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Hello Dear Members.

Phew, our new heading is a bit of a Mouthful but it was required as we move into a truly International, Worldwide Situation, vis a vis Parachuting from all types of Aerodynes. Although initially we were solely for Teddy Bears, we realised that this was rather a shortsighted policy, therefore we now encompass all species, including Humans if they can satisfy our criteria for membership, which is to survive a 300metre descent with an unopened 'chute.

Membership of BMISS/IBPF shows another increase to 51 (June 83) and amongst these, members of note are Ollie the Owl, who tries to glide with his short stubby wings and Eunice Pig who descends with four Piglets strapped to her waist. The weather for first part of the Year has been diabolical, which has cramped our style somewhat, however in keeping with our watchword for '83, a nine bear jump was attempted at Croydon, which was only partially successful due to release gear problems.

Your Chairbears Letter...

Thanks Fred, Members, What a damp year so far, still, there were one or two bright spots of note. The first was at Blackheath where Carwash decided to use two Policemen as a D.Z. Its hard to decide who was the more surprised, Carwash or the Cops. The second was the big lift at Croydon where once again the Stratoscoop IV in a stiff wind was pulling ferociously. In fact it took the combined efforts of Five Dropniks to handle this Beast. Once we get the bugs sorted out of our double multiple release system we shall be well away

DRENCH A DROPNIK

OK

GOOD JUMPING..... GAMLEY.

YET ANOTHER FORGERY

Brother Carwash certainly seems determined to live up to his name for at the Brighton Fest he well and truly Bushwhacked Dropniks Macey and Barker in a very novel way. These two nerks were attempting to drop Carwash for the benefit of a Photographer unaware that a fairsize Cloudburst was imminent. Both Carwash and the Rain fell together, but our crafty Carwash managed to drift off right over the Racecourse, and in the ensuing chase the two nerks were well and truly drenched. They would not have been wetter if they went for a swim with all their clothes on, very amusing. We might be able to do more things like this, with luck.

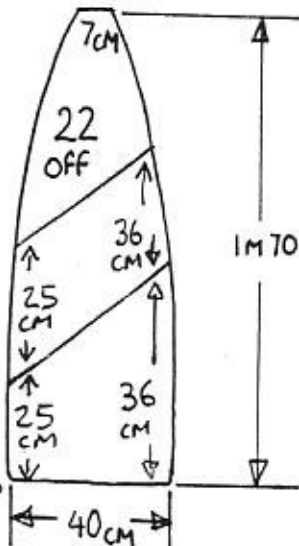
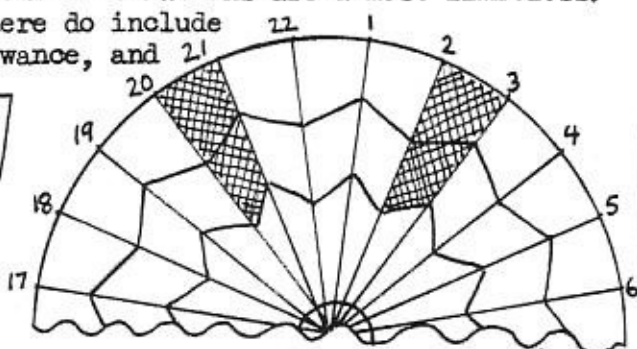
Brother Kobus wrote with some news of his capers at the Balloon Festival in Germany, and this year he decided to try a Balloon Descent, From what I can gather the Balloon was remote controlled, and Kobus says that everything was O.K. until the Balloonist decided to chuck Kobus out at a somewhat ludicrous height Needless to say, his 'chute failed to deploy and poor old Kobus was dumped on his Head. Kobus goes on to say that he was so mad he gave the daft Balloonist the full Verbals in English. Maybe we should go to Germany en mass and bite the Balloonists leg. Kobus says that he has recovered and hopes to see some of us at Schev, where all being well, he will not be locked in the Car as he was last year. I myself will not be at schev this year, so if any members are, we would be obliged for a full report of their goings on. Kobus also went on to say that at the German Air Fest, Hume 'Chutists were having a go and not too badly either, also one of our Harriers gave a display, Kobus thought that this was very noisy as did the Argies, who also discovered that the Harrier also possesses a very painful American Bite.

Although the large Canopies at present being used by Brothers Flash and Carwash are very spectacular, 'chutes of this size do exhibit some interesting problems to say the least. For those of you who are not acquainted with Messers Flash and Carwash, or for that matter Brother Zedoff, I'll say here and now that they are large lads. F and C, gross at about 2.5kg and Z is even heavier, though he does use a slightly smaller 'chute. F and C's canopies are approx 4.5 metres in diameter and at this size 'chute drift is considerable. In fact these 'chutes literally Fly, and simply refuse to descend. Very large vents are required to cure this tendency. The other main problem is simply one of construction. These 'chute have 22 Gores, each of which is divided into three sections, which gives a canopy with 66, sections in all. These sections are sewn together alternately herring bone fashion, as per full size Parachutes. The result is very spectacular, even allowing for Dropnik Barkers dubious Sewing technique. The colour combinations are almost limitless.

The Dimensions given here do include a One Centimetre hem allowance, and a certain amount of trimming is required. However the finished chute is well worth the effort.

The chute shroud lines should be approx 4.5 mtr long, and the chute pack is basically the same as those for smaller, but somewhat expanded in size.

The harness should have four Risers and six shroud line are attached to the rear pair whilst five shroud lines are attached to the front pair. Illustrated are the dimensions for the chute proper, the pilot chute and canopy vent positions.



In the latest issue of KITELINES is an advert for Flying Bears Unlimited, these Brothers and Sisters are supposed to just dangle from the Kite line in, wait for it,.... Their own handmade Calico Kiteflying Harness,.... 'cor, the mind boggles. The ad goes on to say that each Bear comes with photos and 'Bear Talk', with his or her flying friends, whatever that is. I think that we could give them some Bear talk, along the lines of, "JUMP YOU SILLY NERKS, JUMP, or perhaps " DONT BE A FOSING WALLY, GET SOME ACTION WITH A CHUTE. These Bears dont know what they are missing.

Our member A.N.OTHER, who hails from One Sky Kites in Stoke Newington has laid claim to a new world record. He was on Holiday in Florida and was launched at approx 2,000 metres from a Light Aircraft. Sporting a Macey Chute, A Radio Location Gear setup, our member was equipped for a memorable Parachute Jump. His descent was lengthy but uneventful and after a few hours he was safely recovered. I.B.P.F /B.M.I.S.S. as sole World Wide Arbiters of Parachuting Fauna Records is pleased to announce that this Claim is hereby Ratified.

We have a new member in Belgium, who goes by the name of BERLIOZ. Obviously he is another Music loving member and he wrote to us with details of his first Jump. It seems that he got so excited that he forgot to deploy his chute (where have we heard that before) so you could say that his first jump really was a real "DANCE MACABRE". HO,HO,HO.....

Re our '83 watchword, 'MULTIPLES', is there any advance on our Nine Bear drop at Croydon? As two of these members were Large Size Bears, the all up weight must have been approaching that of possibly Fourteen average size Members,.....

ANYTHING BEARS CAN DO PIGS CAN DO BETTER

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