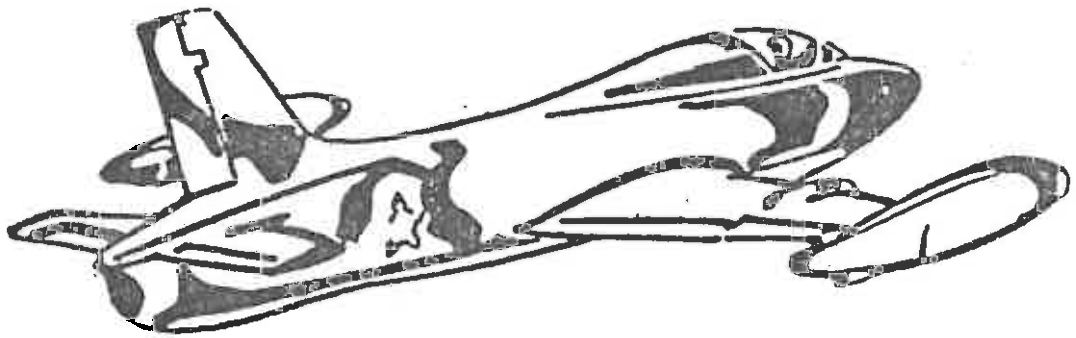


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AIR TRAILS



the magazine of the 9th pretoria (irene) group

MAY 1988

WHOS'S WHO IN 9TH IRENE.

GROUP SCOUTMASTER : Mossie Mosdell : 63-2695
SCOUTMASTER : Iain (Falcon) Meyer : 63-2269
ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS : Brian (Hawkeye) Ross : 63-2766
: Paul Draper :
PACK SCOUTER : Kathleen (Akela) Wallis : 667-2744
ASSISTANT PACK SCOUTER : Marion (Baloo) Olver : 62-8757

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THE OUTDOOR CODE

OF THE BOY SCOUTS AND THE GIRL GUIDES OF SOUTH AFRICA

1. I will treat the Outdoors — our veld, rivers and mountains — as a heritage to be cherished and protected and to be enriched for our own greater enjoyment and for future generations.
2. I will learn to understand Nature and her ways.
3. I will learn how to practise conservation of soil, water, forests, grasslands and wild life and urge others to do the same.
4. I will treat public and private land with respect, remembering that the use of the Outdoors is a privilege.
5. I will prevent fire, and build my own fire in a safe place, and be sure it is out before I depart.
6. I will keep my rubbish out of South African waters, fields, woods, veld and roadways.
7. Whatever I take from Nature for my own use, I will endeavour to return a share of her bounty.

MOSSIES MUSES.

The last few editions of Air Trails have contained appeals for Scouters. We have had a response and Paul Draper has joined us as an Assistant Scoutmaster (A.S.M.). Paul has already completed his Preliminary Woodbudge training.

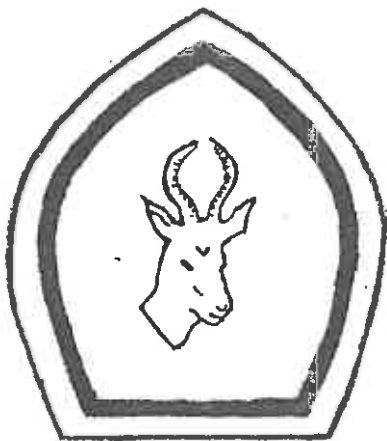
The uniformed staff are still desperately short of people so once again, anyone who would like to experience Scouting, or who knows of anyone please contact one of the Scouters. This applies to Assistant Pack Scouters as well as Troop Scouters.

This year is again a year for the Joint Air Scout Rally. This is scheduled to occur every second year and involves all the Air Scout Troops in the Transvaal. There is more about this elsewhere in Air Trails. PLEASE try to ensure that your son will be there.

While on Camps for the Scouts there is a possibility that the more senior boys could have a weeks camp in July at an Air Force Base. Arrangements at this stage have not been finalised but please bear July in mind.

The sale of bulbs by the boys was very successful and as a result the fees for the Air Scout Rally will be partly subsidised. Next year we will hope for a lot more enthusiasm and sales. The boys will be benefiting directly for their efforts.

MOSSIE. (Group Scoutmaster)

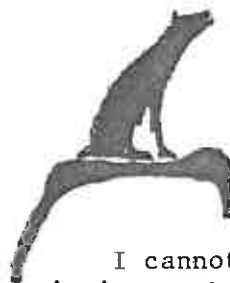


THE GROUP SALUTES:

NEWTON PELLATT

CONGRATULATIONS.

