



curriculum vitae

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D.o.B: July 5, 1973  
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**Objective**

My career is dedicated to advancing the art, science & sport of human flight.

It is my goal to successfully represent Flight Club Ltd. as peak performance coach and world class athlete on drop zones world-wide.

In this role, it is my ambition to fly in a way, as well as to carry myself publicly in a way, which will inspire the next generation of skydivers to freely explore our sport and the spirit it carries within.

With 23 years of professional experience in the skydiving industry, I am internationally recognized for providing state-of-the-art skydive coaching and mentoring, instructor training, team-building courses, peak performance/ personal development training, product R & D, in-air film/ photography.

I am seeking opportunities to contribute my expertise and services to drop zones, armed forces groups, federal agencies, to universities and corporate entities on a multi-cultural and international playing field.

**Experience**

As a professional skydiver & coach, I have accumulated 20,200+ skydives and 298 hours of free fall time to date.

My career has taken me several times around the planet and allowed me to collect valuable work and life experience in Germany, Spain, USA, Russia, The United Arab Emirates, Austria and New Zealand, since 1994.

**Employment**

Please find a chronological listing of the most significant assignments below:

Aerograd Kolomna:

website: <http://aerograd.ru/en/en-about>

Aerograd Kolomna, the Aviation and Technical Sports Club of DOSAAF Russia, is located 60 miles south of Moscow city. Servicing more than 140,000 jumps per year, the center enjoys an international reputation as Europe' s premier skydiving venue, for both civilian and military clientele. The dropzone is USPA affiliated and caters to a large crowd of foreign skydiving students and fun-jumpers during summer season.

appointed USPA S & TA, C/ E and AFF/ I:

In these roles and on behalf of Aerograd Kolomna, I overview foreign student training activity and subsequent licensing procedures and mentor instructional rating holders on staff.

In addition, representing Flight Club Ltd., I work as a private coach and mentor for skydivers of all experience levels in the following disciplines of the sport: relative work, free-flying and canopy piloting.

since June 2013 - current assignment

Skydive Dubai:

website address <http://skydivedubai.ae>

Skydive Dubai is a subsidiary of the Nad Al Sheba Private Club. The Club consists of a small core of specialists in various industries and is representing the interests of his Highness Sheik Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai.

I was recruited to the Club as a Training officer and assigned the roles of chief instructor and assistant operations manager of Skydive Dubai, the skydiving industry' s undisputed flagship venue.

chief instructor:

The chief instructor at Skydive Dubai is responsible for the development, implementation and conduct of all Accelerated Free Fall student training programs and the subsequent licensing process on behalf of the United States Parachute Association. Furthermore, the chief instructor designs, implements and oversees the conduct of all professional coaching programs catering to experienced jumpers in all disciplines of sport skydiving.

In this position the chief instructor leads and is part of a team of 25 world class instructors and coaches and serves as the liaison to operations management.

October 2011 through September 2012

assistant operations manager:

the assistant operations manager is responsible for the coordination and conduct of daily skydiving activities. In this role, he ensures operational efficiency as well as compliance with USPA and FAA safety standards and the associated laws of National aviation authorities in the United Arab Emirates.

The assistant operations manager serves as a link between skydiving personnel and the administrative departments. In this position the assistant operations manager leads a team of 43 members.

September 2012 through June 2013

New Zealand skydiving school:

website address <http://skydivingnz.com>

The center is set up as a NZQA approved vocational college and is the only skydiving school world wide offering a 32 week education and a commercial diploma in skydiving.  
Government funding and student loans are being made available to enrolled attendees of the school.

chief instructor:

It is the chief instructor' s responsibility to ensure that structure and execution of the training programs are compliant with existing NZQA guidelines and quality assurance policies and compatible with the regulatory framework set by the New Zealand Parachute Industry Association and the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand.

March 2009 through September 2011

Flight Club Ltd.:

website address <http://FlightClub.Tv>

Director & CEO:

Flight Club Ltd. has been incorporated in Leeston, New Zealand under the companies act of 1993.  
The group is one of the world's more popular aerial extreme sport teams, provider of custom tailored coaching/ mentoring programs and organizer of exclusive high-end adventure travel tours, shows & stunts in virtually all aspects of human flight:

sky diving, parachuting, base jumping, wind tunnel body flight, wing-suit flight, IL 76 zero- gravity parabola flight, MiG 29 supersonic flight, MiG 25 suborbital flight and civilian space exploration programs.

I have been traveling world wide in this role since May 2005.

Skydive Arizona Trainingcenter:

website address <http://skydiveaz.com>

Skydive Arizona is commonly known as the largest and most popular skydiving venue in the world and as home base for several US National Teams.

Founder & manager:

On behalf of Skydive Arizona, I was recruited to conceptualize and set up, a peak performance training center, catering to the expectations and needs of flyers in all disciplines of the sport and of any experience level, ranging from recreational to professional.

Responsibilities include the development, implementation and execution of advanced skydive coaching programs.

For that purpose, I was working with a team of 8 National- and World Champion skydivers tasked with executing said training programs in the daily operation.

During that time, I also served as coach and/ or alternate training partner to the following National- and World Champion skydiving teams & US Armed Forces special task groups:  
US Army Parachute Team Golden Knights 8-way, US Navy Parachute Team Leap Frogs, Lake Elsinore Matrix 8 (USA), Arizona Airspeed 4-way, 8-way and 16-way (USA).

February 2002 through November 2004.

