

# *It's "Full Speed Ahead" for the Skydive Experience Project...*

With full Board of Trustees support, the International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame entered into a

## **Dimensional Innovations**

contract in August with Dimensional Innovations (DI), a top-of-the-line museum design firm.

They are providing pre-project design work, meaning they are doing building and exhibit conceptual design for our museum. We are roughly halfway through the process, having completed the design narrative which describes what a visitor might experience from the time he or she drives into the parking lot until leaving the site.

The process began when, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, the museum's Skydive Experience Task Force made the selection of DI and transitioned its responsibilities to the museum's Building and Exhibit Design Committee. Since then, the committee has met in person and online with the DI team, and has moved from brainstorming to concepts, including prospective galleries and exhibits.

Currently, the Design Committee, in coordination with the Development Committee, is evaluating the design of several galleries within a 20,000- to 30,000-square-foot facility connected to a state of the art iFly wind tunnel which potentially will include the following:

- A landscaped approach which will include memorials and acknowledgements of skydivers and friends.
- Glassed-in entry foyer with recognition of those who have supported and continue to support the museum financially.
- Dynamic high tech video theater which surrounds the viewers with sights and sounds.
- The History of Skydiving gallery which recognizes people, events, and equipment that have developed skydiving since the beginning. Also included is an exhibit of the military/civilian connection in the evolution of the sport.
- A training center which engages new and aspiring skydivers, providing virtual reality simulation as well

as educational, fun learning experiences for those waiting to come of age.

- Competition and Records displays which explain our many disciplines and recognize that the sport is international.
- A Hall of Fame corridor which recognizes those who, over a lifetime, contributed in multiple ways to what we all now enjoy.
- A meeting place for skydivers and friends, designed in the likeness of what we all have seen at drop zones across the country and around the world.
- And much more, such as rotating exhibits (e.g., President GHW Bush skydives and the role of the Golden Knights) and a print/photography/video/photo library.

Which galleries and exhibits make the cut depends in large part upon support from the skydiving community and its friends. The next phase of the design work will be the preparation of renderings which will tell us all what visitors might expect to see if we get behind the project. In addition to the renderings of exhibits, there will be a 3-dimensional fly-through which will give us all a feel of what we might experience after the shovel goes into the ground. Our Development Committee has the lead.

The current sites under evaluation for the museum and the wind tunnel are in the North Orlando area, but while the International Skydiving Museum and its iFly partner lock in that perfect site, planning, design and fund raising are proceeding full speed ahead.

*Chris Needels, Trustee  
 Chair, Building and Exhibit Design Committee*

**Check out the enclosed insert for coverage of our Seventh Annual Weekend Celebration Event!**



**Board of Trustees Welcomes New Members**

**Dr. Mike Horan, D-881** Mike returned from Vietnam and made his first jump with the Quantico Parachute Club in 1963. When he started, he was the youngest, lowest ranked and least experienced club member. Two and one-half years later, when he left the USMC, Mike was still the youngest, lowest ranked member, but was now the most experienced and had become CSO and ASO. In the years that followed, Mike’s interest in the history of the sport made him research and write three books and many articles for every active sport parachuting publication. He served as USPA Conference Director for eight years and served ten years as USPA Archivist. Mike serves on the Curations, and Building & Exhibit Design Committees.



**Sandy R. Reid, C-6557** Sandy made his first parachute jump in 1970 and earned his FAA Senior Rigger license in 1971 and his FAA Master Rigger license in 1974. In 1976, he traveled to South Africa for an International Parachuting Championship, and remained there working for Parachute Industries of Southern Africa until December 1980, when he moved back to the U.S. After working for several different parachute manufacturing and sales companies, in 1985 Sandy designed a new harness and container system and established Rigging Innovations Inc. to manufacture and market it. He has been extremely active in PIA since 1983, serving in various capacities, including as Chair of the Technical Committee for a total of 15 years. He currently serves as a member on the Technical, Risk Management, and Rigging committees. In 2000, he established the US Academy of Parachute Rigging in Eloy, AZ, to train parachute riggers. In 2003–2004 he wrote the Parachute Rigger Handbook for the FAA, which was published in 2005. He has made over 4,300 jumps and is a Private Pilot. He is President/CEO and co-owner (along with his wife Brenda) of Rigging Innovations Inc., a parachute equipment manufacturer located in Eloy, AZ. Sandy serves as chair of the museum's Curations Committee.



