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JAN 2008 SKILZ
CAMP



I forgot to mention that we had our first camp of the season last Sunday. Unfortunately the weather was not overly conducive to getting loads up. However, we did get a few up thanks to Paul and Nancys generosity.

Keith, Melissa, Rich and I used the down time while we waited for the 206 to get de-iced to conduct a spotting class with the camp attendees. These included Kim Odonnel, Chris Ehlinger, Jill Stephens, Christie Hatch, Anna Scott, Kevin Lubinski, Bj McPeak and Steve Oake, along with Keith and Melissa Majeroni as coaches, Rich Altens on video and myself on coach and video as needed. We spent a long time at the wind board discussing spotting and fielded several excellent questions and the day rapidly turned into mostly canopy control class. We also spent some time going over the IPC 4 way pools while waiting. Finally we got a couple loads up, only from 5k' at first due to the severe cold at altitude, then finished the day with a couple 10k' loads. I can attest to the fact that after one full alt. load in that cold we were all pretty much done. However this gave us plenty of time for a very indepth and detailed debrief of the canopy landing videos that Rich and I both shot. From this standpoint the day was a resounding success in my opinion.

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**SOME STILL PHOTOS AND VIDEO ARE
AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON
[HTTP://GALLERY.MAC.COM/DONWINDNC](http://gallery.mac.com/donwindnc)**

The next scheduled date
for February 2008 Skilz
camp is Sunday the 3rd of
February.

Finally, at the end of the day, a question was posed to me that gave me a great subject for my next newsletter. The question was about what people should be looking for when they inspect there gear. My first ansvere is to attend USPA safety day, this year scheduled for March 8th. I usually do some sort of seminar on that very subject. I also include a basic guide on my next newsletter.

Thanks,

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**Don't forget to attend USPA Safety Day
on March 8 2008. Not participating is
stupid and as we all know. STUPID
PEOPLE SUFFER**

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