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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. Contains 100 % Mindless Drivel, Yoo WOT ?



'Ted Devils' ready for the high jump . . .

A teddy bear called Armstrong will do a parachute jump when the Midlands Kite Fliers group arrives at Stafford Castle.

Armstrong, a member of the "Ted Devils" parachute team, will be the star of a kite flying display on Sunday June 30.

Children are being asked to volunteer their own cuddly toys for a leap from the skies with mini specially made mini

parachutes. Mr John Eccleston, chairman of the Midland Kite Fliers, said that Armstrong was a veteran of around 20 parachute jumps.

"But children can bring any cuddly toys along - we'll give them a chance to fly through the air and hopefully bring them back safely," he said.

As well as the teddy bear jumps, spectators at the event, which is from 11am-4pm, will watch stunt kite flying to music.

Amidst all the Momentous events that have been Reshaping the Soviet Union lately and leaving the World Agog, an even more momentous event took place recently at H.Q. BMISS.

Yes, whilst Boris and the Boys and Girls were reducing the Party to the level of a Busted Flush, the Boring Old Fart was suddenly dragged Kicking and Screaming, (mostly Screaming) into the 20th Century.

What, you may ask, caused this kerfuffle, something from the shock of which, we dont think the BOF has completely recovered. Yup, you guessed it, one of those New Fangled Electimified, thats Electric to you, Sewing Machines, Tah Dahh..

Gordon Bennett, 'arry, the H.Q. Mob aint had so much entertainment in Yonks. Its as if the BOF has gone from a Reliant Robin, to Senna's F.1. Maclaren.

Hold on we hear you say, does this mean that old faithful Ayteenundred an 'ows yer Farva is for the chop? Nay Lad, they dont make 'em like that anymore. and some may say thank God they dont, but that old hand operated machine will still be on standby.

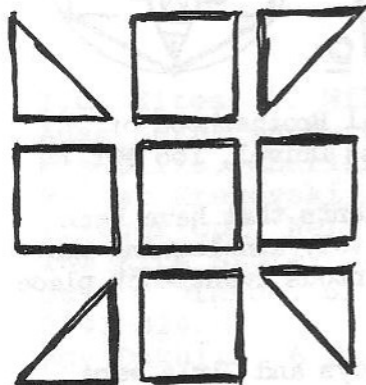
So, then, what is the upshot of this sudden jump to modernity. Will the BOF's Chutes be made any better ? probably not, will the Chute Packs be nailed together nicer ? highly unlikely as his construction faults will happen faster but just as frequently.

No, dear Readers the H.Q. mobs entertainment is in anticipating a repeat performance of an Idiot running a really neat Zig Zag Stitch up a Finger a then seeing the aforesaid Idiot performing an amazing Breakdance coupled with a high speed resitation of all the Swear words in the English Language... (stop laughing Hugh)

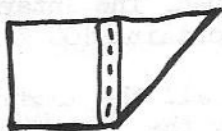
Hopefully the BMISS Fauna of the Year Trophy, first awarded last Year, will become a regular Annual event This Years Winner has already been chosen, we cannot name Him or Her until the next issue, as we have yet to make the presentation, but as a great number of our members are Overseas and we never get to see them, apart, that is from most of our Dutch Friends, hows about you overseas Dropniks sending in Pics of your Fauna so that the 1992 FOTY Award can be made from as wide a choice as possible. Please note, that if you send a Fauna Pic to the Tightfisted BOF, your chances of getting it back are ZILCH.

Cant those Tabloid Hacks get anything right? John Eccleston indeed, Ha, we know better, thats the one and only, watch our Lips, DON Eccleston, hoping that Armstrong wont go mad and land on his Bonce.

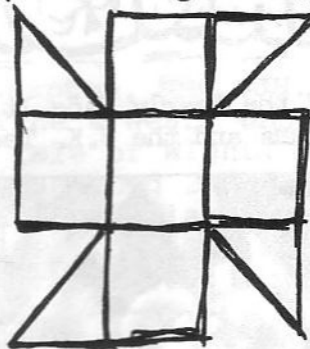
Dont Panic, Dont Panic... Those of you who for one moment had thought you were suddenly reading a Noughts and Crosses Magazine can relax. No, this isnt an erzatz version of the Puzzler its the ROTACHUTE from El Generallissimo Sky Bums Esquire. otherwise known as Paul (my Kites reach parts other Lagers cannot touch) Morgan Tah Dahh.... (we had to get the plug in somewhere)



5 off 25cm Ripstop Squares plus 2 cut diagonally.....



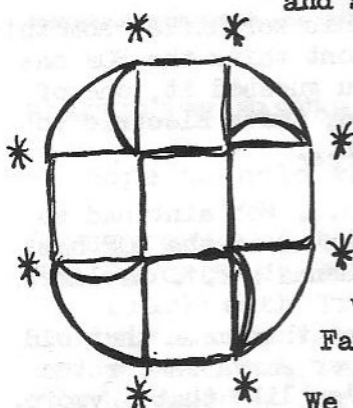
sew together as above times four.....



Then bung 'em all together so you end up with like this (hope we have'nt lost you so far)

(something should go between like and with, Hmm I wonder)

Then you Seam all around the edges joining all the parts together till you end up with something that looks vaguely like this. If it dont, its best to chuck it in the Bin and start again, after all, whats time and some Ripstop scraps to a Dropnik of your Demeanor. Thats right, hang the expense, throw the Cat another Kipper.



Right where was we before we got sidetracked? oh yeah if you do have something that looks like this, then its time to Nail on some Shroud Lines from the points marked *. The Shrouds should be about 3ft or a Metre long and are connected to a swivel,

For best results a Ball Bearing Swivel is best, these can be found at any Fishing Tackle Shop at reasonable cost. With the sizes given, the Chute will only be suitable for a smallish Fauna, but it should be fairly easy to Scale Up, so experiment.

We reckon you've sussed out that on descent, the Fauna Faces the same way all the time, whilst the Chute revolves above him or her. So Dropniks, if you are into Gas Pipe Fitting, or are Counter Revolutionary, or just naturally of a Left Hand Threaded Persuasion, just turn the Chute inside out and it'll go the other way. Hello Sailor.

Lots of Dropniks out there, have made or are in the process of making thier own version of the Fauna Ferry shown in the last issue. The BOF's one has now nearly completed a whole Season of use and has performed really well, given a suitable Wind.

The Ferry was put on to a diet and now weighs in at just a Pound (say 450 grams) part of the diet was the reuse of Dowel Wingspreaders (1/4", 6mm) These, probably due to the Spring loaded Line Stop, seem to be able to take the strain. So we now have two sets of spreaders, one in F/glass for strong winds and one in Dowel for lighter winds.

Funnily enough, when the BOF weighed all the parts of the Ferry seperately, the two Ripstop Sails weighed the most.

Re the photo on page one. We've since heard from Dropnik Don that the Stafford Castle Bash went off very well. In fact so many Fauna were dropped for the Kids, that Don and the Crew ended up well Knackered. But there again is'nt that what its all about?

We've also had another letter from Jessica Sparrow, you know her, the erstwhile Maritime Museum Flasher Queen of Connecticut, saying that it was nice to see her name in print and that if thats what it takes, shes of a mind to go back down that Museum and let the local Pervies look all they want. (By appointment of course) Oi Jessica, Show us yer Legs.....

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