

Martin-Baker Tie Club

I'm sure most of you are well aware of this club. I wouldn't think there's anyone out there who hasn't heard about it if he/she has experience with the Martin Baker ejection seat. On the other hand, you never know what people know, so this is why I'm posting this here. The info below is from an aviator who is a member of the Martin-Baker Tie Club.

Bob

If you either haven't heard of the Martin-Baker (ejection seat) Tie Club or are not yet a member this is for you. While I was at the last Air Force Symposium in DC I noticed that M-B had a booth, so I stopped by to see the current seats and chat about being in the club.

As it turned out, Andrew Martin (Hons) was there. He was quite happy to meet a club member (I was wearing the pin). In the course of our conversation he told me their goal is to track down everyone alive who has safely ejected from one of their seats (7,300+ ejections from 93 Air Forces - which also means Navies) and have them join the M-B Tie Club.

I told him I was in a number of organizations with members who have ejected using a M-B seat and that I would help locate them...which is the purpose of this announcement. I urge you to contact M-B. They are a fantastic group with a top-drawer product - saved my life - and will be happy to have you join up. You can do everything on line. Email the club secretary at: tie-club@martin-baker.co.uk and give your specifics. They will send you an application to fill out and email back. There is no cost - the tie is high quality and includes a lapel pin. I purchased one of the ejection ring key chains which is not only unique but rugged (like the seat!).

From the web site

(<http://www.martin-baker.com/Sub-Navigation/Ejection-Tie-Club.aspx>): The Ejection Tie Club was founded by Sir James Martin CBE DSc CEng

FIMechE FRAeS. The primary objective of the Club is to provide a distinctive tie to be worn with civilian clothing and thus to provide a visible sign of the members' common bond. The design of the tie incorporates the warning sign to be found on all aircraft equipped with an ejection seat. Life membership of the Martin-Baker Tie Club is confined solely to persons who have ejected from an aircraft in an emergency using a Martin-Baker designed ejection seat, and thereby saved their life.

Ck6 - Tom Hanton