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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. Choc a Bloc with Mindless Drivel and Politically incorrect, but quite honestly do you think we give a toss ?.....Nah.

Downfall of stuntman who took a liberty with statue



IN HER 115 YEAR STINT AS GREETER TO THE U.S.A. THE STATUE OF LIBERTY HAS WELCOMED MILLIONS OF VISITORS AND PEOPLE LOOKING FOR A NEW LIFE.

THIS FAMOUS LADY HAS ALSO WITNESSED MANY WEIRD SHENANIGANS RANGING FROM THE BIZARRE TO THE TRAGIC. NOT THAT THE LATEST WAS IN ANY WAY TRAGIC, IN FACT IT WAS VERY WEIRD.

Why would anyone in their right mind wish to land a powered paraglider or parasail onto the ladys torch?

We're not sure if Terry Devaux was in his right mind but this was his second attempt to land on the famous statue. Whereas last year he missed the statue completely, this year he snagged himself on the torch and was left dangling precariously from his shroud lines for 40 minutes before being rescued by the Police and

promptly arrested. Hundreds of tourists were moved from the statue before New Yorks finest began their rescue operation.

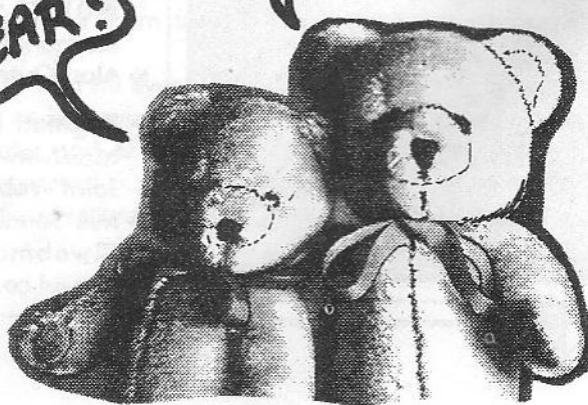
No one was sure of where Devaux had taken off from, but onlookers said that he had circled the statue three times before snagging himself some 300 feet above the ground. Devaux later claimed that he was aiming for the observation gallery on the torch but had missed, lucky old him.

Maybe with some old Yankee ingenuity, the authorities could convert the statues torch to burn with real fire, that would surely dissuade any attempts to repeat this crackpot stunt. The things some humes will do just to out do Parafauna.....

GORDON BENNET! A "FLASHER" BEAR.

ITS DISGRRRRACEFUL, IT OUGHT NOT TO BE ALLOWED, WHAT IS THE WORLD COMING TO?

There we were at the Pompey Fest minding our own buiness, when all of a sudden there he was a Flasher Bear. complete with his raincoat outstretched flaunting his meat and two veg for all the world to see, and yes we had a bleeding good look and we can report that try as we might, we could see no signs of a parachute. Bad Taste Bears you should be ashamed. fancy that, no chute, its disgrrrraceful.....



Cash deal over Pooh's honey pot turns sour

SOUNDS AS IF ITS ALL GOING A BIT PEARSHAPED DOWN IN HUNDRED ACRE WOOD.....

THE FAMOUS BEAR, ALONG WITH HIS FRIENDS PIGLET, TIGGER AND EYORE IS AT THE CENTRE OF A LEGAL DISPUTE INVOLVING £ MILLIONS.....

Not surprisinly, good old Pooh and the mob, along with Harry Potter and of course Mickey Mouse is regarded as one of the most profitable merchandising brands in the world.



But now the firm of Stephen Slesinger, which bought the rights to Pooh from his creator, A A Milne, in 1929, is claiming that its merchandising deal made with Walt Disney himself in 1961 is going just a little bit sour.

In the Los Angeles Superior Court, the Slesinger firm alleges that Disney has withheld £25 million by failing to report Pooh related sales of computer software, DVD's and video cassettes featuring the famous Bear.

Across the world vast sales of all types of Pooh memorabilia rack up quite amazing amounts of revenue and under the 1961 agreement Disney pays 1.2 cents for every dollar of Pooh merchandise sold. The money is divided between the Slesinger family firm, based in Tampa, Florida, and the AA Milne Trust. In March Disney bought the future Pooh royalties from the trust for £250 million.

