

# Skydive Chatter



## Johannesburg Skydiving Club Monthly Newsletter

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## GENERAL STUFF

Welcome to JSC's first (BEER!) issue of **Skydive Chatter**. The objective is a light & fluffy round-up of the past month's "Waz Happening" at JSC and in the skydiving world.

There'll be a few standard articles and features every month but the rest is very flexible. This is YOUR time as JSC members to get involved by sending in your thoughts and contributions. This is the place for all the good stuff happening in our sport, and yes, politicians (and politics) were seriously injured during the making of this document!

For upcoming events and boogies, visit our excellent website: [www.jsc.co.za](http://www.jsc.co.za)

We look forward to hearing from you all soon!

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## SKYDIVER PROFILE OF THE MONTH

### GLEN VERMEULEN

RATING: JM, TANDEM

LICENCE: D845

TOTAL JUMPS: PLENTY!



- Q** How did the idea to skydive start?  
**A** In a bar, where most good things start.
- Q** Was it your idea to start skydiving?  
**A** No, an army buddy of mine...
- Q** What year did you start skydiving?  
**A** 1999
- Q** How do people react when you tell them your wife packs your parachute for the weekends?  
**A** Haha! They normally want to know if we've had a good week.
- Q** What advice can you give to other skydivers?  
**A** Yeah, don't f\*ck up.

## BORED SKYDIVERS... AT CUTAWAY PUB



Yes, it's full of vitamin "D"  
according to Chris



And there's always someone who says  
"really?" ... Craig wags his tail (again)

# FEATURED SKYDIVING ARTICLE

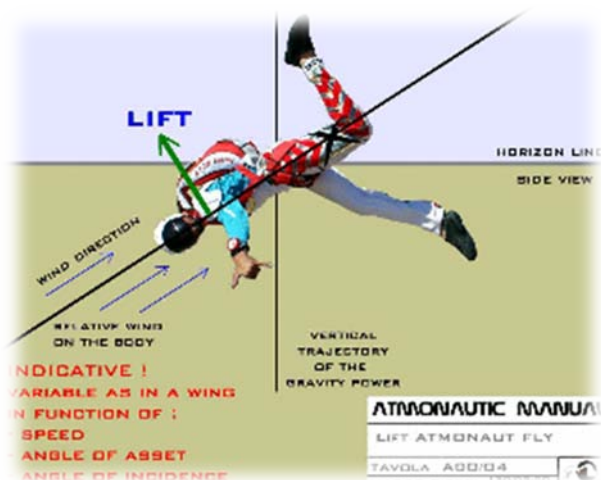
## ATMONAUTI (WTF?)

Yep, you better believe it. The new(er) kid on the block in the world of skydiving since 1998. If you think just the name is enough to raise a few eyebrows, hold on to your goggles and keep your head down while we find out more about what some are calling “real human flight”...



### ATMONAUTI (aka: ATMO)

A human flight technique invented by Marco Tiezzi in 1998 and developed with Gigliola Borgnis. In short, the body of a skydiver is shaped and used like the wing of the very aircraft you have just bailed out of. Just as the wing of an aircraft requires an air stream around it in order to create lift, so can the same physics be applied to a human body in free-fall (shaped like a wing) to generate lift along with impressive forward movement. Oh yes, considered not possible before, Atmonauti has rapidly grown worldwide with aircraft pilots receiving more and more requests to please be dropped a mile plus from the DZ.



### ATMONAUTI @ JSC

After hosting the Atmo Nationals in November 2010, skydivers have truly begun to embrace Atmo as a fun new skydiving discipline. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Marco Ciocca who regularly hosts Atmo boogies and skills camps at JSC, more and more skydivers are giving it a try.

**Student:** “But...when can you start Atmonauti?”

**Marco:** “Like, after CAT2...sweet brother.”

If you feel the need to experience human flight without spandex and a cape, contact Marco Ciocca:

[marco@macaronis.co.za](mailto:marco@macaronis.co.za)

Cell : 082 600 6569



CHECK OUT ATMONAUTI.COM

# FOLSCHER OBSERVATION TOWER



Ja Bru!



JSC has a new asset in the form of an observation tower dedicated to the memory of Jarrod “Chucky” Folscher.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September saw the delivery, final assembly and planting of the observation tower.

