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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. As ever, still up to snuff as regards our Mindless Drivel content, and as far as we know, still getting up more than a few noses in the process, which makes it all worthwhile.

Not so grim up north

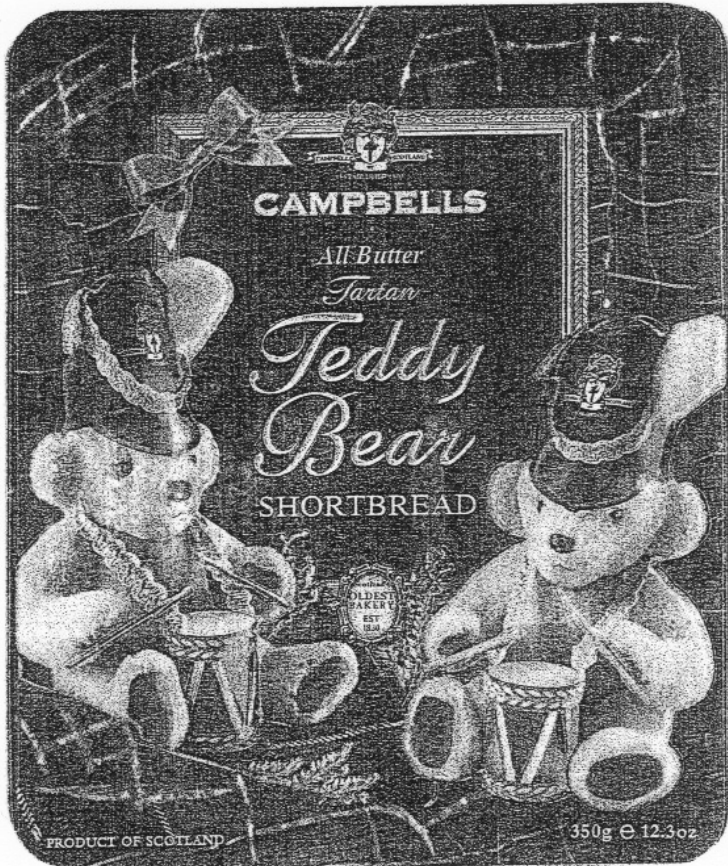
AS THE CAMERA TRACKS LEFT WE CATCH A GLIMPSE OF LIFE THROUGH THE DAFT AS A BRUSH WINDOW.....

WHEN THE SNOWMAN BRINGS THE SNOW, and did'nt we have some..... AND THE SHORTBREAD TEDDIES GO. go! Gordon Bennett, a Jet Propelled vamoose was'nt in it dont'cha know.

Far be it from us to grass up who was responsible for arguably the fastest disappearing act in history and notwithstanding the fact that all we got from him was the rather limp excuse that really it was only a tinful of shortbread Gene Krupas and Ginger Bakers with nary a parachute in sight which prompted a quick rendition of spot the gannet, whereas if those poor defenceless Teddies had not been bashing the skins, but had been stuffing the the jolly old rags, why, that tinful would have been preserved for posterity. A likely story not.

Look, you can yak all you like about, ho, needs must when the devil drives, but what we have here is proof positive that the BOF is nothing more than a Pee Hy Gee and putting a tin of shortbread Teddies within his reach is a recipe for carnage.

Mind you, You have to hand it to them Jocks and maybe it isnt quite so grim oop north, even if your country is known as the land of the Mountain and the Flood as well



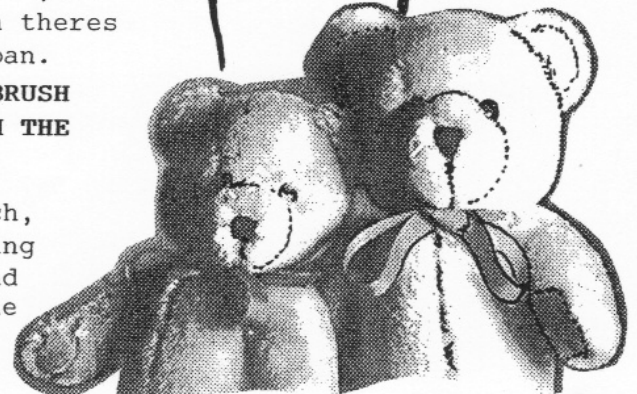
as the Snow and the Blow and cor aint it a bit brass Monkees even in summer for as well as inventing the ever popular, and how, water of life and countless other amazing inventions they now produce arguably the most scrumptious shortbread and yes you can taste the difference.

