Before Parachuting from a Aerial Vehicle, There Was a BASE Jumpâ€¦

Description

Dec 26th, 1783. Louis-SÃƒÂ©bastien Lenormand was the man who did the deed. From Wikipedia:

> After making a jump from a tree with the help of two modified umbrellas Lenormand refined his contraption and on December 26, 1783 jumped from the tower of the Montpellier observatory in front of a crowd that included Joseph Montgolfier, using a 14 foot parachute with a rigid wooden frame. His intended use for the parachute was to help entrapped occupants of a burning building to escape unharmed. Lenormand was succeeded by AndrÃƒÂ©-Jacques Garnerin who made the first jump from high altitude with the help of a non-rigid parachute.

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BASE jump? It stands for someone who jumps from **B**ridge, **A**ntenna, **S**tructure (building), **E**arth.

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