Springbok Scout Badge



From the COUNCIL ROCK

I cannot believe that it's halfway through May, but it is, so here is some news from the Cub Pack. Peter Cairns, Christopher Fry and Jonathan Slater have obtained their Leaping Wolf badges and we're awaiting news of both Dylan Moss and Joachim von Bergman's badges as they've also completed the requirements for their Leaping Wolf badges. Congratulations chaps and Good Hunting on the Scouting Trail. These boys are all now invested Scouts and very enthusiastic, so I've heard.

Thank you, Cubs and Parents for supporting our Good Turn effort for the flood relief fund. Your help is appreciated.

Many of our Cubs have put in a great deal of effort on working at interest badges. Congratulations to all those who have earned badges. We hope that the rest of you will also be encouraged to try for some. Baloo and I are always available if you want help or advice.

Our District Camp for Lions was a great success. The camp theme was 'The Jungle'. We had many wild animals running around, swinging from the trees and stalking at night. The weather was good to us and a change from our previous camp where we thought we were fish. What a joy to put dry tents away!

District Cub Field day is coming up soon, so keep the 18th June open. This is a fun afternoon with the rest of South Western District Cubs. The venue is the Pony Club at Irene Farm. We will tell you more about it closer to the time.

Here's to the rest of the 2nd term.

KATHLEEN WALLIS. (Akela)

MAKING MEN FROM BOYS

*ALX. SCOUTING DIGEST
4TH QUARTER 1987*

By Tom Wiseman, District Commissioner, Arapiles, Australia, in "The Victorian Scout"

Boys become Scouts because of the sheer joy of it. And behind all this joy is a purpose - the purpose of helping boys become men trained for citizenship.

Boys by the million flock to the worldwide brotherhood of Scouting because they want it. The Founder of the Scout movement, Lord Baden-Powell, had the genius to give youth a picture of the ideal boy - a picture which appealed to the imagination and captured the heart of boys of every nation.

If only it were possible to swing the gates of Scouting wide open and show - in one immense view - the full panorama of the Scouting movement! Under the open sky would be a milling mass of wide-awake boys occupied busily with a multitude of self-appointed tasks - all of them living, breathing and absorbing Scouting.

Scouting is fun, adventure and friendship. Scouting is a game - a wonderful game - full of play and laughter. It keeps the Scout busy and keeps him happy.

Scouting is "learning by doing" things that are enjoyable. This is the strength of Scouting. The ultimate is helping boys to become men and training them for citizenship.

Starting as a Cub, becoming a Scout and then a Senior Scout, each boy has the chance to develop himself into a man. He is fine in character, healthy in body, skilful with his hands and keen of mind.

And he is ready to help other people at all times. This, then, is Scouting.



Falcon's Folio

Falcon's Folio has been conspicuous by its absence for some time, but now that I am back in the Troop, there is quite a bit of back log to catch up. Firstly, some words of welcome:

To our new Assistant Scoutmaster, Paul Draper who has given up sailing and donned a "G-suit" to become an Air Scouter! Paul's presence on Friday nights is not only a welcome sight to me but also to the boys. New blood has an immediate positive effect on any troop but especially in Irene where the old "grey hairs" have done their best to keep the ball rolling despite a considerable fall-off in numbers. Glad to have you with us, Paul. All we have to do now is to get you into "Air Force Blues" !

Welcome to the following Cubs who recently came up to the Troop; Christopher Fry, Jonathan Slater, Peter Cairns, Joachim von Bergmann and Dylan Moss. Good luck to you all and I hope to, one day report on your Springbok Scout Badges.

Talking of Springbok Scout, Newton Pellat was awarded his badge during the district BP Sunday in February. Newton's parents were present to witness the handing over of this, the highest badge obtainable by a Scout, by our DC Brian "Rhino" Smith. Both Newton and Charles Ross (who earned his badge towards the end of last year) are presently working towards the Chief Scout's Award. Good luck, chaps.

AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS Stuart Wallis - acting Patrol Leader of Jaguar Patrol.

Ivan Meyer - 1st Class Scout Badge plus acting Patrol Leader of Mirage Patrol.

Charles Ross and Newton Pellatt - Junior Assistant Scoutmasters.

