



US NATIONAL WINGSUIT RECORD FACT SHEET:

Record: 68-way diamond-shaped formation

Certifying Body: United States Parachute Association

Judges: Chris Farina and Laurent "Lob" Lobjoit

Date achieved: 11 November 2009

Place achieved: Skydive Elsinore, California (between Los Angeles and San Diego)

Countries of participants: 16 (Austria, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, UK, and USA)

Total record team members: 74

Largest formation attempted: 73

Record holders: 68

Videographers: 4

Sectors of the formation: 4

Aircraft: 4 Twin Otters

Exit altitude: 13,000 ft. AGL

Approximate horizontal miles flown on each attempt: 2.5

Single-plane practice loads flown: 6

2-plane formation practice loads: 2

4-plane record attempts: 7 (Record achieved on the last attempt)

Raise the Sky Organizers: 9 (Lead organizer: Taya Weiss. Organizers: Jeff Nebelkopf and Mark Harris. Plane captains: Ed Pawlowski, Duncan Wright, Justin Shorb, Scott Callantine. Ground manager: Eli Bolotin. Media manager: Phil Peggs.)

Raise the Sky Board Members & Founders: 5 (Taya Weiss, Eli Bolotin, Phil Peggs, Jeff Donohue, Steve Sanderson)

Charitable Partner: City Year Los Angeles (www.cityyear.org/losangeles)

Donation to City Year: Over 5,000 US dollars to keep at-risk kids in school



US NATIONAL WINGSUIT RECORD HOLDERS:

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| 1. Ralph Armstrong | 35. Michal Motykiewicz |
| 2. Avery Badenhop | 36. Jeff Nebelkopf |
| 3. Brian Barnhart | 37. Sergey Nikulin |
| 4. Riaan Bergh | 38. Andreea Olea |
| 5. Ro lf Brombach | 39. Alexander Osipov |
| 6. Paul Cain | 40. Justin Pabis |
| 7. Elana Cain | 41. Tero Pauku |
| 8. Brian Caldwell | 42. Ed Pawlowski |
| 9. Scott Callantine | 43. Philip Peggs |
| 10. Troy Church | 44. Craig Poxon |
| 11. Damien Dykman | 45. Raider Ramstad |
| 12. Jhonathan Florez | 46. Simon Repton |
| 13. Alex Frey | 47. Joe Rodriguez |
| 14. Kenneth Gajda | 48. David Royer |
| 15. David Gershfeld | 49. Valery Rozov |
| 16. Silvestri Giovanni | 50. Cliff Ryder |
| 17. Robert Gray | 51. Dennis Sattler |
| 18. Steve Harrington | 52. Patrick Schraufnagel |
| 19. Cate Heneghan | 53. Alexey Shatilov |
| 20. Jimmy Hopper | 54. Justin Shorb |
| 21. Sean Horton | 55. Irina Sinitsina |
| 22. Richard Hough | 56. Benny Skovhede |
| 23. Shinichi Ito | 57. Brian Snarr |
| 24. John Kallend | 58. Kristin Sosso |
| 25. Mark Krasinski | 59. Jochen Stier |
| 26. Mette, Hogaard Kristensen | 60. Stephen Such |
| 27. Martin Libelt | 61. Michael Swanson |
| 28. Benjamin Lowe | 62. Michael Swearingen |
| 29. Ryan Maher | 63. Jonathan Tagle |
| 30. Sergey Makeev | 64. Andrei Volkov |
| 31. Marko Makela | 65. Alexander von Scheidt |
| 32. Dan Mayer | 66. Taya Weiss |
| 33. Randy McCoy | 67. Bo Wienberg |
| 34. Francis Mobley | 68. Duncan Wright |

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WINGSUIT SKYDIVERS SET NATIONAL RECORD FOR CHARITY

Team Donates Over \$5000 to City Year Los Angeles to Combat High School Dropout Crisis

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US National Wingsuit Record 68-way

LOS ANGELES, November 13, 2009 – A team of 68 specially-qualified **wingsuit skydivers** have set the **official US record for Wingsuit Formation Skydiving**, more than doubling the prior record of 25. This unique event was organized by Raise the Sky and **donated over \$5000 to City Year Los Angeles**, a nonprofit organization that is battling the dropout crisis in Los Angeles.

A wingsuit consists of fabric stretched between a skydiver's arms and legs and allows dramatically increased horizontal travel while simultaneously slowing the skydiver's descent toward the ground. A minimum of 200 skydives is required before attempting wingsuit flight.

According to America's Promise Alliance, every 26 seconds, a student drops out of school. By doing something that seems impossible to most humans, Raise the Sky wants to inspire at-risk youth in Los Angeles to stay in school. Our message to Los Angeles' youth is **"If We Can Fly, You Can Graduate!"**

The record jump was completed November 11, 2009 at Skydive Elsinore (www.skydiveelsinore.com), located at 20701 Cereal Street in Lake Elsinore, CA, between Los Angeles and San Diego. Judges from the United States Parachute Association (www.uspa.org), the governing body for skydiving in the United States, certified the jump November 12, 2009.

The team flew in a huge, evenly spaced, predetermined formation like a flock of birds, exiting four separate aircraft from 13,000 feet above the ground and flying for more than two miles at speeds that can exceed 100 mph before deploying parachutes and landing. The formation was clearly visible from the ground. **Aerial HD video and still photos are available upon request.**

About Raise the Sky:
www.raisethesky.org

Raise the Sky is a non-profit organization that connects members of the worldwide sport skydiving community to humanitarian and charitable causes. Our mission: Give sport skydiving a humanitarian face. Use the promotional power of skydiving to facilitate charitable giving, positive change, and community involvement. Inspire the next generation of skydivers to engage in "fearless outreach".

About City Year:
www.cityyear.org

City Year is a nonprofit organization that unites diverse young people for a demanding year of full-time service, giving them the skills and opportunities to change the world. This year, City Year Los Angeles' 150 young leaders will complete more than 255,000 hours of service:

- Mentoring, tutoring, and educating school children in public schools to get kids on track to graduate;
- Organizing after-school programs and school vacation programs;
- Engaging middle and high school students in community service and leadership development activities; and
- Planning and leading physical transformative service projects to revitalize schools and public spaces.

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