

BREAKING NEWS: Skydiving Museum to Co-Locate in North Orlando, Florida

The Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame is pleased to announce it is collaborating with SkyVenture iFly to co-locate the Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame with a 16-foot iFly wind tunnel in North Orlando, Florida. The museum is currently working with a leading design firm to combine building space and functions and iFly is actively searching for a suitable piece of property as a venue for the combined facility. The co-venture is expected to open its doors in 2018.

The name on the building will be "Skydive Experience." The museum will not be a traditional static museum... it will be a blending of our history with today's technology that will allow a real immersion and learning experience for visitors which will enhance our sport and hopefully bring more people into it.

The museum will feature displays of the evolution of gear over the years but they will have an interactive component. Most displays will be interactive and many will immerse visitors in a dynamic skydiving experience through virtual reality simulators and other high-tech wizardry. The heroes of the sport, who have been inducted into the museum's Hall of Fame, will be touted through a touchscreen technology exhibit. Conceptually, the goal is to make the museum an

entertaining and enjoyable experience as well as an informative one.



Conceptual Designs



James F. (Curt) Curtis III, President/CEO of the Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame Board of Trustees, made the announcement at the USPA Board of Directors meeting and the PIA Symposium held in Daytona Beach in March. According to Curtis, "the perfect location for our museum is in North Orlando. We are in close proximity to DeLand, one of the finest skydiving centers in the country, and many other DZs are nearby. Orlando is one of the largest tourist destinations in the world, which gives us an extensive age group of the public to share our sport."

The museum also plans to open its doors to outside groups for educational experiences and after-hours receptions.

"It was the dream of Bill Ottley, a pioneer in the skydiving community, to build a museum dedicated to capturing and preserving the history of skydiving," added Curtis. "In 2005, when Bill Ottley went to the blue skies forever, he left a sizable bequest to make the dream a reality. We are ecstatic to be able to make Bill's dream into a grand reality."

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Lenny Potts (left) is presented an award for his years of service as museum president by James F. (Curt) Curtis III. Lenny served as president from 2008–2013. He now holds the position of Chairman of the Board.

Skydiving Museum Board welcomes new trustee

At its bi-annual meeting held March 26 in Daytona Beach, Florida, the Skydiving Museum Board of Trustees welcomed new trustee Curt Bachman D-18700.

Curt was born into a family involved in the skydiving industry. His father, Lowell Bachman, started Para Gear Equipment Co. Inc. in 1960, and was a founding member of the Parachute Industry Association (PIA) and the Skydiving Museum. His mother, Dori Bachman, became involved with Para Gear after they married, served 22 years as the Treasurer of the PIA, and was a trustee of the Skydiving Museum. On the day Curt was born, his parents purchased him a lifetime membership to the United States Parachute Association (USPA).



While growing up, Curt accompanied his parents to national and international skydiving competitions, where his father would many times judge. At the age of 18, he travelled to Locarno, Switzerland, to take an AFF course and learn to skydive. He continued to skydive while in college at the University of Arizona and afterwards, in 1997, began working for Para Gear. Curt is always on hand to give Para Gear support at various skydiving activities and competitions, including PIA meetings and symposiums and Skydiving Museum events. He has traveled the world experiencing exotic skydiving trips, including the North Pole skydive in 1999, the Millennium Skydive in Patriot Hills, Antarctica, and BASE jumping Angel Falls in Venezuela in 2001. Curt has skydived on all seven continents which he completed in 2001 in Djibouti, Africa.

Special Hall of Fame Skydiving Event EAA AirVenture Oshkosh Oshkosh, WI July 22–24, 2015

A Never Before World Record Event... Never in history has there been an opportunity to set a skydiving World



Record at the largest airshow in the United States. On July 22 and 24, a team of 108 skydivers called the Hall of Fame Eagles is scheduled to jump from 20,000 feet above the largest airshow in the United States at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for 30,000 spectators.

