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THE JOURNAL OF THE BEARLY MADE IT SKYDIVE SQUAD. THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHER AND SISTERHOOD OF PARACHUTING FAUNA AND THE U.K. TED DEVILS. MINDLESS DRIVEL CONTENT EXCEEDS MANY LOCAL STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TREATIES, POLITICALLY INCORRECT, AND WE DONT GIVE A TOSS. THIS ISSUES SECRET CODE PHRASE...."SORE FUNDAMENTAL ORIFICE"

The future is upon

us

As will be a load of Parabears if Vic Walker has his way. As you know, its Ten Years since the current Category 1 (Classic) Record for Parafauna was set by Greg Locke and Team, on the 31st of May 1987, at the York Festival of Kites.

Since then quite a few attempts on that record have been made, notably a couple by Dave Clements. However events have conspired to thwart these best laid Plans, as this seemingly simple Record has proved to be anything but.

One Man who has set his sights on the Record is Vic Walker. Vic, you could say has been almost obsessed of late, and he feels that with a modicum of luck and a vast amount of planning, that, later this year, at the White Horse Kite Fest at Wroughton, in fact, the New Record will be his.

When you consider that the Category 2 Record, stands at 487, you may wonder to yourself, why is it that the "Classic" Record is only 39. At the risk of Boring the pants off of you who drop Fauna regularly we'll endeavor to explain.

Category 1 (Classic) Rules state that all Fauna must be of substantial weight, in this case a minimum of eight ounces or 250 grams. Each Fauna must be equipped with a 'REAL' Parachute of a minimum of eight Gores. Each Parachute must be in a separate pack attached individually to each Fauna. Each Fauna must be attached separately to the dropping Mechanism(s) and finally no Bagging, Batching or Multi Packing is allowed.

So there you have it, this is why the 'Classic' is such a stinker of a Record to break. Of course a grand Dump is a spectacle and a lot of hard work. but we think you'll agree that a load of Fauna dropping in Classic Mode is even better.

Vic and his Team have been working flat out this Winter on his proposed attempt, and given favourable conditions at Wroughton, the record could go.

One thing is for sure, Vic is not short of 'HEAVY ORDNANCE' in his quest for the Record. He has access to various Stratoscoops and Parafoils, including the known to be lethal Albatross and the awesome Stratoscoop Nine, Holy Cow, so for a start the problem is not can we lift a large amount of Fauna? but more along the lines of, Can my Sewing Machine take the strain.....

Whatever..... Good Luck Vic.....



FAUNA BOMBING ON THE NET, YOO WOT!

Being Computer Illiterate has its advantages. For one thing, you're not forced to Trawl through loads of Dross about how fab and funky Spurts Kites are, another, is fairly low Phone Bills, however, be that as it may, we were reliably informed by our Tame Netheads that there was a dearth of Paarfauna related sites on the Net.

From now on the lack of such Sites, or whatever, should become a thing of the past In the last issue we invited intrested Net Nuts to send us their Logos, Callsigns or the like, and the response was quite encouaging, so, here goes

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepageswhkf/photos.htm> feed that bleeding horse!
kytebear@aol.com _____ for E-Mail to Theodore Edward O'Hows Yer Farva, the lad hisself
mdallmer@arserrc.gov _____ the hot line to the Oakley St Maternity Clinic.....
pirateking@kitestore.co.uk. _____ holy cow, The Flying Queerthing Emporium.....
rao@mistral.co.uk _____ for E-Mail to the South Coast Slapper and Oakey one.....
<http://www.interlog.com/mgraves/homehtm> _____ he talks Bear andloadsa Kites.....
captaindick@acmenet.com _____ aye,aye,skipper, _____ the Cap talks Bears, Kites,Quilts&more
vic@tosser.bear.drop.splat.soddit.uk _____ vic talks Bears, mobile scenery,windpws ?
bursars general accounting genaccounting@reading.ac.uk _____ funny name for a boozer Dave?
71703.553@compuserve.com _____ we got this from somewhere, dunno who or what it is.
<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/kite-society> _____ some Bear,loadsa,loadsa Kites.
bof@bmiss.con.w/up.co.uk. _____ holy cow196 homepages all about Po-Faced Spurt Kites...

To the best of our knowledge all the aboves, Bona's are Fides(He Lied) who knows, maybe we'llend up printing loads more as and when we get them, must be the way to go, as even her MAJ is a Goer on the Internet"May Husband and Aye" Gordon Bennett.....
Whoops, oh, dear, fuux pas,71703.553@compuserve.com is of course E-Mail for Jerry Swift



OI, COBBERS, GISS'UM CREDIT

(WHERE ITS DUE BRUV)

Whilst we are extremely flattered to discover that the Autralian Kite Association Inc. saw fit to pinch and use a bit from Roman Candle for their newsletter The Australian Kite, we were to say the least a bit Miffed when we realised that they had'nt bothered to tell their Readers, where they had nicked the piece from.