Karl Meyer - 2nd Class Scout Badge

Laurence Willis - Pathfinder Scout Badge.

ANNUAL SCOUT FIELD DAY

This will be held at Gilglen on Saturday 4th June 1988. All participants must report by 08H15. Although our Troop numbers do not allow taking part in all the events, we nevertheless intend giving the competition all we can. Teams are as follows:

<u>COOKING</u>	<u>STALKING</u>	<u>SCOUTCRAFT</u>	<u>FIRST AID</u>	<u>ORIENTEERING</u>
Ivan Meyer	Peter Cairns	Newton Pellatt	Michael Olver	Paul Bernhardt
Stuart Wallis	Christopher Fry	Roy Griffiths	Karl Meyer	Grant Milward
Brian Dean	Joachim v Bergmann	Mark Crosbie	Allan Wallis	
Laurence Willis	Dylan Moss	Mark Brueton	Michael Cownie	

Please note that having been chosen to represent the Troop, and having agreed to take part, you are under an obligation to attend. It is also important that you attend Friday night meetings between now and the 4th for training purposes. Scouts must make their own arrangements to and from Field Day but should contact a Scouter if there are any problems. Good luck, chaps, I'm sure we will clean up the "opposition".

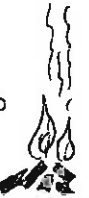
JOINT AIR SCOUT RALLY



Plans are well advanced for this year's Joint Air Scout Rally. This event, which is held every second year (this is the second Rally of it's kind), is exclusive to members of Air Scout troops. It is organised jointly by the Transvaal and Northern Transvaal areas and is designed to cater for Air Scouts in that most of the activities have an aeronautical flavour. It is appreciated that in these present economic times, the fee may seem to many to be more than can really be afforded. Fortunately, due to the recent bulb selling campaign, some of the profits raised will be used to subsidise our boys in an amount of R20-00 each. It is hoped that all parents will see their way clear to let their sons take part in this premier Scouting event and we look forward to a full turn out by Irene.

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On Friday 6th May our patrols took part in a Cook Out using reflector ovens. This was a spur of the moment decision and just proves how our Scouts can pull out all the stops if they have to. Just as well the moms were absent or else I know of several Scouts who would by now be required to take over kitchen chores at home. We sampled three kinds of pizzas, an apple tart, jam tart and savoury tart and I can vouch for the first class quality of the finished products! In fact the grub was so good that I didn't need supper that evening. Well done, Irene's cooking is still something to be proud of.



NEWS FROM THE PATROLS

IMPALA PATROL.

Impala is alive and kicking although a bit small. We now only consist of four members and desperately need more. Please respond.

Our Patrol Second, Michael Olver, just needs to have his logbook passed to receive his First Class Badge. Grant Milward has also been working. He needs to do a hike for his Second Class. Our youngest member, Allen Wallis, has nearly got his Pathfinder but still needs to do a hike. Congratulations to all of you, keep up the good work.

Our Patrol is planning to go on a camp on the 21st and 22nd of May. There we will win "Mossie's Log".

Yours in Scouting,
DARRYL BARTIE. (Patrol Leader).

MIRAGE PATROL REPORTS.....

We shall be holding a patrol camp in May as part of the Mossie's Log Competition. More details to follow soon. What is important is that we all attend the camp and show the other patrols how it is done. But remember, the camp is not only for competition sake. We will be having plenty of fun as well as getting a chance to improve our camping standards and passing buckles.

If possible, I would also like to see us holding a patrol meeting once a month. This is also where training and testing takes place.

Thanks to the guys in the patrol for their support so far - I know we will keep our flag flying high.

Regards,

Ivan Meyer (Acting PL)

JAGUAR PATROL.

Jaguar Patrol has lost Charles Ross as PL (he is now a Junior ASM). Congrats Charles. I have now taken over as acting PL for the patrol. We have received two new additions to the Patrol. Congratulations Peter Cairns and Christopher Fry.

Jaguar Patrol went on a patrol camp over the long weekend of the 6th, 7th and 8th in order to go for Mossie's Log Competition. On this camp Christopher and Peter passed their Pathfinder hikes. Christopher has already achieved one blue buckle and is expecting to receive another along with his Pathfinder badge shortly. Peter has also finished a buckle and will also achieve his Pathfinder in a short while.

Laurence is working towards his 2nd Class and has only his hike to do.

