



The Ranch SkyDiving Boogie and Symposium 2012
Thursday 9th August (National Woman's Day) to Sunday 12th August
Protea Hotel Ranch Resort (25km south of Polokwane, Limpopo Province) South Africa.

Hosted by SkyDive Rustenburg at the luxurious Protea Hotel Ranch Resort, the 'Ranch SkyDiving Boogie and Symposium' is regarded as South Africa's Premier Skydiving and Parachuting event.

Organised and run by Mike Rumble and Graham Field of SkyDive Rustenburg (known instigators of fun and excitement in skydiving circles), the event attracts sport, competition, professional, and military skydivers and parachutists from across Southern Africa.

At this year's Ranch SkyDiving Boogie and Symposium at least two South African Skydiving record attempts will be overseen by Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI, the World Air Sports Federation) skydiving judges.

On National Women's Day the Sport Skydivers Association (SSA) Formation Skydiving (FS) Committee will be attempting an all female South African 16way Formation Skydiving record. At the event the SSA Artistic Events (AE) Committee will also be building up to an ambitious South African FreeFly record.

Olav Zipser (world-renowned skydiver and 'Father of FreeFly') is coming straight from the 80Way practice jumps happening in preparation for the opening of the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Russia, to be part of the FreeFlying at the event.

At the Boogie, two Turbine Atlas Angel Aircraft will drop skydivers continuously from 08:30 to sunset from Thursday 9th August (National Women's Day) to Sunday 12th August.

Numerous professional skydivers from all over South Africa will be available to take members of the public for Tandem Introductory Skydives at the event.

Interested members of the public are invited to come to the event to 'discover' what skydiving and parachuting in the 21st Century is all about.

Announced throughout each day of the event there will be a number of short interesting presentations on various elements and aspects of skydiving and parachuting. A number of presentations will be open to the public, and provided at no charge, in the interest of promoting sports skydiving. Certain presentations will be for experienced skydivers only.

The highlight of the symposium will be a presentation on Olav Zipser's **'FreeFly Astronaut Project'**. Olav will talk about the increasingly higher altitude Interorbital Rocket Launches from which he will FreeFly back to earth wearing a specially developed supersonic spacesuit. In doing this he will not only break all high altitude jump records, but will also break the sound barrier with his physical body (and be the first person to do so).

The 'FreeFly Astronaut Project' is not a stunt. It is a research mission to amass a new collection of experimental data on rapid FreeFlying descent from zones between orbital Extra-Vehicular Activity (space walking beyond the Earth's appreciable atmosphere) and high altitude aircraft operations. This project culminates with a dive from above the Karman Line (100km), a real space altitude.

The scientific data will be gathered to develop a safe return method that will benefit the global aerospace industry and will help to create human capability to descend safely from the edge of space. It will enhance the safety of mankind's future space pilots, space pioneers and space tourists, and may even be the birth of a new extreme sport with unlimited potential!

Olav Zipser's 'FreeFly Astronaut Project' will be one of several informative and inspiring presentations as part of the **Saturday Evening Function**. The cost for the Saturday Evening Function is R 280 per person, and includes a buffet dinner and entertainment (DJ Ed). Tickets can be purchased in advance as part of event registration (for sport skydivers); by contacting the event organisers in advance (for general aviators); or at the event (for interested members of the public). The dress code is informal and there will be a cash bar. The function starts at 18:30 on the Saturday of the event.

Members of the Public wishing to come to the event should report to the main hotel swimming pool area / event registration where they will be welcomed, shown the public areas and informed of the day's program. Individuals and groups wishing to book Tandem Introductory Skydives on specific days or times can pre-book in advance direct with the organisers, or rock up, register, and take the next available opportunity to jump! RanchBoogie@gmail.com / 078 029 4803

Sports Skydivers need to be paid up PASA Members, pre-register and pay in advance for this event. The "PASA Member Information" document and Registration form is available for download from the www.Para.co.za website.

Tandem Introductory Skydiving at the event is R 1 650 per person, and an additional R 600 for freefall videography and photography. Tandem Skydiving passengers should be no more than 110kgs. The minimum age for participation is 16, under 18 requires parental / legal guardian consent.

Coaching arrangements can be made direct with the appropriate SSA committee in advance, or direct with the discipline representative at the event. So far the FS, AE and Canopy Piloting (CP) committees have confirmed coaches for the event. The SSA Committees contact details are on the www.Para.co.za website.

The SSA Formation Skydiving (FS) Committee will be assisting with load organising for larger formations and, based on skill levels and number of participants, is aiming to build up to larger formations at the event – with the goal of additional 16ways.

The SSA Artistic Events (AE) Committee will be hosting a Skills Camp and plans to set some new South African FreeFly records at the event.

Seminars / Presentations

Skydivers only:

- **'Canopy Skills Seminar'**
Hosted by the SSA Canopy Piloting (CP) Committee
A one-hour for all ages and skill levels
Friday morning, time and venue to be announced at the event.
- **'Keeping it Simple – the new Artistic Events MOPS'**
"We would like to use this platform to discuss the new teaching methodology with current and prospective coaches, as well as to hold a discussion about what the implications are to the jumpers in terms of licences." - Julie Teague - SSA Chairman for Artistic Events
Friday evening, time and venue to be announced at the event.
- **'The effect of altitude on the human physique and psyche'**
Major Laurel 'Thatch' Thatcher - SANDF HALO Skydiving Instructor at 44 Parachute Regiment.
Day, time and venue to be confirmed
- **'Caught on Camera'**
"Thatch's special collection of video clips from which we can all learn something." - 'Thatch'
Day, time and venue to be confirmed

Additional seminars and presentations will be announced at the event

Open to the Public, and of course interested Skydivers:

