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Almost everyone has had dreams of being able to fly. Most have thought about jumping out of an airplane at one time or another. For

wonderful. For these jumpers there is a lot to learn. They learn to control their bodies in freefall while falling (or flying) at 120 mph.

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The UNB club is one of four clubs in New Brunswick and one of two that operate from the Fredericton area. Jumping is done every weekend, weather permitting (except for a short break in mid-winter when our climate proves too severe) on Drop Zones at CFB Gagetown. The severe of turday or Sunday, if it's clear and not wind mough to fly a kite, club members will be mixing heir jumps - some for the first time; others as a routine that ofter becomes an addiction. There are diffe

Everybody must take a First Jump course and make that first big one. From that start it is entirely up to the individual just how far and how high he wants to go. The first jumps are made from from the first jumps are made from the first above the ground (it's really too far the first jump and to your pack at the first jump. It is a very intense experience. It usually feels good when it's over. But so does hitting yourself over the head with a baseball bat...It is not easy to assess something after a brief initial experience. If you didn't know how to swim and someone tossed you in the water for the first time, you probably wouldn't have anything nice to say about that experience. But you could see

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Most people who continue with the sport treat it as a continuing challenge to master a new environment that is both strange and th? What would it be like? It? There is really only one way e are First Jump courses starday evening in Carleton Hall p.m. Each week a new group rst jump. If you want to check

trams for the rst jump. If you want to check it out, come the Monday night session any is for th week. If you think you might be able to make youself jump from an airplane in flight, then by the time you have been trained and are more aware of exactly what it's all about you will almost certainly make that first big step into space. Parachuting is not like anything. It is a unique experience and one that everyone should have the chance to explore. Whether you like it or not will almost certainly depend on what your attitude is toward the sport as a whole. You will probably be scared on your first jump. It is a very intense experience. It usually feels good when it's over. But so does bat...It is not easy to assess something after a brief initial experience.

If you didn't know how to swim and someone tossed you in the water for the first time, you probably wouldn't have anything nice to say about that experience. But you could see others swimming and enjoying themselves and you realize that they all had to start someplace. So you spend the time and make the effort to learn the basics and become comfortable in your new medium. Soon you are an avid swimmer and wonder why everybody doesn't do it. It is pretty much the same process.

Try it. You'll like it.











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