

Museum Construction

Upon meeting our capital fundraising goals, the dream of a National Skydiving Museum will come to fruition. Highlights will include:

Outside Views - The National Skydiving Museum will be clearly visible from I-95. The museum will provide a stimulating environment with multiple ways for visitors to experience the adventure and wonders of human flight.



View from I-95



View from Front

Theater - Your senses will be stimulated in the museum theater with exciting images from the past and present.



Theater

Competition Hall - All disciplines will be represented with skydiving trophies, competition photos and other memorabilia in the competition hall with its centerpiece display of an accuracy skydiver suspended under canopy.



Competition Hall

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

- ___ Contributor (up to \$99) — Have your name included in the National Skydiving Museum log book permanently on display in the museum and receive an official museum decal.
- ___ Friend (\$100 - \$499) — All of the above benefits and have your name listed in the museum's newsletter and receive four complimentary museum passes.*
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- ___ Platinum (\$5,000 - \$9,999) — All of the above plus name recognition on a building block in a premiere location of the museum.*

*Admission passes will be distributed upon opening of the museum.

For donations above \$10,000 & corporate opportunities, contact Nancy Kemble, Museum Administrator at nkemble@skydivingmuseum.org.

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Make checks payable to "National Skydiving Museum." Mail contributions to the National Skydiving Museum, 5401 Southpoint Centre Blvd., Fredericksburg, VA 22407. To donate by credit card and/or to make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, go online to www.skydivingmuseum.org.

WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL SKYDIVING MUSEUM. WE ARE DEDICATED TO BUILDING THE FIRST MUSEUM TO RECOGNIZE AND PROMOTE THE SPORT OF SKYDIVING.

Each year, more than 320,000 people make at least one skydive. Collectively, they make nearly three million jumps annually. Over the past three decades, some four million people have made that jump from a perfectly good airplane. That is a lot of people who have exciting memories -- memories which could be re-lived, if only for an afternoon, at the National Skydiving Museum.

Thanks to a \$1 million bequest from Bill Ottley, a generous donation of land from the W. J. Vakos Company and early contributions from museum trustees and other organizations and individuals, the perfect site was acquired along Interstate 95 in Fredericksburg, Virginia next to the U.S. Parachute Association headquarters. Now, we must raise the remaining \$5 million to build the museum.

We Need Your Financial Support!

We are kicking off a capital fundraising campaign that will supply the museum with sufficient funds to build the museum. We are looking for major donors as well as small financial supporters. We have various naming rights opportunities for exhibits, programs and rooms. To make a contribution, fill out the form in this newsletter or go to www.skydivingmuseum.org. Your donation is tax deductible.



Visionary and Museum Founder William "Bill" H. Ottley

The National Skydiving Museum is the brainchild of William "Bill" H. Ottley, one of the best-known figures in the sport. From hard-core skydivers to tandem jumpers to the curious, the 20,000 square foot museum will offer something for everyone. Our purpose 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 as it pertains to skydiving.



Pond Swooping—one of the many skydiving disciplines showcased in the museum.

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Remembering Our Donors: Thank You!

The National Skydiving Museum gratefully acknowledges the generosity of its donors in 2008. **We regret any errors or omissions in this list. If you note an error or missing name, please contact us at nkemble@skydivingmuseum.org so that we may correct our records.

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Meet the Prez. . . L. Len (Lenny) Potts (D-220)



According to museum founder Bill Ottley, one of Lenny Potts' greatest credentials is his readiness to volunteer for anything. This trait is probably why Lenny was just re-elected for a second term as president of the National Skydiving Museum Board of Trustees.

Lenny was born in Keyport, NY, one of ten children. This number is important to keep in mind, because, being the masterful manipulator, Lenny has successfully managed to get all but one of his siblings to make at least one static line jump.

Lenny officially began his career skydiving in 1959 at the first

American commercial skydiving center in Orange, Massachusetts. Throughout his skydiving career, he participated in many competitions both in the states as well as abroad. By the time he officially retired from skydiving, he had logged 3,500 jumps.

In the late 60s and 70s, Lenny served as the USPA's FAA liaison on Capitol Hill. His personal persuasiveness was instrumental during the growing years of the USPA.

Lenny has been a driving force in taking the museum from a mere vision still on paper to owning 4 acres of land and on its way to raising \$5 million to build the museum.

Lenny currently resides in Port Orange, Florida.

Visit www.skydivingmuseum.org for a whole new experience.

The museum has enhanced its web page to make it more informative and user-friendly. Visitors can now "take a tour" of the museum through drawings of architectural plans, pictures of items in the collection for display at the museum, a growing gallery of historical photographs and a sampling of old movies. The entire skydiving industry is also represented with an interactive forum where visitors are encouraged to share information about drop zones, gear, airplanes, skydiving disciplines, and present and former skydivers. And please take a moment to read the tribute to our museum founder, Bill Ottley. You can even send us your favorite stories about Bill to be included.

Please visit www.skydivingmuseum.org and let us know what you think of our new site. You can send your comments to nkemble@skydivingmuseum.org.

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