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2014 Hall of Fame Celebration Weekend



Hall of Fame Class of 2014 (from left): Chris Needels, Norman Heaton, Helmut Schlecht, Dan "BC" Brodsky-Chenfeld, Jerry Bourquin. Photo by Sean Capogreco



October 9–12 in Fayetteville/Raeford, North Carolina, marked the fifth annual Hall of Fame Celebration Weekend where more than 300 guests from around the world honored the Golden Knights and had front row seats for the induction of five more skydiving legends into the Skydiving Museum Hall of Fame. The fundraiser raised \$100,000 for the museum.

Special thanks to this year's event sponsors: Airtec; Phil Chiochio; Cyprus; Dana and M.K. Engelstad; Robert and Jeanine Feldman/Law Offices of Robert L. Feldman; Golden Knights Alumni Association; Kirk Knight; Bob Lewis; PIA; Pope Valley (Curtis/Saltonstall); Lenny Potts; Skydive Arizona; Skydive Raeford; Skydive ParacleteXP; Skydive Perris; Skydivers Resurrection Award; Strong Enterprises; Team Raeford; Team Sunkist (Henry Ottley).



Museum trustee Dori Bachman and Jean Beck with the Hall of Fame collage of inductees. Photo by Larry Bagley



James F. (Curt) Curtis III, President/CEO Board of Trustees, Member, Hall of Fame 2013, served as the evening's emcee. Photo by Sean Capogreco



Roberto Montanez, president, PIA, title sponsor of the dinner, welcomes the audience to Fayetteville. Photo by Robert L. Feldman, D-2673



Curt Curtis presents Linda Miller, museum advisor, with the 2014 Trustees' Award for distinguished service. Photo by Sean Capogreco

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Hall of Fame Celebration Weekends

2015—Oct. 1–4, CPI, Ellington, CT

2016—Oct. 6–9, Skydive Arizona

2017—Oct. 5–8, Chicagoland Skydiving Ctr.

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.

2014 Celebration Weekend Continues....



Clockwise from top right: 1) Members of the Golden Knights showed their respect to the five Hall of Fame inductees by jumping with the traditional batons, which they presented to each inductee upon landing. Photo by Sean Capogreco; 2) A "Gear through the Years" fashion show presented by PIA was a highlight of the Pioneers Luncheon. From left: D-1 Lew Sanborn representing today's gear, Cindi Bagley representing the 90s, Mike Beck the 80s, Roberto Montanez the late 70s, Mary Thompson the early 70s, Dave DeWolf the 60s, and Kim Knor the 50s. Photo by Curt Bachman; 3) Tara Knor, Amy Chmielecki and Kim Knor at the Paraclete XP Wind Tunnel Thursday evening. Amy provided an explanation of the new tunnel competition and gave a demo. Photo by Linda Miller; 4) Team Raeford presented a check at the dinner for more than \$12,000 in honor of Dana & M.K. Engelstad/Team Raeford for their support of the museum. (At podium, Linda Miller, Cathy Miller (left), Kim Moore (right). For more 3rd party events and how you can do your own event, see page 4.) Photo by Sean Capogreco; 5) The weather cooperated for a weekend of jumping. Pictured: Eric Scott. Photo by Sean Capogreco; 6) First Place team of the ProAm 4-Way Scrambles. From left: Jessica Haugaard, Bruce Robertson, Jill Stephenson, Angela Nichols, and Christopher "ACE" Acevedo (camera). Photo by Sean Capogreco; 7) Chris Talbert (ProAm judge) and Beth Welch share a laugh during the weekend festivities. Photo by Sean Capogreco; 8) Chris Needels, board trustee, 2014 Hall of Fame inductee, and former Golden Knights commander, presents a special paver to LTC Matt Weinrich, Commander of the Golden Knights. The Golden Knights were the museum's special weekend honorees. Photo by Sean Capogreco; 9) Jesse Carter (left) and Laura Lane (right) get the legendary, D-1, Lew Sanborn to sign their log books. Photo by Bryan Watkins

STARWall . . . Skydiver Tribute and Recognition Wall



The museum's *Memorial and In Honor of Brick Program* has been renamed *STAR – Skydiver Tribute and Recognition Wall*.

