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Ronay Marquez's Osprey 2 in Mayaguez Puerto Rico

Dear Dean

It was good to hear from you and see that someone was really interested in getting an Osprey Newsletter together. I'm sending you a picture of my Osprey II (N147RM) which has 30 hours of flying time. She was completed in August of 1994 and was flown for the first time in the same month. Let me give you the history of the plane, she was started 8 years ago by a good friend who worked on it every spare moment he could. At the time, I would help in small projects and generally just stop in to see how "the funny looking plane" was coming along. Then the worst happened, the builder had a heart attack and everything was placed "on hold." The plane sat around for 6 years waiting for someone to take over.

Now, let me get my numbers right. I told you the plane was started 8 years ago, well that's

wrong, it was started 14 years ago, took 8 years to finish and sat around for 6 years. OK that's better. To make a long story short, I bought the plane and finished it in 1 1/2 years. Here are some specs.;

- 1) Engine - Lycoming 0320 (160 hp)
- 2) Prop - Great American
- 3) Radio - ICOM hand held with amp.
Transponder plus Mode C
Intercom system
- 4) All normal engine gauges + flight instruments
- 5) ELT
- 6) Bilge pump in rear section
- 7) 2 small opening doors for front wheel

So, that's its in a nutshell. I'll be going to Sun & Fun in two weeks and after that I plan on starting the "Water Work." I actually have landed

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