Hi William,
 I do not know when the change will be made. I just happened to be
chatting with someone from SGI who was fixing my machine (with different
problems). I told him that some of my colleagues had libraries in o32
which they did not want to re-compile. This isn't only IDL, it is C and
Fortran compiler stuff.
 I agree, it is a bit scary. I worked hard to get the C programs to
work from IDL.
Rose