A Lawyer for the Slesinger firm said that his client might transfer marketing rights elsewhere if the court found that the contract had been breached. The Lawyer also alleged that Disney had failed to report more than a £billion of Pooh income since 1983. Disney has rejected the claim saying that the products in question were not covered by their agreement.

High Powered Lawyers, Suprior Courts, Billions of Squids. What a far cry from those far off days in Hundred acre wood, when the highlight was Pooh sticks off the Bridge, or perhaps masquerading as a little black rain cloud. makes yer think, don't it?



Woebegone: A much-loved ted

DO ME A FAVOUR BOY.....

OH DEAR, HOW SAD, NEVER MIND..... A BEAR CALLED WOEBEGONE A MUCH LOVED TED? LEAVE ORF, DO ME A FAVOUR BOY, THATS JUST AN AVERAGE BMISS MEMBER AFTER A GOOD SESSION AT YE OLDE GUN AND FERRET.

MIND YOU, I SUPPOSE HE COULD BE ON A CHARGE FOR NOT WEARING A PARACHUTE, ALTHOUGH YOU COULD ARGUE THAT HE WOULD'NT NEED ONE DOWN THE PUB.

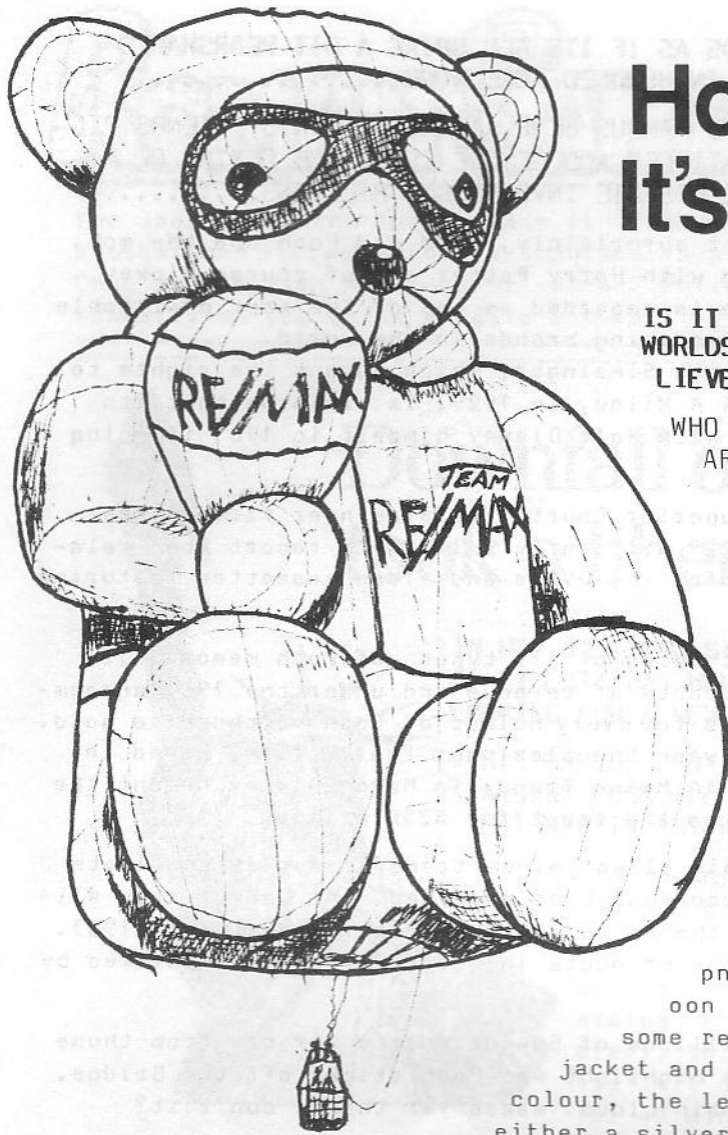
Hold it, before any Macrame Knitters out there start bleating about why is it that so many BMISS members are always in the Pub getting Rat Faced, its quite simple. If you had to put up with what them Dickhead Dropniks were inflicting on

you, you'd be down the Boozer, getting slaughtered. Look, thats our excuse and we stick to it like you know what sticks to a blanket.

