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KEVELAR SUPPLIER - Many of you expressed an interest in a Kevelar supplier at the Osprey forum. Glenn Cline of Ohio has come up with this one:

FIBRE-GLAST
1944 Neva Drive
Dayton, OH 45414 (513-274-1159)

Just write or call for their catalog. They have lots of items just for you (in addition to the Kevelar)

WELL, the event that we await anxiously all year has come and gone again. OSHKOSH 82' -- it was another terrific time. We never cease to be amazed at the growth of the EAA convention. Every year we say it just can't get any bigger but somehow it does! This year was no exception - I arrived on Thursday and the campground was just about filled up -- we hear there were some 30,000 camping units this year. By late Friday afternoon there were so many planes on the field it was hard to believe that any more could fit! In fact by Saturday afternoon the planes had to be routed to Appleton and Fond Du Lac - there was no space to be had for even one more plane.

What a welcome, wonderful site to see 4 beautiful Osprey's on the line. George was there with the prototype, Dick Boerrman's, with his lovely red one from Green Bay, Wisconsin, George Burgess with another great one from Vermont; and last but not least Bob Benefiel with a super bird from California. By next year we should have 10-12 on the line!!! Let us know if you'll be there!

The Get-Together was a fantastic evening of fun and hanger talk. We had it this year at Butch's Anchor Inn and everything about it was just great. Great room (a large private one), great food and drink too! Everyone was very impressed with the place so we booked it again for next year - SEE YOU THERE, MONDAY, AUGUST 1st, 1983, 7:30pm. Mark your calendar's now! A vote was taken and the Monday was decided upon by popular vote. Wick's Aircraft donated a \$25 gift certificate as a Door Prize (our Thanks to them for the thoughtfulness!). John Knapp of New York was the lucky winner. There were 92 people in attendance from all over the world. We're very lucky to have such a very fine and varied group. Thank you all for your support and encouragement.

WE HAVE A WINNER!! Dick Boermann's from Green Bay, Wisconsin won the award for best workmanship for his gorgeous little red Osprey! CONGRATULATIONS DICK!!

We have spoken with Ernie Hummel since returning from Oshkosh and have very good news! Ernie is going to be just fine - is making a rapid recovery and plans on being with us at Oshkosh next year! He's also planning to rebuild - which from the pictures we've seen will be a rather lengthy process. Hopefully by next issue Ernie will write us a little article about his engine failure so we all know the "facts".

WISCONSIN, ILLINOIS, MICHIGAN BUILDERS alert!! We are planning a get-together for some hanger talk and a dinner in early November. (Possibly Saturday, Nov. 13th) If you are from a state other than Wisconsin & would like to attend drop us a line so that we may notify you of the details.

Dear Osprey 2 Builders,

"I think I can safely say that the Osprey 2 lines are the most graceful and flowing of any homebuilt amphibian I've ever seen, with the exception of one area, and that is the horizontal stabilizer and elevator tips. Why short change the design with ugly squared off tips? I don't recall any articles pro or con on this in past Newsletters. Also this is just a personal observation, and I could end up being "all wet" on this, pardon the expression! I know the squared tips are perfectly functional, but not a thing of beauty.

If George doesn't object on grounds of aerodynamics, or sonic vibrations, I plan on adding very light rounded tips on my Osprey 2. They probably will be hollowed out balsa, or foam with one layer of fibreglass overlay. I realize the importance of keeping them light."

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