



Skydiver Bob Domier was photographed by Emanuel at 7,000 feet with a Minolta XG-7 camera equipped with a motor drive and cable release on his arm with the button in his glove. The motor clicks the shutter and advances the film automatically.

Parachutists take the plunge

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maneuver their bodies as they fall at the rate of 160 miles per hour and more.

They learn how to use the maneuvering to fall slower or faster, or go to the right or left.

Richard Crayne, who was a parachute jumper four of the six years he was in the Army, said he got into skydiving "because I could enjoy jumping without being shot at."

THE TECUMSEH airport is designated as a commercial drop area. "We have people coming out every weekend to jump and they come from all over the area. Some even come from Canada," Martinez said.

Persons wishing to jump hire an airplane, usually carrying four persons. To jump from 7,500 feet, the price is \$5.50 per person.

In some areas around the country, a group of 35-40 persons will rent the larger airplane, a DC-3, which might climb to from 12,500 to 15,000.

"Martinez said the basic rule in skydiving is that the person actually learn how to fly."

"Different movements of the hands, arms, head will change a person's direction while diving," he said.

"The U.S. Parachute Association sets up the basic safety regulations for jumpers," Martinez said.

"Most of the jumpers do it as a hobby. Some do it on a dare. In fact, out of say, 50 persons who might jump,

only two or three will continue to do so as a hobby."

Martinez has been jumping since 1976. He said the basics include steering the chute and handling an emergency.

"Jumpers wear two chutes. For the novice, the operation of the chute is controlled from the ground, should a person panic."

"Ms. Bunk said it is understandable that there is a natural fear to jumping. "It's only natural when you step out into open space to feel some sense of fear, but those who make skydiving a hobby learn to accept it."

"There is no sensation in falling. It's almost as though someone dropped you off in space and hung you in the sky."

Crayne said skydivers come from all walks of life.

"A person has to be 18 years old, but we had an 83-year-old woman who jumped recently."

Martinez said there have been blind persons, persons without arms or legs who have jumped.

"It's just one of those sports that if a person really gets into it, he can't quit."

Emanuel said he was amazed at the inventions on landing and the modern equipment being used.

"It sure was fun jumping again and I'm looking forward to getting back into the sky in the near future and take up where I left off."



Ed Slowinski of Redford Township was among four skydivers in the single engine Cessna plane piloted by Mike Bodack.

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