

PIA Symposium 2023 – Speaker Schedule



| Start Time | S | Fireside Chats Skydiving 1 | S | Skydiving 2 | T | Technical | M G | Management & Government | R | Rigging 1 | R | Rigging 2 |
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| Monday / February 27 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8:00 | | <p>Evolution of Canopy Planforms (2)</p> <p><i>John LeBlanc</i></p> | S | Influence and Impact through the Lens of Professional Skydiving (2) | T | Classification and Disposition of Raw Material and Manufacturing Defects (2) | | | R | Packing the TL2 Single Parachute BASE Rig (2) | R | Basic Sewing Machine Fixes (2) |
| 9:00 | | | S | Flying Your Canopy is an Inevitable Part of the Skydive - SO Start Loving It! (2) | T | Design of Parachute Structural Joints (2) | G | Government Contracting 101 (2) | R | How to run a Profitable and Efficient Rigging Loft (2) | R | Packing the Javelin Odyssey, A Master Class (2) |
| 10:00 | | Performance Team Building (1) | S | Communication in a Modern Skydiving World (1) | T | Altimeter Settings in Tactical Jumping / Maintenance (2) | M | Efficient, Safe and Profitable! How to Manage your AFF School (2) | | Mark Kruse | | Tom Parker / Steve Simpson "Pickles" |
| 11:00 | | <p>Fireside Chat</p> <p>Brian Krause and Kirk Verner</p> <p>Hosted by James La Barrie</p> | S | Behind The Scenes of Judging (2) | T | Sport Skydiving at High Altitudes Needing Oxygen. Safe? (2) | M | With Lives on the Line, Every Personality Matters (2) | R | Packing the Sigma 2 Tandem Reserve Canopy (2) | R | Packing a Reserve (2) |
| 12:00 | | PIA-High Altitude Skydiving Operations (HASO). Best Practices Guidelines. Briefing & Discussion (2) | S | Sponsorship. How to Get Sponsors and Conduct Ourselves to Once we Have Them (2) | T | Malfunction Review Board Lessons Learned (2) | | Dennis Bullard | | Peter Bany | | Discussion on Rigger Training - Long Ear Packing and Canopy Repair (2) |
| 1:00 | | T.K. Donle, Dr. Aaron Ruebin & Dr. Ben Massey | T | Canopy Collision Avoidance (2) | T | Defining New Standards (2) | M | Building a Better Business Through Better Teamwork (2) | | Skyhook System in UPT & Sunpath Harness/Container Technical & Rigging Info (1) | | Derek Thomas |
| 2:00 | | What is Canopy Flocking? (2) | S | Greg Windmiller | T | How to Become an EU Rigger, Equivalents to the FAA System, Requirements to Renew and maintain Valid License (2) | T | Using Robots to Manufacture Line Sets (2) | R | Shlomo Pearl | | Parachute Patching and a Discussion of More Extensive Canopy Repairs (2) |
| 3:00 | | Bouncing Back (1) | S | Getting your Pro-rating is just a start of a journey to become a Professional Demonstration jumper (2) | T | Modern Flight Planning – Developing the Plan for Instructors and Students (2) | | Don't Kill your Golden Goose- Protect & Perpetuate your Business (2) | R | Packing a "Softie" Seat Emergency Parachute System (2) | R | Hannah Albrecht |
| 4:00 | | <p>Fireside Chat</p> <p>Cheryl Stearns</p> <p>Hosted by James La Barrie</p> | S | CPS' Mount Everest Expedition (2) | T | Spring Loaded Pilot Chute Hesitations (2) | M | Larry Oxenham | R | Rigger Q & A | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Panel includes: Kevin Gibson, Jeff Johnston, Mark Kruse, Tom Parker, Andi Paulsen, Pablito Perazzoli, Kirk Smith (1) | | |
