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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. 100% Politically Incorrect, but then you knew that, and we dont give a Toss.....

EU SEND US ALL CRAZY

which, when you think about it, is no mean feat considering that we are pretty barmy in the first place. however when you see some of the eurobollocks that these loonies have, and are trying to foist on us. I ask you is the E.U. the biggest nut house on the planet?

O.K. no doubt you've all heard of the barmy size regs for fruit, including the bit about £5,000 fines for Bananas that bend too much, and the reg about emergency exit signs being changed to show the figure of a running man, when everyone know you should not run in an emergency.

But how does this daft reg grab you, especially the Ladies, All Cosmetic and Toiletry labels are to be printed in LATIN, get out of here, whats wrong with labels written in good old ENGLISH. Sounds a bit Rascist to me. Of course we know that these EURO Tossers dont like our Feet and Inches and Pounds and Ounces, but did you know that we have had to lengthen our Cricket Pitches from 22 good English Yards or 20.1168 metres, which these EU dopes cant get their heads round, up to 20.2 metres. That is barmy really when you try to work out just how many Games have the Euro Tossers given to the world, DOH! Hang on, there is one, thats being Nailed to their Nags by Arrows fired from English and Welsh Longbows, alright, alright, I know Henry the Fith was a Will Kipper or a Paddy wot could'nt swim.

And did you know that under regs introduced in 92, any copyright name registered in Brussels can be used right across Europe, which means that the Cornish could lose the rights to their world famous Clotted Cream, cos now the collaborators, whoops sorry, the Frogs now wnt to make it. Gordon Bennett can you imagine the stink they would raise if you said you wanted to brew Champagne in Heckmondwike.

We are under no illusions as to wether or not the E.U. Mob of Bureaucrats like us or not, but they are trying to put the Boot in on the good old British Chrimbo, cos they dont like our Brandy Butter, they say the name is misleading under their spreadable fats legislation. BAH HUMBUG! or should that be Strikey Mint Flavoured Confectionery?

By now you maybe thinking that this is just another Anti Europe Rant, it is, it is, so now we get to the really peachy bit, the bit where you all go completely Ballistic, No, No, not those Bayonets, They dont like it up 'em Mr Mainwaring..... and get your hands off their throats people, unless that is you are wearing gloves....DID YOU KNOW THAT FROM NOW ON ITS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE IF YOU MAKE AND SELL A HOME MADE TEDDY BEAR OR OTHER SOFT CUDDLEY, EVEN FOR CHARITY, UNLESS ITS UNDERGONE SAFETY TESTING AT £200 A POP. Yeah, so now a good many of you are now official EUROCRIMS, I ask you where will it all end, in Tears I guess and they wont be ours, Holy shit watch out Prof Dallmer is waving his 30-06 Sniper Rifle about, and you?



"ELECTRIC" ARTHURS 16 GORE CUTTING EDGE "LoDep" DESIGN.....

Back last year, you may remember, the Military were experimenting with a new design of Chute which would deploy safely at an extremely low altitude. From photos taken at the time, this Chute appeared to have a Triple Canopy and a Gauze Skirt.

No doubt a workable scale model of this chute could be constructed, but it would be a pig to make. Not to worry however, for after an inspired "Back of a Fag Packet" design session, (thats back of a cigarette pack) for you overseas Dropniks, the one and only, yes Electric Arthur has designed a simplified version, Fauna, Parachuting for the use of.

As you can see from the sketch, this chute is a double canopy type with a gauze skirt and when made up from the plan shown, results in a chute of about one metre diameter. Perhaps the most interesting feature of this particular canopy is that it is internally braced via the shrouds, which enables the chute to adopt and maintain the double chute shape