Still for all that, if there is anyone out there with a Bear who is truly a bit woebegone, and they feel that tarting up a woebegone Ted is a bit beyond them, and they have, in all probability more money than sense, there are quite a few emporiums out there sole dedicated to tarting up all kinds of cuddleys.

A quick trawl through the Yellow Pages will soon sort one out in your locality, whilst any one of the numerous publications out there devoted to Teddybears will no doubt carry at least one advert, promising to do the biz. You pays yer dosh, you takes yer choice. Personally, the more knocked about and scruffy the Bear, the better.

Are them furry sods sposed to stink a bit, yeah, not so much B.O. more like BEAR O.....



Holy Shroudlines, It's Superbearloon.

IS IT A BOID ? NAH, IS IT A PLANE ? NAH , ITS THE
WORLD'S LARGEST TEDDY BEAR, OR SO WE ARE LED TO BE-
LIEVE JUDGING BY THE ORIGINAL PHOTO.

WHO TEAM REMAX ARE OR WHAT THEY ARE SELLING, WE
ARE NOT TOO SURE. WE DONT KNOW WHAT MAKE OF
BEARLOON, OR EVEN WHAT COUNTRY ITS IN.

THE SMART MONEY SUGGESTS THAT THIS IS FROM
AMERICA, WHO KNOWS?.

We have no idea as to the facts and figur-
es of the craft, but its a fair bet that
the balloon the Bear is clutching is big
enough to lift the basket on its own, th-
erefore the whole thing is pretty big.

If anyone can fill us in with the details
we would be obliged. At a guess, i think
this Bearloons capacity must somewhere aro-
und 100k, if not more(feet that is)

In the original colour photo supplied by Dro-
pnik Billings, the nylon used to make the ball-
oon looks intresting, colourwise that is. Whilst
some red, dark blue and black is used, the main part
jacket and also the helmet is in a sort of milk chocolate
colour, the legs, face and ears are in what appears to be
either a silvery blue or bluish silver. Intresting, though
probably quite usual colers for Balloon fabric.

Moan, moan, whinge, whinge, as usual, the groans about the poor
sodding bear not having a chute by the BOF were quickley scuppered when some wag pointed
out that the Bear, in common with all ballons has a Parachute in the crown, or in this
case, the top of his Bonce. (collapse of stout party, exit stage left)

THINGS YOU DIDNT KNOW YOU DIDNT WANT TO KNOW, OR WELL, KNOWLEDGE IS A DANGEROUS THING. ***

IN A WORLD WHERE RECORDS ARE BEING BROKEN OR SURPASSED AT THE DROP OF A HAT, IT OCCU-
RRED TO US TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY AS REGARDS THE VARIOUS PARAC-
HUTING RECORDS.....

Really only one place to find if theres been any changes of late and thats the jol-
ly old G.B.R.

HIGHEST FALL SANS CHUTE* 1972, VESNA VULOVIC Survived a fall of
33,330 ft or 10,160m trapped inside the tailplane of a DC9 over the
Czech town of Srbska' Kamenice.

HIGHEST FREE AIR FALL SANS CHUTE* 1942, Lt IM CHISOV fell from
22,000ft or about 7,000 meters, from an Ilyushin 4 somewhere on the
Eastern Front.

HIGHEST EMERGENCY BALEOUT* 1958, Flight Lt J de Salis and Pilot
Off P Lowe escaped from a height of 56,000ft or 17,100 m over Derby.

LOWEST PARACHUTE ESCAPE* 1945, Sq Ldr T Spencer is reputed to
have escaped from a height of 30-40ft or 9-12m over the Baltic, tho'
one wonders how they measured that height.

So it would appear that there is very little change in the posted hume
parachute records *****BUT PARACHUTING ON THE WHOLE ISNT.....**



DREDGE IT UP... No.384 IN A SERIES WHERE WE TRAWL THRO' THE BACK ISSUES, 'COS ITS A GAME AN' 'ARF TRYING TO FILL UP THIS LOAD OF MINDLESS DRIVEL.....