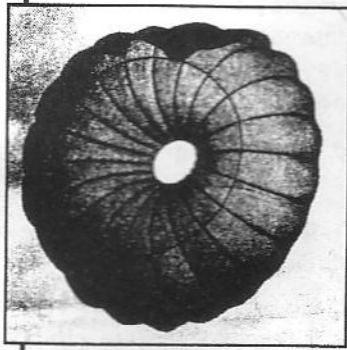
As it happens we dont really give a Toss if any Kite publication wants to nick bits from Roman Candle,we've done that for years, nicking bits from here and there, thst is. All we ask for is credit where credit is due.

O.K. We've had a go at the Aussies, so to even things up we had better give their Newsletter a bit of a puff (who shouted crawlarse ?) Thing is they have a column which relates the adventures of a Parabear called Amelia.

We know for a fact that this Amelia was a Wetback from the US of A, Ha! Phila PA. thats right, catch our drift? anyway Amelia has got all the local Parabruces in a bit of a lather. However be that as it may thethings that Amelia and the Parabruces get up dont seem to include much boozing. Crazy eh? in the land of the Lash. After all when Drunken Dave went out there, he thought he had died and gone to heaven.

Dave was awash with MuckyDuck and 4x kangaroo P... ,but apparently Amelia never is.

ELECTRIC ARTHUR GOES LARA (LOW ASPECT RATIO ANNULAR)



THE NEW LARA (LOW ASPECT)

is the latest innovation in parachute only had a choice of either descent rate and oscillates canopy that takes much less. The LARA (developed by and minimal oscillation producing shape. After extensive testing at 200 mph with a similar design. So on. P2

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A COUPLE OF ISSUES BACK THERE WAS Mention of a New type of Parachute, called a LARA, Low Aspect Ratio Annular.

Developed by the U.S. Military, the LARA offers small size, quick deployment and high performance. Just the Job in its full size form for Hanggliders and possibly Microlights.

A scaled down version of the LARA should do the bizzo for Parafauna, thought Electric Arthur, and with out further ado a Parafauna scale version was up and dropping.....

Arthur writes....to say that he was intrigued with the LARA even though the photo showed precious little detail. However, Arthur is fond of a challenge and it was'nt long before he had

worked out the shape of each Gore and the dimensions thereof.

The Gore Plan given here gives a canopy of approx 0.5 metre. but it can be easily scaled up to double so as to give a one metre canopy.

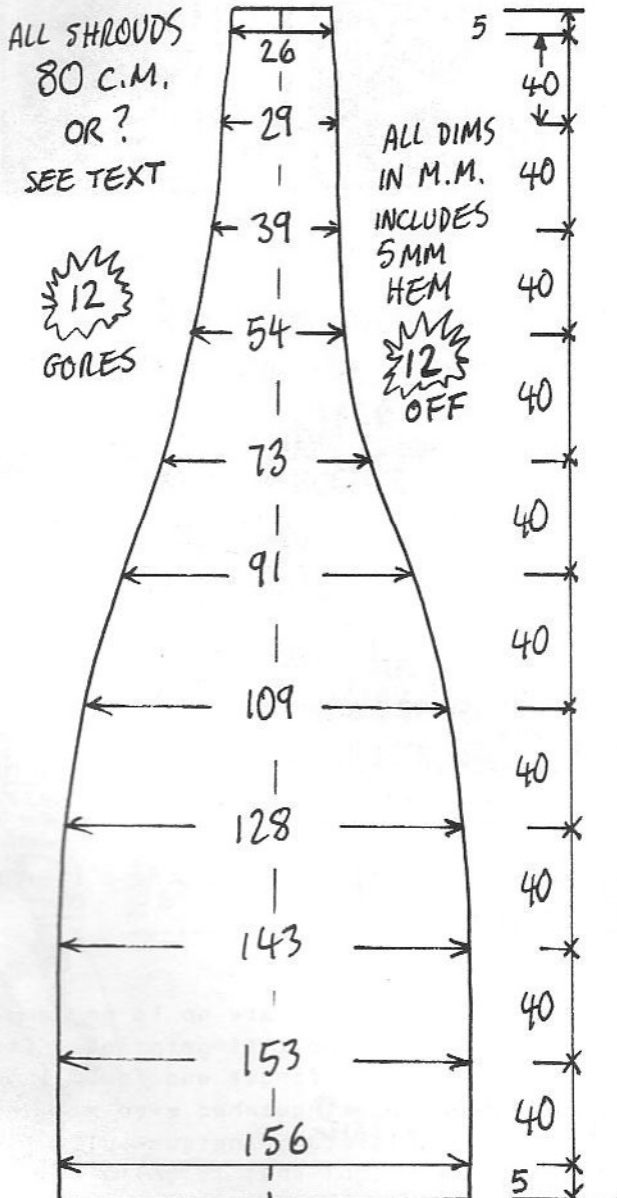
When you make the pattern, you will find that the narrow end should be the inverse curve of the wide end, which gives marvelous economy of ripstop when cutting out the gores.

