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TWO ON THE TROT? YOU LUCKY PEOPLE



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AAHHH, ERGHHH, OOWAHH, YAAWWNNN, ERR, WASH THE TIME? Cor, Bler, Squint, Bleedin Ada, its only Half Past February. What the... Something must have Woke me up. Cor, Bler..Was all that noise going on. Yaawwnnn, Cor I cant think straight, Oh no, I've sussed it out. Cussin, Swearin, a constant Clank, Clank, Clank. Yeah, no doubt about it, the Cardboard Cutout is on one of his, "About Time I Made Some Kites Kick", its either that or he's Cobbling up more Parachutes.

Aint it real, Here we are, trying to get some Official Winter Kip, and that noisy old sod goes and wakes us up a Month early. Hang about, I'll just have a quick Shufti to see if he's woken any more of the H.Q. Mob. Gordon Bennett, I'M well Brassed off, all the others are still out for the count. Even Sid the Rabbit, who we Bears got to Hibernate, is Spark out. Dear oh lor, I dont know whats worse, The Boring Old Fart, cobbling up Kites, or Leroy and Rastachat snoring in Stereo.

Does any other Dropnik cause so much Aggro when making Kites ?. I mean, I can just about stand the noise of his Ayteenundred an ows yer Farva Sewin Machine, but what really gets up my Nose, is all the Cussin, and Swearin, that goes with it. After all if the silly old sod, Measured up and cut the Ripstop and Dowell correctly in the First place, ther'ed be no need for all this carryon,

Hey, its all gone quiet. I think he's finished for the time being. Phew, I've just had a Quick Blink at the end result of all that Palava. Sheesh, its a mess masquerading as a Conyne, and the colour is enough to make you wanna throw up, Yuk, all that Dayglo Type Orange Ripstop he's had kicking around for ages. Right, I'M going to try and get my Head down till sometime in March, and try not to think too much about our Annual trip to the Eastern Front. You know, The Blackheath Fetival.

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GANLEY, YOUR CHAIRBEARS PIECE...

Hi, everyone. First off Belated New Year Greetings to you all. All the Best to You and Yours. From People obviously new to R.C. we are getting lots of enquiries regarding Membership of BMISS, UKTD and the IBPF. Membership is automatic for any Fauna of a Soft Cuddly Toy Persuasion. Humes cannot be members unless they have survived a Descent of 3,000 ft(1,000 mts) minimum sans a Parachute, Humes can of course be Dropniks, Assistants, Crew, etc, etc, though it should be understood that whatever a hume decides to be, He or she, will always play second Fiddle to a Full Member.

Another question which crops up with amazing regularity is the one about "To Stuff, or not to Stuff the Jolly Old Rag". Whilst we have no serious objections to an Unstuffed Rag, we feel that any Fauna making Descents with an already Deployed Chute, is not entering into the Spirit of the Game. Most of the excitement obtained from Parachuting Fauna is from the uncertainty of whether or not the Chute will open upon release. Some of our Members who descend on Unstuffed Rags, complain that after a while is all very Tame. So dear Members, if its excitement you want, you must encourage your Dropnik to GET STUFFED.....

I'M ALL FOR BEING STUFFED BUT I DONT THINK THE RAG SHOULD BE UP ME SHIRT.