DEAR FRED, GOES THE LETTER, MY DROPNIK HAS A TREE FOOT DELTA AND A YEARNING TO GO BEAR BOMBING, WHAT ARE HIS CHANCES? ZILCH PROBABLY, THAT IS, UNLESS YOU ARE SEVERELY WEIGHT AND SIZE CHALLENGED. (TREE FOOT?, DOES THE SILLY OLD SOD MEAN THREE FOOT?)

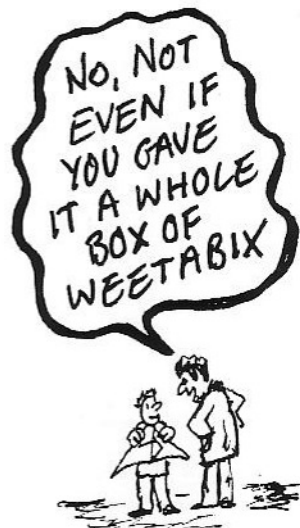
NOPE, fact is, no matter what those Naughty Bit Manuals might say, when it comes to being successful at Bear Bombing, BIG IS BEST. Realising that the Boring Old Fart had bombed the odd one or two of our members in his time, I shocked and terrorised him into giving his views, such as they are on the matter

Yawn, Bler, (get ready for some extra special mindless drivel)
When I was a boy, I well remember making Kites from Toilet Paper and Flour and Water Paste..... Oi, get on with it you silly old sod.....
Oh yes, where was I... for Bear Bombing you cannot beat a largish Kite for hoisting a goodly payload. Having tried most designs from Conynes to Codys and Scoops to Parafoils, I can honestly say that a large Delta is very hard to beat.

Big Deltas will hoist parafauna in the widest range of winds to my mind at times bettering known Light and Heavy Weather designs even in their respective conditions.

So then **BIG IS BEST?** Yes, a Delta of 12ft or 4m will really do the bizzo time and time again. If you want to go bigger thats up to you. A 16 ft home made Delta of mine lifts some phenominal loads and if you are a dab hand with a sewing machine a big delta is easily made, if you 're not you will have to visit the Skybums emporium who specialise in big and custom Delta .

So there you have it. What Kite you use to bomb Parafauna is up to you, but you, but you wont go far wrong with good sized Delta.



DEAR DOCTOR, WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS THING CALLED PARAFUNA STRESS AND HOW DO I COPE?

PARAFUNA STRESS IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS HUME STRESS AND IS A CONDITION CREATED WHEN ONES MIND OVERRIDES THE BODYS BASIC DESIRE TO CHOKE THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS OUT OF YOUR DROPNIK, WHO DESPERATELY NEEDS IT. HOW DO YOU COPE? YOU LEARN TO LIVE WITH IT AS IT IS PART OF THE PARAFUNA CONDITION, IT GOES WITH THE JOB.

NEWLYWEDS IN 13,000ft TANDEM TERROR.....

NEWLYWEDS Kevin and Beverley McIlwee narrowly escaped disaster when a tandem jump theydid went horribly wrong. they hit the ground with terrific force but luckily they suffered only a few broken bones.

On holiday in France the couple , both experienced Parachutists decide to try a tandem jump. all went well in the freefall but the main canopy failed to deploy properly. Kevin was unable to jettison the main canopy and as he deployed the reserve, it wrapped around the main.

Slowed only slightly by the tangled chutes they spiralled at an estimated five times normal descent speed . In the crushing impact with the ground Beverley sustained a broken knee, ankle and both feet. Kevin escaped with just a broken leg. Lucky or what.

SO AS EVER, ITS THE USUAL TO THE USUAL...C/o The Boring Old Fart @ The Teddytorial, 48. LAUREL LANE, WEST DRAYTON, UB7.7TY. IN WHAT WILL ALWAYS BE ENGLAND, NO MATTER what the Traitors and our Enemies have planned.

IN LIGHT OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS IN NEW YORK, THE FIRST PIECE IN THIS ISSUE MAYBE REGARDED AS SOMEWHAT CRASS. IT WAS'NT MEANT TO BE, IT WAS JUST OVERTAKEN BY MUCH MORE SHOCKING THINGS. HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH THE TRUE FIRST LADY OF AMERICA MAY HAVE A TEAR IN HER EYE, SHE AND WHAT SHE REPRESENTS WILL NEVER BE BEATEN. FREEDOM. AND YES, IT STILL WAVES.