

2013 Museum Weekend & Hall of Fame Celebration September 6 - 8

It's official! Skydive Chicago in Ottawa, IL, is the official host for the 2013 Museum Weekend and Hall of Fame Celebration. Rook Nelson and his crew are graciously opening up their DZ to host the museum's annual fundraising celebration.

Each year, the weekend recognizes the achievements of someone or something special in skydiving. This year, we are honoring the legendary D-1, Lew Sanborn. Throughout the weekend,

a group of world-class skydivers will be building a 22-way formation in recognition of Lew to honor his retirement from the sport. Lew, 82, has made a decision to "hang up his boots" after 65 years and more than 7,500 jumps.

The highlight of the weekend will be the induction of 6 skydiving legends into the museum's Hall of Fame. Joining 24 others who have been awarded their blue blazers since 2010, the Hall of Fame dinner, sponsored by PIA, 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 2013 inductees are *Jackie Smith, James F. (Curt) Curtis, Jack Jefferies, Kim Emmons Knor, Jim Wallace and Chuck MacCrone.*

We expect more than 300 guests to join in the evening festivities, which will include a cocktail reception, sit-down dinner and video introductions for each inductee. Museum trustee and inductee

Curt Curtis will serve as emcee; Cliff Schmucker, President of PIA, will welcome and greet guests; and our keynote speaker will add a special perspective to the evening.

Each year during the National Skydiving Museum Celebration weekend there is an exhibit giving a small taste of some of the artifacts and displays that will be in the actual museum when built. The exhibit features a theater presentation with old and new video footage highlighting the thrill of skydiving. Other displays show significant milestones, world records and skydiving champions and pioneers. The skydiving equipment display, featuring equipment from every era of the sport, is one of the high points, and the Hall of Fame gallery honors inductees past and present.

The Pioneers Lounge, sponsored by Pope Valley Parachute Ranch, will be reunion headquarters where old and young can get together to enjoy jump stories and mingle with some of the pioneers and the new champions of our sport — and maybe have a toast or two.

Skydive Chicago is a world-class skydiving center built from the ground up to handle any skydiver's need. For the past 20 years, SDC has been offering top-of-the-line services to first-time jumpers, students and experienced skydivers. The facilities are complete with cabins, camping, RV hook-ups, shower house, swimming pond, volleyball court, disc golf course, Tiki Bar, Eat Up Deli, free WiFi and much more. Located on 220 acres of private land, SDC is one of the largest skydiving facilities in the world and home to numerous World Records and host of the 2013 and 2014 National Championships.



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Congratulations to the Hall of Fame Class of 2012

(From left) Jennie Cooney (Muriel & Hank Simbro's daughter), Muriel Simbro (inducted along with her husband Hank — posthumous), Victoria Hinojosa and Toni Evans (daughters of Bob Buquor — posthumous), Dan Poynter, Craig Girard, Claude Gillard — not represented in the photo, Carl Boenish — posthumous

2012 Weekend Skydiving Celebration Saluted the Star Crest Awards

Despite a windy start on Friday, on Saturday, the second day of the museum's November 2012 weekend skydiving celebration, Skydive Arizona fired up its restored DC-3 and 20 jumpers built a "Figure 8" formation that transitioned to a perfectly round star in honor of the Star Crest Awards. Previous Hall of Fame recipient Jerry Bird gave line-up and door-jam tips for the beautiful old bird because the group — with 300,000 jumps between them — had little experience exiting a small door DC-3.

The jump, which could be seen clearly from the ground, was repeated on Sunday with 10 jumpers and two photographers, along with canopy formations — 4-stacks and 2-way down-planes and spins — that wowed spectators. The program ended with a Veterans Day salute featuring demonstrations of military ram-air parachutes for field personnel deployment, jumped by multi-mission demo team instructors and riggers, and a huge American Flag Jump.

Skydivers love their "record" dives, and fun-jumpers at NSM's weekend event pursued their own. They included a freefall formation of six octogenarians who set a record for jumpers over the age of 80, and a formation of eight "resurrected" skydivers, all members of Skydivers Resurrection Award (SRA), a Facebook group of jumpers who left the sport and then returned after a layoff of 10 or more years. (story by Jan Works)

Trustees' Award Presented to Pat Moorehead

Congratulations to **Pat Moorehead** who was presented with the museum's first **Trustees' Award** during the 2012 Hall of Fame Dinner. The Trustees' Award was established to honor and recognize distinguished achievement of individuals or groups for their exemplary service, selfless giving and personal commitment to the goals and mission of the National Skydiving Museum. Pat's TEAM-80, where Pat made 80 skydives to celebrate his 80th birthday, raised more than \$18,000 for the museum.



INTRODUCING THE HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2013...



Curt Curtis, D-1407/SCR 219

President of USPA (1975-1979); nine-time national competitor (seven medals); member of Mirror Image in 1977 (U.S. National and World Champions); USPA Achievement Award Recipient (1983); co-founder/owner, Pope Valley Parachute Ranch; U.S. Delegate to the CIP/FAI (1974-1978); vice president, National Skydiving Museum.



Jack Jefferies, D-10287

Founding member and coach for Arizona Airspeed; World Championships and World Cup 4-way gold; World Champion 8-way; U.S. National Champion 4-way and 8-way; world record holder for longest 16-way sequence; former world record holder for longest 4-way sequence, 300 way; respected competitor, organizer and sought-after coach.



Kim Emmons Knor, D-221

Kim Emmons Knor is a sky goddess. She started skydiving in 1959 (back when jumping from an airplane took real courage) and in 1962 she made history as a member of the first U.S. Women's Parachute Team, which took gold at the Sixth World Parachuting Championships. After a 37-year break from jumping, she took up the sport again in 2003.



Chuck MacCrone, D-526

USPA Achievement Award Winner 1984; instrumental in organizing Cotton Belt Parachute Council; active competitor and judge at conference and nationals level through the 1960s; pilot, rigger, airplane owner; served six terms as president for C.I.P., elected to USPA Board of Directors in 1964, serving 3 terms; developed the "Equislope" scoring system that was adopted for use at world and national competitions.



Jackie Smith, FAI D1113

Took up sport parachuting while serving as a soldier in the UK Women's Royal Army Corps; joined "The Red Devils" in 1971, the Parachute Regiment's Free Fall Display Team and became the first female to be presented with the coveted Parachute Regiments "Red Beret" in 1973; won numerous national and international championships in style and accuracy over the years; toured the UK coaching and becoming an inspiration to others.



Jim Wallace, D-3497

Opened his own skydiving school in 1992; during past 40 years, was a U.S. champion three times; holds 11 world records for formation skydiving; USPA Safety and Training Advisor; FAA rigger; commercial pilot; awarded the USPA Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006; has worked as an aerial stunt double and trained and jumped with numerous celebrities.