

This is a true story. On July 2 1982, Larry Walters, a 33-year-old North Hollywood truck driver, filled 45 weather balloons with helium and tied them to an aluminum garden chair. Then he put on a parachute and climbed into the chair with lots of supplies, including some water, a pellet gun, a CB radio, an altimeter, and a camera. He planned to fly across the desert.

The chair was attached to the bumper of a friend's car with two ropes. But when his friends cut one of the ropes, the other rope snapped too. Larry shot up into the sky at more than 300 meters per second. It was so fast that his glasses fell off. He climbed quickly to about five kilometers above the ground.

Larry spoke to his friends on his radio. 'I'm floating across LA Harbour', he said. He wanted to fly to the Rocky Mountains, but the wind took him towards Long Beach Municipal Airport. Two pilots saw Larry and radioed air traffic control. They were all very surprised.

The air was thin three miles above the ground and Larry felt cold and dizzy. He shot some of the balloons with his gun, the chair floated down, and he landed safely.

Back on earth, Larry was famous. He appeared on lots of TV shows and people loved him. But the Federal Aviation Administration didn't think it was funny and they wanted to take away his pilot's license. They couldn't, because he didn't have one.

這是一個真實的故事,1982年7月2日, Larry Walters 是一位33歲北好萊屋的卡車司機,他把45個氣候氣球內注滿了氦氣,並將他們綁在鋁製的花園椅子上,然後他穿上了降落傘,爬上了有很多補給品的椅子上,包括一些水,一支彈丸槍,一台對講機,一台高度計和一台相機,他打算飛越沙漠。

椅子被兩條繩子給綁在他朋友的車子保險桿上,但是當他朋友切斷其中一條時,另一條也跟著斷了, Larry 以每秒300多公尺的速度衝向空天,快到他的眼鏡掉了下來他快速攀升到離地面五公里的地方, Larry 用對講機跟他的朋友通話,我正飄過洛杉磯港,他想飛到洛磯山脈,但他被風帶到了長灘市機場。兩名飛行員看到 Larry 並通報給航空中心,他們都非常驚訝。

地面3英里之上的空氣是如此的稀薄,讓 Larry 感到又冷又暈眩,他用槍把一些氣球射破,椅子飄然而下,且他安全著陸,回到地面上, Larry

變得很有名,他出現在許多電視節目而且人們都喜愛他,不過,美國聯邦航空管理局不認為這很有趣,他們想拿走他的飛行執照,他們不能,因為他根本沒有執照.

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