

FROM THE
DESIGNER'S
NEST



Fellow Osprey Builders,

I can only presume you all got a new Lyc 0320 for Christmas, right? Anyway I do hope you all had a very happy holiday season.

The last time I flew my Osprey 2 on the water I had taxied down a ramp into the water, dropped the water rudder and started to retract the gear.

It seemed to bind and after several tries it came up. I extended it again and by turning the rudder I was able to induce the bind again. The nose gear wheel when cocked or turned was binding in the well.

I have devised a simple set of centering springs that has solved the problem. They will keep your wheels pointed straight ahead throughout the retracting cycle when the steering cables are loose. (see drawing).

I strongly urge you all to keep renewing your newsletter subscription. This is my only means of passing on new information to you. I also urge all of you to let us share your first flight experience. There have been several new Osprey's fly that I know of, yet these builders have not yet written to OUR NEWSLETTER!!

Darry Capps is trying to organize a flight of 4 Osprey's to fly to Gahkosh in 86. More on this later, hopefully from Darry. It's a long haul, 2,000 miles from the West Coast but still alot of fun.

Best wishes to all in 86.

Regards,

George

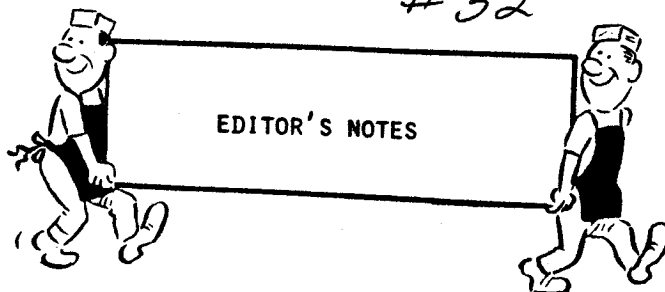
SHORT CUTS AND IDEAS!

Use Ford Pinto rack and pinion flex boot covers for your landing gear rod seals.

Before foaming the bottom of your fuselage run all your airline, vacuum lines and wiring under the floor and foam in place, it gives you more room in the cockpit.

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SPRING IS ON THE WAY!! Must be comin since SUN N FUN is less than 2 months away. March 16-22 are the dates. Lakeland, Florida is the place. Hope to see many of you, and at least a couple of Osprey's there this year. Please let us know if you are planning to attend and especially if you are flying in your Osprey.

BUILDER'S MEETINGS at Sun N' Fun - last year there were many builder's but no one could seem to "connect". This year why not meet at the Smokey Mountain Airparts trailer at 1pm on any day of the show if you are interested in meeting and talking with other builders. We'll be there everyday so drop on by. Our trailer will be located at the far Northwest of the field past the exhibit buildings, right on the flightline. It's a big brown trailer and we'll hang some Osprey 2 shirts around so you can be sure to find us.

PLEASE notify us if you have an Osprey flying! No one is really sure of how many are in the air and we would be most interested in knowing and so would those still building.

BACK ISSUES OF THE NEWSLETTER are available for \$1.50 each. There have been 30 so far. There is lots of useful info in the newsletters, especially for you first time builder's.

DEADLINE for the March issue is February 20th - write that article today!!

NO NAME

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