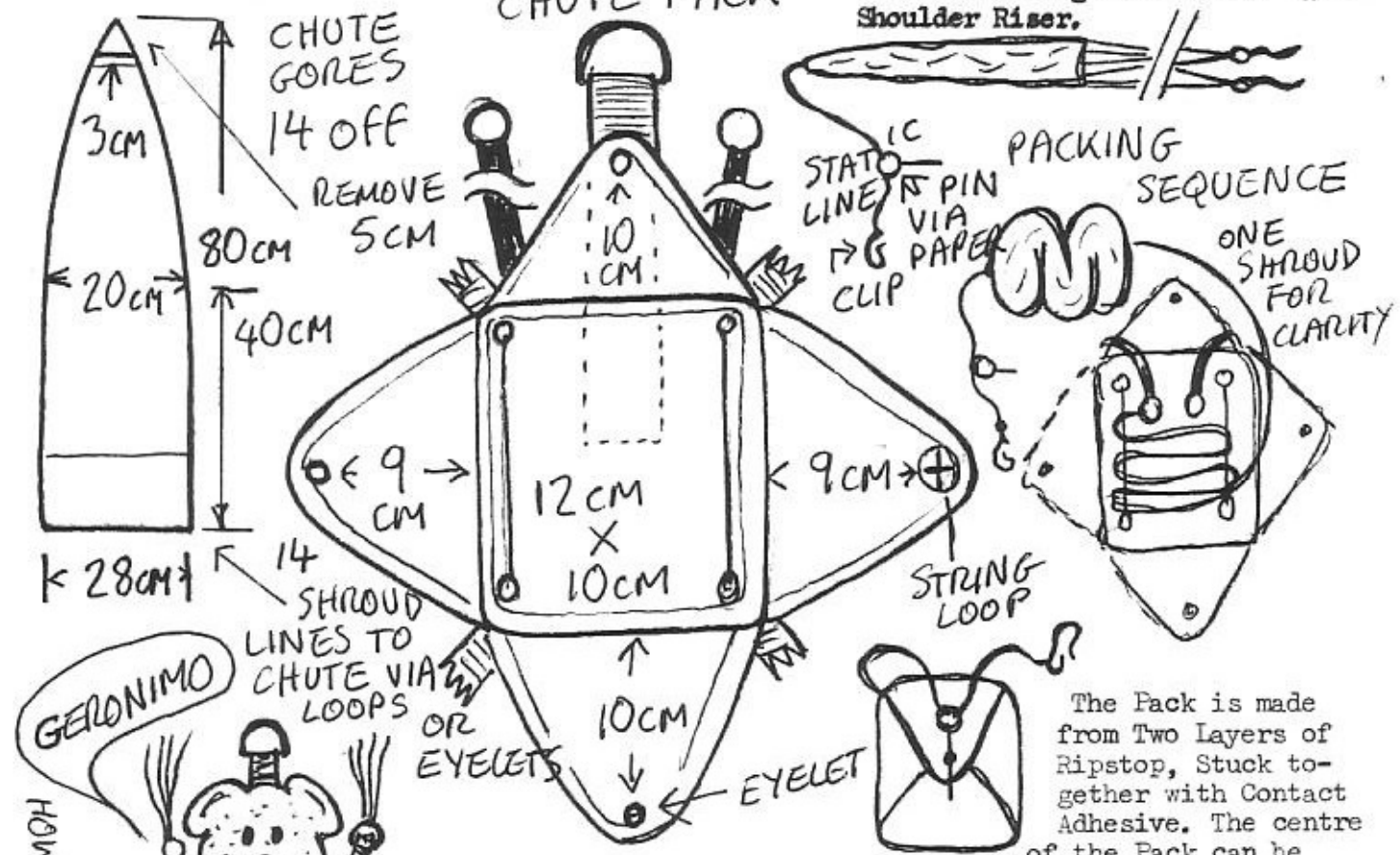


At the risk of Boring the Parts off our Old Hand Members and Dropniks, on P.2 we shall provide a "BACK to BASICS " Feature. Please bear with us as we try to impart some Information to those who are new to the Parachuting of F.S.C.T Variety.

Parachuting Easy O.K. Those readers of R.C. who at the present do not engage in the True Lunatic Fringe of International Kiting, i.e. Parachuting of Fauna, should be advised that pretty well the First Item they require is a Fauna of the Soft Cuddly Toy Variety. Secondly, unless they intend to be what BMISS terms A Right B'@&A'd, Dropnik, i.e., one who drops Fauna with no Parachute at all, potential Dropniks will a Parachute find, very Handy. The followig sketches will give you a start. The Card-board Cutout uses Unproofed or Loomstate Riprtop for his Chutes. If this type of Rip-stop is not available locally, then use the Lightest Material you can find.

A TEMPLATE for the Chute Gores or Panels can be cut from thin card. The sides of the Template should be Curved, via a F/Glass Rod, otherwise the Canopy will be Distorted. 14 off, will give a Chute of approx 1 Metre Dia. The Shroud Lines are also 1 Metre in Length. Seven to each Shoulder Riser.

CHUTE PACK



Stiffened with a piece of Wash up Liquid Bottle. Three of the Pack Flaps are fitted with Eyelets and the Fourth has a Loop of String sewn to it. This Loop goes through the Eyelets when the chute is packed and the Pin on the Static Line goes through the free end of the Loop. A piece of Elastic is threaded through the Eyelets in the centre of the Pack and the Shroud lines are tucked under this. To Pak Chute, first lay chute out with Static inside. Fold Chute to roughly one gore size. Concertina Canopy neatly, tuck Shroud Lines under Pack Elastic, place Canopy on top of Shrouds, close Pack Flaps with loop through eyelets and secure with Static Line Pin.

Fauna Harness size obviously varies with size of Fauna. It is easily made from Ripstop. The shoulder Risers, suspension Strap and Pack are Sewn to the Harness. Easiest way to attach Fauna to Kite Line is via a Pipe Cleaner, one end of which is attached firmly to the Kite Line. The free end is passed through the Fauna's Suspension Strap D. Ring and then loosley looped over the Kite Line. With static line also attached firmly to the Kite Line, the delay before the Pipe cleaner lets go is enough to let you longlaunch a Fauna. Do not hesitate to contact BMISS at the Editorial adress if you need Help.

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