

THRUST ADJUSTMENTS MADE PAINLESS

by George White

For those friendly readers who are tired of screwing around gluing in shims, guessing how much change in the thrust setting you're getting, having the nose block wobble around until you jury rig some more shims to make the blasted thing fit right and if it's a scale model, trying to blend in the mess you've created, there's been a solution hidden in plain sight for several years. It's the Gizmo Geezer nose button brought to you by Marcy and Orv Olm in the far north frozen wastes of Canada. The little thing weighs one gram, has three screws to allow almost infinite adjustment and is drilled for a .055 prop shaft. It can easily be shimmed to take a smaller shaft or drilled for a larger one. It's light enough for a dime scale and appears to be robust enough to handle many endurance models. I'm not sure about whether it will handle some of those motors extracted from 18 wheeler inner tubes used in Wakefields, but I'll bet it will if you harden the wood behind the button flange.

Gizmo also sells two sizes of props which have a unique built-in Bendix type free wheeling mechanism. It also includes this nose button.

Give it a look at <http://www.gizmogeezer.com/>, or for those computer handicapped but extravagant in their spending, give them a call at 308-955-1620, or for those who are cheap in their communication spending, write them at 45 Kirk Crescent, Saskatoon, SK Canada S7H 3B1