The team is confronted by even more challenges than most World Record teams because their practice jumps all have to take place 188 miles away at Skydive Chicago. Moving the team to and from Oshkosh—twice—is a complex and expensive undertaking. More information on the Eagles and their plans is at:

www.EaglesOverOshkosh.org



You may have noticed our name change... from National Skydiving Museum to Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame. We feel this name more accurately reflects who we are and what we do. Many of the donations we've received are from outside the United States. Further, our signature event, the Skydiving Hall of Fame Induction Dinner, has representation from around the world. There is no other skydiving hall of fame and ours is truly international.



Above, from left: John Sherman, Jean Beck, Bill Booth, John Higgins. The four living founding members of PIA photographed in front of the museum's conceptual designs for North Orlando. Photo by Terri Ellingsworth-Booth.

Right: The museum's new name and logo are displayed along with the conceptual drawings of the building at the recent PIA symposium in Daytona Beach.





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2015 WEEKEND CELEBRATION EVENT

You're Invited to the 2015 Weekend Celebration Event!

Connecticut Parachutists, Inc. (CPI) is one of the oldest skydiving clubs in the U.S. Since clubs are such a huge part of skydiving history, it was only natural for the Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame to host our sixth annual Celebration Event at CPI in Ellington, Connecticut.

During the weekend of October 1-4, the skydiving community will gather to celebrate collegiate skydiving and induct the Class of 2015 into the Skydiving Hall of Fame. This year's inductees represent a diverse group from Russia, Japan, Germany and the USA. These inspiring individuals made significant contributions to skydiving as manufacturers,



judges, world record participants, trainers and pioneers. Please join us to help celebrate the achievements of Alexander "Sasha" Beloglazov, Ryazan, Russia; Helmut Cloth, Bad Wünnenberg, Germany; Yasuhiro Kubo, Tokyo, Japan; Nathan "Nate" Pond, Goodhill, CT; Paul Poppenhager, Old Town, FL; Brenda Reid, Eloy, AZ; and Robert "Bob" Sinclair (posthumously), FL. The fundraiser is expected to raise \$100,000 for the museum.



Beginning Thursday, October 1, early bird registration will be open from 4 pm to 9 pm at the Hartford/Windsor Airport Marriott, our host hotel. There will be fun jumping at the drop zone and for those more interested in jump stories and glad-handing, the Pope Valley Pioneers Lounge will be open for business at the hotel from 4 pm to midnight.

Friday and Saturday are filled with a variety of skydiving activities beginning with the popular Pro-Am Scrambles. Sign-up for the Pro-Am will be available on the Skydiving Museum website in mid-August. Running

concurrently will be the Collegiate Invitation Fun Meet with four to six college skydiving teams competing.

Join us for lunch at the DZ Friday when Strong Enterprises sponsors the Pioneers of Sport Parachuting Reunion lunch. All are invited to attend (anyone who started jumping in 1965 or before are free and all others pay a small fee). The official event kick-off begins in the afternoon with an entertaining and exciting Swoop and Chug contest hosted by CPI. Then, a tribute to Collegiate Skydiving begins with a presentation by museum trustees followed by the famous CPI seafood BBQ. Of course, the Pioneers Lounge will be open at the hotel after the BBQ.

Saturday it will back to CPI for more competition and fun jumping where young and old, pioneers, legends, pros, collegiates and aspiring champs can meet, sign log books and take selfies. The celebration continues back at the hotel with the Hall of Fame induction reception, dinner and ceremony.

PIA has graciously returned as the Hall of Fame dinner sponsor. More than 300 guests from around the globe, including current members of the Hall of Fame, are expected to join us for a sit-down dinner where this esteemed group of skydivers will be recognized for their contributions to the sport.



Mark your calendars and be a part of history in Connecticut October 1-4. There's something for everyone so come join us and *let's get this museum built*.

