

REMEMBER THOSE VIDEO CLIPS WHERE PEOPLE LAUNCHED themselves off of a 30-foot ramp on "flying" machines only to plummet into a lake with the speed and aplomb of a concrete penguin?

That, friends, is the Red Bull Flugtag, and it returns to Texas this very month.

What kind of a puerile idiot does something like that you ask? How could this possibly seem like a good idea to someone with a fully functioning cerebral cortex? And just who among us would be so hellbent on self-destruction that they'd be willing to strap themselves to a contraption that would make George and Orville cringe and be pushed off a 30-foot cliff into the water?

Ahem. Well ... us.

So join us at the Red Bull Flugtag on August 25 at Auditorium Shores in Austin as ENVY unites our Inuit sisters to the north with our Mexican brothers from the south and celebrates the inaugural flight of "The Chupacabra Iditarod Sled." Scorecards provided. Cheering is compulsory.

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