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| Tuesday / February 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8:00 | S | Top 3 Things I have Learned as a National Director (2) <i>Melissa Nelson</i> | S | 2022 Fatality Summary (2) <i>Ron Bell</i> | S | Cultural Alignment Within Doctrine (2) <i>Noah Watts</i> | M | The Rise in Angle Flying Popularity - What Your DZ Needs to Know (2) <i>Jesse Leos (Tex)</i> | R | Infinity MARD Development and Test Jumps (2) <i>Rory Corrigan</i> | R | Vector 3 Reserve Packing (2) <i>Louie Palomares</i> |
| 9:00 | S | The Advantage of Using Digital Altimeters in Student Training / The Limitation of Sports Products in Tactical Jumping / Inhoppes (2) <i>Jens Gronemeyer</i> | S | How to Stay Alive (1) <i>Dan Brodsky-Chenfeld</i> | T | Supporting Education through Technology: USPA Initiatives (2) <i>Jen Sharp</i> | M | A Case for Improved Jump Pilot Training (2) <i>Ed Scott</i> | R | Main Parachute Packer (MPP) Certification (Proposed) (2) <i>Kirk Smith & Abbie Mashaal</i> | R | Packing the Sigma 2 Tandem Reserve Canopy (2) <i>Peter Bary</i> |
| 10:00 | S | Where did all the Tandem Instructors Go (2) <i>Angie Aragon</i> | | | T | Classification and Disposition of Raw Material and Manufacturing Defects (2) <i>Catherine Mollmann</i> | M | Super Juice Your Marketing (2) <i>James La Barrie</i> | | | | |
| 11:00 | S | How to Prepare & Prep for an International Boogie to be Safe (2) <i>Matthew Yount</i> | S | The Essence of Canopy Relative Work and why Skydivers Should be Doing CRW (2) <i>John Hart & Yuliya Pangburn & Brian Pangburn</i> | T | Skydive Safer Seminar (2) <i>Ricardo Pettena</i> | G | Government Contracting 101 (2) <i>Cheryl Deluca</i> | R | Absolute Musts for CRW Riggers (2) <i>Andi Paulsen</i> | R | Sewing Machine Maintenance (2) <i>Bruce Stephenson</i> |
| 12:00 | S | Trust the Journey (1) Fireside Chat <i>Jason Moledzki and Melanie Curtis</i> <i>Hosted by James La Barrie</i> | S | Modern Flight Planning – Developing the Plan for Instructors and Students (2) <i>Brian Vacher</i> | T | Parachute Fabric Research and Development (2) <i>Allison Reay & "Kappie" Ignatious Kapp</i> | M | Virtual Reality as a Training Tool (2) <i>Ronnie Hughan</i> | R | Common Rigging Errors and Misunderstandings (2) <i>Kevin Gibson</i> | | |
| 1:00 | S | Worldwide Views (1) Fireside Chat <i>Albert Berchtold , Tony Butler, Michelle Matte Stotyn & Charlie Rootman</i> <i>Hosted by James La Barrie</i> | S | Behind The Scenes of Judging <i>Marylou Laughlin (2)</i> | M | Tactics, Techniques and Principals of Behavior Based Training in Safety and Quality <i>Dennis Bullard (2)</i> | M | Legal Issues and Risk Management in the Parachuting Industry - Protecting You and Your Business Interests (1) <i>Robert Feldman</i> | R | MM2 Repack with OR Reserve (2) <i>Pablito Perazzoli</i> | R | Main Ram Air Canopy Reline (1) <i>Shlomo Pearl</i> |
| 2:00 | | | S | The SkydiveXperience - Much More Than a Museum (2) <i>Jim McCormick</i> | T | Evolution of Technologies in Canopy Control Training (2) <i>Ian Bobo</i> | | | | | | |
