

Retractable Gear Article Comments

The following was taken from a letter to me from James Foster (IL)

I was disappointed by the comments regarding J. D. Newman. There is no place for repeating hearsay and conjecture in an article weighing the merits of RG systems (if anywhere). Unsubstantiated statements that undermine the entrepreneurs in our sport do all of us a disservice. We should encourage new designs and then let the market decide if the developer correctly interpreted its desires.

Lets work toward elevating the science, and art of the canard pusher designs. Criticism is fine, but keep it constructive and fair.

EZ Retractable Main Gear, Another View

In the January issue David Orr's article, EZ Retracts, contained statements that stimulated reply from a CSA member and a non-member. The member's comments are printed in the article on the left. The other letter presents J.D.Newman of Infinity Aerospace views of the situation.

Mr. Newman's very detailed letter stated, "I hope and believe there is space for this letter to be published in its entirety, or it will lose it's informative value and purpose." He further offered to pay to have the 3 page double-sided letter placed in the newsletter.

Among other things, the letter refutes: the reason for the law suit against the Long-EZ owner, time period of the agreement, reason for

the crash, negative statement that his retract system is not insurable or held in low esteem by the insurance investigator, safety concerns, and offers history of his company and an update on Infinity progress.

Past newsletter policy has been to make extended articles available to the membership. To obtain such articles members have been directed to send a SASE and request the desired information. It has also been policy to not accept any paid material for publishing.

In light of that policy, and not wishing to paraphrase Mr. Newman's information, I have decided to make the letter available through the usual extended article method.

Long-EZ For Sale

O-320 Long-EZ, low time.