As it is difficult to trim the vent if you sew the chute completely, its best to trim and hem the vent and also attach the vent shroud lines before you finally sew the first gore to the last.

This Chute is composed of 12 Gores, but unlike the Full sized version, there are only four vent shrouds, spaced at every third gore,

Arthur suggests that all the shrouds should be the same length, which would pull the vent down to the level of the outer rim of the canopy. However, after studying the photo of the LARA, it could be argued that the vent actually is only halfway down to the rim when viewed from the side. This is no problem, for if you leave an excess of line on the vent shrouds, then it is an easy matter to adjust the amount by which the vent is pulled down, to whatever takes your fancy, or whatever works best for you.

Arthur hopes that this pattern will provide a starting point for this type of chute and invites you comments and or advice.....



Pheh....Puff... gasp, cut, cut saw, saw, sand, sand, ouch, splinters, Gordon Bennett, right thats a couple of BDF type awful Templates hacked out of 1/4" Plywood, wheres the Hot Cutter.

NANNY SAYS NO, SO THE BEAR HAD TO GO.....

Ron Moulton found out about this latest piece of NANNY STATE B/S in the Jetsam section of the Rayleigh and District Philatelic Societys Newsletter.

It would appear that recently, the Kiwi Post Office had designed and printed a New Stamp promoting Child Welfare. As you can see as originally printed, the Stamp featured a Baby with, what else ?, a Teddy Bear. At vast expense, the Stamps were printed but before they were released for sale, some interfering busybody took it upon themselves to say that the Child was seated contrary to Safety Guidelines, Yoo Wot?

Suffice it to say that the entire print run was scrapped and the design altered to what the "NANNY" considered was the Politically Correct version.

Take a good look. Notice anything? yep you're right, the "IN DANGER" Child is the same as before, whilst our Furry Friend is obviously what was unacceptable.

Does'nt it make you want to Puke. You'd honestly think that some people would have better things to do than demand the removal of a Ted from a Stamp. Never mind about the megabuck cost to the Kiwi Taxpayers, so long as its "RIGHT ON" in some Politically Correct "TWO BOB's" eye then all is well.

The really peachy bit about this whole thing is that by mistake Two Post Offices were issued with Sheets of this Stamp in its original form and it appears that a Thousand are in the hands of the Public. An instant collectors item? The Auckland Saving Bank found itself in possession of a part sheet of Ninety Teddy Stams, which are to be Auctioned at the Stanley Gibbons N.Z. Company, all proceeds going to a Childrens Hospital.

May the Lifelong curse of the Small Furry Objects be visited on the "P.C.TWO BOB" who instigated the whole affair.



"TWO BOB"? Yep thats about what they're worth

LGM? + UFO'S NOT.....

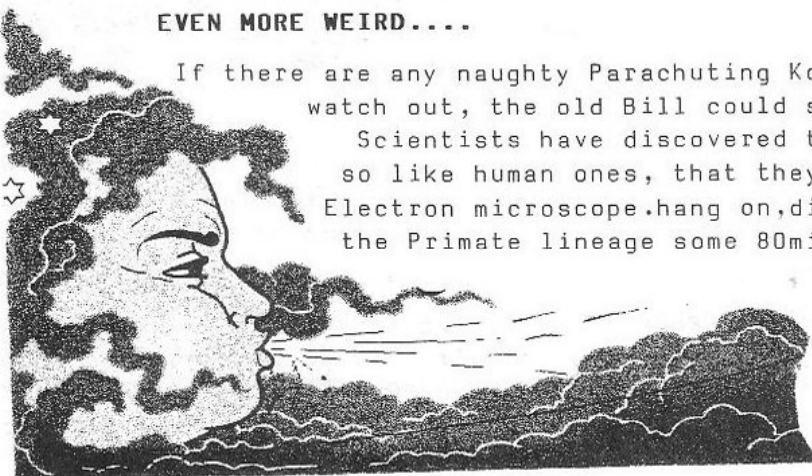
If you hear of a sudden rash of "LIGHTS IN THE SKY" reports from the Northampton area, rest assured, its not Little Green Men in their Flying Saucers, its more likely than not to be Dropnik Billings, testing his illuminated Teddy Bears for Night Drops.

Just why anyone would want to drop Parafauna when its as Black as Newgates Knocker we cant say, except that maybe Steve is training his Mob to sort out the Po Faces at night, but there again theres not many who fly their Spurt Kites at night, or is there.

Well, as we've said before WEIRD S**T Happens and very much more than from time to time.....OO'ER MISSUS.....

EVEN MORE WEIRD....

If there are any naughty Parachuting Koalas out there who are up to no good, watch out, the old Bill could soon be taking their fingerprints, for Scientists have discovered that Koalas have finger and footprints so like human ones, that they cannot be distinguished even with an Electron microscope. hang on, did'nt Phascolarctus cinereus split from the Primate lineage some 80million years ago? What is going on?



Yes we could do with some answers to the above, but until then, its the usual to the usual, The Teddy torial , c/o The BOF 48 Laurel Lne West Drayton, Middx, UB7.7TY.UK