



# CPI MONTHLY NEWS

## April 2018

WELCOME TO THE CPI MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### Safety Day

Well my friends another year and season are upon us marked by our usual gathering for Safety Day. As you can see from the picture we had a good turn out this year and many different topics were covered. One topic in particular was the announcement that the effort to privatize Air Traffic Control was defeated in congress. This is certainly a boon for skydivers everywhere.

Thanks to Eric for helping secure the space we used this year.

### Cleanup Day

After several bad weather weekends we were finally able to get cleanup day going. The troops came out early March 30<sup>th</sup> and worked progressed at a great pace.

The tandem tent was setup, and the sun/wind barriers were hung back up. An amazing effort was put in around the creek area to remove debris and detritus from that area. No more ugly dead trees or bushes to look at. A new TV was hung in the middle packing area that will display

the manifest board. Many of the picnic tables were also repaired.

It was a good day that ended with some Pizza and our monthly Club Meeting. We finished off the day with a good deal of jumping.

### Club Meeting

There wasn't a whole lot to go over at this month's meeting so I'll summarize what I've got.

Work continues on the Cessna and it will be ready for flight soon. Some things to finish up before it's ready for paint.

The Otter will arrive around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April with Matt piloting. Until then we will have the Caravan busting out loads for us.

CPI Coach Course with Matt Chang June 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> \$200 non-refundable deposit due by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Need SIM and IRM with completed proficiency card with the FJC.

Uconn weekend is coming up this weekend April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. There are a good number of reservations made so come out and enjoy the weekend and the official start of the season.

### Doug's Safety Tip of the Month

The following is from *Foundations of Flight* by Niklas Daniel and Brianne Thompson in the March 2018 *Parachutist* issue. Niklas and Brianne are part of the AXIS Flight School at Skydive Arizona in Eloy.

"A slider's main purpose is to slow your opening to a comfortable speed. Once the canopy is open, the slider serves no purpose. It is not necessary to collapse a slider in order to land safely, but doing so provides three major benefits:

The most obvious change is an increase in your visual field. Having a collapsed slider allows you to better see others and inspect your own canopy.

1. Decreasing the surface area of the slider reduces drag. This can help you by increasing your glide when attempting to make it back from a long spot and give you greater flare power.
2. The slider may move around excessively if left open, causing that familiar flapping sound on landing. This movement can be very distracting and can also create unwanted wear and tear on your lines, risers, and soft links. By collapsing the slider, you may increase the longevity of your gear. "

Give the article a full read and learn more about your equipment. It saves your life every jump!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Uconn weekend
- April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> First jump course of the season
- April 28<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting



## Notable Highlights



The creek area became a major focus of cleanup day this year and as you can see literally no stone was left unturned as chain saw, clippers, and brute strength were employed to “root” out those pesky vines and shrubbery.



Ahh the old carrot and stick method. The board suckered us in with pizza and then hit us with the Club meeting while we were distracted.



Monique, aka the General looks out over her troops at cleanup day. Her trusty steed by her side. Ever ready to face whatever challenges arise...like picking the weeds out of the gravel. =)

## The Wrap up

That’s all she wrote folks. Despite some false starts here and there due to issues beyond our control we as a club managed to get everything done this past month that needed doing. As usual a huge thank you goes out to the Board for all their hard work. I also wanted to thank all of the presenters at Safety Day for taking the time to put on your presentations. The season officially begins this weekend and I frankly can’t wait to get back in the air on a regular basis. So once again a heartfelt thank you to all my CPI friends and family that make this dropzone a great place to hang out and jump. Blue Skies and I’ll see you next month! -Shawn Mitola



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