



Well it's been a busy fall! We had our very first Wisconsin builders meeting in October - read about it elsewhere in the newsletter. HOW ABOUT YOU??? Would you like to start doing this in your area? We are willing to help you get your area going - write us!

THANKS to all of you who have enclosed notes of encouragement, praise and thanks with your renewals. It is indeed heartening to hear such things. We really enjoy doing the newsletter and are glad to hear you enjoy it too.

T-SHIRTS AND BUTTONS AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING!! What better gift for an Osprey builder? T-shirts (as shown in the photo of our son, Allen) are available in sizes, S, MED, LG, & X-TRA LG. Colors are Blue, Yellow and Orange. Cost is \$6.50 plus \$1.00 postage and handling. Buttons are available in two styles (as shown), cost is \$1.00 plus 50¢ postage and handling. Be sure to indicate size, color and/or style of button you want sent.

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BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE - Cost is \$1 per issue (this is 7) plus a large size, self-addressed, stamped envelope. (20¢ postage for 4 or less issues, 40¢ for 4 or more).

OSPREY 2 PATCHES -- Many of you have asked where you can purchase Osprey 2 patches such as those George & Ernie have on their shirts. These can be purchased through Wicks Aircraft, Highland, IL. Cost is \$3.50, plus tax and shipping. Write to them directly.

BUILDER'S TIPS

For those who intend to use their unfinished basement to build the Osprey, I suggest the following. Align your workbench so that its longest sides run parallel to the joists above. After blocking up the 6 construction frames on the bench, consolidate them with ¼" plywood straps, 1.5 to 2 inches wide, nailed to the joists. This set up will give you complete freedom to work in and around the frames.

(Gerald Valentin, 19 Durham Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R2J 1T9)

Anyone building an airplane knows how difficult it is to letter an instrument panel and have it come out attractive. Let's face it, label makers just don't hack it.

My solution was to use dry-transfer type rub on letters available at office-supply stores. Normally they are rubbed onto a surface from the plastic sheet they come on and are coated with clear laquer. This is ok, but the laquer gives a rough glossy appearance.

To avoid this, I laid out the panel then painted it with a slow drying enamel paint such as De-Rusto or Rustoleum brand. After about 45 minutes while the paint is still tacky, I very carefully applied the letters to the panel. Applying the lettering to the incompletely dry paint will make them durable and provide a professional matte-white appearance.

(Jeff Fraisure, Apex Airport Hngr 17, 10580 N.W. Contact Ct., Silverdale, WA 98383)

If your wife nags you about the ends of control cable snagging her nylons, or if your best doubleknits are frazzled at the cuff from frayed cable ends, the best way to prevent unwrapping, is to use heat shrink tubing on the cable. I put one layer on and shrink it BEFORE I cut off the end, then apply another layer with a little extending over the end. The tubing works well to join a new cable to an old one so you can carefully pull it into place, without taking everything apart in the process.

If you have ever tried to hold a heater hose, or air duct onto an aluminum tube you know how slippery it can be. What you need are little knobs or bumps on the surface on the 88 alum tube. Here's how to make them. Using your whitney punch, use a larger die and a smaller punch, then set the depth quite shallow, the punch will not penetrate and will make NICE little pimples. Be sure to practice on scrap!

ONTARIO BUILDERS MEET AGAIN

Meeting No. 4 of the Ontario Osprey Builders was held at the home and shop of Fred Oates in Rosseau, Ont., Canada on Sept. 26.

Only five builders showed up but the interest shown by these builders suggests the get-togethers worthwhile.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 1982 at Agincourt (suburb of Toronto). All the builders on our list will receive notice of this meeting. Others may get information by calling or writing:

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WISCONSIN BUILDERS MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME

The Wisconsin Osprey builders met for the very first time on Saturday, October 17th at Oconomowoc. The turn out was super - we had about 10 builders and prospective builders present and a lot of these brought along friends of "helpers". There were 20 people present.

A lot of "hanger talk" over plans and pictures was seen going on and a highlight of the day was the viewing of a video tape brought by Dale Wilson of Madison showing us his "first flight". Our congratulations to Dale. Dale was the first to receive the new Ole Fahlin two bladed prop and the reports so far are very good.

Much interest was shown in getting together on a regular basis so watch for further announcements on a next meeting! Would love to have any other builders from the mid-west attend (How about it Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota???)