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Posted: Thu Sep 13, 2007 11:34 am Post subject: Steering damper with webb forks

Could anyone give me any guidance regarding the necessity of a steering damper on the middleweight webb forks on my 1927 Flyer. The machine is in solo form & I have no plans to fit a sidecar although I do intend to fit the original 'kite' forks at some point. The machine is currently fitted with webb middleweight forks with no apparent provision for a damper - not even a hole for the spindle in the nut on the top of the steering head. I've only just got the machine on the road and have done a few gentle miles on it. It seems perfectly stable but I am concerned about the safety of the present setup. There has been no hint of wobble or any other instability but this is my first experience of girder forks and I would appreciate any advice or comments from anyone with more experience than I have.

Many thanks.

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Hello Roy

I have webb heavy weight forks on my 1928 Flyer but although I do have a hole there is no steering damper in it. Nonetheless I have had no problems with wobbles etc despite travelling around 450 miles with it earllier this (so called) summer. I'm not sure but not all webb forks have provision for a steering damper.

Regards

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Posted: Mon Sep 17, 2007 7:02 am Post subject:

Thanks for that Lewis, that's re-assuring. I'll proceed with caution with my existing set-up for a while at least.

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Regards

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Posted: Wed Sep 19, 2007 7:04 pm Post subject:

Hi Roy. You should be perfectly O.K. without a damper as the Flying Squirrel Tourer with Webb forks was not supplied with a damper. It was available as an "extra" at additional cost. It came as standard on the FS deluxe and TT Rep and Sprint Special.
Regards and best wishes, Brian.

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Posted: Thu Sep 20, 2007 2:07 pm Post subject:

Many thanks Brian. I must admit that it never occurred to me that there was no steering damper in the first place, probably because the machine was such a bitsa with so much missing or wrong when purchased. It's gradually being returned to original specification although it will never be truly 'original'.

Regards

Roy Fisher