| 3:00 | S | Evolution of Canopy Platforms (2) <i>John LeBlanc</i> | S | Getting your Pro-rating is just a start of a journey to become a Professional Demonstration jumper (2) <i>John Hart</i> | T | Special Needs Tandem Jumping (2) <i>Jay Stokes</i> | M | Risk Mitigation for the Industry (1) <i>William Meyer</i> | R | Packing a "Softie" Back Emergency Parachute System (2) <i>Charlie Markin</i> | R | The Art of Untangling a Parachute (2) <i>Marc Nadeau</i> |
| 4:00 | | | S | Observations From the Road: Downsizing (2) <i>Beau Riebe</i> | T | High Altitude Parachuting and the Race to 35,000 ft; Is NATO Ready (2) <i>James Dalebozik</i> | M | Understanding the False Claims Act (FCA) (1) <i>Alexander Gorlick</i> | R | Parachute Rigger Trivia <i>Moderator: Betsy Hoates</i> | | |

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| 10:00 | S | Triple 7 Expedition - Seven Jumps, Seven Continents, Seven Days (1) <i>Fred Williams, Mike Sarraile & Nicholas Kush</i> | S | 2022 Fatality Summary (2) <i>Ron Bell</i> | T | Spring Loaded Pilot Chute Hesitations (2) <i>TK Donle</i> | M | The Rise in Angle Flying Popularity - What Your DZ Needs to Know (2) <i>Jesse Leos (Tex)</i> | R | Packing a "Softie" Seat Emergency Parachute System (2) <i>Charlie Markin</i> | R | Packing a Reserve (2) <i>Pablito Perazzoli</i> |
| 11:00 | S | | S | Skydive Safety Culture- Reducing Foreseeable Accidents to Zero (1) <i>Albert Berchtold (USPA)</i> | T | Special Needs Tandem Jumping (2) <i>Jay Stokes</i> | M | A Case for Improved Jump Pilot Training (2) <i>Ed Scott</i> | R | | R | |
| 12:00 | S | Red Bull Airforce (1) <i>Fireside Chat</i> <i>Miles Daisher</i> | S | The Advantage of Using Digital Altimeters in Student Training / The Limitation of Sports Products in Tactical Jumping / Inhoppes (2) <i>Jens Gronemeyer</i> | T | | M | Social Media Best Practices (2) <i>George Hargis</i> | R | Packing the Javelin Odyssey, A Master Class (2) <i>Tom Parker / Steve Simpson "Pickles"</i> | R | How to run a Profitable and Efficient Rigging Loft (2) <i>Mark Kruse</i> |
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| 9:00 | S | 41,000' Jumps, Aircraft, Equipment, Procedures, Results (1) <i>Mike Mullins</i> | S | Sponsorship. How to Get Sponsors and Conduct Ourselves to Once we Have Them (2) <i>Steve Simpson "Pickles"</i> | M | Tactics, Techniques and Principals of Behavior Based Training in Safety and Quality (2) <i>Dennis Bullard</i> | M | Efficient, Safe and Profitable! How to manage your AFF School (2) <i>Amber Wright</i> | R | Packing Infinity Container with MARD RSL (1) <i>Kamuran (Sonic) Bayrasli</i> | R | Keeping it Simple (2) <i>Brett Newman</i> |
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| 11:00 | | Highlight Pro Skydiving Team (1) Fireside Chat <i>Melanie Curtis, Melissa Nelson, Allison Reay, Hanna Albrecht, Andi Paulsen, Maxine Tate and Keri Bell</i> | S | The Future of Virtual Competition (1) <i>Tracey Holman</i> | T | How to Become an EU Rigger, Equivalents to the FAA System, Requirements to Renew and maintain Valid License (2) <i>Jo Oosterveer</i> | S | How Indoor Wingsuit Contributes to the Industry (2) <i>Johan Stromberg</i> | R | Packing a "Softie" Back Emergency Parachute System (2) <i>Charlie Markin</i> | R | Packing the Butler High Altitude Emergency Parachute System (1) <i>Tim McCord</i> |
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6:00 to 7:00 Cocktail Hour Silver Legacy Prefunction Salon – Grand Exposition Hall
7:00 to 11:00 Closing Banquet Silver Legacy Grand Exposition Hall