See the enclosed registration form or visit www.skydivingmuseum.org to register and for a schedule of events. You can also show your support with various sponsorship opportunities, banners that will be displayed all weekend and monetary contributions to be recognized in the weekend program book.

Skydiving Museum Hall of Fame Weekend Celebration Event Sponsorship Opportunities

If you would like to be a sponsor for this year’s celebration event, please indicate your level of support on the enclosed registration form or call Nancy Kemble, Museum Administrator, 540.604.9745 or email nkemble@skydivingmuseum.org. **Additional Celebration Event and Hall of Fame sponsorships are available based on your interest, ideas and contribution level.**

Hall of Fame Ceremony Title Sponsor—\$10,000—PARACHUTE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION—SOLD



It is only fitting that PIA, one of the most influential organizations in our sport, is sponsoring the Hall of Fame evening. PIA has been the title sponsor of the Hall of Fame Dinner since 2010.

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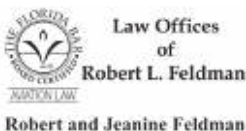
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It is always fun to see what Robert and Jeanine Feldman come up with for the guest giveaways which are placed at each table setting. They have been perennial sponsors of this opportunity and have committed their support through 2017.

Celebration Event Program Book Sponsor—\$2,000

Your company’s ad will appear on the inside front cover of the Celebration Event Program book distributed to all weekend participants at registration and during the Hall of Fame dinner—distributed to approximately 400 individuals. Recognition on the Skydiving Museum website linking to your website.

Pioneers Lounge—\$1,500—POPE VALLEY PARACHUTE RANCH—SOLD



This year the Pioneers Lounge will be at the Marriott Hotel. Pope Valley's owners Curt Curtis and Tim Saltonstall jumped on this sponsorship from the minute it was conceived at the first weekend event in Deland. You will find them in the Pioneers Lounge most of the weekend.

Collegiate Skydiving Tribute Reception & Kickoff BBQ—\$2,500

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Pioneers of Sport Parachuting Reunion Lunch—\$1,500—STRONG ENTERPRISES—SOLD



Lunch at the DZ to honor those who started jumping in 1965 or before and to give a special tribute to Ted Strong for his years of participation in the Pioneers Reunions. For others there will be a small charge for lunch. It will be the perfect time and place to honor Ted and the true pioneers of our sport.

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Each registered attendee will have a name badge holder with lanyard featuring CYPRES name front and center throughout the entire event. CYPRES saves lives.

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Celebration Event Program Book Ad—\$250

Provide us with your company’s ad or provide us with the copy and/or logo and we’ll create a full-page ad for you in the program book (*ad specs will be provided once response form is received at museum office*). This is a great way to honor our Hall of Fame inductees with a personalized ad from you to them! Celebration Event Program book is given to participants at registration and again at Hall of Fame dinner.

Thank you to those sponsors who have confirmed their support to this year's weekend celebration event:

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Contact Nancy Kemble at
nkemble@skydivingmuseum.org or 540/604-9745
for sponsorship opportunities.

Hotel Room Block Information/ Hall of Fame Dinner Venue

The Skydiving Museum Hall of Fame Dinner will take place Saturday, October 3 at the Hartford/Windsor Airport Marriott, 28 Day Hill Road, Windsor, CT 06095 (844-206-1320). We have also secured a room block at the hotel for weekend celebration event guests.

A dedicated website is available for attendees to book their hotel rooms online. Room rates are \$99/night including a full hot breakfast and wireless high-speed internet.

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcom_ei_new&eventID=13130629

You can also contact the hotel directly at 1-800-228-9290 and ask for the Skydiving Museum room block. (Cut-off date for room block rates is September 18.) The hotel's website is windsormarriott.com.

SAVE THE DATES!

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Eloy, AZ

October 5–8, 2017
Chicagoland Skydiving Center
Rochelle, IL

INTRODUCING THE HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2015 . . .



