 1970. She and her two sons, Chris and Curt, maintain the business, having sold parachuting equipment to well over 125 countries to date.

The Štefan Banič Parachute Foundation was established in 1997 by Texas resident Slavo Mulik to recognize and honor those who have made significant contributions and/or achievements in skydiving. The foundation’s goal is to enhance and promote the sport in honor of the inventor of the parachute in 1914, Štefan Banič of Czechoslovakia, who became a US citizen.

By Larry K. Bagley, USPA Lifetime #351
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.

If you would like to nominate someone for the National Skydiving Museum Hall of Fame, please visit our website for further details and a nomination form or contact the museum office. All nominations will be kept confidential.

Dana P. Engelstad, CPA, D-3613
Dana P. Engelstad, CPA, is a shareholder at Johnson, Miller & Co., CPA’s, PC and is currently managing director of the Midland, Texas, office tax and advisory practice. He received his BA in English Literature from the University of South Dakota and, upon completion of his military service as a commissioned US Army Officer, graduated cum laude with degrees in accounting and economics from North Carolina State University. He began his skydiving career (on a static line) at South Dakota Skydivers, Inc., in 1968. From 1972 – 1978, Dana was an active national style and accuracy competitor and was a member of the 1975/1976 and 1977/1978 US Style and Accuracy Teams. In 1976, he was a member of the World Champion Men’s Accuracy Team at the World Parachuting Championships in Rome, Italy. From 1975 – 1977, Dana was a jump pilot and satellite DZO for Raeford Drop Zone while actively training. From 1977 – 1979, he worked for Para Gear Equipment Company handling international marketing and promotional responsibilities. He coached the national parachuting teams of Bulgaria, Romania, Yugoslavia, Poland, the Netherlands, Indonesia, and the Chilean Army Special Forces in square canopy accuracy in conjunction with his responsibilities as Para Gear’s foreign sales rep. Dana is married to M.K. Engelstad.

Pat Thomas  Pat is the owner and president of Sun Path Products Inc, Raeford, North Carolina, a manufacturer of parachute harness and containers. She is also owner of Complete Parachute Solutions, DeLand, Florida, and owner of Tactical Training Facility in Coolidge, Arizona. Pat made her first jump in 1987 and last jumped in 1991. She currently holds dual citizenship in England and the US and has three sons aged 35 and identical twins aged 32 and 8 grandchildren. Pat is an honorary Golden Knight and very active with the Parachute Industry Association (PIA) of which she has chaired the PIA Symposium Committee since 2005.

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____ Gold ($2,500 - $4,999)—All of the above plus name recognition on a building brick.*
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