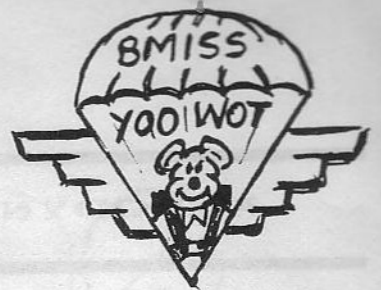


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The Journal Of The Bearly Made It Skydive Squad, The International Brotherhood of Parachuting Fauna and the U.K. Ted Devils. Ozone, Cabbage and Stuntkite Friendly, Ho, Ho !

As its Seemingly impossible for an Edition of R.C. to be written without having a go at someone or other, and as the Cardboard Cutout/Boring Old Fart is getting a bit nervous as to who or what we Fauna of a soft cuddley toy persuasion, are going to insult next, we of the BMISS H.Q. Mob, in consultation with the Ayatollah Cabbage, and in view of the fact that we hate to see a Grown Man cowering in the Cupboard under the Stairs, wearing a Tin Helmet and a Flak Jacket. (Who, me ?BOF) Are From now on, embarking on a protracted period of Sweetness and Enlightenment as befits Soft Cuddley Toys. (Oi, Bof, git yer arris out of that Cupboard, or you'll git a Furry Knuckle Sarnie.)

Right, thats enough sweetness and enlightenment, Lets git it on. Hey, did you think that you were a Fan of Parachuting Fauna in a big way? Yes? have we got News for you.

Although BMISS has many, many Members all around the World, there is one Country in particular that is by far and away the Leader when it comes to being BMISS Barmy. We wont give you Three Guesses as to which Country it is, as its Holland or the Netherlands.

We did have an Inkling via correspondence with Dutch Dropniks, but what really brought it Home to us was at Dieppe 90. When the BOF perambulated around the Flying Field his Flabber was well and truly Gasted when he saw the Dutch Fauna on Parade. You dear Dropnik may have a Mob of Fauna that owns you, but the average Dutch Dropnik is owned by at least a Regiment of Fauna of all Shaapes, Sizes and Species.

Obviously our Dutch friends believe that Variety is the Spice of Life as the different Species that they Bung Jolly Old Rags onto is quite amazing. Of course, as well as Bears they have Mice, Monkeys, Cats, Dogs, Penguins etc, etc, and also of note is the amont of creature Comforts that these Fauna bring with them on Safari. Deckchairs, Sunbeds, Tents, Sunshades, the list of stuff goes on and on.

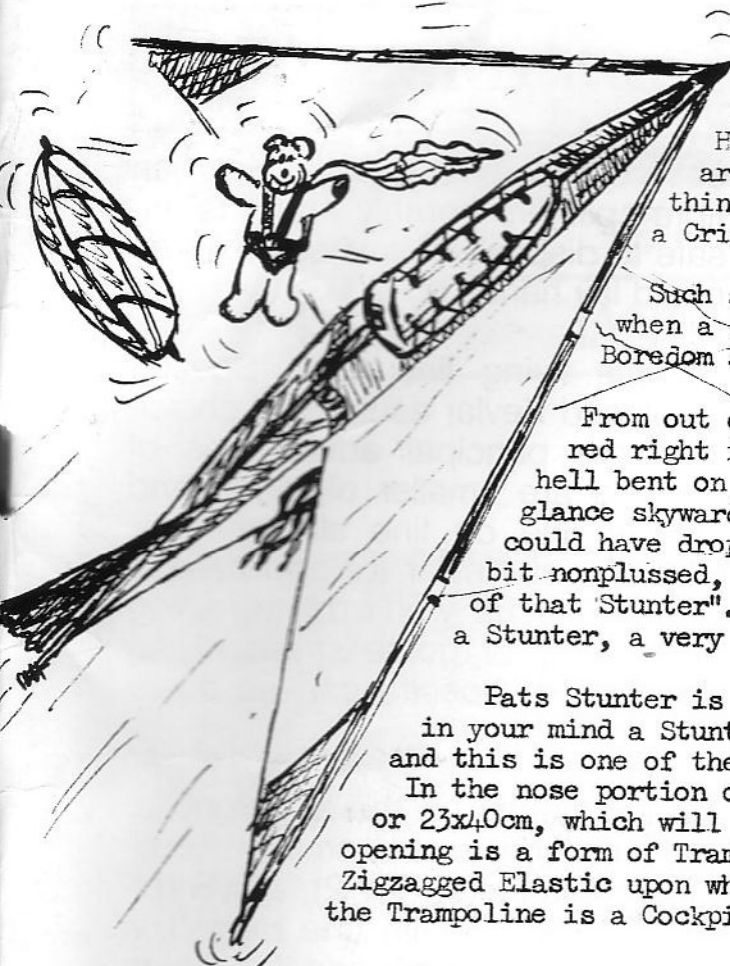
Aswell as lots of creature Comforts, the Variety and heaviness of the Launch Ordnance is Remarkable , in Particular an amazing Twin Sail Ferry that is utilised by the Fischer Regiment, our own Rastachat, after several rides up the Kiteline on this Device, said that its about time we got the BOF's act together and persuaded him to have a go a Cobbling up an Ersatz version. (Its Coming C.C.) as very good ideas are worth Pinching:

