

EDITOR'S NOTES

OUR APOLOGIES for the lateness of the last issue. We are aware many of you were wondering if you would ever hear from us again! We, unfortunately, ran into some problems getting our material back from our printer which made our mail date about 1 week later than we like. Then, of course, the post office, in some cases, delayed the newsletter on its way to you. We have checked with the post office and want you to be aware of the following: 1) Third class mail is worked when the post office has time - sooo even if our post office does not hold up the mailing, your's may do so, or one across the U.S. may do so. 2) It takes 2 to 3 weeks for mail to reach either West or East coast. Thus, the reason for the delays with the last issue. We hope to do better from now on. Bear with us!

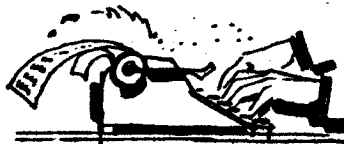
NEW DEADLINE DATE --- due to printer's delays and the aforementioned delays with the post office we are moving our deadline date up from the 1st of the month of publication to the 20th of the month previous to publication, thus April 20th for the May issue, June 20th for the July issue, etc. Please keep this in mind when you send us material to use. We hope to get the issues mailed from Wisconsin no later than the 20th of the publication month. Thus, March 20th, May 20th, July 20th, etc.

BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE - We have had many, many requests from new subscribers to begin their subscription with the first issue. Due to time factors, mailing regulations, etc. this is impossible for us to do. Therefore we are making back issues available to those interested. Write asking for as many of each previously published issue (2 so far) as you desire, send along a self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$1.00 per issue. We shall be happy to send them to you this way.

BUILDER'S LIST TO BE AVAILABLE - We have also had so many requests for a list of builders addresses, phone numbers, etc. that we are trying to put something together for those of you who want this. However, the list will only be of those who have subscribed to the newsletter, this because when sending our initial mailing (there are over 900 plan holders!) we discovered many addresses were old and people have moved. There is no way of knowing whose address is correct or incorrect unless they responded to our mailing! There will also be no telephone #'s provided as we do not have this information on everyone - only a few provided us with this information. Think you will be able to find these yourselves. The list will be by area and available as such; i.e. New York, California, Wisconsin, etc. More on this in upcoming issues!

MORE INFORMATION NEEDED --- We are still in need of more input from YOU the Osprey 2 builder! Don't be afraid to send us any information you might feel pertinent to this publication. If you're not a writer, don't be fearful - we'll be glad to help you edit the information and present it to our readers in a sensible manner. Just send us what you want, along with your phone number and address so we may contact you if need be. YOU are the newsletter tool! All contributions will be read, reviewed and published, if at all possible. Have you had a building problem that you solved? A memorable test flight or trip in your completed bird? An unusual experience while building or flying? We'd love to hear about it.

OSPREY GET TOGETHER PLANNED FOR AUGUST 7TH. Plans are being finalized for Osprey 2 builders and interested parties (that includes spouses and families) to get-together at Oshkosh on Tuesday evening, Aug. 4th. We'll have more details later --- just keep that date open!



ONTARIO BUILDERS MEET AS A GROUP

On November 17, 1980, about 17 builders gathered at Pickering for their first meeting or seminar. It was decided at that time that this group would meet at approximately 3 month intervals, without much bookwork, no dues, etc., other than to cover the minimal costs of lunch, coffee, etc. at different builder's shops.

They are endeavoring to contact all Osprey builders in Ontario, so if you know of any please pass the word along. You may write to Bill Calver, R.R. #1, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 4V1. Telephone 613-544-1596.

Those attending the first meeting felt it was well worth while and planned a second for February 21. If you are interested in more information please contact Bill at the above address.



BUILDER'S TIP --- Main Gear Spring

A low cost substitute for the expensive custom spring is a stock die spring made for punching dies. Material is chrome vanadium and will hold up for hundreds of thousands of landings. Two suppliers are:

Danly Machine Corp. Stocking distributors in many major cities. Headquarters at 2100 S. Laramie Ave. Chicago, IL 60650. (Spring #9-2440-36)

Marathon Corp. Many industrial supply houses handle them. Headquarters at 9220-80 Cherry St., Franklin Park, IL 60132. (Spring #HP-2412-10)

Both springs are 10' long and will need extra 1/2" rubber spacer to make the length.

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