

ROMAN CANDLE 56.



The Journal of the Bearly Made It Skydive Squad. The International Brother and Sisterhood of Parachuting Fauna and the U.K. Ted Devils. Arguably a bigger load of Mindless Drivel, than the over hyped Y2K Bug, but then, did you need us to tell you?

Death of the Great Bear



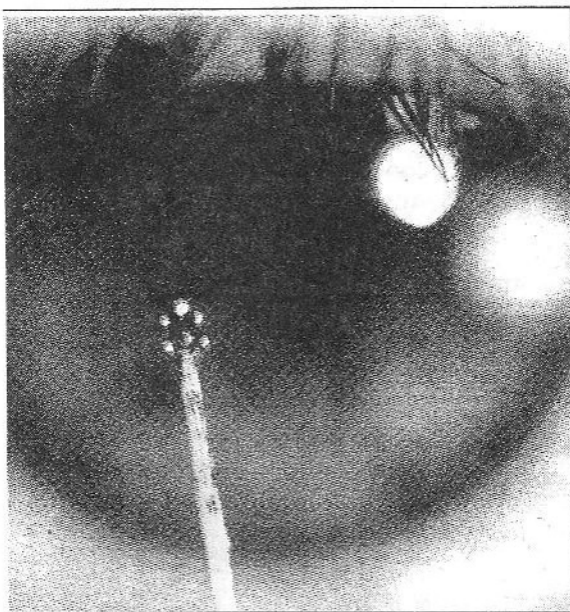
SHOCK, HORROR, AARGHHH! YOU COULD SAY THAT WHEN WE FIRST SAW THIS HEADLINE, THE OLD TIZZY REALLY DID GO POOF..... HOWEVER, ALL IS NOT, AS IT AT FIRST GLANCE SEEMS.....

Far from announcing the demise of one of our Brethren of that ilk, its merely commenting on the departure of one of the biggest BEAR MARKET players from his position in the City.

Of course we wont bore the pants off all you knowledgeable Bears out there by stating what you already know, that a Bull Market is going up and a Bear Market is going down.

All of which, poses a little conundrum. Most of us are well known to be, how shall I put it? "Two Stops past Dagenham" i.e. BARKING, after all, theres no use in you denying it, look matey, you've read 56 issues of this load of crap, and you persist in being bombed from Kites, with no guarantee that the bleeding Chute will deploy, so like me, basically you must be as they say, BARKING BARMY.

But, and its a big but, Barking you may be, but are you SCHIZO? we must be for when we are going up we are told that we are Bulls, and when we're coming down we're reliably informed that we are Bears, so by my reckoning, as well as being a Raving Loony, as daft as a Brush, Barking Barmy and as Crazy as a Two Bob Watch I've now got a split personality, WHO, MOI? (Soddit this Bicorn Hat is too small and my Paw is stuck in the Front of my Coat).....



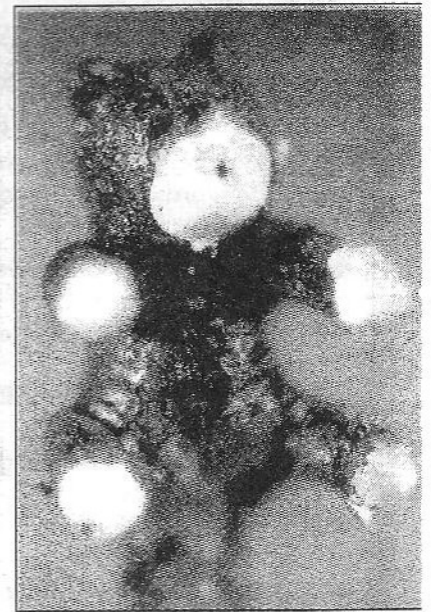
The world's tiniest teddy

A **MAGNIFYING** glass is needed to see the details carved into the world's smallest teddy bear. Less than a millimetre in height, the bear was created by 'extreme miniature craft artist' Hiromu Morino.

The former graphic artist used a penknife and his fingernails to make the tiny bear out of resin.

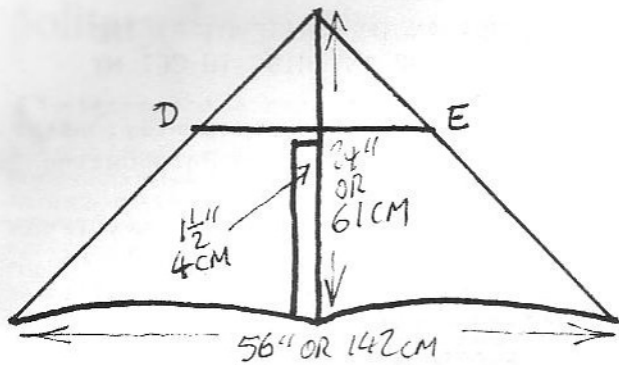
The intricate features of the model, which sits on the tip of a toothpick, are too small to be seen with the naked eye.