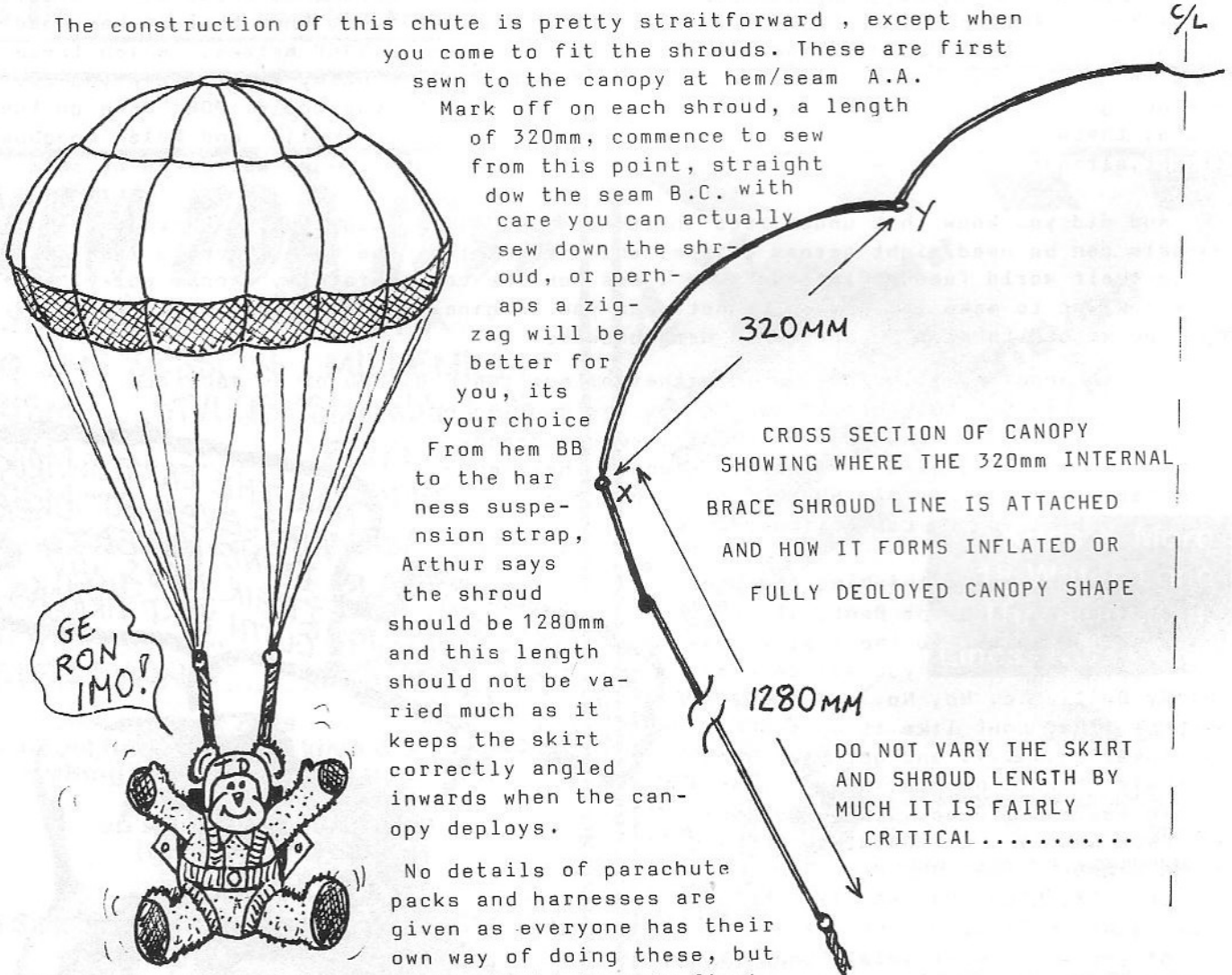
At the risk of boring the pants off all you seasoned chute cobbler uppers out there, a quick resume of how to make gore patterns, surely wont come amiss. First off a full size paper pattern is easily made and if you have'nt got a large enough piece of paper, then tape together bits of A4 until you have it big enough. Fold the paper lengthwise and do just a half a gore using the fold as the centre line. Cut around the double outline, open out and Bobs yer flipping, 'OLE, bung the resultant onto a suitable piece of cardboard, or hardboard, cut and sand and Hey Presto, you can Hot cut Ripstop till the Cows come home.