Jaguar patrol room has undergone a face-lift and I'm pleased to say it's looking much better. To end off I'd like to congratulate the whole patrol on their achievement of the Ace Patrol for the month of May.

STUART WALLIS. (Acting PL)



The Northern Transvaal Area Scout Challenge (ASCENT '88) was held for a week, during the Easter Holidays. It extended from the Easter weekend through to the following Saturday. Being the only scout from 9th Irene, I climbed onto the bus that would take us down to Sabie looking forward to making a lot of new friends. On arrival at Sabie low and behold I was placed in the only troop that Indian patrols in it. That evening we had currie, the next morning for breakfast we had currie and then again for dinner we had currie, and so it went on.

The Indian Scouts explained to me (and so I found out) that there are three types of currie. That which burnt your mouth, that which burnt your throat and that which burnt your guts (author's license). After completing camp construction which brought us to our third day on ASCENT '88, we left for our first activity base which was abseiling. This was great fun and my Patrol Leader, Marcel Smulders on his descent managed to get caught up in his rope and fall over the cliff face backwards. His rope prevented him from falling too far and hurting himself and by the end of the day he was laughing about it. The Pioneering was a total failure because "Moodley forgot the plan", but, it was still one of the most enjoyable bases. There were a number of other bases which were great fun such as BMX trailing, shooting, canoeing, Radio Orienteering and River tubing. In all of these bases we all experienced something new and had great fun.

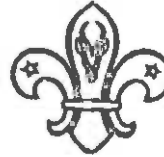
For the last night at ASCENT '88 the Indian Scouts excelled themselves, they brought out currie biscuits for starters; we then had a curried main course and to finish off with, a hot desert. As for my expectations for a change of meal at home, when I stepped in the door the smell of currie spices sifted through my nostrils and then I realised that we were having CURRIE for dinner.

STUART WALLIS.

SCOUTS ARE ACCEPTED AS A GOOD THING in all the free countries of the world, but few people realise what Scout training can and does do for a boy. It gives him standards in a changing world, it teaches him skills which will enable him to be of service to others and gives him confidence to venture while others seek the easy path. Above all it teaches him that men of every colour, class and creed share basically the same ideals and can live together in peace as one family.

- Lord Rowallan, KT, KBE, MC, TD, LL.D. - Chief Scout, British Commonwealth

ACK. SCOUTING DIGEST
4TH QUARTER 1987



**BOY
SCOUTS ADVINDERS
OF VAN
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S.A. Headquarters

To : Area Commissioners
National Commissioner for Scout Training
Asst Area Commissioners for Scout Training
Area Secretaries

cc : Hon. Editors of Area and Group magazines
Hon. Commissioner for National Communications
National Pen Pal Co-ordinator

B.S.S.A. Contingents to Overseas Events 1989

In line with the policy of sending B.S.S.A. Contingents to suitable overseas national Scouting events between World Jamborees, the Chief Scout has approved Contingents being sent to the following two events provided that sufficient applications are received to send one or more Patrols in each case.

It would therefore be appreciated if you would publicise these overseas events in your Areas as soon as possible.

If sufficient initial applications are received by SAHQ to warrant our participation, a detailed package covering the trip in each case, including cost, will be formulated and final applications called for. Those persons who made initial application will receive preference should numbers have to be limited. The Contingent Leaders will be appointed by the Chief Scout in due course.

Closing date for initial application : 31 July 1988

Closing date for final application : 31 December 1988

Areas are requested to screen applicants in the usual way.

1. "DISCOVERY 89" The Scout Association, United Kingdom

From 25 July to 4 August 1989, The Scout Association in the United Kingdom is organising twelve linked International Camps to be held at the same time, each located at a different venue. These venues are :

1. Ardingly, Haywards Heath, West Sussex
2. Blackwell Court, Bromsgrove, Hereford and Worcestershire
3. Broadstone Warren, East Grinstead, West Sussex
4. Downe, Biggin Hill, Kent
5. Gosforth Forest Park, County Armagh, Northern Ireland
6. Longleat Park, Warminster, Wiltshire
7. Margam Country Park, Port Talbot, South Wales
8. Ripley Castle, Harrowgate, North Yorkshire

9. Scone Palace, Scotland
10. Suffolk Agricultural Showground, Ipswich
11. Tawd Vale, Ormskirk, Lancashire
12. Woodhouse Park, Bristol, Avon

A supply of publicity pamphlets dealing with the event has been sent to your Area Headquarters for distribution.