The Japanese artist, from Akishima, near Tokyo, created the bear for a small-size craft



Doug Jones, who sent us the Tiniest Teddy piece, wishes to know if we'd publish Rules for dropping 200 of these from an Indian Fighter. All we can say is that as soon as the 200 are made and equipped with at least a minimum of individual, eight gore Chutes each folded into separate Chute Packs we'll be back to you in a Flash..... Yoo Wot?

BOY, DID WE START SOMETHING WHEN WE FEATURED SIMON HENNESSEYS TED HANGLIDER... AND, NOW HANG THE EXPENSE, THROW THE CAT ANOTHER KIPPER, VIA LEN OCHILTREE, WE PRESENT LEN DUSAQUID'S (BET HE'S DONE MORE THAN A FEW SQUIDS ON THIS CAPER) VERSION OF TEDS ON THE WING, OR No.1 IN AN OCCASIONAL SERIES, ENTITLED "101 THINGS TO DO WITH A KITE THAT DONT FLY"



FIRST OFF, SORT OUT ONE OF YOUR KITES THAT DON'T OR WON'T FLY; PREFERABLY A DELTA OF THAT ILK

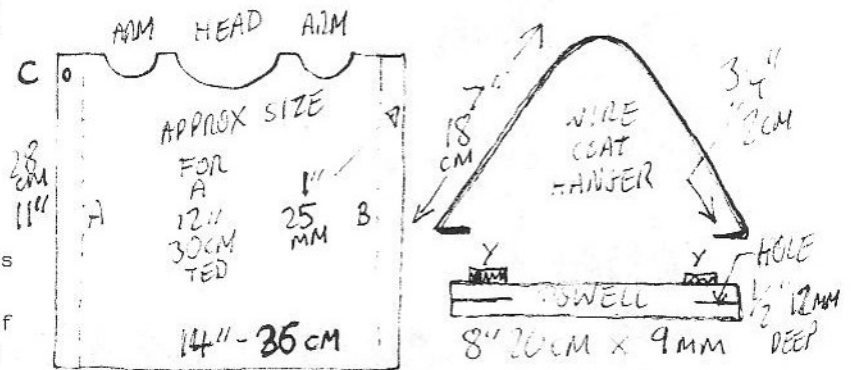
If it has a Keel? (the one in the sketch done by Len didn't appear to have one) Hack it off so as to leave a strip of material about 1 1/2" or 38mm wide. Along this strip, stick or sew some Velcro.

Make up a Thingy rather like a sleeping bag for Ted to lie, whoops, lye? oh Soddit, fit in, and adopt the prone position whilst flying.

Make a couple of cut outs for the arms and one for the head, then fold in half and sew along the open side so as to form a seam about 1" or 25mm wide. You then have what looks like, according to Len, a strapless evening gown, (oh yeah, looks more like a vest)

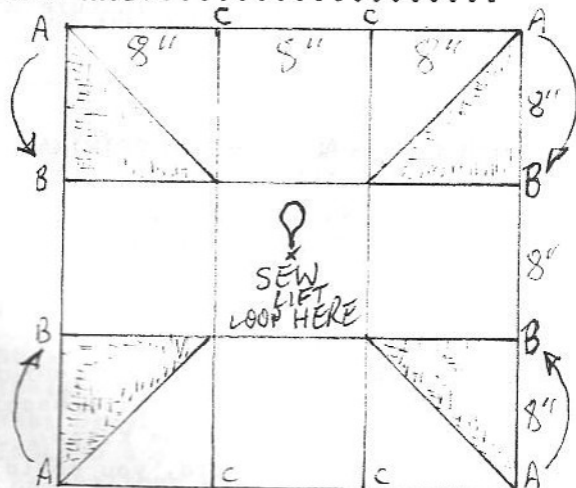
If you then sew the other half of the Velcro along the 1" strip, you then can adjust the position of Ted along the Keel of the Delta, thereby altering the flight characteristics, until the optimum position is achieved,

For the triangular steering (or not) bar, you can utilise a piece of wire coathanger and a length of dowell. At point C on the vest or strapless gown, make a small hole, then thread the wire through, and fit the piece of dowell to the wire, a push fit should do, if not glue it.



Stick two small pieces of velcro to points YY and the other other half of said velcro to Ted paws, this enables Ted to hold the steering thingy. Attach a length of line to points D E on Delta, and form a loop in the middle. This enables Delta and Ted load to be attached to the dropper mechanism. If you have an assortment of spreaders of different lengths, giving tight or slack Delta Sail you can get lots of different flight variations, its all down to lots of suck it and see.....