**Adam Schmucker, D-31724** Adam Schmucker is the president of SSK Industries Inc. and SSK Military Industries Inc., which is most commonly known for being the CYPRES sales, service and support center in the Western Hemisphere, among other things. Adam’s father, Cliff Schmucker, who was PIA president for nearly 20 years and a trustee for the museum, began SSK in 1983. Adam began skydiving in 2006 and has a USPA D license and Static Line instructor rating. He received his Bachelors Degree at Miami University (Oxford) majoring in marketing and minoring in entrepreneurship. In college, he was the president of the university skydiving club, MU Dropouts. Adam lives in Ohio with his new wife, Laura, who owns her own equine veterinarian practice.

**Bruce J. Wicks, D-3493** Bruce made his first jump during Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA, in 1965. His military career included two combat tours in Vietnam, Chief of Tower Training at the U.S. Army Airborne School, Deputy Director of the Physical Education Department at the United States Military Academy at West Point, Commandant of the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School and Commander of the Golden Knights Army Parachute Team. He was the Team Leader for the U.S. National Parachute Team that competed for the World Championship in Sweden in 1988 and again in 1992 for the U.S. Team that competed in Austria. He was also selected as the U.S. Team Judge for the 1986 U.S. Parachute Team that competed in Ankara, Turkey, and for the 1990 U.S. Team that competed for the World Championship in Yugoslavia. He also judged in a variety of overseas events as either Event or Chief Judge. Bruce has jumped for two Latin American presidents. They were President Juan Bordaberry of Uruguay in Montevideo, Uruguay, and President BG Kjell Laugerud in San Jose, Guatemala. He was the key architect involved in planning and carrying out the parachuting segment of the Opening Ceremonies for the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea. Bruce graduated with a B.S. degree in Physical Education from Lock Haven University and an M.S. Degree in Physical Education from the University of Illinois. He is currently President of the Golden Knights Alumni Association.



**Skydive TV® – Official Media Partner of the Museum**

The International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame is pleased to announce that Skydive TV® has partnered with the museum as its official media partner for the coverage and broadcast of museum related skydiving events.

"Skydive TV and the International Skydiving Museum are looking forward to a mutually beneficial long-term partnership to cover and broadcast all museum events including the annual weekend celebrations," said Executive Producers of Skydive TV, Iva Vassilev and Sammy Vassilev.

"We will be bringing the museum in front of Skydive TV's worldwide audience for their viewing pleasure and enjoyment." All event coverage, including coverage of the recent 2016 Celebration Event held at Skydive Arizona, is available on <http://www.skydive-tv.com/2016-skydiving-museum-hall-of-fame>. You can view the entire program on all modern browsers, tablets, and smart phones via the Skydive TV App, Apple TV podcasts or iTunes.

Skydive TV works closely with PIA, FAI/IPC, USPA and other skydiving associations around the world to cover and broadcast a variety of national and international sporting events, competitions, world records, and special events. Skydive TV produces a variety of live and recorded and VOD video content with a positive and educational spirit for the sport of skydiving. They have created over 680 episodes of programming with over 17.5M views in 163 countries, and have built a large audience, social media reach and following from around the globe.



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**Blue Skies Forever!**



**Charles R. "Chuck" MacCrone**  
1931–2016  
*Hall of Fame '13*



**Madden Travis "Pat" Works**  
1943–2016  
*Museum Advisor*  
**2016 Trustees' Award Recipient**

**Now Accepting Nominations for the 2017 Hall of Fame**

Only nominations received at the International Skydiving Museum's office by December 31, 2016, will be considered for induction into the Hall of Fame Class of 2017. The committee will deliberate at its meeting in February 2017 in Chattanooga.

The Hall of Fame recognizes and honors those who, through leadership, innovation and/or outstanding



achievements, have defined, promoted, and advanced skydiving at the highest and sustained levels such that they have made it possible for generations of skydivers to enjoy the sport.

