

COME JOIN US . . . at Skydive Arizona for our 2016 Celebration Event

More friends, more jumps, more sun and definitely more fun. That's what you will find at our 2016 Hall of Fame Celebration Event. Skydive Arizona staff and the Hill family hosted the 2012 celebration event and there is no doubt they will make this year's event bigger and better.



Skydive TV® will be there to film, record and broadcast the people and activities.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees, through their contributions and efforts, have truly shaped the sport of skydiving. The Skydiving Hall of Fame Class of 2016 is: *Larry K. Bagley, Central, Utah; Dave DeWolf, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania; Edward A. "Doc" Fitch (posthumous); Dick Fortenberry, Savannah, Georgia; Patrick "Pat" Moorehead, Long Beach, California; and Bill Morrissey, Zephyrhills, Florida.* The fundraiser is expected to raise \$100,000 for the museum.

The Early Bird Registration/Package Pick-up will be Thursday, October 6, in the Pope Valley Pioneers Lounge at Skydive Arizona. Museum trustees will be on hand to meet and greet early arrivals. There will be fun jumping at the drop zone during the day and then a rousing good time as guests begin to arrive. The Pioneers Lounge is sponsored by Pope Valley Parachute Ranch (Curt Curtis and Tim Saltonstall) and will be open for cocktails and conversation on Thursday from 4 pm to 10 pm and throughout the weekend.

Starting Friday, enjoy a Gallery Stroll at the drop zone featuring skydiving artwork, jewelry and photography. Friday jump activities will include an old time 10-way speed competition out of the venerable DC-3, organized and sponsored by Skydive Arizona. Strong Enterprises will host the Pioneers Lunch, open to everyone, honoring the pioneers of skydiving. Later in the afternoon, POPS (Parachutists Over Phorty Society) and its member groups—SOS, JOS, JOES and JON—will be honored at the Tribute Reception and Welcome BBQ where young and old, pioneers and legends, pros and aspiring champs, can meet, sign log books and take selfies. POPS will cap off the celebration honoring their 50th anniversary with a demo jump spelling out 5-0.

Action continues Saturday at Skydive Arizona for more competition and fun jumping. At 9 am, it will be wheels up for the Pro-Am Fun Scrambles Competition sponsored by Skydive Perris, featuring Arizona Airspeed (past and present) as the pros. Throughout the day, the Pioneers Lounge and the Gallery Stroll will be open. That evening, the big hangar at Skydive Arizona will be lit up for the Hall of Fame Reception, Banquet and Induction Ceremony where six legends and pioneers will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

PIA has graciously returned as the Hall of Fame Title Sponsor. More than 300 guests from around the world, including many members of the Hall of Fame, are expected to join us for the evening reception, banquet, and induction ceremony to honor the Class of 2016.



So join us the weekend of October 6-9 at Skydive Arizona, Eloy. **Check out the enclosed insert for additional event information, hotel room blocks and a registration form.** You can also show your support with various sponsorship opportunities including having banners displayed all weekend and by making monetary contributions that will be recognized in the weekend program book.

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McCormick Joins Museum as Director of Development

President & CEO James F. (Curt) Curtis III is pleased to announce that Jim McCormick has joined the Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame as Director of Development. At its February meeting, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to ask McCormick to join the team that is moving aggressively to make the museum a reality.

“We are excited to have Jim on board. In addition to being well-known in the skydiving community, he has a wealth of experience not only in fundraising but specifically in museum fundraising,” Curtis observed.

Development Committee Chair Dana Engelstad expanded, “We started working with Jim when we had him create a detailed plan for the pending Capital Campaign that will fund the construction of the museum. Through those dealings we came to see that Jim would be an excellent candidate to guide us through a successful campaign.”

McCormick presented the plan for the Capital Campaign to the full board at their February meeting. In concert with the Development Committee, he then worked with the full board to implement the initial steps of the plan.

McCormick’s background in professional fundraising includes running a successful capital campaign for a unit of the medical school at the University of California, Irvine. More recently, he has been part of an ongoing and very successful capital campaign for the National World War II Museum in New Orleans. McCormick is an active skydiver who has earned multiple world, national and state large formations records.

“I am honored to be part of this momentous project and work with such a distinguished board,” McCormick commented. “It is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience for everyone who is and will become involved in this extraordinary effort.”



Pat and Jan Works to Receive 2016 Trustees’ Award

Congratulations to Pat and Jan Works for being selected as this year’s winners of the museum’s Trustees’ Award. The presentation of the Trustees’ Award will be made during the museum’s Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony October 8th at Skydive Arizona, Eloy.

Pat and Jan Works first got involved with the Skydiving Museum in 2012 when they were asked to assemble an exhibit on formation (AKA ‘relative work’) skydiving from the 1960s through the 1990s for the Skydive Museum Weekend Event in Eloy. They tapped into their personal collection of memorabilia to create a popular display that they repeated at Skydive Chicago the following year. Shortly after Eloy, Dan Poynter recruited Pat to join the Collections and Curatorial Committee as an advisor. He developed an inventory labeling system that will eventually link to an existing database for the purpose of cataloguing artifacts that have been donated to the Museum and put in storage until a permanent warehousing solution for the collection can be settled.

More recently, he created the museum’s popular online [Skydiving Encyclopedia](http://www.skydivingmuseum.org) as a searchable WIKI, where others can contribute to building a comprehensive and accurate archive on the sport’s history. Jan is responsible for Editorial Oversight (reality checking) to ensure that as much as possible, visitors from around the world will find the WIKI to be THE credible resource for information on parachuting in all of its forms.

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 Skydiving Museum.

