



Skydiving Bio of Robert John Laidlaw

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Age: 56
Hometown: Deland, Florida, USA
Nationality: Canadian Citizen – USA Resident
Profession: Business Owner -
Skydive University, Inc.

Skydiving stats:

First jump – May 15, 1973, Morden, Manitoba, Canada
Years in Sport – 37+
Total jumps – 15,150+
Instructional/Coach – 7,000+
Tandem: – 100
Camera: – 150+
Demos: – 50+
Competitive training – 6,000+

Skydiving ratings/licenses:

Skydive University Advanced Instructor Course, Course Director
USPA IERC (instructor examiner rating course), IERC Examiner
Skydive University FS Coach Level 1 & 2 Course, Course Director
Skydive University FS Coach
USPA AFFIRC Course Director
USPA AFF Instructor
Former Vector Tandem Master
Former CSPA IAD & Static Line Jumpmaster
Former CSPA Rigger A & Rigger Instructor
CSPA license D-263
Danish Level 1 Instructor
Former Danish National Coach (appointed three times)

Coaching experience:

2008 "Ecuador First Lady" Anne Correa Delgado, basic freefall training
2004 World Team Captain, 357 World Record
2004 Thailand Anti-terrorist unit, large formation skydiving
2003 Large formation organizer TSR 125
2002 Mexican large Formation record, Perris, California
1999 Mexican large Formation record, Dallas, Texas
1999 National coach; Denmark
1999 Sebastian 16
1998: Swiss-Boogie 8
Sebastian 16
1997: Luxembourg 4
1996: Mexico 4, Project 97
Luxembourg 4, Project 97
Ireland 4
1995: Luxembourg National 4, German
National 8, Danish RW project,
Deland Grafix 4, Excess 4, Air Strike 4
1994: Panama, Germany, Belgium,
1994: Danish RW Project
1993: Germany, Denmark, USA, New Zealand
Denmark 4, USA 4, Germany 8 at 93 Worlds'
1992-1993; German 4 way team, British 8 way
1990 - 1991: Project Canada; 4 and 8 way teams

1986: France TAG group, Belgian 4 Way team
 1983 - 1985: Canadian National Team Coach
 1979 - 1982: Assistant Coach; Canadian RW Team
 1976 - present: Skydiving Coach levels 1, 2 and 3
 1977 to present: Organizer of events ranging from skills camps, recreational boogies, FS organizing, Record attempts, State and Provincial, as well as Provincial and National competitions, an FS World Cup, and educational events (The Search) and wind tunnel camps.

Competition Experience:

1977 - 1978: Manitoba Champions RW
 1978 - 1997: Canadian National Skydiving Team (4 & 8 formation skydiving)
 1988: National Champion 4 way
 1996 - 1997: National Champion 8 way
 2002-03: 4 and 16 way, US National Championships

Competitive Achievements - National

1978: Gold medal 8 Way RW Team
 Bronze medal 4 Way RW Team
 1979: Gold medal 8 Way RW Team
 Bronze medal 4 Way RW Team
 1981: Gold medal 8 Way RW Team
 Silver medal 4 Way RW Team
 1982: Silver medal 8 Way RW Team
 1983: Gold medal 8 Way RW Team
 Gold medal 4 Way RW Team
 1984: Gold medal 8 Way RW Team
 Silver medal 4 Way RW Team
 1985: Gold medal 8 Way RW Team
 Gold medal 4 Way RW Team
 1988: Gold medal 4 Way RW Team
 1996: Gold medal 8 Way RW Team
 1999: Bronze medal 16 Way RW Team

Achievements - International

1979: **Silver medal 8 Way, World Meet, France**
 1981: **Silver medal 8 Way, World Meet, USA**
 1983: Bronze medal 8 Way, U.S. Nationals
 Gold medal 4 Way, U.S. Nationals
Gold medal 8 Way, World Cup, Canada
Gold medal 4 Way, World Cup, Canada
 1984: **Silver medal 8 Way, World Cup, France**
Gold medal 4 Way, World Cup, France
 1985: **Bronze medal 8 Way, World Meet, Yugoslavia**
Silver medal 4 Way, World Meet, Yugoslavia
 1997 - 6th place 8 Way, World Meet, Turkey

Achievements:

World Records:

1986: 100 person largest formation
 1987: 120 person largest formation
 1991: 200 person largest formation
 2004: 357 person largest formation
 2006: 400 person largest formation

Special Awards:

1979 Canadian Amateur Team of the Year (8 way Formation skydiving)
 Canadian 125th Year Outstanding Citizen Award (competitor and program contribution)

Industry Publications.....

CSPA Coach 1 and 2 manuals	contributor
CSPA Instructor A manual	co-author, contributor
CSPA PFF Instructors manual	co-author, contributor
CSPA PIM #1 manual	coordinator, contributor
CSPA PIM #2 manual	coordinator, contributor

CSPA Course Conductor Program		coordinator, co-author
Relative Workshop's Tandem Manual		technical editor
Skydive 101	1988	contributor
Skydive 100, Basic Body Flight (BBF)	1991	script and book author
Parachuting, Skydivers Handbook, Poynter		technical editor
SDU BBF Coach manual,	1992	author
Skydive 150, Basic Canopy Flight,	1995	author/producer
Basic Body Flight Theory,	1998	contributor
SDU Coach manual; Level #1,	2003	author
SDU Coach manual; Level #2,	2004	author
USPA Advanced Instructors Manual (AIC)	2004	author
Learn to Freefly, Backfly,	2004	contributor
Learn to Freefly, Sitfly,	2005	contributor
Learn to Freefly, Transitions 1,	2007	contributor
Human Flight, Basic,	2007	author and contributor
Many photos and mention in articles in magazines over past 35 years		

Other relevant activities:

1976 - 1979:	Technical Director: Manitoba Sport Parachute Association
1980:	Vice-Chairman: B.C. Parachute Council
1985 - 1992:	Technical Coordinator: Alberta Sport Parachuting
1991:	Western Parachuting Safety Committee (Transport Canada)
1989 - 1990:	CSPA Department of Transport liaison officer
1985 - 1992	CSPA Chairman; Coaching Working Committee
1983 - 1992	Member; Coaching Working Committee, CSPA
2008	Chairman, CSPA CWC sub-committee for Coach level 3 development
2008	Member CSPA Long Term Athletic Development (LTAD) Committee
2009	Chairman, CSPA-CAC Competition Coaches Development Committee (CompDev)

Military training:

2002	Dutch Airborne Instructors, Coach and advanced body flight training, wind tunnel coaching.
2006	Qatar Search and rescue Basic skydiving training & wind tunnel coaching.
2007	US SARTEC advanced body flight, canopy coaching, and wind tunnel coaching.
2007	Qatar Search and rescue Basic skydiving training & wind tunnel coaching.
2008	Belgian Airborne Instructors, Coach Training, advanced body flight and wind tunnel coaching.
2008	Qatar Army Basic skydiving training and wind tunnel coaching.