A massive “well done” and “awesomeness” to Marco, all the Atmonauti jumpers, PAC Partnership and everyone who helped erect the tower on Saturday.

The final ceremony included some touching words from Jarrod's mom Marlene, the JSC CI and Chairman, and Atmo SA – thereafter the commemorative plate was fastened to the structure.

**More info and photos here:**

[www.jsc.co.za/news\\_atmo\\_folschertower.asp](http://www.jsc.co.za/news_atmo_folschertower.asp)

**A photo tribute to Chucky:**

[www.jsc.co.za/gallery\\_jarrod.asp](http://www.jsc.co.za/gallery_jarrod.asp)

## FOLSCHER MEMORIAL

Chucky's ashes were released in the sky on 4 September by Rainer on a tandem skydive executed by Glen Vermeulen while accompanied by close friends and members under their canopies. After which a fly-by was done with Roger at the controls and Jarrod's mom Marlene as passenger. A great salute from all involved.





Yep, in the 80's we had the boom box... Ian sets the record straight for the new millennium.

## PIC OF THE MONTH

Send your pic of the month with a brief description for possible selection in next month's issue.

And stand a chance to say...

*"I took that... cool, hey?"*

Plus stand a chance to win... nofink

Email your pics to [john@jsc.co.za](mailto:john@jsc.co.za)

## ABOVE AND BEYOND...

This segment of the newsletter is to give a thank you to persons in and out of the sport who go above and beyond the call of duty.

**Peter Hansen** recently moved to Joburg from Durban (sorry for you Eston!) Being a rigger we handed him our rigs due for the 6 month reserve repack. Five months later, the first surprise came when he gave us a call to let us know that our rigs needed to get repacked before the end of the month. That's a first for me! And then after an extensive inspection he proceeded to email a list of worries that he had with main, harness and reserve, photos included. We feel that this does deserve a thank you for thinking safety first.



*Thanks Bud!*

## A "WHUFFO" NO MORE!

### CLAREN CONDON

JUMP TYPE: TANDEM

THOUGHTS: FREE-FALL IS JUST AWESOME!

### DEFINITION OF WHUFFO:

Term for a non-jumper, comes from the typical non-jumper question:

*"What for you want to jump out of a perfectly good airplane?"*

To which of course the answer is:

*"Because the door was open"*



For full story and photos, go to:

<http://www.wilddog.za.net/forum/index.php?topic=79528.0>

# SUPPORT BEHIND THE SPORT



This month's support behind the sport goes to **FOOD!** That's right; it's the fuel that keeps us in the air. Where would JSC be without its canteen? **And where would the canteen be without Ian, Yvonne and Shaun?**

Thumbs up guys, for dedicating every weekend to being at JSC and ensuring that we have a full menu to choose from!



Many great conversations have been had, while eating a warm plate of their wonderful, freshly prepared food on a Saturday night; they always go out of their way to make everyone feel welcome.

## *Psst!*

- Next time you order a cup of hot chocolate, ask Shaun to put your initials in. Be amazed, be very amazed!
- Ask Ian to say something profound..... he may just.
- For a small fee, Yvonne may tell you the secret to having your man in the kitchen wearing the apron... every weekend!!?

# STUDENT LOGBOOK ENTRY FOR THE MONTH



## NICK VAN NIEKERK

JUMP NUMBER: 4

JUMP TYPE: STATIC LINE

THOUGHTS: VERY COOL, LIKE IT TOO MUCH!

[Part of training for first jumpers is that equipment may be lost or damaged if it means avoiding injury. Nick holds the record for achieving this BEFORE ever exiting an airplane, by breaking a safety cable on a training harness! A beer fine was accordingly issued...]

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH!

*“The mind is like a parachute, works best when open”*

*Frank Zappa*



# THEY CALL THEMSELVES “WILD DOGS”



Just when you thought skydivers had a reputation for being adrenalin junkies; enter the (deep voice) “wild dogs” on MOTORBIKES. Ja Bru, these bikers decided to give skydiving a go and what a great bunch they turned out to be! We (JSC) threw everything we had at them: tequila; beer, braai, camping, Karaoke, kak praat... and then finally we threw them out of an airplane. Their response, MORE PLEASE!!

**To Nick, Judy and Mark, welcome and well done on your jumps. We now call you the “wild sky dogs”.**



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