

TOM CHAPMAN

Tom joined CTC Northampton in 1979 and was a very active member of the club up until his death in 1995. He was an important part of the management committee, in setting up the 1990 CTC Birthday Rides held in Northampton, dealing with Publicity. He also ran the Cyclist Rights Network locally and illustrated many of the HUBBUB magazines.

Tom had a claim to fame in achieving a World Record for flying the highest number of Kites (50) linked together, a fete that was achieved live on Blue Peter in October 1977.

Tom designed the Mettoy Barnstormer Stunt Kite. In the 1970's it was the two line kite that most kids had. He ran the kite department at the Harlestone road design centre. He also advised Peter Powell on Kite design as well!

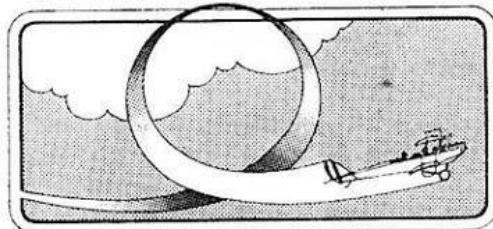
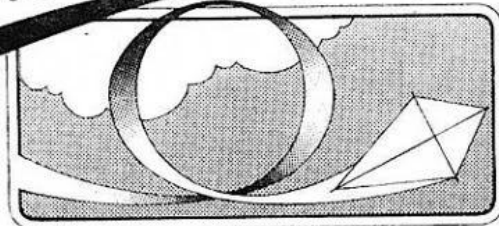
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On July 19th 1919, over the small town of Saskatoon in the state of Saskatchewan, 3 aircraft climbed into a clear blue sky. Flying one of them a certain young Capt. 'Wop' May of Edmonton, Alberta.



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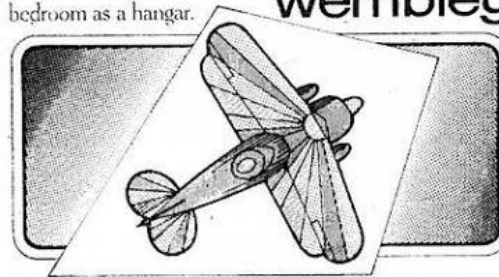
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At around 8,000ft. 'Wop' May pushed the stick forward and kicked the rudder. He was beginning a series of rolls, loops and low level 'buzzes' that was to leave onlookers gasping in disbelief.

May was among the first of the legendary 'Barnstormers.' Highly skilled, sometimes crazy, airmen who made a living performing mid-air stunts in Canada and the States. May started his stunts in a cross-wind, flying a Curtiss 'Jenny.'





BARSTORMER STUNT KITE





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