

The Journal of the Bearly Made It Skydive Squad. The International
Brotherhood of Parachuting Fauna and the U.K. Ted Devils. Guaranteed to have much
less Bovine Scatology than a well known Big Time Loser, whose name escapes us just now.

Q8 is 3, and we are 10, well almost, in fact as near enough as makes no difference. Hows about that then?. A Decade of Mindless Drivel, Cant be bad. Alright, Alright, we know that R.C. had a Three Year No Show Period, but for all that, the fact remains that B.M.I.S.S. has been in existance for Ten Years.

Did it ever cross what passes for the BOF's Mind, when he started what was just a Running Gag, that the whole thing would still be going Ten Years later?. No, of course it did'nt, that would have been asking for a Miricle or should that be a Miracle.

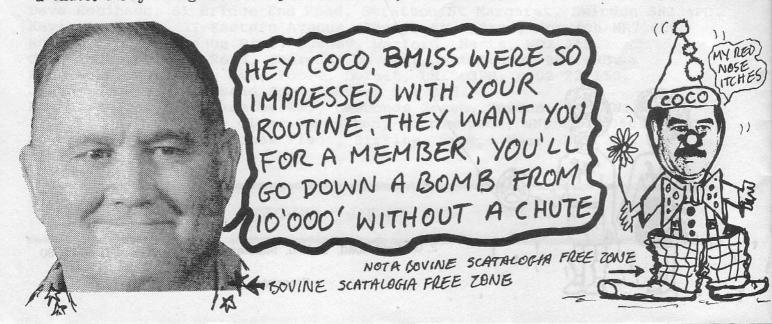
What is evident though, is that over the Ten Years, more and more People Worldwide are discovering the delights in dropping their Soft Cuddley Alter Ego's by Parachute from a Kite, with the added bonus, that maybe they can Liven up the Average Kite Fest at little risk to themselves. After all what Kite Fest Organiser in their right mind would Punch a Soft Cuddley on the Hooter, after the said Soft Cuddley and his Mates have just applied some Mayhem of a Parachuting Persuasian to a Festivals Piece de Resistance.

In the Ten Years of B.M.I.S.S. existance we have observed a slow but sure takeover of the Planet by our Legions, a takeover which is welcomed by all but the most Po Faced of Kiters, yes there are some out there who do not like Soft Cuddleys of whatever species, BOO...HISS...you know them, probably all weaned on Prunes and Vinegar, miserable sods....

still, never mind eh, the rest of us who have a soft spot for Soft Cuddleys will still go Ga, Ga, over our latest Parachuting aquisition, cradled lovingly in our Arms, whilst at Ground level a Mob of the Furry little Bar Stewards have cut the Legs off our trousers with Rambo type Knives, presumably to sell them to Martin Lester, and are busily engaged in Glueing our Kneecaps together with Honey, its all part of Life's Rich Tapestry.

So where does B.M.I.S.S. go from here apart from onwards, upwards and downwards at one and the same time? Can we ever do better than what we are doing at the present? After Ten Years, its probably safe to say that we are somewhat more than just a Flash in the Pan, the Pretensious out there would claim that we are a Subculture, whilst in all honesty we are a part of the Lunatic Fringe of what is arguably the greatest Pastime in the World, and long may we continue to be so...

We were so impressed by the Performance of Coco the Clown in the Gulf Conflict that we would like to make him a Member, however seeing as how he's the so called Head of something in a bit of a State we think he should be dropped from 10'000 ft sans a Chute. Funny enough when we give him a Bell, it appears as if his **Fhone** is cut off.



Dropnik Hampton sent some good information as to why some of our Members tend to drift a bit whilst descending. Its all to do with Chute Loading. Naturally enough different Members will drift differently on the same size Canopy, which does explain why Slangevar drifts further than Cottonbud though their Chutes are the same size.

For instance says Dropnik Hampton, Slangevar with a weight of 50z and a Flat Dia of Chuteof 51 sq in and a Chute area of 14.2 sq ft loads his Canopy at only 0.35 oz per sq ft of Canopy, whilst Flamethrower, our Welsh Dragon Member who has a weight of 880z, a flat chute dia of 132 in and a flat chute area of 95 sq ft loads his chute at 0.92 oz per sq ft. In comparison to this a Hume weighing 200 lbs with a chute 30ftx12ft with an area of 707 sq ft would load his chute at 4.5 oz per sq ft. Dropnik Hampton says that

the calculations were worked out assuming a flat Chute whereas we know that they descend Brolly shaped, however as he says its a start.

Those of you dropniks outthere who are planning Chutes for different sized Fauna and are not too sure of the Gore Dimensions may find the following of use.

SIZE ONE: A= 43cm, B=13cm, C=2cm x14 Gores with shroud lines of 50cm gives a Canopy of approx 40 cm, useful for really small Fauna.

SIZE TWO: A= 51cm. B= 16cm. C= 2cm. x 14 Gores with shroud lines of 90cm gives a Canopy of approx 60cm suitable for slightly larger Fauna.

SIZE THREE: A=75cm. B=28cm. C=3cm x 14 Gores with shroud lines of 120cm gives the Standard BMISS 1metre canopy for fauna up to 0,5kg.

SIZE FOUR: A=95cm. B=26cm. C= 3cm x 18 Gores with shrouds of 2metres, gives a nice looking canopy suitable for Fauna of approx 1kg.

The best way to make a Gore Template is via thin Card of suitable size. If you mark the "B"Dimension first, then the Curve can be obtained by Taping a length of 1 or 2mm Fi/glass Rod at point X. Funnily enough, by Eye alone, the curve will indicate when it is correct. This curve of course is essential unless you are planning on making a G.Q. Aeroconical Canopy, which though efficient, are not pleasing to the Eye. You only need to obtain one curve as you can cut the Template down the middle to make sure both sides are equal.

Its best to Hot Cut the Gores via a Soldering Iron and although the Card Template works well, it wont Die of Old Age, so if you are planning to make lots of Chutes its advisable to make the Template from Hardboard as are all the B.O.F's Templates.

So, what do you use for making the Chute? Ah, the 64 000 dollar question. As we have said before, Unproofed Ripstop is best, or railing that, Proofed Ripstop is OK or for that matter any lightweight material, manmade for preferance as they can be Hot Cut with a Soldering Iron.

You may remember a couple of Issues back we enquired if any Readers had any Pics of Vics Biggies in action. Up until now ZIICH, or sweet F.A. We did anticipate this, so going a bit Barmier than we usually do, we decided to send Theodore Edward O'Hows yer Farva one of the Biggies so that he could take his own action Pics, he being the one who originally asked for them. We sent them by the Cheapest method, seeing as how we had already thrown the Cat another Kipper. This was some Six months ago and we still don't know whether or not Theo has received or not. If you got it OK Theo, let us know, if not we reckon it must have been Hijacked by Big Norm as Stratgic War Material. Ah, well, if Norm did Nick the Chute it was in a good cause, but it makes you wonder if they are a bit Boracic over there. Hopefully all will be revealed now the Hibernation Period is over.

Have you noticed that this Issue has nt had a go at anybody? thats due in part to the aforesaid Hibernation Period. As I write, the HQ Mob are still akip (HOORAY) but no doubt from the next issue we'll be back to the usual load of Mindless Drivel, with Fredbear as usual, Slagging off everyone, right, left and centre. Complaints etc to 48. Iaurel Iane, West Drayton, Middx, UB7. 7TY. U.K......