



OSHKOSH 81' - What can we say except FANTASTIC!!! It was indeed an extremely interesting week. George's accident, we feel, caused all Osprey builders to become a close knit group in a very short time. Word spread quickly to say the least and caused all of us to group together far sooner than the planned Friday seminar. We began meeting on a daily basis on Sunday and Ernie Hummel did a very admirable job of taking the brunt of all questions, anger, etc. Ernie was able to provide us with details of the accident and was most willing to answer any questions he could. OUR THANKS TO ERNIE FOR FILLING IN - A JOB WELL DONE! (By the way Ernie flew his Osprey back to Sacramento with a borrowed, 2 bladed prop manufactured by Derrick Industries).

The daily meetings produced many questions, not only about the accident and prop problem, and many answers too! When you get a group of anywhere from 20-40 builders together you are bound to get conflicting opinions but that is not all bad either. Those that were there felt these daily sessions worthwhile and we are hoping to do the same next year -- only with a little beforehand planning.

The Tuesday night dinner turned out to be something unbelievable! We had reserved a room at Shakey's to hold 60 people and had hoped with all our hearts that we would have at least 15-20 people show up! Much to our surprise we had nearly 80 people!!! How's that for interest, and a first time event too! We were thrilled and hope that everyone had a good time, we surely did. Anyone having any ideas about next year let us know right away - we have to start planning. A cook-out in the campground? A dinner out??? What would you like to see???

We will run pictures and more about Oshkosh in the next newsletter as there are more pressing articles for this issue.

FIRST YEAR IS NEARLY UP FOR NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION!!! Many of you are initial subscribers and received your first newsletter last November. Our next issue marks the beginning of our second year. If your subscription expires with this issue you will find it so stamped!! DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FEE IN THE MAIL if you want the November issue! Subscription rates, unfortunately, must go up. The rising cost of postage and printing make it necessary to raise our rates to: \$7.50/US; \$10.00/CANADIAN; \$12.50/FOREIGN. Please remit the proper rate, and don't forget your name and address!!! (US FUNDS ONLY PLEASE)

MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN BUILDERS ALERT!! There will be group meetings in both of these states in the near future! Watch your mailboxes for notification of where and when! ANYONE ELSE interested in starting a group in their state or regional area please contact us and we will do all we can to help you get a group started in your area.

T-SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE!! BUTTONS TOO!!

T-shirts come in three colors: BLUE, ORANGE, & YELLOW Buttons are Gold with Black printing.

Cost of T-shirts is \$6.50 + \$1.00 postage & handling. Buttons are \$1.00 + 50¢ postage and handling.

The t-shirts are good quality 50/50 polyester/cotton. Sizes are: SMALL (32-34); MEDIUM (36-38); LARGE (40-42); EXTRA LARGE (42-44).

Buttons are available in two styles: (1) drawing of the Osprey bird logo; (2) "I LOVE" with picture of Osprey (airplane). Please indicate style you wish.

BACK ISSUES STILL AVAILABLE: Back issues of the newsletter are available for purchase for the price of \$1.00 ea. plus a self addressed, stamped envelope. There have been 5 issues thus far.

OLE FAHLIN'S ADDRESS: Anyone wishing to write to Ole directly may do so at: 370 W. Olive, Sunnyvale, Ca. 84086.

KEEP THOSE ARTICLES COMING!!! - Many of our builders that were at Oshkosh promised to write articles for the newsletter - we have received some but many more of you promised!! Please come through for us -- this is YOUR newsletter! All articles will be edited only for grammar, spelling, etc. Content will be quoted! Any questionable suggestions, ideas, etc will then be addressed by George in a later issue. Remember this is an EXPERIMENTAL aircraft. You must use your own good judgment and common sense. Anyone sending us articles should include their address and phone number. This way questions may be directed directly to the writer as well as to George.

THANK YOU to everyone who made our first year a success. Yes, it's been alot of work but we have made a whole gang of wonderful friends with the same interests as we have. A special thanks to all those who helped us "get it altogether" at Oshkosh - looking at next year our hopes are high for an even bigger gathering of those of us with "Ospreyitis"! Plan on joining us then - the dates are July 31 - August 7!

BUILDER'S TIPS

Medical Syringes - Disposable plastic, 10,20, 30, 50, cc sizes, are excellent for exact mixing of small amounts of epoxy cements and paints.

In our hospital operating rooms -- we are using disposable plastic and paper drapes which upon finishing the operation many are still clean and I have found them perfect for drop clothes, masking out areas for painting, etc. Almost everyone has a Doctor friend who can save clean disposable syringes and drapes for them. Their use extends beyond airplane building --- picnic use, house painting, etc. They are worth the effort to obtain.

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Tired of extracting staples from your Osprey project with a screwdriver? Making unsightly gouges in the plywood when you do? Your wife complain of breaking her fingernails when helping?

THERE IS AN EASIER WAY!!!

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