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NOTICE..... The Editor of Roman Candle who is also the founder of the BEARLY MADE IT SKYDIVE SQUAD WISHES to make it known to any Reader receiving Roman Candle, attached to any other publication, that Roman Candle is so attached for a purely Distributive advantage and not for reasons of inability to stand on its own two feet. B.M.I.S.S. is original and Independant as is its Newsletter, Roman Candle.

And now a word from the Chairbear.

THANKS FRED,



Firstly, safety - having perfected my innovation of a twin chute system and an uprated harness - by the way Suzy complains a lot about having to sleep in her pack since it is all rivetted on - perhaps we ought to look at improving the reliability of drops and static lines versus free fall. I have had a go at free fall and find that my attendant, Dropnik Locke, needs a new pair of glasses to enable him to judge accurately when to signal me to pull. Perhaps you can suggest some form of barometric release ? We are using a hybrid Aqua system but pressure is not the old fools forte - a couple of glasses of lager or a tranny sandwich. By the way did you know that sweet sister Suzy has a crush on you ? Far be it for me to play cupid but her frequent comments are rather pointed.....oh yeah (ED)

On the subject of competition - your idea of graded certification has a logical extension - accurate dropping in the DZ. Have you had any thoughts in this area ?

I was looking at a design for a cruise chute and had the idea that if it could be stabilised in a left or right hand spiral then much higher drops could be attempted.

Well that's all for now - full chutes, free DZs & sand.



Those members who recieve Anodyne, the Newsletter of the Somnulent Kite Fliers of Brighthelmstone will have read Chairbear Gamleys Inaugural speech at the Chichester Kids Festival, a verbatim copy of which appeared therein. For those members who have not read this speech, I can only honestly say that it read as if our Chairbear had been at the bottle under the Table or he had swallowed a Dictionary. However through the waffle came the clear message which all members should have engraved on his or her heart, namely, If you are going to go wrong, kindly go wrong when there is a large audience.

NEWS. NEWS. NEWS. NEWS. NEWS. NEWS. NEWS. NEWS.

Saturday April 24th. 1982 has been set for The B.M.I.S.S. Assistants Parachute Course & Jump. To give the more lily livered a chance to regain some colour, final course registration date has been put back to December 23rd., and you gently reminded me that the course fee is £43 but only a £5 deposit should be sent with your registration.



Snoopy the Mad Dog has successfully made his First Jump. Snoopy weighs approx Eight ounces, but carries about Three pounds of assorted Electronic Release Junk strapped to his body. This leaves no room for a Parachute or Pack, these are attached to the Kite Line seperately.

The B.M.I.S.S. is proud to announce that we now have two Overseas Members, these being Brother Kobus in Holland and Brother Calley in the U.S of A.

Still no real facts about Strato Cloud type Chutes for Members, rumours only.

The Pack dimension given in issue No.1, should be increased somewhat if the Parachute is to be made from Proofed Ripstop

Brother Rusty will be released in future via a Futaba Radio Controlled Release, we always suspected that Rusty was a Pseud. Watch out for C.B. Emissions, OOH, nasty.



Once again we Raise the vexed question, Safety Helmets, Yes or No ?
 I'm happy to say that the majority of our members are wearing them and can only say to those who dont, Be it on your own Head. Whilst on the subject of Helmets it is entirely up to individual whether Ears are worn inside or outside. At the moment I am wearing mine outside due in part to some caustic comments from Brother Rusty's dropnik Elsie, along the lines of, You look like a Womble with your Ears In. Rest assured dear members, I am a genuine member of the Genus, Ursus Chuticus.

Dropnik Elsie also has some caustic comments about Brother Gaylords name and I can only reiterate that if that is the way his Mother put his Hat on, that is entirely his own affair and nothing whatsoever to do with dropnik Elsie.

THE BALLOON JUMP.....

Sunday the 9th of August was a day I'll never forget. My dropnik and Brother Gaylords dropniks were on a Ballooning weekend in Bristol and yours truly was thrown from the said Balloon at an approx height of 350'. I was caught quite unawares and after performing a couple of somersaults, I'm sad to say that my Chutes worked perfectly. The dropniks were besides themselves from seeing me Receding as a change from Approaching them. I dont think the Balloon Pilot had ever seen anything quite like my Jump as his Jaw hit his Boots.

FRED.

Question.. Who was the Twit who decided that his Bears Reserve Chute would do much better in free descent with a 3oz.lead weight attached, only to stand Transfixed at Ragley as said Reserve, proceeded to climb away at a fair lick on a Thermal and to disappear in the general direction of Will Kipper Land.

Greens of Burnley now have some parachute ripstop in Black, Orange, Red, Yellow, Olive, Light Blue & Blue, plus choochie pink



GO WRONGS, GO WRONGS, GO WRONGS. Being some useful Ploys for New Members.

1. The Malfunction. Totally beyond our control, usually bad Packing to blame.
2. The Premature. Release yourself at about 30', very good if you wear a Reserve.
3. The Cop a Deaf 'Un. Especialy useful if you are on a Pin release, No matter how much they tug the Pin. simply refuse to release.
4. The Fred. Unbeknownst to your Dropnik, you wrap your Static Line around one leg. Upon release, you Dangle upside down. Very good if you like seeing dropniks go mad.
5. The, Thas" Strange. Refuse to pin release at altitude, but release perfectly when they hauk you down. If you repeat this 4 or 5 times, its guaranteed to cause Fits.
6. The Rusty. a very spectacular ploy if performed correctly. Do not release at correct height, wait till Kite swoops earthwards and release a split second after the Kite starts to climb, if timed right your Chute will open as you are climbing upside down, good for causing apoplexy.
7. The Tree. Self explanatory, pick as tall a tree as possible and drift into it.
8. The Gamley. Release yourself correctly then promptly fall across another Kiteline, this is very good if you wish to see your dropnik suffer instant Alopaetia.
9. The SeaBee. Only for those who have a Radio Controlled release. You invite all the local Breakers to come and release you prematurely. Hear Teeth being Gnashed at 50yds
10. The Kami-Kazi. A total malfunction, preferably ending with you smashing onto the roof of your dropniks car or even better, the roof of the most expensive car in the immediate vicinity of your D.Z.

For a good First Dividend, members are invited to Perm any or all of these. If any member can invent a new 'Go Wrong' please send it in, we can all benefit.

The ultimate !! Smoke flares - complete kits and/or instructions from Gamley Bear, Flat 1, 6, Norfolk Terrace, Brighton, Sussex.

THE B. M. I. S. S. IS OPEN TO EVERY PARACHUTIST FROM KITES, AEROSTATS, AIRCRAFT ETC, WHO IS ABLE TO WALK AWAY AFTER A TOTAL MALFUNCTIONING- DESCENT FROM 500'. MINIMUM.

Those who desire Membership, should send their name and address to, B. M. I. S. S.

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