



## LITE FLITE NEWSLETTER #3

FEBRUARY 2010

Welcome to this third NEWSLETTER from LITE FLITE. We wish all our subscribers a happy and prosperous new year.

### Delivery to South Africa

The best way to finish off 2009 was to deliver new helicopter rescue equipment to the South African Air Force. As our distributor in South Africa, CEO of SUNSOLUTIONS mr. Vincent Joubert contracted with the Air Force to deliver a number of Harnesses, Quick Release Boxes, straps and rescue sling strops to various squadrons. In coordination with the SA Air Force, Lite Flite designed a new compact rescue sling strop especially for hypothermia victims. Normally a hypothermia victim should be hoisted



in a stretcher to avoid the blood from running away from the heart. In smaller helicopters however the room is not sufficient to hold a stretcher.

The Lite Flite Hypothermia sling strop is not bulkier than normal strops and offers the ability for the victim to be hoisted in a sitting position. The Hypo Strop still features the

Triple S system allowing the victim to hold on to securing handles. We congratulate the South African Air Force as launch customer for this new product.

### Visit from Oman

In January we had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Khamis Al-Ajmi, CEO of DAHRA LOGISTICS of OMAN together with Mr. Harun N. Zembilci, Managing Director of Allied International Support

of Turkey and USA. As the distributor of our products in the Middle East, DAHRA made it possible for Lite Flite to deliver 12 sets of helicopter rescue equipment to the Bahrain flying police last October.



Sqn.Idr. (rtd) Khamis Al-Ajmi never experienced real snow before, so this was quite an exciting visit. By car we attended several business meetings in Jutland enjoying the cold and snowy landscape.

### Aircombat Europe

A new exciting activity was born in Denmark. AIRCOMBAT EUROPE offers anybody to become fighter pilot for a day.



The Kolding Airport, EKVD based flight company has 2 Italian built SIAI MARCHETTI SF-260 aircraft equipped with smoke, sounding machine guns, video and a lot of special effects. LITE FLITE had the pleasure of supplying new interior, new seat belts, new rescue parachutes and special life vests

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for the aircraft. We wish AIRCOMBAT EUROPE all the best of luck in the future.

### Quick Release Box tested 2,540 kilos

Now more than 10 years have elapsed since our last strength test of the QRB, so we felt it was time to test and to prove the unbeaten quality. In all our harnesses, LITE FLITE uses certified MIL-SPEC webbing due to traceability and certified tensile strength.

In all harnesses and suspension straps for the QRB we use MIL-W-4088 type XIII webbing with a tensile strength of 7,000 lbs.



We suspended a QRB Mk-3 in the test bench equipped with normal standard fork tangs between 2 pieces of type XIII webbing. It was extremely exiting to observe the test run.



At 1.3 tons the webbing slots in the two tangs began to deformate. Except from the effect of the

prolongation ability in the webbing and the deformation of the tangs nothing really happened before we reached 2.54 tons. With a loud, sharp sound the top webbing strap was cut by the tang and the test was a reality.



The most interesting result of the test was that the QRB itself did not suffer any harm and the mechanism functioned flawlessly afterwards. It showed no sign of any damage after a pull test to 2.54 tons. Amazing.

### Our hopes for the future

We have now entered a new decade. Last year the world suffered from the remainings of a global economic recession. Some businesses were hit harder than others but it is our impression that the financial direction has turned and the arrow is pointing upwards again.

We hope for everybody that 2010 shows to be the year where the wheels begin to turn a little faster. We know that negative publicity has a significant impact. It is therefore our hope that the tone from the medias will turn from minor to major encouraging decision makers in banks and businesses to ease up for a faster cash flow.

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