The Gauze for the skirts on Arthurs prototypes for this chute came from a dressmakers supply emporium and is actually quite stiff, which makes for easier sewing, and similar gauze should be easy to find in your neck of the woods.

The construction of this chute is pretty straitforward, except when you come to fit the shrouds. These are first sewn to the canopy at hem/seam A.A.

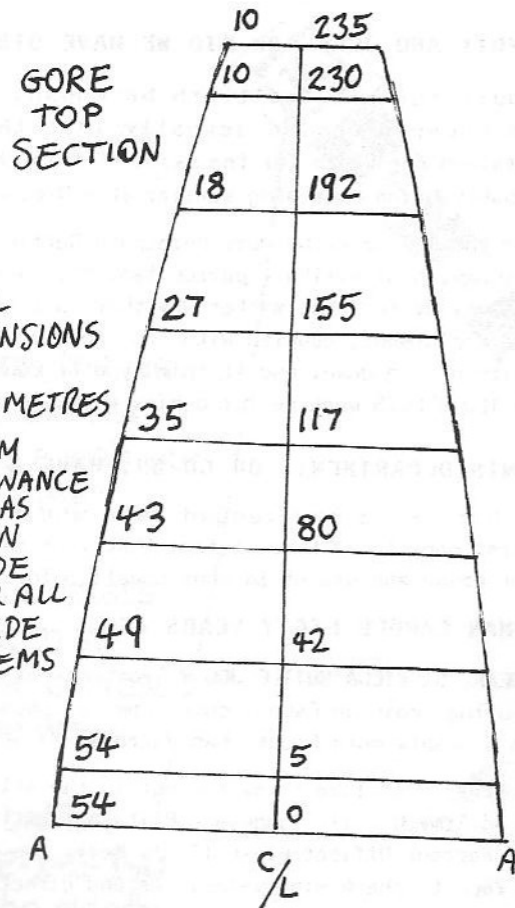
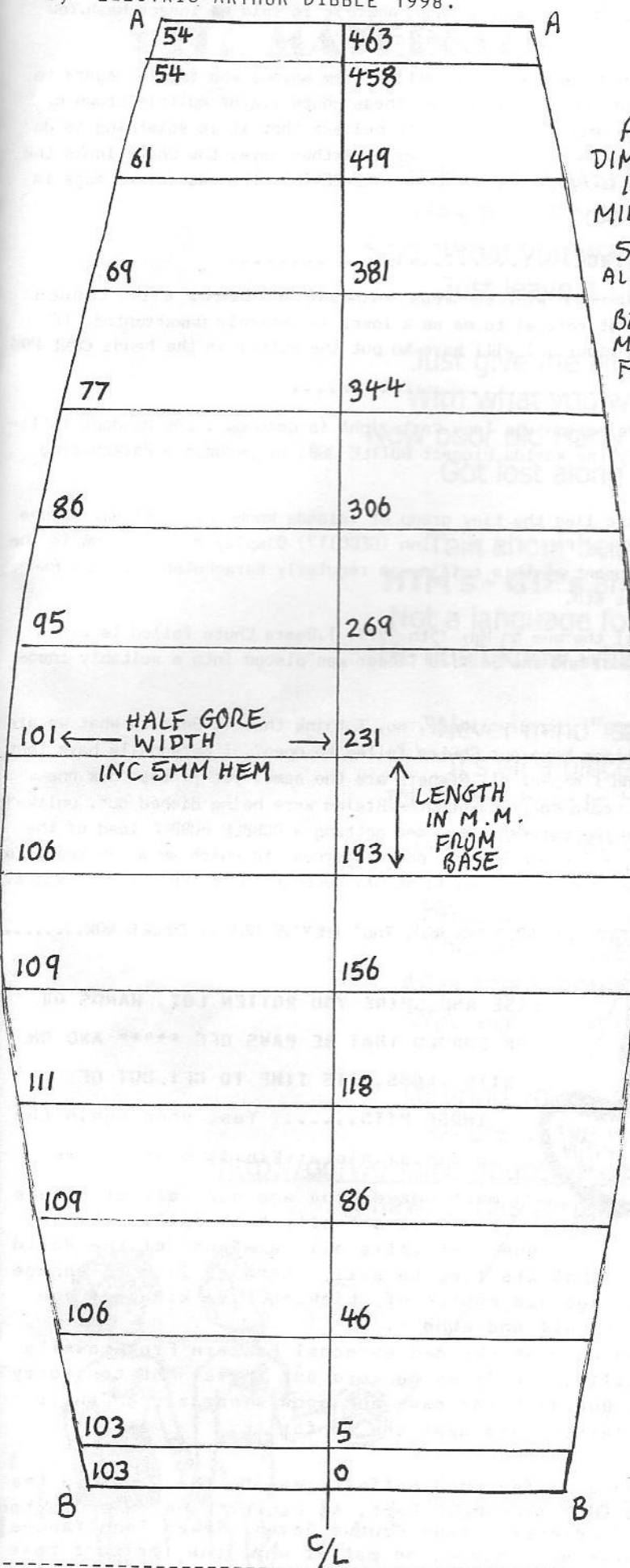
Mark off on each shroud, a length of 320mm, commence to sew from this point, straight dow the seam B.C. with care you can actually sew down the shroud, or perhaps a zig-zag will be better for you, its your choice From hem BB to the harness suspension strap, Arthur says the shroud should be 1280mm and this length should not be varied much as it keeps the skirt correctly angled inwards when the canopy deploys.

