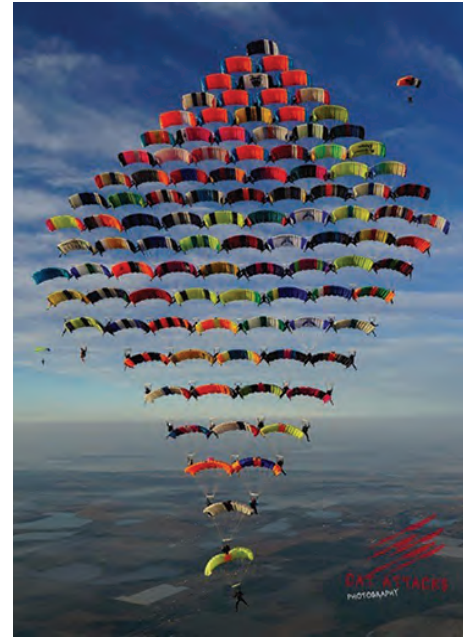


Breaking News: A New Canopy Formation Record!

The skydiving community has been buzzing with excitement after one of the sport's most impressive milestones was surpassed: a **104-way Canopy Formation Largest Formation World Record Attempt** has been approved by the judges and is pending FAI ratification. Teams jumped tirelessly over two weeks at Jump Florida in Lake Wales, and their dedication earned an extraordinary result, breaking the longstanding 100-way world record set in 2007. The parachutists came from 20 countries to participate on the record skydive.

The skydivers utilized eight aircraft, the first dropping nine jumpers from an altitude of 19,500 feet. The second set of two dropped the next 30 jumpers from an altitude of 18,000 feet. The third set of two aircraft dropped jumpers from 15,000 feet, the next set of two aircraft dropped jumpers from 12,500 feet, and the final plane released the remaining jumpers from 12,000 feet. The formation took approximately 11 minutes and 15 seconds to build and was held for 20 seconds. It was completed on the eleventh attempt and captured on video by six arial videographers/photographers.

To everyone who helped make this possible, congratulations. The entire skydiving world is proud of your achievement and the commitment it took to reach it!



Skydiving Legend Kim Emmons Knor Claims Her "Gold Wings" at 86!

Hall of Fame Class of 2013 member Kim Emmons Knor made her first skydive in 1959 at the age of 20. Shortly afterward, she sold all her belongings, purchased a Eurail Pass and an open-ended plane ticket, and set off to travel the world as a parachuting enthusiast—ultimately visiting 21 countries.

Kim quickly became a trailblazer in the sport. She was one of only two women to compete alongside the men at the 1961 U.S. Team Tryouts at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Just a year later, in 1962, she made history as a member of the first U.S. Women's Parachute Team, which captured the gold medal at the Sixth World Parachuting Championships in Orange, Massachusetts.



Kim Knor achieves her historic 1,000th jump with fellow Hall of Fame member Jay Stokes
Photo by Bruno Brokken

After a 37-year break from the sport to raise her family, and with 545 jumps, Kim returned to skydiving in 2003 with the same passion and determination that marked her early career.

On November 6, during the International Skydiving Hall of Fame Celebration Weekend at Jump Florida Skydiving in Lake Wales, Kim—now 86 years old—achieved an extraordinary milestone: her 1,000th jump. Kim's milestone garnered national attention including *People* magazine, *National Geographic* and numerous local media outlets.

Congratulations, Kim!



It was a media frenzy filled with family and friends who have supported Kim in her journey to 1,000 jumps!

Photo by Buzz Ortiz

Save the Date for the 2026 Hall of Fame Celebration



Mark your calendars for **November 5–7, 2026**, when the International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame Celebration goes to Skydive Paraclete XP in Raeford, North Carolina! Watch our website (www.skydivingmuseum.org) for details in early 2026.

Skydive Paraclete XP is the #1 choice for sport and tandem skydiving in NC!

Nominate NOW for the 2026 Path and Pioneers of Excellence

Nominations are now being accepted for the International Skydiving Hall of Fame 2026 Path and Pioneers of Excellence Awards. **The deadline is February 1st.**

The Path of Excellence Award is specifically for entities—groups, companies, organizations or teams—for significant contribution(s) of enduring high value to the world of skydiving.