BMISS is always willing to give credit where credit is due, so we would like to give a big Hand to our Dutch Friends who are well and truly flying the BMISS/ KNDST Flags on the continent. Nice one Greenys Stuff, De Vlierij, the Fischer Regiment, Websters Mob, the KNDST Legion etc, etc well done.

Hey, Look what the Cats dragged out from under the Stairs, its you know who, "Oi, you silly old Sod, wotcha hiding for, cos we aint had a single Pro Stunter Letter". It seems dear Members, that them Stunters are like the BOF, Mostly Harmless.

Those Dropniks out there who were not too sure of how Hughs Big Book was presented can see from this exactly what you are getting for your hard Earned Dosh, of course all the smart Money would be on the Full Size version and not on the Miniscule version we show here which Hugh had to throw into the washing Maschine to Shrink it down to fit the page. If you believe that.....





There are times when the average Kiteflier/ Dropnik begins to think along the lines of, Ho, Hum, Yawn, Have I seen it all?.... And when they are in such a Frame of mind, its then that something occurs which hits them with all the force of a Cricket Bat across the head.

Such a something occurred at Blackheath last Year when a certain person was going into Brain Fade with Boredom at a Nudge, Nudge, you know what Festival.

From out of the Blue, one of our Members suddenly appeared right in the middle of a StuntKite Routine, seemingly hell bent on giving 'em some of that, BMISS style. A quick glance skywards revealed no obvious Kite that our member could have dropped from, and the certain person was just a bit nonplussed, until someone said " Hey, that Bear popped out of that Stunter". It was true, the bear had come from indside a Stunter, a very ingenious Kite made by Pat Bonneau.

Pats Stunter is tops in Audacity and Original thought. Picture in your mind a Stunt Kite of Fairly normal Delta Configuration, but and this is one of the clever bits, with a Hollow Fuselage Section. In the nose portion of this Fuselage is an opening of approx 9"x16" or 23x40cm, which will just accomodate a small Parabear. Within this opening is a form of Trampoline, i.e. a piece of Ripstop sprung with Zigzagged Elastic upon which the bear lays. Forcing the bear down onto the Trampoline is a Cockpit Cover made from Ripstop and F/glass.

The Cockpit Cover can be released, enabling the bear to Pop out of the Kite and to Parachute down. The really clever part of the design of this Kite is the use of an Electric winch which not only releases the Cockpit Cover, but also releases some "JET EXHAUST" Ripstop Streamers which indicate to the Pilot that the bear is ready for release and that he should go for maximum altitude.

Inside the tail of the Kite is concealed a small electric winch from a Lego Set, power for which comes from a small 9volt Battery. The winch is a slow rotation type which Pat has set to release the Streamers and the Cocpit Cover after it has wound up a certain length of line which takes approx 3 minutes or so.

The Flight Sequence for the Kite is Roughly as follows. The bear is placed under the Cockpit Cover which is fastened with a Pin which in turn is connected to the winch via the length of line. The winch is switched on and the Kite is launched. Normal Stunt manouvers are performed until the streamers appear at the Wing Roots. Shortly after and hopefully with the Kite at maximum altitude the Cockpit Cover is Tripped and the bear is ejected along with the Cover by the force of the Trampoline.

Although dear reader, you may have your own favourite piece of Kite kit, you must agree that its got to be very exceptional to Top this amazing Kite from Pat Bonneau.

Rumours have it that the speed of development of this type of Bear Launcher is so fast, that the Mk 1. version described here is already obsolete, and Mks II and III are already being worked upon. As soon as details are available you will read about it in R.C.

By the time you read this dear Members, we will be into the New Year, over halfway through the Hibernation Period (I'm doing this in my Sleep) (Yes, I know you can read this in your Sleep) and we can be looking forward to another great Season of giving the Dropniks and Stunters what for.

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