Celebrate your career in skydiving or recognize and celebrate the life of someone special (living or deceased) by honoring them with a brick engraved with your personal message. Your brick will become a permanent part of skydiving history on the STAR – Skydiver Tribute and Recognition Wall that will be prominently located as part of the museum. You are invited to participate in the STARWall Program for a special donation of \$1,000 (payable at one time or up to 12 monthly payments). The museum is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation (tax ID #23-7181972) and all donations are deductible for income tax purposes to the full extent of the law. Anyone who participates in the program will receive a miniature "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. If you are purchasing a brick for someone special, we will send a letter stating your intentions to that individual or their family.

To make your year-end donation and become part of the STARWall, fill out the donation form on the back page of this newsletter and check the "STARWall" brick line.

Skydiving Museum Partners with Dimensional Innovations

The Skydiving Museum has entered into an agreement with Kansas City-based Dimensional Innovations (DI), www.dimin.com, to develop the tools necessary to initiate and sustain a major fundraising campaign both within and outside the international skydiving community.

DI is a state-of-the-art building and exhibit design construction company, staffed with highly talented designers, engineers, copywriters, brand strategists and production personnel. The Founder and Chairman of DI is Jim Baker who jumped with World Team, was a member of the USA's World Champion Mirror Image Team, and was the principal stills photographer for President George H. W. Bush's first skydive. The centerpiece of the campaign will be a video, augmented by marketing brochures which will include renderings of the proposed museum as well as the case for support. DI's production team, in close cooperation with the museum, has developed a script for an innovative video designed to catch the attention and pique the interest of all viewers. Once the tools are completed, the museum's comprehensive fundraising campaign will be launched from YouTube to corporate boardrooms.

As they say, "stay tuned!"

Now Accepting Hall of Fame Nominations for 2015 . . .

Nominations are being accepted through February 1, 2015, for the museum's Hall of Fame. The 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, please visit our website for further details and a nomination form or contact museum administrator Nancy Kemble at 540/604-9745 or nkemble@skydivingmuseum.org. All nominations will be kept confidential.

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Third Party Events Benefit Skydiving Museum

SkydiveDallas.com presented a \$2,000 check to the Skydiving Museum for two recent events, the American Revolution Boogie held the fourth of July weekend and Casino Night, Saturday, October 4th. Activities at the DZ October 4 included the Štefan Banič 6-Way Speed Star event. (right—Photo by David Ryder)

A third party fundraiser is a company, organization or individual that wishes to hold a promotion, event or sale to benefit the Skydiving Museum where the museum has no financial responsibility and minimal or no staff involvement is required. If you are interested in organizing an event that supports the Skydiving Museum, please contact Nancy Kemble at 540-604-9745 or nkemble@skydivingmuseum.org.



According to Sandy Reid, organizer of the Midwest Skydivers Reunion that was held Labor Day in Ray, MI, the summation of remarks from those who attended was: "I haven't seen you for at least 40 years but you really haven't changed. You're still as crazy as ever. Man, did we have some good times!" The reunion, benefitting the museum, was for those that actively competed in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin in the '70s and '80s.



Left: Reunion attendees
(Photo by Terry McNamara)



Heroes Skydiving 100-Way Sequential Event, held October 2–5 at the Florida Skydiving Center, Lake Wales, raised \$2,002 for the museum! There were some bigger-ways, some smaller-ways out of multiple aircraft, and fun times with everyone in the evenings!

From left: Museum Board President & CEO, James F. (Curt) Curtis III, Louis French (member, Heroes Skydiving leadership team) and Board Trustee & Development Committee Chair, Dana Engelstad.
(Photo by Sean Capogreco)



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 a one year complimentary admission pass to the museum and VIP events.*
 - ____ Silver (\$1,000–\$4,999) —All of the above plus a museum embroidered cap.*
 - ____ Gold (\$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 \$ _____
- For donations above \$10,000, please contact museum office.
*Admission passes will be distributed upon opening of the museum.

____ I'd like to purchase a STARWall brick @ \$1,000. Please send me the memorial brick form to complete.

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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. Donations can also be made online at www.skydivingmuseum.org.