FIXIT WRIGHT

by Bruce Wennerstrom

MY GOODNESS, YOU TWO HAVE BEEN HIBERNATING IN THAT CELLAR FOR A WEEK NOW! WHAT EVER ARE YOU BUILDING?

C'MON DOWN AND SEE, BUNNY.

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE A LITTLE TRAILER. BUT WHAT EVER FOR?

WHY BUNNY, WHAT DO YOUNG MEN USUALLY THINK OF THIS TIME OF YEAR?

WELL..... SPRING'S ALREADY OVER, SO IT COULDN'T BE.....

THE NATS, YA DOPE

ARE YA' PULLING, FIXIT?

YA' KNOW, I THINK WE'VE BUILT A "BOAT" TOO BIG FOR THE CELLAR DOOR. I'LL JUST KNOCK AWAY A LITTLE OF THE DOOR FRAME WITH THIS AXE.

NOT SO FAST, TAILSKID. ALL WE NEED DO, I THINK IS..

...LET THE AIR OUT OF THE TIRES.

LOOKS PRETTY SNAZZY HEH, BUNNY?

THIS FINISHES IT UP, FIXIT. WHAT SAY WE TAKE A RUN OUT TO THE FIELD FOR A FEW LAST TEST FLIGHTS?

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STOP ON RED

PUSH ON GREEN

AT THE FIELD, LATER IN THE MORNING

R-R-R-R-R-R-R-R

WELL, BY THE LOOKS OF THAT CLIMB, I'D SAY THAT JOB CHECKS OUT OKAY. HEH, FIXIT?

YEP, AND I'M GLAD YOU DIDN'T TRY TO BUILD A COUPLE OF NEW SHIPS AT THE LAST MINUTE, THE WAY YOU DID LAST YEAR.

LET'S START HOME SOON, I'D LIKE TO GET THESE CRATES ALL PACKED THIS AFTERNOON.

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BOY, THIS IS THE WAY TO GO TO CONTESTS! NO CRUSHED MODELS FOR US THIS YEAR.

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PACKING WENT SMOOTHLY. THAT IS, TAILSKID PULLED ONLY HIS USUAL BONERS, NOTHING SPECTACULAR. HE STEPPED ON STABILIZERS, POKED HOLES (ONLY LITTLE ONES) IN WINGS. UNFASTENING THEM FROM FUSELAGES, ETC. IN SPITE OF TAILSKID'S HELP, FIXIT GOT EVERYTHING PACKED, READY TO LEAVE.

WE SHOULD'VE THOUGHT OF THIS BEFORE. LOOKS LIKE WE'LL STILL HAVE TO STICK A COUPLE OF SHIPS IN THE BACK SEAT THOUGH, THE TRAILER'S ALMOST FILLED UP.

A SHORT WHILE LATER THE BOYS WERE ON THEIR WAY AGAIN.

THIS -SHORT- CUT - OF MINE - OUGHT - TO - SAVE US - AT - LEAST - SIX - HOURS

SPUT-SPUT-SPUT-SPUT

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EARLY NEXT MORNING

SO LONG, BUNNY! SORRY WE HAVE TO LEAVE YOU, BUT THE EDITOR WON'T LET US TAKE YOU ALONG.

'BYE-'BYE, SIS!

'BYE BOYS HAVE FUN

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SEVERAL MORNINGS LATER, NEARING TEXAS

YOU DRIVE FOR AWHILE, TAILSKID. I'M TIRED. DON'T LET THE GAS GET TOO LOW. STATIONS ARE SCARCE OUT HERE

JUST RELAX, CHUM. I DOPED OUT A SHORT-CUT WHILE YOU WERE DRIVING.

SHAKE WELL BEFORE USING

END UP

EMERGENCY EXIT

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GUESS WHAT, YOU JERK! YOU'VE RUN OUT OF GAS! I TOLD YOU NOT TO LET IT GET TOO LOW.

S'WHAT? WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF GAS IN THE BACK - GLOWFUEL.

O'MIGOSH! WELL I GUESS IT WILL JUST HAVE TO DO. DUMP A FEW CANS OF THE STUFF IN, TAILSKID.

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HOLY MACKEREL! I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO STEP ON THE STARTER!

WHOOSH

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THAT AFTERNOON

RELAX - THIS - IS MY - SHORT - CUT!

SAY - ISN'T - THIS A - SWELL - PLACE TO - FLY - (UGH) MODELS - WHAT SAY - WE - STOP AWHILE?

(YAWN) - TAIL - SKID - WHAT - BECAME - OF (WHOOPS) - THE - (OW) HIGH - WAY?

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AND SO.....5 MIN. LATER

BOY, THIS IS JUST THE PLACE TO DO SOME LAST - MINUTE TESTING!

IT'S A RELIEF TO STOP THAT JOLTING FOR AWHILE, TOO.

R-R-R-R-R-R-R-R

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FIXIT AND TAILSKID MADE DALLAS WITHOUT FURTHER MISHAP. THEIR JEEP CALMED DOWN AFTER IT GOT A TANKFUL OF REGULAR GAS IN IT, ALTHOUGH ITS NEVER BEEN QUITE THE SAME SINCE. SORT OF AN AUTOMOTIVE ALCOHOLIC NOW; IT ONLY PERKS UP WHEN A CAN OF GLOW FUEL IS UNCORKED.....

BOY, THIS SHOULD REALLY BE A CONTEST!

WHOOPS— LOOKOUT!

WELL, I GUESS THIS IS THE PLACE

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