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The Parachute Industry Association (PIA) has just raised the stakes in the effort to build the International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame, committing to match every dollar donated—up to an incredible **\$500,000!**

This unprecedented opportunity means that every contribution made between now and **December 31, 2025**, will have **twice the impact**. If you give \$50, it becomes \$100. A \$500 donation turns into \$1,000. And when the community comes together, this initiative could unlock a full **\$1 million** in funding to help make the museum a reality.

“PIA’s support underscores the importance of this museum to the entire industry,” said **James ‘Curt’ Curtis III, president of the International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame**. “This matching campaign is a game-changer, and we hope the skydiving community will seize this opportunity to make history.”

The International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame is more than just a building—it’s a place dedicated to preserving our sport’s rich history, honoring the pioneers who shaped it, and inspiring future generations of skydivers. With the project moving closer to groundbreaking, now is the time to push forward.

Don’t miss your chance to **double your donation and double your impact**. Visit skydivingmuseum.org/donate today and help bring the dream of the International Skydiving Museum to life!



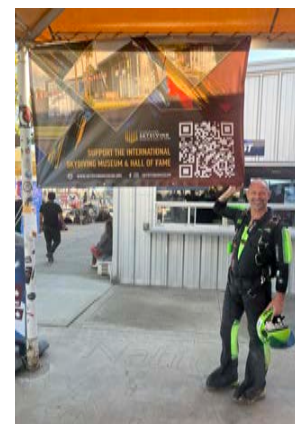
Party in Perridise Christmas Boogie in Support of the Museum



Skydive Perris and the Conatser family have once again gone above and beyond in their support of the museum. Their highly popular holiday boogie was a dedicated benefit for the museum with \$2 for every jump made and \$10 for every jet jump donated to the museum! A creative bean bag drop raffle further boosted the museum’s funds.

Additionally, three boogie jumpers became Museum Ambassadors!

Ambassadors Donna Wardean and Danielle Barlow truly went the extra mile at the event, working hard to support the raffle, recruit new Ambassadors, and promote the museum. The raffle prizes were generously donated by Gold State Gear, Cookie Helmets, ALTI-2 Altimeters, and included a jet jump provided by Ben and Diane Conatser. Overall, it was a fantastic holiday celebration that raised over \$25,000 for the museum. **A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved!**



Perris Museum Advocate Doug Pinkham (pictured) worked tirelessly on behalf of the museum, with valuable support from Advocate Jeanine Bonvin.

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**Reminder: The deadline for
Hall of Fame nominations
is November 30!
Visit our website to
submit a nomination!**

Crowds Gather at the Museum's Booth During the 2025 PIA Symposium in Daytona Beach, Florida!



The museum had the privilege of hosting a special guest: Marvin J. McIntyre, best known for his role as Truman Sparks in the iconic film Fandango. (Pictured with museum Ambassador Jeannie Bartholomew.)

The booth featured a range of activities to engage attendees, including the exciting "Test Your Skydiving Knowledge" game, where participants answered skydiving history questions on a timeline. Winners received museum-branded coffee mugs and keychains as prizes.



A raffle for an Expedition Grade Cooler, generously donated by museum trustee James La Barrie, captured the attention of over 100 individuals, adding their email addresses to the museum's database. The fortunate winner, Robyn Best, exclaimed that it was "perfect for the Florida Keys!"

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who helped support the museum at the booth this year. Pictured below: Trustee Larry Stein and Museum Supporters and Ambassadors Robert Feldman and his wife Jeanine, who strikes a stylish pose alongside trustee Paul Foyard.



Museum Welcomes Don Kirlin to the Board of Trustees

Don Kirlin D-5372 is an experienced sport parachutist, aviation event organizer, and aviation business leader. Driven by his passion for aviation, Don founded Air USA in 1994 and is a licensed pilot, aircraft operator, and airframe and power plant mechanic. He was the visionary behind the World Freefall Convention, which took place in Quincy, Illinois, for 17 years, starting in 1990, becoming the largest gathering of skydivers worldwide. Don also established Sky's West Parachute Center in Fort Collins, Colorado, and served as an airline transport pilot for Piedmont and American Airlines, retiring in 2020.



Don takes great pride in his skydiving family, which includes his wife, daughter and two sons. As a tandem instructor, he had the privilege of taking all three of his children on their first jumps at the World Freefall Convention. A member of the museum's Development Committee, Don is also a Hall of Fame member, Class of 2024. Both he and his wife, Susie, proudly serve as museum Ambassadors.

Museum Trustee Sherry Butcher Elected President of USPA



A big congratulations to museum trustee Sherry Butcher, who was elected president of the United States Parachute Association at their recent Board of Directors meeting in Daytona Beach, Florida. Sherry has served on the USPA Board of Directors since 2001, serving many years as the secretary, one earlier term as president, and two terms as vice president.

Sherry became a member of the museum's board in 2023 and has since shown unwavering dedication to the International

Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame. She is passionate about preserving and showcasing our skydiving history for future generations to appreciate. Sherry serves on the Development Committee and the Awards & Recognition: Hall of Fame Standing Committee. **Way to go, Sherry!**

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