

WENDY ELIZABETH SMITH



PROFESSIONAL RESUME

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- * World Record Holder
- * Emmy Award Winner
- * Professional Cameraman
- * International Coach and Load Organiser
- * Competitor, Model Stunt Skydiver
- * Chief Safety Officer NZPIA
- * Freely Kiwi School of Bodyflight (founder & coach)
- * Specialist in Action Aerial Cinematography

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERTISE

NZCAA # 29194

- Commercial Pilot Helicopter, R22, R44, Hughes 369
- Private Pilot Fixed Wing
- Night Rating, Sling, Para-drop

NZCAA Maintenance Control Certified

NZCAA Aviation Safety Coordinator Certified

NZQA Aeronautical Engineering Maintenance Control Certified

NZPIA New Zealand Parachute Industry Association

- Aerial Cinematographer
- Accelerated free fall Instructor
- Chief Safety Officer
- D license Pro, 20,500 + skydives
- Drop Zone Safety Officer
- Jump Master, HALO operations

QRC Queenstown Resort College

- Better Business Take 5 series – Certified

Workplace Drugs Testing Certificate 47689 Standard: 25511, 25458

NZ Enrolled Nurse: 6 years NZNC# F107530

- Training Waipukurau Hospital
- General Nursing Waipukurau Hospital
- Operating Theatre Waipukurau Hospital
- Pediatric Oncology Wellington Hospital
- Private Angel Agency London
- Cromwell Cancer Hospital London
- **First Aid** Certificate Level 2

Aircraft Engineering (non-certified)

- Westley Aircraft Cranfield UK: Two and half years Aircraft engineering general aviation and classic aircraft restoration.
- Icarus Aerotechnics France: Part time aircraft engineering, PC6 airframe and general aviation.
- Aerotech Ardmore Auckland: General aircraft engineering (one season)

Aerial Cinematographer

- Photographer / Cameraman
- Stunts and Film unit safety coordinator
- Sports Event coordinator, athlete recruiter

Tourism Operations

- Great Lake Skydive, Taupo
- Vertical Descent, Glenorchy & Te Anau
- Skydive Auckland, Mercer
- Skydive Lake Wanaka, Wanaka
- **Salt Air** – Far north NZ
- Lapalisse & CERPS Tallard, France
- Perris California, USA
- **Everest Skydive**, Nepal

International Charity Ambassador

- Global Angels
- Athlete recruiter Jump for the Cause

World Records

- 10 world records

Guinness book of records

- 2 Guinness records

Emmy Award Winner

- Cameraman remote locations

Languages

- English and French

Published Book of photography, Eyes in the Sky.

COMMERCIAL FILM AND PHOTOGRAPHY

During the last 27 years' I have covered many roles within the international sport skydiving industry as a Cameraman, International competitor, World record participant, AFF Instructor and body-flight coach, Event Coordinator, Executive Producer, Stunt skydiver, Chief Safety officer, Drop zone owner, Operations manager, Aerial cinematographer and World-wide published photographer. Films, Advertising, Documentaries, Live broadcast sports events, International competitions, Sport skydiving events, World record events, Stunts and TV programs.

- Executive Producer /Antigravity and Crosswind Productions France
- Travelling Extreme Skydiving Productions France
- Trans world sport international, Ricoh Cameras UK
- God man Films UK, MTV Europe, ESPN USA
- Sector No Limits Italy
- Swiss Television Time Out
- Sky-surf tandem stunts, French Television, Ushuaia series.
- 123 Productions France / New Caledonia
- In flight Programmers USA