It is expected that 1 000 Scouts will attend each of the camps, approximately 500 from within the United Kingdom and 500 from overseas. Participants will be formed into International Patrols of eight Scouts (four from the United Kingdom and four from overseas). Camping and activities will be based on these Patrols. Home hospitality will be available after the camp.

The actual camp to be attended by the BSSA Contingent will be determined by the aggregate of the priority choices indicated by the applicants in their initial application forms. If the response is such that more than one Patrol of eight plus two Scouters can be sent, then the second Patrol could attend a different camp of its choice, and so on with a third Patrol etc. In this case the Patrols would disperse to their camps after the initial Contingent tour, and then re-assemble for the return home. See note below.

2. 1989 NATIONAL JAMBOREE Boy Scouts of America

The next National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America will be held at Fort A.P.Hill, Virginia, U.S.A. from the 2 August to the 8 August 1989. It will be attended by 30 000 male Scouts from the United States and overseas.

Home hospitality will be provided after the Jamboree.

In the past we have been invited to send a Patrol to attend this biggest and most spectacular event on the Scout world calendar. We expect to be invited to send a Patrol in 1989. Our participation will thus be limited to two Scouters, one of which must be over 21 years of age, and probably eight Scouts.

From past experience, this event is thoroughly recommended.

Age qualification for the BSSA Contingent on 2 August 1989 :

Minimum 14½ years

Maximum 18 years

Minimum advancement level qualification : First Class Badge

Specimen preliminary application forms are attached for these two events.

DISCOVERY 89

MINIMUM ADVANCEMENT LEVEL : FIRST CLASS BADGE

MINIMUM AGE ON 25 JULY 1989: 14 YEARS

MAXIMUM AGE ON 25 JULY 1989: 16 YEARS

Colin Inglis

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International Commissioner



8th National Senior Scout Adventure, Cedarberg 1988

HIGH ADVENTURE!

Experience High Adventure in the Cedarberg from the 11th to the 22nd December, 1988!!

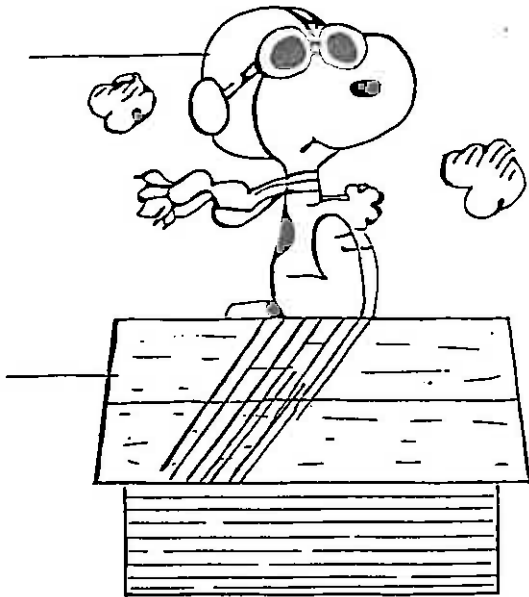
The adventure programme provides unforgettable adventure in the famous backpacking country of the Cedarberg along kilometres of rugged, rocky trails. Programme features combine the best of advanced Scouting to provide you with fun and a real challenge - rock climbing, sailing, water skiing, wilderness survival, tough assault course, radio orienteering, scuba diving, forestry, and many more ! This is an unbeatable recipe for fast-moving fun and action.

This rugged Adventure is for senior Scouts aged between 14 1/2 and 18 years on the 11th December, who hold at least Second Class Badge rank and who are looking for a real challenge. Meet and share experiences with other Scouts from all over the country. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and understanding. Make your plans NOW to attend this highlight of your Scouting career. If you have already attended an Adventure, join us again for the fun, and see more of the beautiful Cedarberg !

Scouters ! If you have strong Scouting spirit, knowledge of camping skills, a keen interest in and expertise in a programme speciality or are prepared to assist in a service capacity, then you may like to be considered for an invitation to join the Adventure staff team. Make known your interest to the Adventure Organiser.

Scoutmasters wishing to make sure they receive copies of the application booklet giving details of the Adventure when it is issued, please write to the Adventure Organiser, P O Box 4251, Cape Town 8000

SNOOPY VERSUS THE RED BARON



- 1) Each player rolls the die once.
The highest score chooses the "aircraft"
- 2) The players roll the die a second time.
The player with the highest score has the first choice of "airfields" i.e. any square on the board.
- 3) The third throw of the die determines who will start the game. This will also determine the order of play.
- 4) Aircraft may move vertically, (up or down), horizontally, (left or right) or a combination but NOT diagonally.
The total number of squares moved is determined by the score thrown.

