

ROMAN SANDLE 50.



The one off alternative edition of the journal of the Ted Beret, the John Barker Fan Club and the Society for Compulsory Free Falling Tele Tubbies. Distinctly not a serious competition as we can't seem to get the same level of political incorrectness.

Well this is quite a land mark, Issue 50. We could not let it pass without some recognition. I have only been reading Roman Candle since issue 15, But when you work it out that is longer than it sounds.

Over the years I am sure RC has upset some people, amazed others and left the majority totally gob smacked and wondering what it's all going on about.

Be that as it may, there is a small select band who look forward to the next issue of Kiteflieer with only one thing in mind, the next bit of mindless drivel known to us all as "ROMAN CANDLE". OK, so I am one of the elite group who has been awarded the BMISS tankard for services to fauna bombing and therefore may be a little prejudiced.

I hope I have continued to uphold the standards for which I received this honour. So many thanks for the support and entertainment you have given me, my son and all the converted over the years.

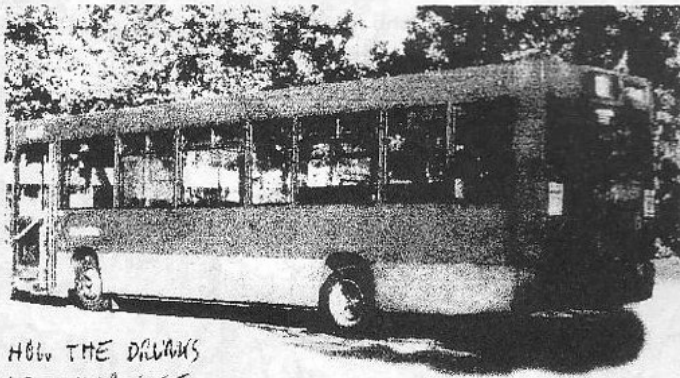
Here's to the next fifty issues,

Best regards,

Electric Arthur, Martin and The Ted Berets



Over the last year there has been a noticeable lack of the man himself so the air has not been blue with his choice turns of phrase. What a pity the climate has followed the same trend. Hurry back we could



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PHOTO DOES NOT INCLUDE
V-SIGN FROM DRIVER

do with some better festival weather. We were all sorry to hear that John had been made redundant but when he started on the busses it gave the rest of us wags a new excuse for extracting the Michael. I was going to try and include some here but fortunately the man himself contacted me on another subject and included some pictures and comments in his own inimitable style. As I cannot possibly better them they are reproduced for your entertainment.

Chutes used to be easy, in the old days all we had was hemisphericals. Then some clever sod scales down a ram chute. We managed the onion chute (aeroconical) but have still not got the drive slots to steer it. For fun we then tried the carro-chute, especially for the large quantities of rabbits which were brought to Hengistbury '96 the challenge was then laid down to produce the L.A.R.A. (low aspect ratio annular) which was accepted and successfully completed. Now he wants the L.A.D.F. (Low Altitude Fast Deploy) This is still giving problems when we get V tabs, peel back and air pockets. Give us a flippen chance mate. We still can't get our ram chute to open!

Watch This Space...

I never got left behind in 88, I was never ever there! The John the BOF

I read with interest Dave Whites report of the York Festival, and wondered if I was detecting a touch of sour grapes. What for instance is a standard stunter, does such a beast exist and if it does, who has decided if it is a standard stunter. I assume by standard Dave, you mean a Peter Powell type kite, to me a stunt kite is any two line kite which is manoeuvrable. I know that the Hawaiian is the flavour of the month at the moment, mainly I suspect as a thing of fashion, but to say that cos its noisy, needs gloves to fly it and hasn't got a tail, it shouldn't be allowed in a stunt kite championship is a bit daft, the Hawaiian is fast but I bet that they can be out flown by at least two other types of stunter in the right wind. The use of a tail on a stunt kite is really neither here nor there as any competent judge should be able to decide if a given manoeuvre is correct or not.

The use of names for manoeuvres is sensible as then everybody knows what he or she should be doing at any given time in a competition, but I'm not too sure about some of the names that are being given to various manoeuvres i.e. infinity to a horizontal figure eight, maybe hori-ayt along with veri-ayt would be better, the same can be said of the manoeuvre called brassiere, not many bras look like that and if the girls were forced to wear a bra like that they say 'on yer Bike pal' but then I am only nit picking. Maybe the kite society could lay some recommendations for stunt groups along the lines of

1. Any single stunter with or without tails, junior or senior
2. Stunt trains of more than one but not more than 6 kites
3. Synch teams of two
4. Synch teams of more than two
5. Very important, all the above on flying lines of not less than 150 feet or more than 200 feet

The fore going article was first published under correspondence in the October 1988 issue of Kiteflyer from some bloke by the name of Barker???. Is this the first record of having a go at the po-faced? Perhaps it gives us the reasons. The answer after all may not be 42. Did some one get left behind in 88?

At least some of the advice was taken up, but now how many of us know the difference between a coin toss, an axle and a triple salko? Now we know who to blame!!

As we can see from the picture, when the BOF comes into contact with stunters things start to heat up. This unfortunate kite ended up in smoke.

Talking of smoke the BOF has been a regular participant at WHKF's workshops where the following photo was shot in one of the rare work breaks between cigarettes. OK so he forgot his thermals, blanket and



hot water bottle but who else could go to the workshop on sticking kites together and go home to finish the kite on a sewing machine, change the trailing edge design of a Mockform or make one of Bazzar's fantastic Celtic knot hexagons with a pattern in black on black? And they all flew.



The BOF's last known contact with a kite of more than one line - Basingstoke '96

Not shown Wooden Stake Cuedix & GALLIC

+ Flames, oh I like to see stunters burn?

Just a final thanks to those who helped in the creation of this, it is not an easy task to do alone. So as in the time honoured tradition it's the usual to the usual, the teddytorial, c/o 'Alf A Dibble, 24 Alexander Road, Thatcham, Berks, RG19 4QU, U.K