

Jimmy Barkalow, copilot Stinger 41

Audio transcribed from a video made by our Association videographer.

"Everybody bailed out. Terry Courtney and I were flying the airplane as best we could with the drag and the lack of power. We were flying the airplane and finally he said, get out of here co(pilot). So, I ran to the back and jumped out and it was about 300 feet (above the ground). It's below when you're supposed to be able to make it. I pulled the D ring the second I exited the airplane and I hit the trees. Unfortunately, the chute didn't catch. It just deflated and lost its air. I went down about the last 30 or 40 feet banging against the trees and I had to get 50 stitches on my head."