- Communicado TVNZ Mountain Dew on the Edge (Lana Cockcroft)
- Country wide NZ Leap of faith
- Adrenalized 2000, Southern Light Productions NZ (skydiving documentaries)
- Norman Kent Productions, USA (cameraman)
- Tom Sanders Aerial Focus Productions USA (cameraman)
- BJ Worth, Big Star Films USA Cameraman
- Extreme Games Sky surfing Pro tour - ESPN 2 USA live broadcast cameraman
- World Air Games of Aerial Adventure – Turkey
- Boards over Europe, Swiss Air and Movenpick, Euro Sport live broadcast cameraman
- World team Russia, Aerial Focus and Big Star Film production team.
- Pioneer Productions UK – Extreme Machine Discovery Channel
- Image Impossible – Discovery Learning Channel
- Parz Pictures New York “You are here” aerial stunt coordinator and cameraman
- Blue Sky AB Sweden, Picture Impossible Anapa Russia
- Big Star Films, The World Cup 2000, Discovery Channel
- World Air Games Granda Spain
- Warren Miller Films, Telemark Films Inc. ABC Television USA by the Disney Group (Stunt skydiver, Aerial cinematographer, stunt safety logistics)
- Discovery channel – Mountain Film Unit – Extreme tribe
- Go Fast **New World Record** 300-way formation and Guinness book of records for world’s largest formation, Arizona 2002
- Mondial de Parachutisme 1995 and 2003 World Championships, production and photography, live broadcast for French TV
- **The World Team, World Record cameraman** 357-way and 400-way skydiving formations. In cooperation with the Royal Thai Air Force.
- **Guinness book of records** 960 mass parachute drop, Thailand
- **Guinness book of records** 181 women’s world record Perris CAL.
- Blu Steven NZ: Panasonic Japan advertising, Wanted
- Shoot NZ: Sony Weddings, Handy cam advertising, UK
- Imagination Television NZ: Mr. Charming
- Exotic Sky Adventures, Events: Malaysia, Thailand, Uruguay 1994 - 2005
- Thai Sky Festival Events: Thailand 2004 – 2009
- Skydive New Caledonia events: 2005 – 2007
- Opening the Sky over **Lao** event: 2007
- Opening the Sky over **Vietnam** / Indochina event: 2008
- Equinox Event: Australia 2005

- Espace Boogie Mega Events: France 1990 – 2007
- Malevsky Cup Event: Russia 2005 (multi discipline media cameraman, event photographer)
- USA National skydiving championships 2003 – 2005 (multi discipline media cameraman, event photographer)
- World Cup Canopy Piloting championships, Holland (photo documentation)
- National Canopy Piloting championship event: Australia 2006 (photo documentation)
- World Skydiving championships: Gera Germany 2006 (media cameraman)
- Sky sisters international skydiving convention: Australia 2006 -2007- 2011
- Mountain Gravity Events: Switzerland 2008 / 2009 (coach, cameraman)
- World Parachuting championship event Maubeuge France 2008
- First European VRW competition event: Chalon, France (media coverage)
- Sport Plus France: Gap Vector Festival Events documentaries
- Funny Farm Queensland Outback: remote location event, Australia 2006, 2008, 2011
- Mountain Film Unit NZ: extreme tribe (cameraman)
- **Bear Grylls**: Get out alive 2013, Chief safety officer, Stunt coordinator, Aerial crew coordinator
- **Samsung Galaxy**: Chief Safety officer, Stunt coordinator, Aerial cameraman.
- French TFI **Kalanter** program: Director aerial skydiving sequences / aerial cameraman
- **New Zealand Air Games 2007 /2008 Air sports live** by Peter Newport. Athlete Manager and recruiter. **Director** aerial cameras, remote locations scout, on body cameras and commentary. Live Broad cast cameraman. Chief safety coordinator.
- **Women's World Records** and JFTC formation skydiving events multi record holder participant, team captain and athlete recruiter. **Veteran 1999 – 2014.**
- **European women's sequential formation records – Holland 2016**
- **Women's world record sequential formation skydiving – Holland 2016.**
- **First Everest Skydive**, Cameraman for Holly Budge- first jump client, Aerial Director, Producer First Everest Skydive 2008.
- **Everest Skydive Expeditions** Chief Coordinator, Cameraman, Photographer, International marketing, media and publications.
- **First Everest Skydive** from 29.500 ft landing on the highest drop zone in the world: Himalaya Nepal. 2008
- **World's highest** landing participant onto Kala Patter 17200ft, next to Mount Everest, Nepal

- **Everest Skydive Halo** record Jump from 30.500 ft Everest Region, Nepal
- **Everest skydive team** jump participant landing into Ama du Blanc Base camp at 15200ft, Himalaya, Nepal
- **Everest skydive team** jump into Matang 12.200ft, Western Nepal
- **Everest Skydive HALO** 4-way freefall formation

ACHEIVEMENTS

27 Years Sport Skydiving 21,000 + skydives

International Competitor since 1989

Stunt Skydiver for Commercials Body Form UK

Stunt Skydiver for SONY, God man Films UK.