HOLY COW, IS THERE NO END TO THE TALENTS OF MONSEWER DUSAQUID, DOYEN OF THE SOUTH EASTERN KITE SOCIETY..... AT GREAT EXPENSE AND FOR YOUR GENERAL HEDIFIKASHUNN, HE'S EVEN THROWN IN PLANS FOR A SEW OR NO SEW JOLLY OLD RAG.....



There's no longer any excuse for not Toggging up your non parachuting Furry Wotsit with this quick and easy to make chute.

All that is require is a square of material 2ft, thats 24" or 60cm approx Remove the shaded portions, then stick or sew point A's to B's.

Fit 8 loop and shroud line to points B & C the shrouds lines are approx 24" to 30" or roughly 60 to 75cms. Another loop is attached to the middle of the chute, this fixes to the dropper. Gather up the shroud lines, stick on a hapless wotsit, loft your Kite and Bobs yer flipping.....

Before you go mad dredging around in the back issues of R.C. yes, we realise that Mr. Dusaquid's chute bears a remarkable similarity to one from El Presidente Skybums, way back when, however that chute was very hi-tec, it had a swivel and rotated, so there.

UP FOR THE EYE JUMP

Parachute nut leaps off 135m Millennium Wheel

HERE WE GO AGAIN..... YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT BY THE HUMES TO OUT DARE THE BEARS. OR ANYTHING TO GET MY PICTURE IN THE PAPERS.....

A Daredevil Student was cock a hoop recently, after climbing the LONDON MILLENIUM WHEEL, then Parachuting off the Top.

Barmy Arme Aarhus, braved wind, rain and icy temperatures to scale the 450 odd ft London Eye. once aloft he attached his static line and jumped. his chute opened after an estimated 60 ft and Arme landed safely on the footpath below. Thrill seeker Arme crept onto the site undetected by security guards who had stepped up their patrols in the wake of a previous escapade when 10 eco protesters scaled the giant Ferris Wheel earlier.

Arme said it took half an hour to scale the wheel in the dead of night and when he drifted down in full view of a guard Arme did'nt know who was more surprised, however Arme got away scot free.

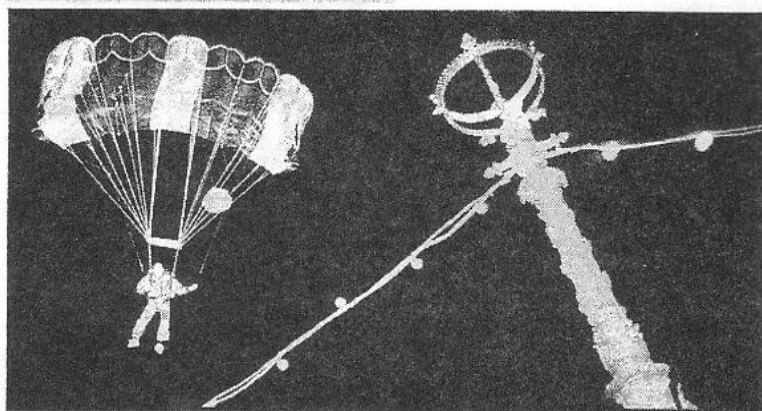
Elated Arme said afterwards, it was a great jump. He was able to climb a ladder on the first part of his climb, but as he went onto climb the steel structure itself, it became very scary as the steel was wet and the higher he went the more difficult the climb became due to the curve of the wheel.

However he persevered and was rewarded a magnificent nighttime view of the Capital.

Arme took his time before jumping, and when he did he said it was exhilarating and he had plenty of time to control his chute and make a safe landing. Arme from Norway has done more than 230 similar jumps since taking up the extreme sport of Base jumping some five years ago.

He came to Britain especially to jump from the London Eye Ferris wheel after seeing it in the newspapers.

Photographer Atle Dahl who captured Arme's jump, said it was a brilliant



Arme is snapped by photographer pal leaping from London Eye

achievement to be the first to parachute from the London Eye, as any new structure anywhere in the world over 300ft high is fair game for Base jumpers

READY TEDDIES

BAILIFFS are to hold an I.D. parade of teddy-bears to reunite them with their owners after the collapse of Sherwood Bear Clinic, a toy hospital in Nottingham.

ALRIGHT, HANDS ON HEADS, WE KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH YOU CRIMINAL TEDS..... HOLD IT, HOLD IT. HOLLLD ITTTT! JUSTA COTTON PICKIN MINNIT MATEY, WHAT THE SODDING HELL IS GOING ON.....

