



CPI MONTHLY NEWS

Sept/Oct 2018

WELCOME TO THE CPI MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Aug/Sept Member's Meeting

Sadly due to my personal schedule I haven't been able to make the last few meetings nor was I able to get out a newsletter last month so this will kinda be combined with that one.

If you didn't know already we had our boogie and despite being weathered out most of it we still flew all day Friday and partied the rest of the weekend. The organizers were kind enough to cut us some slack on their fees so we were able to cover their expenses. I honestly have to say even without jumping I haven't had that much fun in a long time.

Brian Knight, and Shelly have been both cleared to fly the 182 for jumpers. The winter Caravan will be returning except for Jan and Feb, due I believe to a scheduling conflict. We are still a few hours behind on the Otter so the average load size was lowered to help turn more loads and keep the plane flying.

Had some great events during Sept. Veterans day, First responder's day, and UConn weekend all saw big crowds with lots of jumping. Remember ALL BLOCK JUMPS EXPIRE AT YEAR END!!!!

Dinner dance is coming up Dec 1st. In order to keep the \$50 ticket price we'll need at least 60 people to buy tickets so let's make sure we all come out and celebrate the end of the year. Due to shenanigans from last year's wrist bands will be issued for drinking privileges. No underage drinking will be tolerated at the event and could cause dance to be cancelled so listen up all you luses out there. Doug is doing the year end video so upload videos to the video shed computer or ask him where he wants them. Any help getting together raffle prizes, gift cards, and whatever is greatly appreciated.

Elections

Elections are coming next month Nov 17th. Monique and Doug both are out due to term limits; however Brian and Ralph will likely run for one more year. Start thinking about who you want to be making decisions next year. It's your club...step up.

Doug's Safety Tip of the Month

This month's safety column is about landing your canopy. Last month, I talked about finding your own space of the sky in the landing pattern. The prior month, I discussed 'staying in your lane' on final approach. This month will be about the landing flare.

The most common mistake I see is not finishing the flare before touching down. This mistake happens by new and experienced jumpers alike. To ensure the softest and safest landing, it is critical to flare all the way down, until your arms are at their maximum extension. As you know, it doesn't take much flare to stop your vertical descent. In order to reduce your horizontal speed, you must finish the flare before touching down.

It is also very important to flare symmetrically. When a jumper is about to touch the ground, he or she is often focused on reaching for the ground. This causes him or her to stop thinking about their hands. Commonly, one hand will go up and one hand will go down. It is important to fly your canopy until you have touched down and have stopped moving.

One piece of advice I like to give is to stay off the ground for as long as possible. This prevents reaching for the ground. For a video of this, go to YouTube. The video is titled 'The landing flare' by Rhythm Skydiving as part of their Instructional Series. They have awesome videos. Check them out!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Costume jumps/club meeting Oct 27th
- Board Elections Nov 17th
- Dinner Dance Dec 1st



Notable Highlights



The boogie brought home some long lost CPI family. Zach and Ryan graced us with their presence, We missed them.



PJ finished his AFF and got his A-license. Congratulations . It's good to see more new jumpers joining our mixed up family.



Booo!! Philippe is heading back to Japan for a few months we'll miss him but he also remembered his camera priorities.

The Wrap up

Well there you have it folks another 2 months of the year in the bag and just like that we're in the home stretch to the end of another season. Obviously the weather continues to be challenging but despite it we've had another amazing season. Great events have been going all summer long. No one is going to ever forget the SNE invasion at the boogie. Rob I'm sure will never forget hearing Bryce's name chanted at 2am while he's trying to sleep LOL. Club members were part of multiple teams at Nationals in both 4-way, and Wingsuit acro. We continue to graduate new AFF students. I can't tell you all enough how proud I am when this club comes together to accomplish something, and I'm grateful to be a part of it. Let's enjoy the rest of the official season and then the crazy people can continue on into winter jumping...Brrrr. Thanks again everyone for your continued support of the club and let's keep it going. Until next month...Peace! -Shawn Mitola

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Have a question or concern?

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