

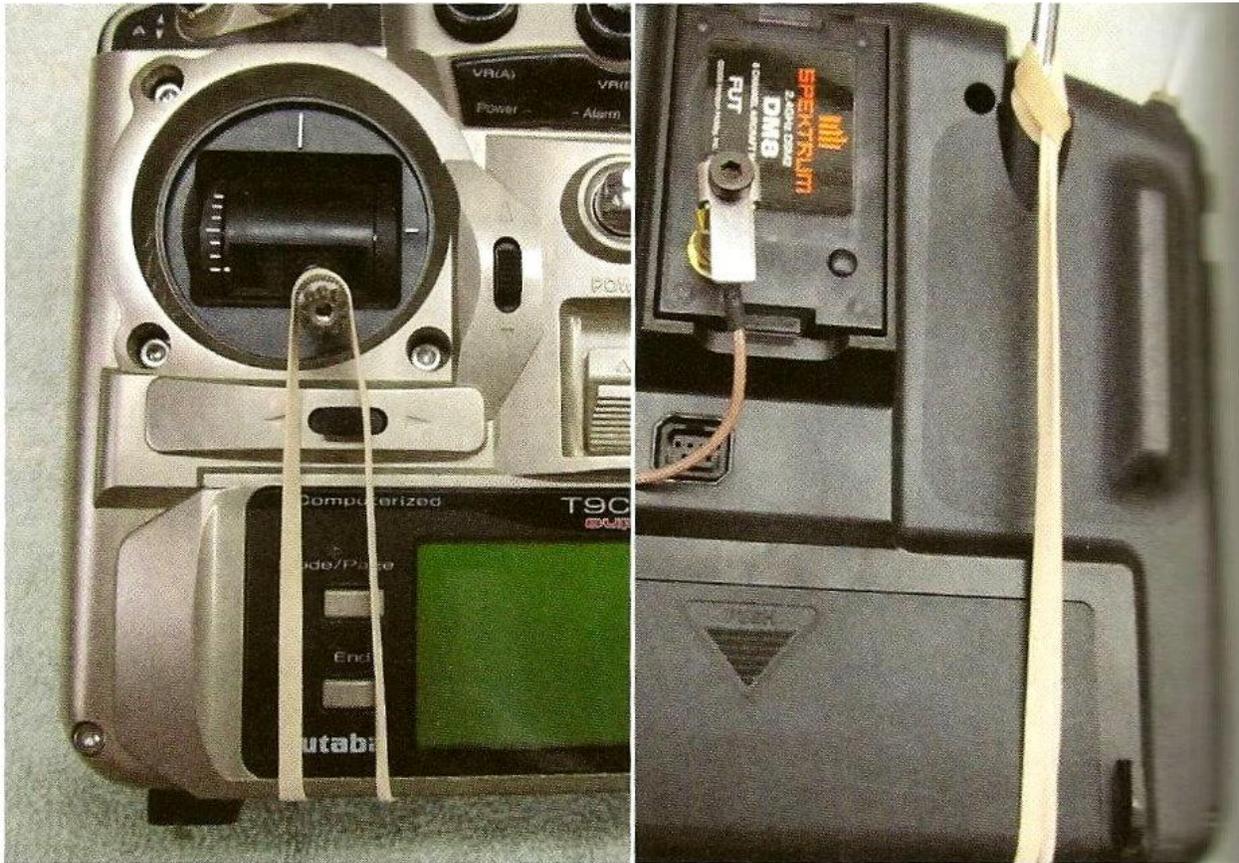
Throttle Stabilizer

Hunter Sheridan sent me a couple of photos depicting a simple idea to improve throttle stabilization. I've heard from many pilots who use it. The tension of a rubber band keeps the throttle where it belongs, even if it gets bumped by a klutz such as me.

At takeoff, just slip the band off the stick and fly. Hunter says that many of his friends use this trick in addition to an arming device and whatever electronic safeguards are built into their radios.

My friends enjoyed my indoor practice session too much, and offered somewhat helpful advice such as, "Try to fly *around* the obstacles instead of *through* them." I didn't hit anything or anyone, but there is plenty of room for improvement in my technique.

Even the best pilots seek out coaches who can help them improve. Someone like me needs all available help. It takes humility to ask for and accept guidance. Smart pilots know that others can see what we may overlook. Without coaching we might repeatedly do the wrong thing.



Hunter Sheridan uses a simple rubber band to help keep the throttle closed when the airplane is on the ground. Clever!

The rubber band stays attached to the radio and slips off the stick when the model is ready to fly.