

Tired of the Crocket Hook Turning Sideways?

By George White

After lamenting the tendency of the crocket hook to turn sideways in my little Fokker DVIII (which has a ridiculously short fuselage) to my Oklahoma friend Gene Smith, he told me about a prop hook I'd never seen before. He claims he got the idea from Charlie Sauter (the guy who sells videos of FAC Nats). Wherever it came from, it seems to work. The diagram is pretty much self explanatory. The hook has to be formed so that the two sides of the "U" are the same distance apart as the two holes in the crocket hook. I made one, and sure enough, life got more pleasant. Gene says he has never had a crocket hook come loose except when the motor went completely slack. If the motor is that slack, what's to lose?!