At the risk of starting a bit of a war, along the lines of Campbells is best and yes other brands are available, the most that the Shortbread Teddies preservation Society can hope for is that the Scottish bakers start massproduction of their delectable products, all fully equipped with Kites and Parachutes, but then theres no guarantee that this would increase their lifespan.

AND HAVING GLIMPSED LIFE THROUGH THE DAFT AS A BRUSH WINDOW, ITS NOW TIME FOR A GOOD OLD GANDER THROUGH THE "OH NO, ITS THE LUNATIC FRINGE WINDOW"

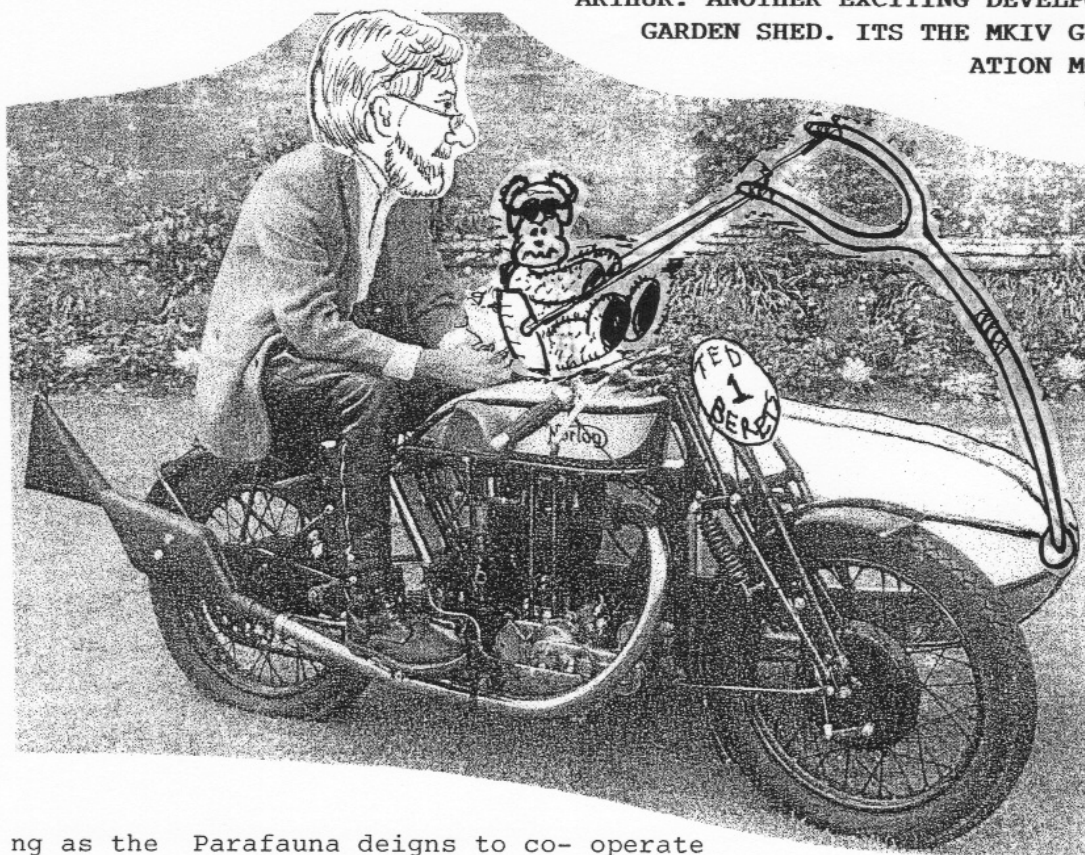
Holy cow talk about as crazy as a Two Bob watch, that piece of crap that purports to be a parachuting fauna journal is only wittering on about Shortbread Teddy Bears, talk about scraping the bottom of the barrell..... cont p94.

