

Greatest Bond stunt has roots in Tahoe

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The year 2017 marked the 40th anniversary of James Bond's "The Spy Who Loved Me." One local historian and pundit opined the stunt I performed doubling for Roger Moore playing James Bond as part of the opening pre-credit sequence represented a "game changer."

Though the movie was panned, it was a commercial success. The *San Francisco Chronicle* called it the "greatest Bond stunt in history." *Newsweek's* film critic took it further and said it was the greatest stunt in the history of cinema.

I found these statements interesting, as despite playing Bond twice, I never regarded myself as a stuntman per se, but merely a climber, skier, former distance runner, former wrestler, and novice parachutist who just happened to have come up with a rather odd idea.

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