Example; A 6 is thrown.

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Example; A 4 is thrown.

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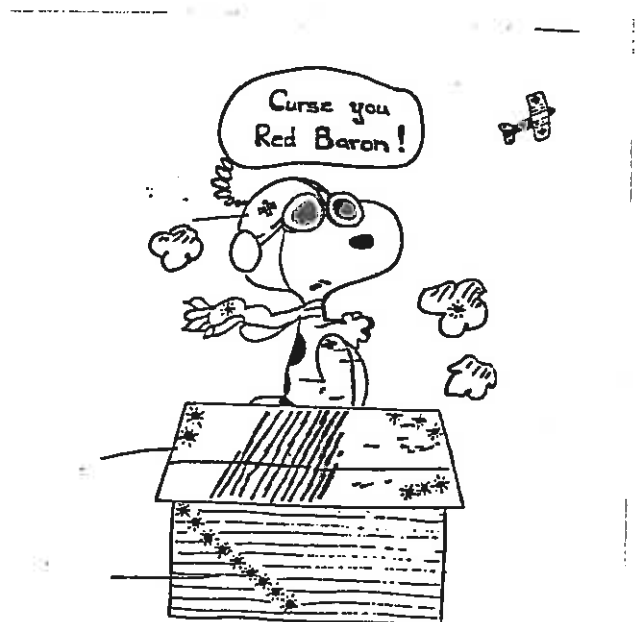
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- 6) An aircraft is "shot down in flames" when the opposing aircraft lands in or crosses the square in which the aircraft is situated at that time.

7) Variations.

- a) Cloud cover in the form of suitably cut clear plastic covering certain squares may be used. The cloud cover may be placed anywhere on the board. No machine guns may be fired from an aircraft while it is flying in the "cloud".
- b) Fuel ranges or limits may be introduced by deciding on
 - i) the number of throws or
 - ii) the sum of all the scores indicated on the die at each throw of the die.

In each case the pilot must allow sufficient "fuel" for the return trip to his base before he may take off to rejoin the air battle.



DAVE GEMMELL

THANK YOU DAVE...

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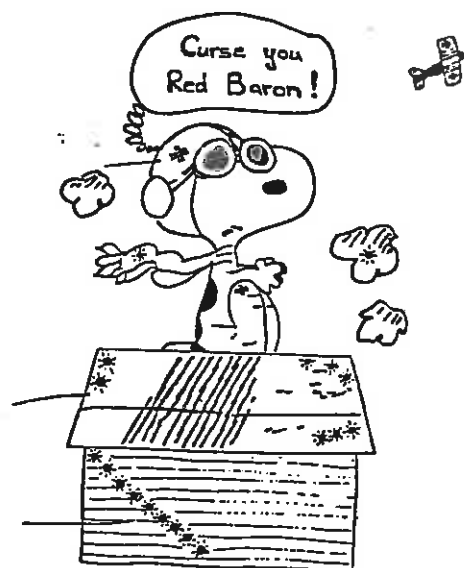
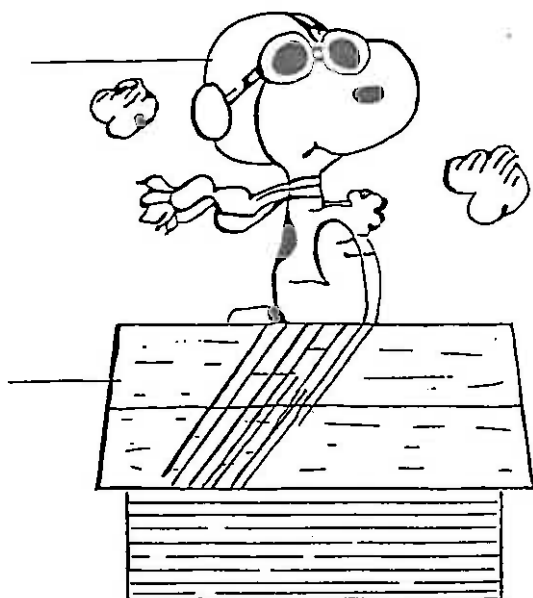
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