- **'History of Skydiving Equipment'** - Boss Doug
A former military parachute technician, civilian and military parachute jump instructor, and all round good guy, Boss Doug has worked in the parachute industry for 30 years plus. His incredible collection of ancient to old to pre-modern parachuting equipment and his humorous nature make for an educational and entertaining presentation not to be missed.
Various times throughout the event, times and venues to be announced at the event.
- **'Red Bull X Alps - Walking, Running, Climbing, Crawling and Paragliding across the Alps'** - Pierre Carter and James Braid
Whilst not exactly skydiving still incredible and super interesting. This pair have entered the RedBull XAlps twice and are currently planning to fly off the 7 highest peaks of the world.
Various times throughout the event, times and venues to be announced at the event.
- **'400 Way World Record Largest Freefall Formation'** - Paul 'Simba' Marcellin
Simba, one of three South Africans that were part of this World Record in Thailand, will give a shorter more general presentation on this specifically for visiting members of the public. His full presentation will be part of the Saturday Evening Function.
Time and venue to be announced at the event.

Accommodation specials have been arranged as part of the event - mention "SkyDiving Boogie" to get special rates if you are planning on staying over (recommended). Camping (with own equipment) and use of facilities is included in the registration fee for Sports Skydivers / PASA Members.

Bookings and payments for accommodation need to be made confirmed and paid direct with Protea Hotel Ranch Resort. Please email reservations@theranch.co.za and use "The Ranch SkyDiving Boogie" as your reference.

Fly Ins - Aviators wishing to fly into the event are reminded that this is a skydiving and parachuting event, 'single discipline event rules' will apply, which means no displays or fly-pasts can be permitted.

Please inform the organisers of the event in advance if you intend flying in.

The event will be NOTAM'ed, paradropping will have priority, parachutes will have right of way. Procedure will be to hold at 5NM until comms established with either of the Atlas Angel Jump Ships and / or DZ Ground.

General Frequency will be 124.8

There will be a dedicated Temporary Aerodrome Frequency - frequency to be confirmed.

AFIS at the event will be provided by Bob Alison (ATC 066)

Aircraft parking space at The Ranch Resort is limited.

If aircraft parking space becomes full you may be diverted Polokwane Municipal Airport and collected by road.

The aims and objectives of The Ranch SkyDiving Boogie and Symposium are:

- To host a safe, fun, friendly, relaxed and efficient skydiving boogie with an informative symposium element, at the luxurious Ranch Resort.
- To provide a platform for the sharing of information, knowledge, and experience across all skydiving and parachuting disciplines and applications (sport, competition, professional, and military).
- To encourage participation from individuals, teams, clubs, and military and police skydiving units internationally.
- To hold informative and educational presentations and demonstrations on a range of subjects of interest to skydivers and parachutists.
- To have suppliers and service providers to the skydiving and parachuting world exhibit, display, and demonstrate products, equipment, new technologies, and ideas.
- To introduce members of the public to the exciting world of skydiving and parachuting in the 21st Century.
- To achieve media exposure and raise public awareness for skydiving, parachuting, recreational sports aviation, and to highlight the various career opportunities that surround it.
- To create value for sponsors and supporters of the event.
- To grow The Ranch SkyDiving Boogie and Symposium into Africa's Premier Skydiving and Parachuting Gathering.
- For everyone to have a huge amount of fun in the Polokwane skies!

2011 – a recap on last years event:

The 2011 Ranch SkyDiving Boogie and Symposium received 88 registrations from 21 different Sports Skydiving Operations and Military Parachuting Units from across Southern Africa. 2 Atlas Angels flew 90 loads to 12 000ft. 78 members of the public were taken on a tandem introductory skydive, and Miss Limpopo was trained to skydive solo on National Woman's Day. The SANDF saw the event as an ideal opportunity to enhance cooperation whilst learning and sharing ideas by participating at events outside of the military and, promoting military interest in sport skydiving, held a mini accuracy meet with military and civilian entrants as part of the event.

In short it was an awesome friendly, relaxed, jump in the pool, walk with the lions, sing around the camp fire, no politics social skydiving gathering at the luxurious Ranch Resort....

The 2011 event also enjoyed massive media exposure and was featured on local and national television (SABC 1, 2 and 3, News, Sport, Morning Live and Weekend Live), on local and national radio (Capricorn FM and Jacaranda FM), and in both online media (MyPolokwane, This Tourism Week), in newspapers (Polokwane Observer, Capricorn Voice, Northern Review, Daily Star, Platinum Weekly), and in magazines (African Pilot).

'Skydive for Rhinos'

As part of African Conservation Trusts 'Skydive for Rhinos' campaign, this years Ranch SkyDiving Boogie and Symposium will be in honour of the 448 South African Rhinos that were poached last year, and the 245 South African Rhinos that have been poached so far this year. All sports skydivers and tandem skydiving passengers will be encouraged to donate to African Conservation Trusts 'Rhino Fund'.

www.SkyDive4Rhinos.org

See you at South Africa's Premier SkyDiving and Parachuting Event.

Thank you for your continued support of this event.

Much gratitude to sponsors and supporters of Africa's Premier Skydiving and Parachuting Event.

Many thanks to the Shearer Family, Directors, Management and Staff of Protea Hotel Ranch Resort for once again allowing us to host the event at The Ranch Resort.

Your instigators of fun and excitement....

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www.TheRanch.co.za

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Ranch_Resort

Skydiving and Parachuting operations are conducted under the supervision of, and at the discretion of, a PASA approved Chief Instructor, in accordance with the PASA MOPs and part 105 of the SA Civil Aviation Regulation, and as per terms and conditions laid down by the event organisers.