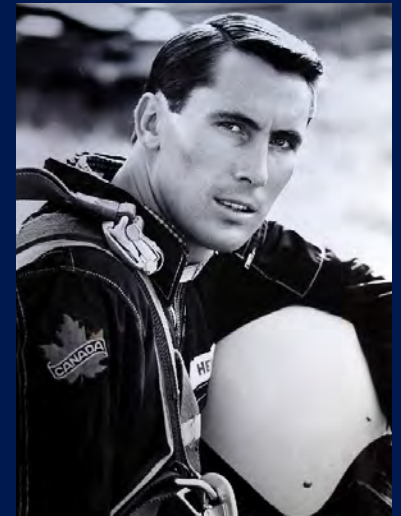
In 2021, the Pioneers of Excellence Award was added to recognize entities that contributed in the 70s and before.

Visit our website for further details and a nomination form or contact Nancy (Kemble) Wilhelm, Museum Administrator. All nominations will be kept confidential.

The Hall of Fame deadline for nominations for 2026 was November 30. Nominations received after that time will be considered for the Hall of Fame Class of 2027.



Blue Skies!



Daryl Henry
1935–2025
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Stay connected with the Museum by joining our email list! In addition to our semi-annual newsletter, we share timely updates throughout the year directly to your inbox. These emails include news on the construction and design progress of the Museum, announcements of Hall of Fame inductees, and updates on the Path of Excellence, Pioneers of Excellence, and Trustees Award selections. We also provide information about newly elected trustees, special recognitions, upcoming events, and other important developments.

Email updates arrive well before the semi-annual newsletter, ensuring you're among the first to hear what's happening.

If you'd like to be added to our email list, simply scan the QR code above!

Celebration Forums Deliver Inspiration, History, and Humor

The International Skydiving Hall of Fame Celebration forums were nothing short of spectacular—each one a crowd favorite!

Stunts in the Movies showcased renowned skydivers and movie stunt professionals B.J. Worth, Jake Brake, and Tom Sanders. Audiences were treated to thrilling clips of some of their most iconic aerial stunts, followed by in-depth explanations of how each was meticulously planned and executed.

The North Pole—A USA and USSR Joint Expedition featured the world premiere of a mini-documentary chronicling the first successful skydive to the exact geographic North Pole. International Skydiving Hall of Fame members Bill Booth and Norman Kent headlined the session. Produced by Norman Kent Productions, LLC, *The North Pole's* cinematographer was Kent. Centered on expedition organizer Booth, the film told the remarkable story of how the ambitious 1991 endeavor was conceived and successfully executed. The audience was captivated by their firsthand accounts of overcoming the extraordinary challenges of reaching the North Pole by parachute.



Marvin McIntyre brings the energy as he delights the audience at his *Behind the Scenes of Fandango* forum hosted by Trustee James La Barrie (right)

Photo by Anthony Armendariz



Tom Sanders, Jake Brake, and BJ Worth sharing their stories at the *Stunts in the Movies* forum

Photo by Anthony Armendariz



Bill Booth and Norman Kent captivated the audience at *The North Pole—A USA and USSR Joint Expedition* forum

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Behind the Scenes of *Fandango* with Marvin J. McIntyre brought the star of the 1985 skydiving cult classic to the stage. In a lively interview led by Trustee James La Barrie, Marvin delighted attendees with humorous stories about his introduction to skydiving and his experience portraying the sport in the film's wonderfully offbeat style.

Article by Jim McCormick

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Mike McGowan Donates Iconic Imagery



There are many talented freefall photographers and videographers—but a few truly stand out. Among them is one of the most artistically gifted in the sport: International Skydiving Hall of Fame member Mike McGowan, Class of 2020.

For Mike, the sky is his canvas. His images, captured over many years, reflect both the



beauty and the exhilaration of skydiving. He is considered one of the world's premier freefall photographers and videographers, with his work featured in numerous national magazines, commercials, and videos. He was the principal videographer for the world's first 100-, 120-, 144-, and 300-way formation skydiving world records, as well as numerous women's world records.



We are thrilled and deeply grateful to announce that Mike has generously gifted many of his most remarkable photographs to the museum for use in exhibits, online content, promotional materials, and more.

Thank you, Mike!

Photos by Mike McGowan; headshot by Omar Alhegelan

A Smart Giving Option for Donors 70½ and Older

Most people know that donations to qualified charities, such as the International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame, are tax-deductible. However, older Americans with traditional Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) have an especially advantageous option available to them.

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