

EDDY TRAIN

Yet another kite train this time by Paul Chapman, these eddy kites were produced from scraps that he had over after running a sled workshop.

The spars were from a window blind that I had shortened. Straw reeds. Each kite has several strips of polythene drape 1m x .5cm tail. The bridle is from the spar crossover, bridle length about 30 - 40 cm. The Train comprises three groups 30, 30, 20 on three different strength lines. Because the reeds would crush if they were joined at the cross over I pass the flying line through the centre knot and join the bridle to the flying line just above the preceding kite (see diagram).

This allows each kite to pivot about the flying line. It can "fly" up or down the line to the extent of the bridle line. The train flew straight from the boxes perfectly. The pull is about 20 pounds. I found it much easier to handle small groups of 20 - 30 kites rather than put all the kites on one line.

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