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Hello Again. I hope that all Members have fully recovered from the usual excesses of the Season of Good Cheer, and that all Members and friends are looking forward to a New Year, chock full of Parachuting Action. Once again I am pleased to report that membership is on the increase. We have 36. Registered members (Dec.82.) With overseas branches of BMISS. in the U.S.A., Holland, Belgium and Tottenham (Shurely shome mishtake. Ed)

Notable amongst our new members are FRITZ, CARWASH, MICKY MOUSE and BROTHER SID of the U.K. and CHI-CHI the Gorilla ? and JIMMY the Jumping Monkey, of Belgium and Holland respectively. A member who was mentioned in our last issue, one SARAH Pig, informs us that her name is really a Nemonia for Stuffed Animal Resembling A Hog. Well now, theres a thing . The mind Boggles.

Your ChairBears Letter....

Thanks Fred. Members, The watchword for '83 is 'MULTIPLES'. Yes in this coming Season the BMISS as a group will commit itself to the task of raising the number of members who jump at any one time. At present our biggest 'STICK' numbered seven , who were lofted at Croydon. Fourteen members were present at O.W.II last year, but the lack of wind prevented us from breaking our record. Given the correct conditions we are sure to succeed for our Dropniks possess the Technology. Dropnik Locke has been secretly observed, whilst climbing the Flying Line of his Scoop 4 , to abley demonstrate the lifting power of that particular Kite. In fact Dropnik Lockes antics whilst Scoop flying on his own are very entertaining, the best part of this being his attempts at retrieval.

So, Dear members, given the right conditions, '83 will be a year to remember.

 MULTIPLES O.K.

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Brother KOBUS sent a very interesting report of his adventures in Holland and Germany. It appears that he was at a Balloon Fest at Stuttgart, where to liven things up a bit, he decided to indulge in a spot of the old 'Hows Yer Father', well he had to break his Duck sometime eh. Anyway the upshot of this was that more people were watching his performance than were watching the Balloons. Kobus also said that he Bottled out of going for a Balloon descent as he was a bit wary of the Flame on the Hot Air Balloon. (He should have worn his Fireproof Longjohns) As regards his non appearance at Schev, he informs me that he was there, but locked in the Car. The reason for this being that his Dropniks were afraid that he might land in the backyard of someone who was a non Bear, non Kite lover. This is what happened to us, but it was O.K. as we were returned quite safe and sound. .

It would seem that not only us Bears have Parachuting adventures, witness what happened to an Aussie Hume named Rick Collins. Stepping smartly from his Plane at 6,000 ft, he deployed his 'Chute and promptly went up. Actually he was sucked up into a Storm, a further 6,000 ft, and after being Drenched with Rain and Bombarded with Hailstones, he cut his main 'Chute free and Freefell to a height at which he could safely Deploy his Reserve Canopy. I'm glad to say that after all this he landed safely. Nice one Rick.

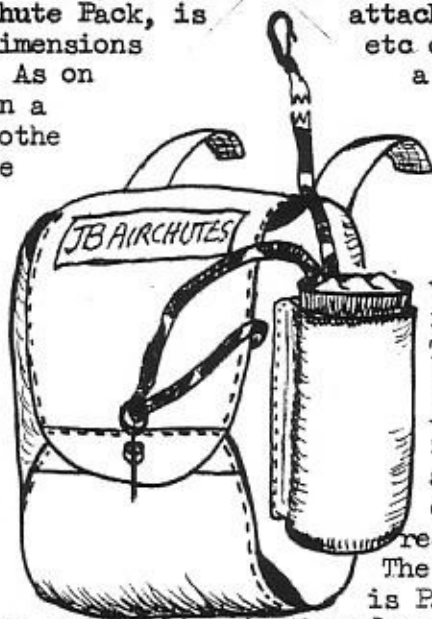
The First Tottenham branch of the BMISS is growing at a very fast rate with a total of seven somewhat rather 'BOLSHIE' members. Well they seem to be from a letter they sent warning all Dropniks that they were fed up to the Back Teeth with being mucked about, as they put it. As they say, all Dropniks would look a right bunch of 'TWITS' if us Bears got the 'UMP and refused to perform. (I thought we did this anyway) and the conclusion of their letter is so apposite, that its worth printing in full. Here it is, ...