BIT TOO NEAR THE BONE FOR ME, EATING THEM BEARS
ITS JUST A HUME CHRIMBO THING, HOLLY AND BOOZE MISTLETOE N' SHORTBREAD HEADACHES AND FLATTENED WALLET



Weekend kit

WONDERS NEVER CEASE, YES ITS THE LATEST FROM ELECTRIC ARTHUR. ANOTHER EXCITING DEVELOPMENT FROM THE THATCHAM GARDEN SHED. ITS THE MKIV GENTLEMANS NIL WIND SITUATION MOBILE PARAFUNA LAUNCHER SEAMLESSLY INCORPORATED INTO A NORTON MOTORCYCLE COMBINATION.



There's no doubt about it, you really do have to hand it to Arthur when it comes to forever seeking the ultimate method of launching those naughty parafuna on the ultimate trip.

Early test reports indicate that the power generated by this machine is little short of phenomenal with the test subject being hurled skywards at a very fast speed. There are however one or two teething problems that need overcoming in that everything is ticketyboo so long

as the Parafuna deigns to co-operate and not go for a total, which probably explains recent local reports of mysterious glass breakages in various adjoining greenhouses coupled with apocryphal tales of shocked Teddies turning up at the local Gun and Ferret with shards of glass stuck up their nethers.

We will keep you posted vis a vis Arthurs ongoing series of tests and developments on this latest cutting edge device.

FAQ'S FAQ'S FAQ'S FAQ'S FAQ'S (frequently asked questions)

Dont you think its about time you packed this crap in, its doing nothing for Kiting, Erm, no we're not gonna answer that one, hows about what size do I make the parachute pack? Thats another question that we are always being asked. Its quite simple really as the size of the pack is governed by the size or bulkiness of your parachute,

First off decide what size chute you require for a particular Ted. Make said chute attach the shroud lines then fold chute and shrouds ready for insertion into the pack. Now the interesting bit, decide on what style of pack you require, four flaps is the most common, than make a pack from paper which enables you to fiddle about trimming every flap until you have something you are happy with, then go ahead and make your pack from whatever material you fancy.

Whilst we stress that chutes are made from the lightest material possible, Loom state is our favourite as it appears to have very little memory effect as does coated Ripstop, ie. No matter how long a loomstate chute is packed, pull that pin and the chute literally explodes, whereas coated ripstop will take a set after a time and possibly hang up for a total, which the fauna love, but we Humes take a dim view of.

Getting back to the pack, this can be made from literally anything and we have seen it all, ripstop, leather, trouser material, pvc, tent nylon etc etc and remember if you dont fancy a flap pack hows about making a pack from part of a soda pop bottle, that works well, so all you really have to remember is that there is no right way to do what you want with parafuna bombing from Kites. whatever works for you is correct and theres nothing like the buzz you get when the pack pops and the chute deploys.