If you would like to nominate someone, please visit our website for further details and a nomination form, or contact Nancy Kemble, Museum Administrator. All nominations will be kept confidential.

## New Ambassadors Program Off to Strong Start

A new program designed to give supporters of the museum opportunities to tell others about our exciting progress is proving popular. Museum Ambassadors receive two high quality shirts embroidered with the museum logo, personalized Museum Ambassador business cards, a lapel pin identifying them as an Ambassador for the museum, embroidered patches, and a numbered Ambassador card.

Since the program was introduced at the Parachute Industry Association meeting in late August, thirty-four supporters have become Ambassadors. “We are thrilled by the response we have received to the Ambassadors program,” stated museum Development Committee chair Dana Engelstad. “Thirty-four Ambassadors in less than three months is far beyond our expectations.”

Ambassadors who recruit additional Ambassadors earn star designations. Recruiting two new Ambassadors earns one star and a new set of shirts with the star added to the museum logo. Three more new Ambassadors and a second star is earned. Already, three Ambassadors have earned one star. Recruiting Ambassadors is completely optional and not required to be an Ambassador.

Becoming an Ambassador involves committing to make a donation to the museum of \$5,000. The gift can be paid at one time, with five annual gifts of \$1,000, or

by monthly payments of \$100 for fifty months. “The program was designed to be accessible to supporters at all levels,” according to Director of Development Jim McCormick. “The monthly payment option is proving popular.”

For more information on becoming an Ambassador, contact Nancy Kemble at 540-604-9745 or [nkemble@skydivingmuseum.org](mailto:nkemble@skydivingmuseum.org).

### Ambassadors as of November 14, 2016

Curt Curtiss	Nancy Gruttman-Tyler
Dana Engelstad	Robert Feldman
Chris Needels	Marcie LaVanway
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Michael Kearns	Xiaoli Lai
Pat Works	Laura Tyler
Mike Horan	Jack Adkins
Marylou Laughlin	Tee Taylor
Linda Miller	Cheryl Stearns
Sandy Reid	Jose “Jumping Joe”
Larry Stein	Rodriguez
Adam Schmucker	Tim Saltonstall
Cris Fucci	Robert “Bob” G. Lewis
Ron Zais	Graeme Windsor
Steve Pisano	Nathan Schmucker
Curt Bachman	Jay Stokes
Kirk Knight	Jim McCormick
Bruce Wicks	

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

- Friend of the museum (amounts up to \$4,999)  
 Ambassador Program (\$5,000) - please call for more information  
 I'd like to purchase a STARWall brick @ \$1,000. Please send me the memorial brick form to complete.  
 Other—please indicate amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please indicate if donation is in memory/honor of a loved one)

For donations above \$5,000, please contact the museum office directly.

Check form of payment:  Check (made payable to the Int'l Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame)  Credit Card

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Mail contributions to the Int'l Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame, 5401 Southpoint Centre Blvd., Fredericksburg, VA 22407. Donations can also be made online at [www.skydivingmuseum.org](http://www.skydivingmuseum.org).

By virtually every account, the 2016 International Skydiving Hall of Fame Celebration Weekend at Skydive Arizona in Eloy was the most successful to date. Almost 400 skydiving enthusiasts joined in honoring six stalwarts of the skydiving community October 6-9 by inducting them into the Hall of Fame. Larry K. Bagley, Dave DeWolf, Edward "Doc" Fitch (posthumous), Dick Fortenberry, Patrick "Pat" Moorehead and Bill Morrissey joined 42 other inductees who are credited with "defining, promoting and advancing skydiving at the highest and sustained levels, making it possible for generations of skydivers to enjoy the sport."

Marketing Committee Chair Linda Miller and Museum Administrator Nancy Kemble spent countless hours molding a handful of volunteers into a well-oiled machine, and the success of the event is a credit to their ingenuity and attention to detail. Official media partner Skydive TV® captured the entire weekend with interviews and all the hoopla of an international extravaganza.

After a noisy good time during the registration reception in nearby Casa Grande Thursday night, the event kicked off Friday with practice jumping for the special guests of the weekend, the Parachutists Over Phorty Society. Destined to form the numbers "5" and "0" in freefall in honor of the group's 50th anniversary, two dozen jumpers—most over 40—made several jumps with photographer Joe Jennings recording the action.



