

**Q:** What should I look for when purchasing a parachute for my passengers?

**A:** You should use the same standards choosing a chute for them as you



did when you purchased one for yourself. However, I do suggest a conventional harness for them (as opposed to the aerobatic type). It's so much easier to get it on and off them. I find having a thread-through chest strap and B-12 snaps on the leg straps works the best. The thread-through chest strap will allow you to adjust the harness tighter, especially if they are not too broad across the chest (see photo). This enables you to ensure the shoulder straps do not slide off their shoulders. This will prevent them from becoming a human torpedo, if they have a head-down opening. The B-12 snaps, on the leg straps, can be manhandled and abused, and they never seem to break.

See you next time. If you plan on attending

Sun 'n Fun, please come to my bail-out presentation. It'll be at noon on Friday, March 30, at the new Central Florida Aerospace Academy building. If you can't make it, please stop by the Para-Phernalia booth in Building "B" and say hello. I'd love to meet you.

I'll leave you with a question. If you have a tandem-seated aircraft, do you have to get the front seat or rear seat person out first? Or does it matter? Can the issue of CG be a problem? I could use your help here. I'd like to hear your suggestions.

Send your questions or thoughts to [allen@silverparachutes.com](mailto:allen@silverparachutes.com) or call me at 510-785-7070. **IAC**



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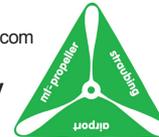
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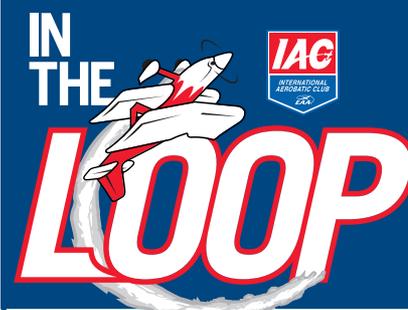
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