

called a police ambulance which arrived after Kumzak had already left.

Another minor accident occurred when Kumzak was appearing at the 1936 fair, he lost his goggles which were ripped off by a jerk of one of the 'chute cords as it opened at 1,200 feet. The pilot 'chute, which is the small parachute which opens first and releases the parachute from the pack, also broke loose as the parachute snapped open. The small boy who found Kumzak's goggles and returned them to him was rewarded with a dollar.

Kumzak was in Milford when he heard of the accident which killed Clem Sohn. Kumzak said that he had always thought a lot of Sohn whom he considered to be a nice, quiet chap who knew what he was doing. He also stated that Sohn's death would not keep him from completing future bat man flights.

In total, Kumzak made approximately 100 jumps with his wings from an altitude of 10,000 feet with an overall total of approximately 480 regular parachute jumps. In 1940, Kumzak moved to the west coast and went to work for the Navy, overhauling and repairing survival equipment, including parachutes, and he has been doing this type of work for the past 25 years. He currently works for the United States Government as an expert on parachute inspection and packing at the Alameda Air Base. His family consists of his wife, four daughters and one grand-daughter.

The idea of the ZAP! BANG! POW! Batman of comic books and current television fame may have originated with the bat man flights of Sohn and Kumzak, for it was not until the December 20, 1939, issue of *Newsweek* that Batman was created by Bob Kane, and this was over four years after Kumzak's and Sohn's first flights.

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#### CORRECTION . . .

Page 320, Spring, 1966: Line 10, "from the De Witt jail . . ." should have been placed between lines 20 and 21.

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