Alexander "Sasha" Beloglazov—Ryazan, Russia is a highly accomplished skydiving athlete, coach, instructor, and event organizer who is one of the most decorated skydivers in Russia. His illustrious skydiving career has spanned 40 years and includes 17,000 jumps. In the early 1980s, Mr. Beloglazov was largely responsible for introducing formation skydiving to the civilian and military parachutists in USSR/Russia. Sasha has been honored as the Master of Sport—Russia's highest honor for a sportsman—twice in the Classic events and once in formation skydiving.

Helmut Cloth—Bad Wünnenberg, Germany made his first jump in 1972; two years later, he became a skydiving instructor and CCI. In 1986, Helmut participated in the European RW record attempt in Bavaria. During one of the training jumps, a tragic accident occurred and a close friend of his impacted the ground with neither his main nor reserve deployed. It was after that moment that the vision of an ADD that would be extremely reliable and accepted was created, and four years later, after twelve prototypes, the CYPRES was born. In 1990 Airtec GmbH Safety Systems in Bad Wünnenberg was established. Today, over 90,000 CYPRES 2 units have been produced.

Yasuhiro Kubo—Tokyo, Japan D-10142 is the most accomplished skydiver in Asia. During his 32-year skydiving career, he has amassed 12,000+ jumps and earned a USPA D-license and a CSS Gold Freefall badge. Yasu is highly experienced in multiple disciplines, including formation skydiving, skysurfing, freeflying, canopy formation, canopy swooping, and wingsuit flying. He is inspirational with students and low-time skydivers, a role model for experienced skydivers, and a solid teammate when pursuing world records on the global stage. *Photo by Willy Boeykens*

Nathan "Nate" Pond's—Goodhill, CT D-69 family farm is the place real sport parachuting started. Nate started freefalling in 1952 in Goodhill, CT. He was a member of the 1958 U.S. Parachute Team for the Bratislava, Czechoslovakia World Champions; a member of the 1961 World Record Team setting the first established world records in the U.S.; and chief pilot and U.S. Team Pilot for the 1962 World Championships. He was the first test jumper for the Pioneer Parachute Company. Nate is an airline transport pilot, FAA licensed in multi-engine ratings and a parachute rigger. He, along with Jacque Istel, invented the concept of the remote-controlled opener for the reserve parachute.



Paul Poppenhager—Old Town, FL D-47 has been an active parachutist and pioneer in the sport for 60 years starting in 1953 with the U.S. Army Airborne and service as a parachute rigger. In 1959, Pop established Florida's first skydiving club with five members; by 1960, the club grew to over 100 members and, at the time, was the largest skydiving club in the U.S. Pop was well known as one of the country's best accuracy and style jumpers. In the '60s and '70s, he hosted the premier competitive money meet, attracting many of the most skilled skydivers in the country. He is a self-taught pilot and aircraft mechanic and was the first skydiver to make 2,000 and then 5,000 jumps.



Brenda Reid—Eloy, AZ D-8660 started jumping in 1974 in Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa, and moved to Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1976, where she became Secretary of the Parachuting Section, Aero Club of South Africa. In 1978, Brenda captained an all female 4-way team at the World Cup in France. In 1980, she moved to the U.S., and in 1987 started judging and earned her National Judges Rating. In 1992, she earned her Private Pilot's license, and in 1996–97 wrote the Manual for the IPC Judges Training Program that was subsequently adopted by the IPC in 1998. Brenda is currently co-owner and Vice-President/CFO of Rigging Innovations.

Robert (Bob) Sinclair's (posthumous)—Florida D-272 lifetime involvement as an accomplished skydiver and air-to-air photographer spanned 69 years. His most significant contribution to the sport was the development of helmet-mounted motion and still-picture cameras. As a result, Bob and others filmed skydivers doing script-required maneuvers for the film industry. Bob's credits in filming and/or jumping included 11 movies including *Daring Game*, 53 television shows including *Ripcord*, and 45 TV commercials including Eastman Kodak, all of which brought about significant public awareness of skydiving.

