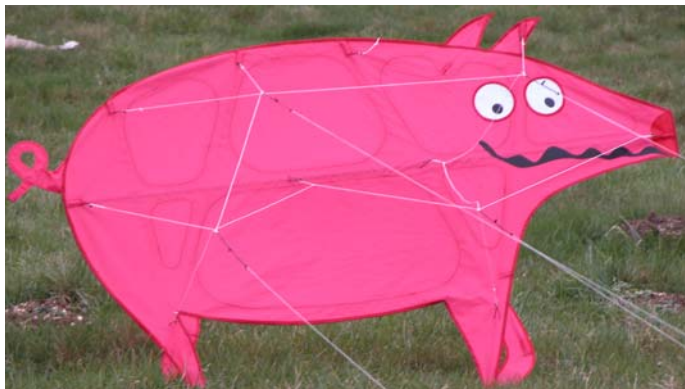


....and pigs will fly

Allan Pothecary

There are no two ways about it – this kite flies like a pig! If you want to draw a crowd and make everyone smile whilst having a good laugh



yourself, then this is what you buy!

The flying pig comes with lines, handles and a pink carry case complete with its own cute little curly tail costing a little under £80.00. This may be a little pricey – it depends how much you like to pay to enjoy yourself.

Assembly wasn't easy the first time but once you

have realised that the thin, fibre-glass rods slide through narrow sleeves around the edge to help maintain the shape you will soon be attaching the lines.

You are not going to win any competitions with this one in fact rising, STACK quadline superstar, Garry Mathews said he found it "a bit of a swine" to fly – oh yeah, I get it now – swine – pig – thanks Garry!

It needs a reasonably stiff breeze to keep the pig in the air and then it's lots of fun!

The pink porky tends to sit up on his/her tail and needs a little trimming to keep it level but if you can clear the laughter tears from your eyes you might be able to make a bridle adjustment to rectify this.

As usual, if you want to try before you go off to your favourite trader look out for the Close Encounters/kiteworld.co.uk banner, but please bear with us if we are competing that day.

Thanks to TKC for the loan of the kite which will be donated for auction at the end of the season.

Treczoks Cody

Allan and Marilyn Pothecary

I suppose everyone knows a little about the history of the Cody kite and I'm sure there will be a plethora of accurate information in the annals of experts such as our own Mr Webster, so I won't even attempt that side of things.

I've always been fascinated by the Cody and would have loved to have owned one but had been put off making one by the complex accuracy required or the availability of one to buy, or the price.

We bought a small, cheapie one once but after bashing a few people about the head at Portsmouth one year – no matter what I did to try to improve the stability – we have not had the inclination to take it out of the bag since!

You can, therefore, imagine my delight when Ben from TKC offered me one to test fly and demonstrate at the various shows, competitions and festivals we attend up and down the country throughout the year.

Lutz Treczoks was born in 1958 and started serious kite flying in 1988 when there was no limit to his ambition to experiment with many varieties of kite

before specialising in box and Cody kites. Lutz is now a Greenpeace activist and able to use his creations to attract attention.

The Treczoks Cody from HQ Kites is a three tiered, 9 foot by 4 foot beauty that flies extremely well in winds of 2 to 6 Beaufort. It is accurately made with some complex panels and tensioning lines which must be a nightmare to get right if you are making your own – or quite a satisfying challenge if you are that way inclined.

The kite comes at a price, amazingly, below £130.00.

We had an idea of how it went together (from our experience of the cheapie) by starting at one wing tip with one of the two longest rods. There is a sleeve in the main sail to slide it in – then make sure you go through all the relevant holes in the box to utilise the fixed ring on the bottom part of the front section. Important to note that it fits over the end rather than in the arrow knock.

The rod is tied at the other end and although the instructions tell you how to do this, it's not clear how much to leave clear so you will have to come

Treczoks Cody



back and level it all up when you put in the second rod. A good tip might be to mark the rod once you have found the best setting. The same sort of thing for the back section too.

This Cody has a third sail on the top to aid stability but we found that the tensioning line which had to be held in place by trapping the knot in it between the front support stay and its retaining clip was not very satisfactory as the slightest jar seemed to knock it out. Our friend Michael from Solent Kite Fliers came to the rescue here by dispensing with this line and tying off a new one on a permanent basis.

The first time we launched the Cody was at Wey-

mouth. With medium pull it rose swiftly and smoothly in to the air. It immediately started a procession of admirers and a list of questions to be answered along with a few interesting anecdotes about grandfathers' involvements. I raised a few "oohs" and "aahs" when I gave it lots of slack and let fly around and then recover on its own.

At Middle Wallop we even had some of the 'power boys' interested.

With an easy to adjust bridle to alter the trim if you need, this will be an excellent lifter kite and we will be using it to show off all sorts of line laundry.

Treczoks Cody is just one of a number of large kites we will be reviewing but it is so relaxing and such a joy to fly that when Ben asks for it back – I'm going to swear blind that I lost it!

Look out too for reviews of our new, dual line, competition kites - the Transfer XT.s team kite from Atelier – the top end of the range and the new masterpiece from the Tim Benson/Andy Wardley stable – I am not a trick flyer but I took a prototype on holiday and it even made me look good!

Allan and Marilyn are current STACK UK Experienced pairs champions and are sponsored by www.kiteworld.co.uk

No Flying Here! - Allan Potheary

Something about notices - If someone has put one up then that probably means they don't want a particular event re-occurring.

For instance if you come across one that says "Please Close the Door" then it probably means someone keeps leaving it open. I was once very alarmed to see a notice in a hospital kitchen which read "Please don't empty bed-pans in the sink"

Therefore I hope that the photo here shows sensible foresight on behalf of the council. To be safer still I'd like to hear of their plans to re-route the power cables. (the supports of which also make a reasonable challenge for a second climbing frame).



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