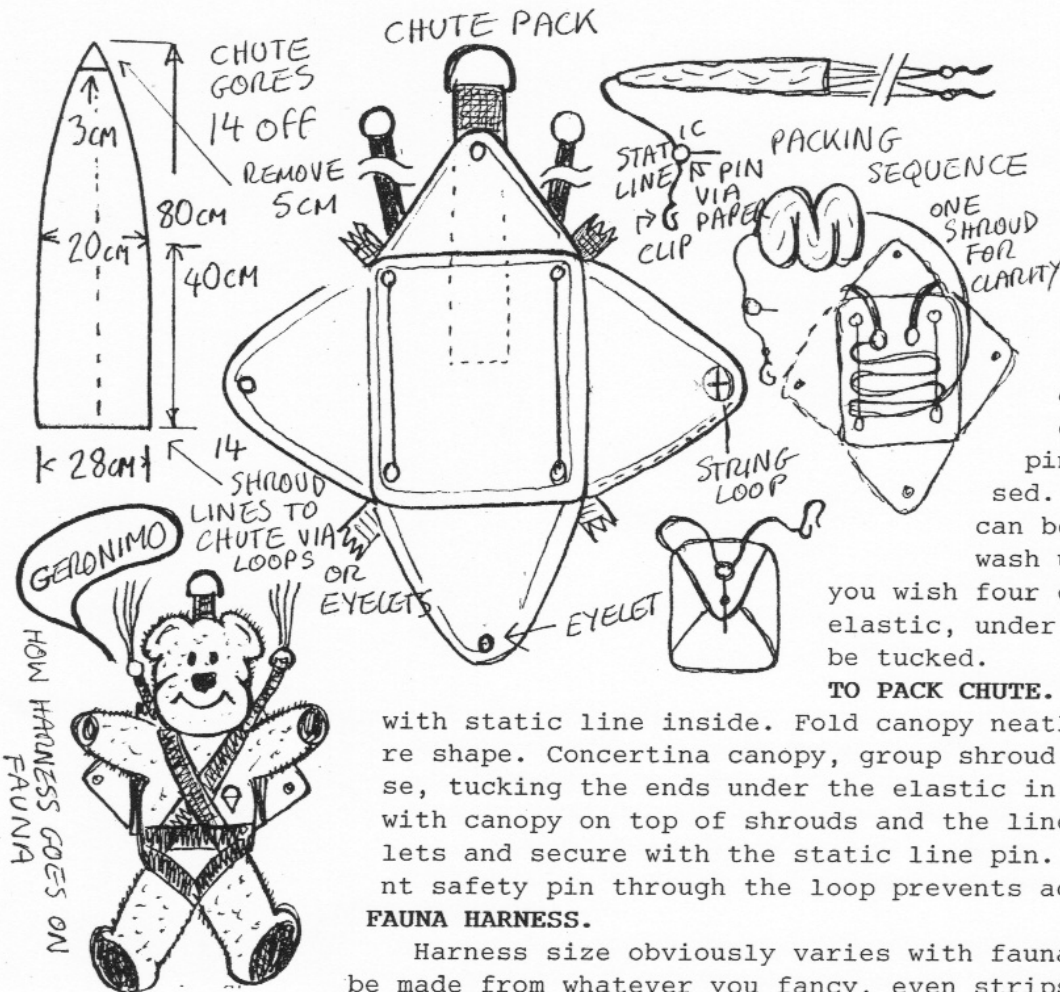


All the right moves

PARACHUTING EASY O.K.

Those readers of R.C. who at the present are not on the lunatic fringe of International Kiting, and wish to be there, should be advised that the first thing they require is a fauna of a soft cuddly toy variety and secondly a parachute, that is unless they are into dropping fauna without a chute (weirdos). The following sketches will give you a start. If you can obtain Loomstate or unproofed Ripstop, this is the ideal material for chute canopies, otherwise use the lightest material you can.

A TEMPLATE for the chute gores or panels can be cut from thin card, the curve being formed with a piece of fireglass rod. If you do a vertical half of the template, then just flip it over for the other half and viola an equal curve. This will give via 14 panels, a chute of about 1 metre. 14 shroud lines are also required. All 1 metre long.



THE PACK. Can be made from whatever takes your fancy and is best made from a paper pattern after you have made the chute. Three of the pack flaps are fitted with eyelets and the fourth is fitted with a string loop long enough to go through the other three eyelets this enables the static line pin to hold the pack closed. The centre of the pack can be stiffened with a piece wash up liquid bottle and if you wish four eyelets and a length of elastic, under which the shrouds can be tucked.

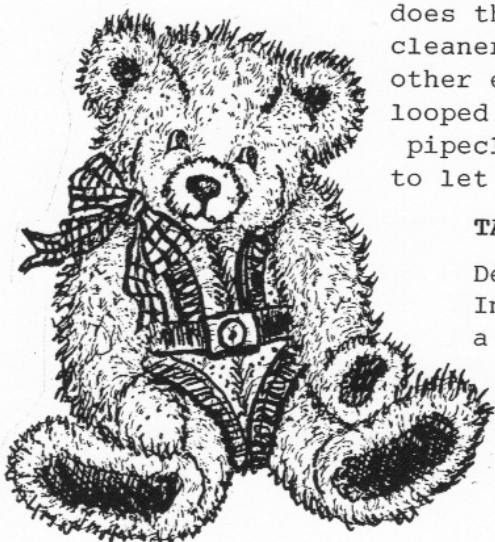
TO PACK CHUTE. First lay out chute with static line inside. Fold canopy neatly into roughly one gore shape. Concertina canopy, group shroud lines and fold likewise, tucking the ends under the elastic in the pack, close pack with canopy on top of shrouds and the line loop through the eyelets and secure with the static line pin. A remove before ascent safety pin through the loop prevents accidental deployment.

