



I FELL A MILE WITH LYAL

There are a few activities that some men count insane,
 One is to put a parachute on and then to board a plane,
 The men who do it are half crazy – they don't seem to care,
 They say there's nothing half the fun, as flying through the air.

So we climbed on board and then took off, and soon we reached nine grand,
 And we opened up the door to view that great expanse of land,
 We all climbed out, and we're hanging there, like washing in the breeze, -
 "Hurry up lets go you guys, before I friggen freeze".

We all looked in and we heard the call of "ready, set and go",
 And then began our sorry tale of pain, and grief, and woe,
 We floated out like a bunch of trash, that is dumped in outer space,
 There was Mike, and Lyal, and Bob, and me – the scum of the human race.

We twisted, and tumbled, and rolled, and grabbed, and stretched, and clutched,
 "Hey boys, I think we're getting good" – that time we almost touched,
 So we pissed around for forty five seconds – man, this is really cool,
 But look out boys: the ground's expanding – it'll soon be time to pull.

Oh God, this is a scary sport, so please my life preserve,
 Especially when I pull to low, and out comes my reserve,
 There's one thing left for me to say, before I write "amen",
 That's: "Hurry up boys, and pack your gear, and we'll go and do it again!"

by Arthur

Dear Lyal and Cathy,

However, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for an amazing and awesome time down at the Canadian Invasion.

I was not worth every dollar spent - it was worth 10 times every cent and minute spent sharing, learning and having fun.

Cathy, I appreciate your kindness, patience, calmness and helpfulness arranging everything, getting us on loads, in the tunnel, etc at our convenience and request. Your presence there is worth in gold.

Lyal, you are the epitome of professionalism, experience, knowledge and civility. It was (and is) a privilege to just listen when you are talking and teaching - but more than that, to be in the plane, the skydive and the air with you. You radiate a positive aura and karma of trust, confidence, enthusiasm and sincerity that infiltrates everybody around you and therefore change us to be safer and more competent skydivers and people (at least everybody I know and have spoken with).

I thank you for being such a subtle, yet powerful influence in my life.

I am looking forward to the upcoming skydiving season in Canada.

Please let me know what I still need to do to qualify for a Canadian B CoP.

Once again, thank you very much for inviting me to Arizona - it is an honour and a privilege to be a member of Eden North.

Finest regards and Blue Skies,

Johan B.

Hi Eden North,

Can you please pass along my thanks and apologies to Henry, my tandem partner today? Sorry I disappeared without saying thanks... wasn't expecting my inner balance (or whatever you want to call it) to be mucked up like that, but I had a BLAST in spite of it! The thrill of being on the edge of an airplane, dropping 12,500 ft in the air, doing a somersault that high off the ground, etc. It was AWESOME!!! If I can find a way to conquer the motion sickness I will do it again!

Thanks so much for the great life experience – no doubt I'll be grinning for at least a week!!!! J

Donna

Hi there,

I went for my first ever sky diving jump last weekend. It was a tandem jump and it was absolutely the best! I felt completely safe at all times and it was exhilarating. Please express my deepest thanks to my Pierre who took me. I was so excited after the land that I believe I forgot to thank him. He is a great person to jump with and I will definitely be back. I plan on doing another tandem and then attempt a solo jump and continue on. Skydiving is the most awesome thing I have done since my younger days. What a rush!

Please also thank Kelly for the amazing video and pictures he did of me on my jump. I have watched the video many times and really enjoy it. The pictures are great too!

Thanks again,

Be seeing you all soon

Valerie

I just wanted to extend a very heart felt thank-you on behalf of myself and my group of friends that came out this past weekend. The tandem staff were incredible, informative, supportive, and so much fun. The video and pictures that we received surpassed any expectations that we had.

Some of us are currently considering returning for the first solo jump, and then the AFF courses.

Please pass our thanks on to the staff.

Nicole

My friends had an awesome time skydiving. They cannot stop talking about how great everyone was out there. They loaded facebook up with a huge amount of pics. Im kind of jealous.

Greg

Hi Eden North:

My name is Scott Elderkin, and I took your first solo course on this past Sunday. I'd like to say that it was everything I was hoping it would be. I've wanted to skydive about as long as I can remember. For one reason or another though, I just never got around to it. I really like Jenny, who conducted the classroom portion of the course. I also really liked Kevin, who was our JM. We spent a very short time with Kevin, but he really made me feel comfortable. I wanted to tell you that I felt they both cared about us, and I feel they really did their jobs very well. Onto bigger, and better things...I am now really interseted in taking the AFF course.

Thank you.

Scott

I just want to say thanks for the good times this weekend, although I wish I could have stayed through Monday! Are the results from the weekend posted anywhere? I would be interested in checking them out. Eden will always be my home DZ! Thank you for be there for my best summer ever. You helped make memories that will last a lifetime! I can't wait to come back someday. If I can't get over to The Netherlands in time for the World Cup, I will for sure see you guys in AZ for the Invasion. I'll be in touch through email and Facebook to let you know if I can get my work to send me to Holland in time to meet up with you. Is there information on the Invasion trip somewhere? Eden North website or Facebook? I would like to start planning it out and need some details about the trip.