No details of parachute packs and harnesses are given as everyone has their own way of doing these, but suffice it to say that the chute should be made first and a pack made to fit it, not the other way round

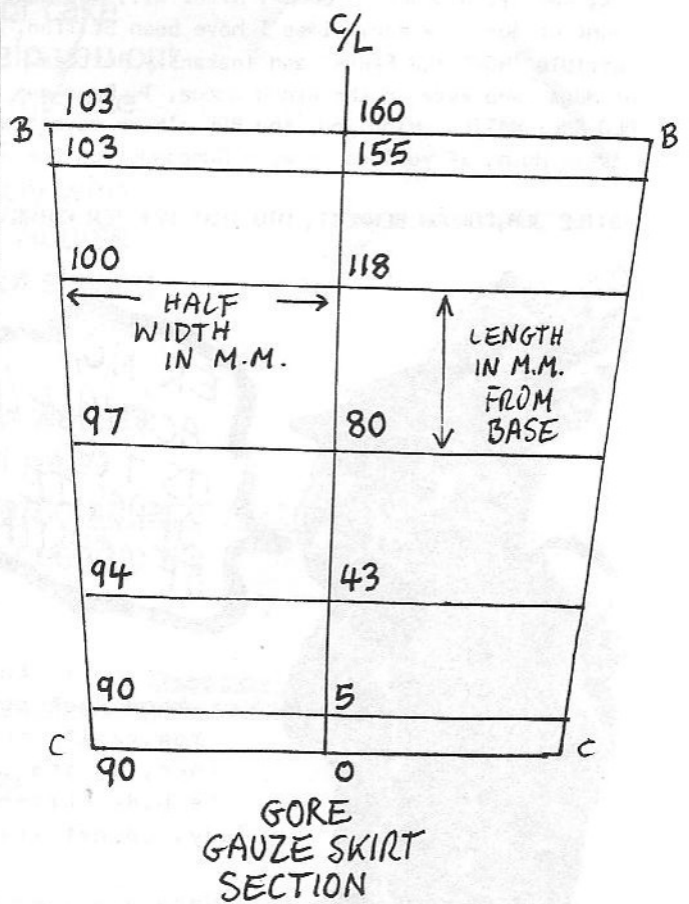


"GO FOR IT"

Original design, development and prototyping of this particular LoDep Chute was entirely by "ELECTRIC" ARTHUR DIBBLE 1998.



← GORE CENTRE SECTION 16 off of each piece required



ARE WE MUTT AND JEFF, OR DID WE HAVE DIRT IN OUR LUGHOLES?.....

