

Dan Poynter presents

Have You Seen My Parachute? Jumping with nothing at all

Astonishing stories of those who have bailed out without a parachute and survived the fall. Trace the events of seven who landed with pieces of an aircraft and three who survived the fall with nothing at all.

Next, discover the astounding story of tail gunner Nicholas Alkemade who bailed out in 1944. Unable to reach his burning parachute, he jumped without it—and survived. Falling through trees and landing in snow, he lived to tell his tale.



The story does not end there, it is only the beginning. “Where did you bury the parachute?” asked the interrogator. Discover how he convinced the Gestapo that he was a combatant, not a spy (who could be shot). See how he was honored by the Luftwaffe and made a hero by flyers on both sides.

This is a “feel good” presentation on vertical aviation history and it is absolutely fascinating.

Which, naturally, leads us to the discussion of wing suits and the possibility of the human body being able to land without a parachute.



Dan Poynter is past president of the Parachute Industry Association, past chairman of the Board of the U.S. Parachute Association and past president of the International Hang Gliding Commission. He has written more than 120 books; seven on parachutes and skydiving. A pilot, skydiver and master parachute rigger, this Certified Speaking Professional (CSP) is a frequent speaker at aviation and other events.

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