Ah, yes Bears, I.D. Parade, got to be a Bear faced load of Criminal individuals dont'cha know?

No we dont, Gordon Bennett whata liberty, how can anybody equate some poor Bears in an I.D. parade with Crims is beyond us.

Nope we do believe that its what is said, namely a lot of confusion

and agitated Furry wotsits will be re-united with their owners and will live happily everafter and will not be subjected to such horrors as being bombed from Kites.

Of course, on the other hand if you are some kind of sicko barsteward, you could take this to mean that the Bailiffs are holding an I.D. Parade to re-unite a whole load of flattened, squashed and generally bashed about furry wotsits with their owners after some 500 tons of masonry and brickwork, i.e. the Sherwood Bear Clinic fell on top of them. But you would'nt think like that would you?

Table for one

Solitary diners aren't sad – they show great taste,

OAKIE ONE SENT US THE CUTTING FROM WHICH WE'VE CULLED THE PIECE ABOUT THE GUY WHO THEY SEEM TO THINK IS AT THE LEAST RATHER CURIOUS..... Having booked for

Sir Terence Conran, who at the last count owns, or is about to own, 17 restaurants in London, disliked eating out unaccompanied until he went on holiday alone in France in the mid-1980s: "It taught me to lose my self-consciousness. The waiters rather respected me. They were surprised at an Englishman eating alone. Now I find I can enjoy the

Far more curious is the young chap who eats at the Bluebird restaurant once a month. "He books for four or five and arrives with a court of stuffed animals," says the manager, Kingue Nkembe. "He orders for

himself and for the animals. He has even sent back food saying: "Teddy isn't happy." He has the entire staff convulsed with giggles."

Restaurateurs' reactions to singletons range from "go away" to "welcome to the club". Some restaurateurs become paranoid. "We were convinced one woman customer was from a guide," says David Morgan-Hewitt of the Goring Hotel in Victoria. "When we gave her the bill, we found she was from Sainsbury's." A brilliant disguise. No one could possibly mistake anyone from Sainsbury's as a foodie.

food and wine far more when alone. I also find it easier to people-watch and eavesdrop. You hear some fantastic conversations."

One famous lone luncher was the gentleman at La Tante Claire restaurant before it moved to the Berkeley Hotel in Knightsbridge. He commuted into town from north London every day and sat bow-tied at his own table for one.

four or five and arriving with, as they say a "COURT" of stuffed animals, one does wonder if the Restaurant loads up the Bill

The staff may well be convulsed with the giggles, but we wonder if they giggle when he settles the Bill and presumably leaves a nice Tip?

Actually dining on your own with a few Furry Wotsits could well be a good move. No having to put up with unforeseen eating habits, the Teds aint gonna try to andout-drink you. and the odd bit of footsie under the table wont result in a smack in the gob. Plus the biggest bonus of all, if it is a classy Eateric, the Teds aint gonna get onto the Lager and show you up something rotten when they inevitably get pissed

So the Motto is , if you do require company when you're out on the scoff, by all means go for it, when you desire some serious gut Bashing on you own, you pays yer money and takes yer choice.

HAVE WE MISSED THIS ,ORIS IT NEW OUT? its probably been with us for yonks, however its worth a little puff as anything Kite and Bears on chutes must be all good.....

Dunford "TEDDY IN SPACE KITE" Featuring a Kite with a Trade Mark Dunford Wavy design on its plastic sail, weirdish ferry and a Tiny Ted on his own tiny chute.

Have'nt seen it in action, but no doubt knowing Dunfords, its a goer and is liable to keep your anklebiters occupied for hours, whilst you get on with the serious biz of putting egg on your own face, £16.99p from all good kite stockists

ONCE AGAIN A NEW SEASON IS NEARLY UPON US AND SO WE MUST ANSWER THE ANCIENT CALL OF THE EASTERN FRONT (BLACKHEATH) WHERE THE LAST VESTIGES OF OFFICIAL WINTER KIP WILL BE BLASTED AWAY BY THE USUAL FORCE TEN RIGHT UP THE JACKSIE.....

Ah, can anything be grander than the anticipation of our annual deeds of derring do, yes do, not doo doo, thats reserved for the environs of Ye Olde Cow Pat (now mainly sheep whoopsies) Hill where Capt Face Plant, yes he of blessed memory (wake up you lazy git) will almost certainly try for a slow motion replay of the stuff of legend

SO AS EVER, ITS THE USUAL TO THE USUAL AT THE TEDDY TORIAL c/o The boring old Fart, 48. Laurel lane. West Drayton, Middx, UB7.7TY. in what will be forever ENGLAND a part of the UNITED KINGDOM, no matter what the TRAITORS have planned, A Plague on all their Houses.....