Probably both if the truth be known, for in conversation with Electric Arthur, concerning his LoDep Chute, we actually lost the plot somewhat, which is not unusual. Arthur obtained the Gauze for the skirt of this chute from a Camping shop, where it is sold as Insect Mesh. You could probably find something similar at a Dressmaking Emporium, its up to you.

Neither the BOF or Arthur are Parachute Boffins, and are open to correction from anyone who is, In regard to the latest design of military parachutes, they are not too sure as to why these chute are of multiple crown or canopy design, or for that matter why they have gauze skirts, but they both believe that it is something to do with rapid deployment, coupled with some form of anti shock system, however as Arthur says, the chute looks the Biz when its coming down, and if this type of Canopy is good enough for the RED DEVILS, then as sure as eggs is eggs, the TED BERETS wont be far behind them.

COMPLAINTS DEPARTMENT, OR GO ON, HAVE A WHINGE.....

Dear Sir, As a one legged Bear who has never won an Arse kicking contest, even though I've entered many in my time, I feel that your constant referal to me as a loser is entirely unwarranted. If you do not cease and desist in your uncalled for behaviour, I will have to put the matter in the hands **CONT P96**

FROM ROMAN CANDLE FIFTY YEARS AGO.....

T. BEAR, St KILDA BOTTLE JOB ? From the Daily Telegraph via Tony Cartwright (a good guy, cos he dont inflict Parachuting Pain on Fauna) comes news of possibly the Worlds biggest BOTTLE JOB, or perhaps a Parachuting Bear with arguably more Front than Harrods.

The story goes like this. Way out in the Atlantic lies the tiny group of islands known as St Kilda. On one these is an Army Missile Range and Britains most Weterly Pub, The Puff Inn (GEDDIT?) Displayed in the pub is the Coffin of Warrant Officer Class II, T. Bear. The occupant of this coffin was regularly Parachuted onto the Range Dropping Zone to check wind velocities and directions etc.

All of these Descents, it seems, went well until the one on May 15th 1973, T.Bears Chute failed to open. After a formal inquest, a Death Certificate was issued, and the Stiffed T.Bear was placed into a suitably inscribed coffin and put on display in the Pub.

Yes, we know what you are thinking, A BOTTLE JOB ?, hardly likely, no, I think that T. Bear is what we are not, namely, a CRAFTY BLEEDER. After all, how many times have our Chutes failed to open?, I personally have lost count of just how many times I have been Stiffed, and I expect all Members are the same, yet T. Bear has one horrible 'HOWS YER FARVA' and instantly Bottles. It could be that when the Brains were being dished out, unlike us Mugs, who were in the wrong queue, T. Bear was in the correct queue and getting a DUBBLE BUBBLE load of the OLD GREY MATTER. Mind you, the BOF always says that if I had a Brain I'dbe dangerous, to which my stock reply is Listen Mush, if you had as much Gunpowder up there as Brains, you would'nt have enough to scorch yer hair Roots.

BOTTLE JOB, GORDON BENNETT, DID THAT GET 'EM GOING STATESIDE 50 YEARS AGO, THO' THEY'VE GOT IT SUSED NOW.....



ER, NO, ACTUALLY ITS THE OPPOSITE OF CONSTIPATION

RISE AND SHINE YOU ROTTEN LOT, HANDS OR OR SHOULD THAT BE PAWS OFF *** AND ON WITH SOCKS, ITS TIME TO GET OUT OF THOSE PITS.....**

Yes, once again the official Winter Kip is over and we must answer the age old call of nature well, not actually that call, but the one that tells all Parafauna of the World that its time to sally forth or fith to engage in that age old custom of kicking five kinds of you know what out of all and sundry. Yea, verily thou knowest thy own personal Eastern Front awaits thee, as its still a bit Brass Monkeys out there. Not too worry Ye Olde Current Bun aint far away and good winds are on their way, so get yer 'arris into gear and go for it.

Once again we have huffest and puffest, so its the usual to the unmentinable, c/o YE Boring OLDE Fart, 48 Laurel Lane, West Drayton in Ye county of Middlesex, Ursus Brutus Seven, Seven Tango Yankee. In what will always be England, no matter what the Traitors have planned, a Plague on all their Houses, Amen.....