Skydive University, Inc.:

website address <http://skydiveu.com>

The company is internationally recognized as a specialist venue for peak performance coaching in sport skydiving. Several Skydive University developed training programs have been implemented into the student and coach/ instructor training manuals of the United States Parachute Association- the governing body of sport skydiving in the USA. Over the years, I served the company in the following roles:

interim Vice President, Campus Director, Coaches Certification Course Conductor/ Examiner:

As campus director at the Skydive Arizona and Crosskeys New Jersey campuses, I was responsible for the development and implementation of peak performance training methods and coaching programs for skydivers of any experience level in Formation skydiving.  
The campus director coordinates a team of coaches and support personnel on the drop zone and oversees the conduct of these training programs during the daily operation.

In addition, I was tasked with the development and implementation of the Skydive University wind tunnel assisted Accelerated Free Fall training program as well as the Skydive University basic body flight 1 on 1 coaching programs.

The role of Coach Certification Course Conductor/ Examiner carries with it the responsibility to facilitate coach certification courses and to oversee the subsequent licensing process of Skydive University coaches world-wide.

May 1998 through February 2002.

**Qualification** United States Parachute Association: <http://uspa.org>

\* License # D- 18143  
\* Accelerated Free Fall Instructor since 1996 (rating status: current)  
\* Accelerated Free Fall Instructor/ Examiner (rating status: in process)  
\* Tandem Instructor since 1998 (rating status: current)  
\* Coach Examiner since 1998 (rating status: current)  
\* Safety & Training Advisor since 2010 (rating status: current)  
\* Professional Exhibition Rating since 2010 (rating status: current)

German Skydiving Federation DFV: <http://dfv.aero>

\* License # DFV 4691  
\* Accelerated Free Fall Instructor since 1996 (rating status: current)  
\* Tandem Instructor since 1997 (rating status: current)

Civil Aviation Authority Austria ÖeAC/ FAA: <http://aeroclub.at>

\* License # ÖeAC/ FAA 6223  
\* Accelerated Free Fall Instructor since 2017 (rating status: current)  
\* Tandem Instructor since 2017 (rating status: current)

New Zealand Parachute Industry Association NZPIA: <http://nzpia.co.nz>

\* License # D- 1441  
\* Accelerated Free Fall Instructor since 2009 (rating status: current)

International Bodyflight Association IBA: <http://tunnelflight.com>

\* Instructor level 1 since 2008 (rating status: in-active)

United Parachute Technologies UPT: <http://unitedparachutetechnologies.com>

\* Tandem Instructor, cert. ID: 102082, Vector/ SIGMA systems, since 1998/ 2107 (rating status: current)

**Jump Numbers**

career total: 20,200

breakdown of jump numbers by discipline:

Accelerated Free Fall Instructor	2.200
Tandem Master	1.000
Tandem photo/ video	1.000
Skydive University/ RW coach jumps	5.000
Free-Flying coach jumps	5.900
4 way Formation skydiving	2.000
8 way Formation skydiving	1.700
other: BASE, fun, military, etc	1.400

**Education**

Academic:

Degrees in Sports & Economics  
Institute for Economics and Science, Kempten, Germany, July 1985 through July 1993;

Military Training:

2nd Airborne Ranger Battalion 252  
Tactical Commando Crises Reaction Forces, Nagold, Germany; Rank: Corporal, October 1993 - October 1995;

Continued education:

Degree:

Coaches Certification Course Conductor/ Examiner, Skydive University Main Campus, Sebastian, FL, USA,  
Jul. 1996- Apr. 1998

Detail:

In it' s early days, part of this effort included the training and certification of Skydive University coaches world-wide. With the inception of the USPA integrated student program, Skydive University Coach Certification Course Directors were introduced into the new rating hierarchy as USPA Coach Examiners, teaching and certifying coaches as rating holders on behalf of the United States Parachute Association.

The person qualified for this assignment has demonstrated professional knowledge and in-air skill in the following areas:  
adult education, skill analysis, biomechanics, aerodynamics, sport psychology, sport sociology, formation skydiving and debriefing techniques.

This qualification carries with it the obligation that the rating holder provide exemplary leadership and accept greater responsibility for the positive development of sport parachuting as a professional coach.

**Language**

Native language: bilingual German and English  
other: Conversational/ proficient Russian, limited understanding & speaking ability of French & Spanish

**Publications**

Guinness Book of Aviation World Records 2002, skydiving competition, fastest 16-way, Team AZ Airspeed USA;  
Guinness Book of Aviation World Records 2003, skydiving exhibition, largest formation, 300-way World Team;  
Skydiving, Oct. 2001, cover shot, photo by Michael McGowan;  
Parachutist, Nov. 2002, World Record ad, photo by Michael McGowan;  
Parachutist, Feb. 2003, World Record cover shot, photographed by Jason Peters;  
Parachutist, Feb. 2004, AZ Trainingcenter, photo by Jason Peters;  
Parachutist, Apr. 2005, p.60, Flight Club Ltd., "we are Flight Club" endorsement, US Army Golden Knights

**Awards**

Certificate of Appreciation, US Department of Defense, Army Parachute Team, Golden Knights 8-way, Raeford, NC, USA, June 2003  
FAI Aviation World Record, Skydiving competition, longest 16-way sequence; Team Arizona Airspeed Blue (USA), Eloy, AZ, USA, Oct. 2001  
FAI Aviation World Record, Skydiving exhibition, 300-way World Team, Eloy, AZ, USA, Dec. 2002  
1st place, US National Championships, Formation skydiving, 16-way, Team Arizona Airspeed Blue, Eloy, AZ, USA, Oct. 2001  
3rd place, US National Championships, Formation skydiving, 8-way, Team Elsinore Matrix, Eloy, AZ, USA, Oct. 2001  
1st place, US National Championships, Formationskydiving, 16-way, Team Arizona Airspeed Blue, Ottawa, IL, USA, Sep. 2002

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