FAUNA HARNESS.

Harness size obviously varies with fauna size and again can be made from whatever you fancy, even strips of folded ripstop. The pack, shoulder riser and suspension strap are sewn to the harness. The dimensions of these varies with size of fauna as does the static line. Easiest way to drop a fauna is via a pipe-cleaner one end of which is firmly attached to Kite line the other end goes through the suspension strap D ring and is loosely looped over Kite line, With static clipped to Kite line above the pipecleaner, the delay before the pipecleaner lets go is enough to let you long launch the Fauna.....Happy Faunabombing.

TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED....

Definitely unexpected if not downright strange. A Skydiving Instructor died of a heart attack in mid descent whilst doing a tandem jump with a trainee on his first jump in Chester South Carolina. Whatever pre jump training the instructor had given the student must have been well absorbed, for the student was able to land safely though we don't know if the last thing the instructor did was deploy the chute.



Bearing the brunt

ON PATROL WITH THE METS
FIRST ANTI BINGE BOOZING
CREW...

BE CAREFUL MEN, THAT
FURRY SOD WITH A ROAD
CONE ON HIS HEAD IS A
RIGHT HANDFULL WHEN
HES TANKED UP



FULLY EXPECTING TO BEAR THE INITIAL
BRUNT OF THE GOVERNMENTS MUCH VAUNTED
CRACKDOWN ON UNDER AGE BINGE BOOZING
FURRY WOTSITS IS THE METS A.B.B. CREW.

Ever since the government introduced all day drinking some years back, which some predicted would lead to near anarchy, whilst the politicians said, no it would make for more sensible and spaced out alcohol consumption, there has been an ever increasing problem with under age Parachuting furry wotsits running riot in every town centre and its a brave Publican who will refuse to serve the little sods, as they turn very nasty when refused.

To combat this the Met Plods, sorry, Met Police have formed what is hoped to be a cutting edge solution to this ongoing problem, with the Anti Binge Boozing Patrol. Fully equipped with the latest transport and communication technology the Patrol which it is hoped

will be the first of many will operate on a grab 'em, nab 'em and sling 'em in the local drunk tank principle. The hoary old Human Rights legislation which the P.C. are only too happy to beat the Old Bill with at the drop of a hat will, in the case of drunken furry hows yer farva's, will not be invoked, that is unless the legislation is rewritten.

MORE YEARS AGO THAN HE CARES TO REMEMBER, THE BOF ALONG WITH GREG LOCKE, MET AT A KITE FEST SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDLANDS, AN AMIABLE CHAP WHO WITHIN FIVE MINUTESHAD THEM IN STITCHES REGARDING JESUS BOLTS.....

What you may ask yourselves have Jesus Bolts to do with Kiting, not a great deal, but there again we were talking about HangGliders and their similarity with Deltas. yes you've guessed it, the amiable chap was Tony Slater who was quite Kite Mad and in particular Raving Barmy as regards Fighter Kites. Over the years Tony designed some really nice Fighters, his pretty pretties were more for fun than fighting and you could say that they were too good to fly. He was also well into parachuting bears and his notorious Plunger Bear was a right handful. He regularly sent material for R.C. along with wery amusing letters which were always signed off with the phrase "FIGHTERS ARE FOREVER" And now he is just another empty space in the sky at far too early an age. Farewell Tony and many thanks for all the laughs you gave us: the memories will live forever too.

BEARS IN SPACE.....THEY RANG YOUR BELL,THEY RANG OUR BELL GEE WHIZ ESMERELDA...

The news before the last issue of R.C. about the teds balloon tripping to the edge of space certainly did get all you crazy sods going as we have never before been bombarded with so much info regarding a news item. The Teddytorial was absolutly deluged with clippings and gubbing from the Internut. Thanks to everyone who took the trouble to send it in, it really was appreciated and proves that the bof is not the only one who scours the media in its varied forms for bits and pieces suitable for R.C. No names, no packdrill, you know who you are cheers.

SO AS EVER, ITS THE YOU KNOW WHAT TO THE YOU KNOW WHERE, THE TEDDYTORIAL.....

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