NOTICE TO ALL DROPNIKS.. The Objective of every dedicated Dropnik should be to thoroughly analyse all Situations. Anticipate all Problems prior to their occurance. Have answers to the said Problems, and all Dropniks should move swiftly to solve the same when called upon to do so, However, when Dropniks are up to their A...s in Alligators, it is difficult to remind them that their first Objective was to Drain the Swamp.

Signed. RUSTY Guevara, YO-YO Trotsky, FOLO Marx, Bears Front for Free Tottenham.

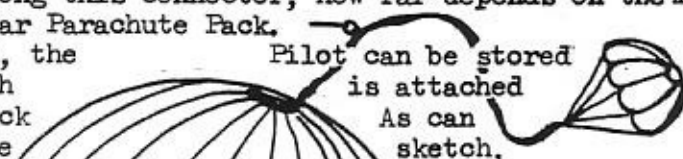
A worthwhile addition to any Canopy is a Pilot Chute, which can be made to perform exactly the same as the Pilot on a full size 'HUME' Parachute. Easily constructed, the Pilot is actually a small Chute in its own right, which helps to deploy the main Canopy. Consisting of Six or Eight Gores, the Pilot is attached to the main Chute via a length of Tape, Ripstop or whatever else takes your fancy. The Pin which secures the main Chute Pack, is attached, part way along this connector, how far depends on the dimensions etc of your particular Parachute Pack.

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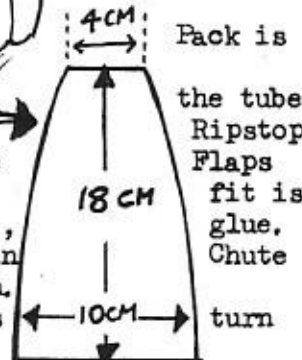
a full size Chute, the container which side of the Pack seen from the the Pilot

This is easily various Household fact an empty Talcum Powder just the Job. A sleeve to hold is formed from and sewn to one of on the Chute pack,



Pilot can be stored is attached As can sketch,

container is a plastic Tube. Obtained from containers, in



The static line is then fed into the crown of the pilot which in its is folded and stowed neatly with all excess connector into the tube.

Upon releasing the Bear, the Static line pulls the pilot chute from its tube, deploys it and in doing so, the pilot chute pulls the pin on the chute pack and deploys the main.

Brother Gaylord sent a cutting which referred to the Thanksgiving Day Custom of throwing live Tukeys from a Plane, this by the way is in the Ozark Region of the U.S. Unfortunately many of these birds cannot fly and this coupled with the lack of Chutes, end in some rather serious 'TOTALS'. Due to some Protests this practise has been modified to the extent that Oven Ready Frozen Turkeys are now used, though with or without Chutes the article does not say.

Our Knokke Heist (Belgium) correspondant, Alie van D, writes to in form us of some very unusual Bears that are for sale in the U.S. These brothers are in Porcelain or Stoneware and they are engaged in a variety of activities amongst which is Kiteflying. Wether or not any are equipped with Porcelain Parachutes is not clear. These Bears are welcom to join us, though their 'TOTALS' would be rather shattering

Brother Bo-Bo of Brussels sent news of what he and brother Chi-Chi are up to in their neck of the Woods. The action Photos he also included were pretty good too, and it its amazing how all Dropniks look as 'Crazy as a Two Bob Watch', can it be that we are finally getting to them?... I truly hope so.

DIEPPE.....Brother 'Orace, along with Brothers Fritz and Micky, staged a very successfull Parachuting display over this weekend. It would not be exagerating to say that the French were amazed, especially since their one sole 'chutist was a rather primitive already opened device which sailed up the line in reaction to a brisk Tow along the flying field. Young Fritz did his stuff every time, whereas Mickey started to perform some very well executed freefalls, only opening his chute at the very last minute.

Brother 'Orace did do one very smart 'TOTAL', whereupon one of the French Judges started to get out of his pram, about Bears possibly hitting someone. This I should add took place as a French Loonie merrily Sawed his way through the necks of the other Kite Loonies with a Train of Flexi's in Zilch Wind. Huh! and they reckon 'TOTALLING' Bears are dangerous. Still even the Interpreter laughed when Dropnik Barker said that 'Orace doing a 'TOTAL' was O.K. as 'Orace had been 'Killed' 35 times already and was 'nt complaining. All in all this was a good display by the BMISS and perhaps next time we can do even better.

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