Thanks again!

Justin

Hi Lyal

Quick note thanking everyone involved in making my wife's birthday AMAZING. The two Heather's had so much fun!!

The videos and the still pictures were top notch. We were completely satisfied with the way we were treated, and the casual approach to relieve tension. Thank you so much.

Dan

Hello Eden North

Wow! Thank you so much an awesome birthday party last Sunday! Hailee had the time of her life, as did the other 9 jumpers! I'm sure you will see most of those faces in the spring. I know Hailee will be coming back.

I'd like to send some special thanks...to the 3 tandem jumpers...Lyal, Pierre and Jeff....Lyal, Hailee said she'd jump with you anytime, she loved it! And Pierre...the francophones were excited that they could have fun in 'French' with you. Kelly and Scott...awesome videos and pics! Cathy...thanks for being so accommo-dating and organized....and cant forget Donna who keeps our tummy full and great to chat with.

Thank you all for making this a Great Party! Even the spectators had fun, because the vibe at the zone is so friendly and awesome!

And one last thanks from me....Thanks Aidan....it was a great jump...and it's only the beginning!! :)

See you all next weekend!

Kimbie

Hey there Lyal,

I just wanted to write and say thanks for letting me and my sister participate in the First Jump Class (we were the marathon runners). It was awesome. We both had a great time and all of the staff were amazing. I will definatly spread the word about you guys, and maybe even come down again for some more fun.

Just thought I would let you know that our experience at Eden North will be one not to be forgotten any time soon.

Thanks again and keep up the great work.

Kelly

Hey Lyal

I just wanted to send a follow up email to you to let you know how impressed and happy I am with my Jump on last Friday. The whole experience was great, your staff was amazing and I thoroughly enjoyed myself. I am looking forward to my next jump and subsequent jumps with you guys.

Thanks

Gary

Hey guys and gals just wanted to thank you for the most amazing experience of my life to date.... i jumped a tandem on saturday with John S. and still feel like im flying... anyway im sure you already have too many photos to count but I think Andrew did a great job with this one and feel free to use it when or wherever. again thank you so much!

Jon

Hi Joe and Derek!!

I wanted to email both of you to tell you how much I loved the dive and to thank-you for that. I also wanted to say thanks for the kindness and respect you both showed me. Your both funny and sweet, I felt very safe.... Your both pretty...."groovy"....I want to do it again!!!!

Lana

John H,

Thank you so much for your course on Saturday. You did an AWESOME job at teaching, and hey I arched. YAAAAAAA. Your course was well taught with, visuals, and lots of practice time, which is good for hands-on learners like myself.

Amber and I had a fantastic time and we can't wait to go again. I want to do AFF, but cuz we are in Calgary, we'll have to wait til next year I guess :(

Victor

Dear all,

I would just like to email you a thank you for an absolutely brilliant day yesterday (Sunday). I found all of the staff to be warm and friendly towards everybody; the instruction to be spot on (thanks Tina!); the jump master to be settling our fears and putting us at ease with words of encouragement like "skydiving is really easy, just don't fuck up!" (thanks Olga!) and Christy for taking the time to drop the DVD in to the place where I am staying in St. Albert.

I thoroughly enjoyed myself and I know all of the guys and girls in the group seemed to feel the same.

Many thanks and I hope to be back again some day in the future.

Kind regards

Philip

Just wanted to let you know I had an awesome time on my first Jump, now I can go write my finals for Pre Vet without any stress, I think I took care of all that when the parachute actually opened...

Thanks for the rush, I want to do the next course now!!!

Tanis

Dear Eden North Skydiving Centre and all you made it possible!

We would like to thank you for the awesome time you gave us on Saturday May 12. It was the thrill of a life time. We want to thank our in class instructor who did an awesome job getting us ready for the course and making it interesting. We also want to thank our Jump Master Dean who was great at making us relaxed by telling us jokes and making it seem like it was not a big deal to jump out of a plane. The jump was awesome and the guidance down was great. Thanks again for ALL your great work and for the 'safe' ride of a life time.

The Lethbridge Group

"Hi Donna,

My wife thought I was nuts for doing this in the first place and really nuts because I get motion sickness so easily. She insisted that I go tandem and I am glad I did.

I jumped with John and Chris did the video. The plane ride was nice in the six seated plane and up to 11,000 feet wow. When the door opened to the plane the sound of the wind and the cold was a little nerve racking. But when I actually got out and saw how far down and the video guy hanging from the wing... am I nuts? The initial free fall out of the plane was amazing as we did some crazy twisty summersault thingy and I could not tell which way was up. The spread eagle part of the free fall seemed to last for ever and was beautiful. The parachute opened and floated down like a feather. Even though I suffered, due to my motion sickness, for the rest of the day I would do it again.

Donna please keep this as a prize for the staff appreciation. It probably would not have happen for me if I had not won this.

Thank you,

Darren"