After their last jump Friday afternoon, the museum honored POPS by presenting TopPop Alicia Moorehead with a handsome paver that will find its place in the new museum when it's built in North Orlando, Florida, soon.

Midway through Friday, Strong Enterprises hosted the Pioneers Recognition Lunch for all those who started jumping before 1966. The Parachute Industry Association sponsored Gear Through the Years, a showcase where jumpers modeled the progression of the sport's transition from military surplus rigs to today's modern equipment. The Pioneers Lounge, sponsored by Pope Valley Parachute Ranch, was full of history and good times.

Saturday dawned with dirt diving for the Pro-Am 4-Way Scrambles competition sponsored by Skydive Perris in California. Six well-known formation skydivers—Thiago Gomes, Niklas Hemlin, Thomas Hughes, Brian Krause, Mikhail Markine and Ari

Perلمان—served as team captains, and the six teams made four jumps with Team Gomes taking first place. The top three teams earned medals from Skydive Arizona.

Both Friday and Saturday featured the very popular Sky High Forum with special guests Luke Aikins, Alan Eustace, Joe Kittinger and Art Thompson. Each played a significant role in four amazing events (three world record high-altitude jumps and



a jump without a parachute), and their thrilling experiences held the audience captive. "It was fantastic to be immersed in the history of our sport and to talk, jump and reminisce with so many of the skydiving pioneers," said Eustace, who holds the current world record for highest altitude skydive.

Just before sunset, Complete Parachute Systems honored the six Hall of Fame inductees with a special tribute jump in front of the throng gathered near the main landing area. Then all headed for the main hanger where the Class of



Hall of Fame Class of 2016 (from left): Patrick "Pat" Moorehead, Larry K. Bagley, Dave DeWolf, Dick Fortenberry, Jay Stokes (accepting on behalf of Edward A. "Doc" Fitch—posthumous), and Bill Morrissey  
 Photo by Joe Jennings

2016 was inducted into the International Skydiving Hall of Fame.

Emceed by museum president Curt Curtis, the banquet tables were full of good friends and family for the special event sponsored by PIA. Pat and Jan Works were recognized with the esteemed Trustees' Award for their creative enthusiasm on behalf of the museum as Curations Committee advisors, having developed the WIKI program and a barcode inventory system for museum artifacts. USPA President Jay Stokes introduced Moorehead; USPA Executive Director Emeritus Chris Needels presented Bagley; Bob Mehl had the honors for DeWolf; Morrissey's good friend Bagley gave Morrissey the nod; Bill McCarthy presented Fortenberry; and Norm Heaton talked for Doc Fitch—since none of Fitch's family attended the event, Stokes accepted Fitch's plaque for prominent display at USPA's headquarters.



It was simply mind-boggling to stroll around Skydive Arizona seeing so much history and realizing how far this sport has come and where it most certainly will go. What a history, what a sport!

Larry K. Bagley, Trustee  
 Chair, Hall of Fame Committee

Go to [www.skydivingmuseum.org](http://www.skydivingmuseum.org) to see more pictures and videos of the event.



Photos from top left: 1—"Gear through the Years" Fashion Show; 2—Kim Knor and Dave DeWolf modeling gear (Photos by Kay Robinson); 3—"Sky High Forum" featuring Luke Aikins, Alan Eustace, Art Thompson and Joe Kittinger; 4—Trustee Larry K. Bagley presenting Honoree Award to TopPop Alicia Moorehead; 5— POPS Honoree presentation with paver award inset (Photos by Roberto Montañez); 6—POPS 50 Group (Photo by Kay Robinson); 7—POPS 50 Jump (Photo by Joe Jennings); 8—Friday BBQ (Photo by Kay Robinson); 9—Gomies Homies Pro-Am Gold Medal Winners (Photo by Melissa Lowe); 10—CPS Tribute Jump for Hall of Fame inductees; 11—SRA Group members (Photos by Bob Celaya); 12—2016 Hall of Fame members poster (Photo by David Cherry)