



# CPI MONTHLY NEWS

## August 2018

WELCOME TO THE CPI MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### July Member's Meeting

This month's meeting encompassed mostly routine items except for 1 stand out issue I'll get to in a bit.

So unfortunately both airport lawnmowers are down for repairs. That means we're looking for volunteers with riding mowers to help keep the airport grounds mowed until we get ours back. We're also looking for folks to help pull weeds and possible spray weed killer around the runway. Talk to Brian Knight if you can help out there.

We are currently 4 hours behind our target for hours on the Otter. Bad weather and light tandems aren't helping so we'd really like to see the plane flying as much as possible. Hopefully the boogie will put us a little ahead.

We're asking members to try and promote the club at their companies to get groups together where we can do some type of group event. Talk to the board for more information. An idea for charging a \$50 non-refundable deposit for no show tandems was floated but no decision was made. Board is investigating.

A follow up from last month's staffing information has yielded to Steph Mitola taking over answering the phones during the week so that someone is always available to take questions and book tandems during the week. We may potentially try posting someone in manifest during the week to have a physical presence on the DZ during the week.

2019 BOARD. It's now August and we need to look to the future of the club. Monique and Doug are both not eligible to run the board due to term limits so now is the time to decide if you want to run so you can start learning everything that it takes.

### Jeff Root & JR Sky

As I reported last month the board received official paperwork from Jeff with his intention to sue the club for what he feels we failed to pay for the 2016 caravan lease. The board has voted Roni White as the club attorney and has also retained a NY attorney to handle our case. The club is preparing to countersue for lost revenue due to the plane not being available per the contract or the pilot not showing up. If you want more info on this please contact the board.

### Doug's Safety Tip of the Month

This month is a follow up to last month's discussion on landing in your own lane on final. This month I want to talk about vertical separation in the pattern. When should you start thinking about other canopies in the air and your landing pattern? If you answered 1000ft, that is way too late. You should be thinking about the landing pattern and the location of the other canopies immediately after opening.

Landing by yourself is a great way to stay safe. In order to land by yourself, you need to be in the pattern by yourself. In order to do this, take a look around at the other canopies and see where you fit in vertically. Are there canopies below you or above you? Keep them there. Do not spiral to beat that first person down and do not hold in deep brakes to let the person above you go. Let the first group land first and let the group behind you land after.

It is important to recognize where other canopies are and to 'find your place' in the sky so when it comes time to enter the landing pattern, you are all by yourself. Remember, the landing pattern is the most dangerous part of canopy flight. This is where all of the canopies are converging. Do you want to be on your base leg with 8 other canopies? No! Of course not. Give yourself vertical separation between other canopies. It does not take much to make a difference.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Enduring Warrior Fundraiser Aug 3rd
- 58<sup>th</sup> annual Boogie Aug 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>
- Member Appreciation day- Labor day
- Flight 101-102 Sept 15<sup>th</sup>



## Notable Highlights



Now I don't know what else there is to say about this picture except...DAYUM, look at that form. Of course I'm referring to Monique's tracking skills. That's impressive.



Andrew finished his AFF and got his A-license. Congratulations on joining the family...and good luck washing off that ink =)



Here we have a perfect example of Skydiving exit priorities. Our very own Melissa demonstrating what's really important... Geek the camera!

## The Wrap up

It's been a rough season this year. As Rob pointed out in a previous email we are having a hard time keeping the otter flying. Whether it's low tandem numbers, lack of fun jumpers, or just lots of bad weather, we've been unlucky. With the boogie coming up it's a chance to shake off the funk and show these visiting jumpers and tandems how to have a good time. We've got awesome organizers for every discipline, a great Pig roast, the Rusty Trombone will be open, swoop and chug, even some live musical entertainment. Campers are allowed back at the DZ for the first time in a few years. I'm really looking forward to it and you should be too. Call your friends, bring your loved ones, and come out and jump the shit out of this plane. We're one of the longest running DZs in the country let's show people why. Have a great time and I'll see you in the air. -Shawn Mitola

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