Stunt Skydiver ABC television a Disney Group Production for The E Team, USA

Stunt Skydiver for World First Triple Tandem Skydive, Simon Sward, UK.

Stunt Skydiver for World First SKYSURF Tandem Skydive, Extreme Skydiving Productions France.

Stunt Cameraman Red Bull Jeep jump Arizona USA.

Participant World Record 150-way formation skydive.

First woman to test jump BAE 146 jet aircraft / GQ UK

First woman jumping Super 16mm and High Definition cameras

Participant 1992 Women's World Record 100-way skydiving formation

Participant Charity Jump for the cause Women's world records 118 and 131-way skydiving formations

Participant 2005 Women's World Record 152 formation skydiving participant and talent recruiter www.jumpforthecause.com

Participant in Lima Maritime and Aerospace Air show International Display Team Malaysia.

International load organiser www.exoticskyadventures.nl

Participant cameraman in Olympic Canopy Display team Brittany Ferries, Spain 1992.

Bronze Medal Women's Skysurfing competition 1994.

Silver and Bronze multi medal holder Extreme Pro Tour SSI Free-flight Competition

Team cameraman New Zealand national formation RW5 1995 World Championships.

Filmed and Photographed World Records and largest skydiving formations, 200, 216, 287, 300, 357 and World record 400 way formations.

Emmy Award Winner by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Coupe Icare Aerial Film Festival award winner and film finalist.

Coupe Icare Film Festival Jury Judge 2007

Sasakawa Sports Foundation Japan Photo Contest finals 1997

SSI Pro Tour Extreme Games Endorsed Judge, Media Camera flyer and competitor

Performance Designs European Tour Freefly Coach and Camera flyer

Freefly Kiwi School of Body-flight, Founder and Coach

Great Lake Skydive, events manager / partner - owner

NZ Vertical Descent Adventures, Operation manager, Cameraman, AAF Instructor and Chief Safety Officer

Development of Corp Advertisement moving images in aviation, France, Switzerland,

New Zealand, USA.

France 1995, 2003 International World Skydiving Championships, media event cameraman.
USA National Skydiving Championships event / media cameraman and photographer 2000, 2004, 2005

International skydiving events, moving images / photographic co-ordinator. USA, France, Turkey, New Zealand

International load organiser, www.exoticskyadventures.nl www.thaiskyfestival.com
www.espaceboogie.com

New Zealand, Australia, New Caledonia, France, Italy, Holland.

New Zealand 1999 National Open Sky Surfing Gold Medal and Bronze medal, open RW4 formation skydiving event cameraman.

New Zealand Women's formation skydiving team camera 1999 World Skydiving Championships

Guinness book of records participant in world largest parachute drop into Bangkok for His Majesty the King of Thailand, World team 1999 and 2004

Guinness book of records, Recruiter and participant: Jump for the cause Women's World record largest formation 181-way 2002.

Executive Producer with Film-marker Patrick Passe, Stunt Skydiver, Aerial film cameraman for Travelling, Antigravity and Crosswind Film Productions France

Stunt aerial model for BLUEBOOK 2000 publications, Monica Salvarani, Italy

French Cup National Skydiving Championships Silver medallist in Free-fly and Freestyle discipline cameraman 2000 – 2001

International Women's Speed Gold Medallist 2000

New Women's World Record for Speed skydiving France 2000

New Zealand Skydiving Nationals 2005 Gold Medal, 2 way advanced, Bronze medal 2 way intermediates camera flyer.

Exotic Sky Adventure Load organiser, coach and cameraman, Malaysia, Thailand, Uruguay

Gap Vector Festival, France, Aerial event cameraman, coach and photographer.

BFU Reggio Italy, coach, cameraman, big screen entertainment editor.