

AIR MOBILITY



AVOID Sudden LETDOWN

HERE'S A LOCAL FIX TO KEEP YOUR GROUND HANDLING WHEELS FROM GIVING YOU THAT LETDOWN FEELING!!

THANKS, BONNIE...

EASY DOES IT!

Dear Editor,

The ground-handling wheels for our OH-58A, C aircraft take a lot of beating during towing operations. As a result, the washer retaining ring comes off the axle, followed by the washer and wheel. That makes for sudden stops that can lead to some bent-up bird parts.

I've seen lock wire used to hold the washer in place. But the safety wire doesn't hold up either!

So, we drilled a 1/8-in hole in the retaining ring groove on the axle and inserted a suitable cotter key. No more lost wheels for us!

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