



This issue begins our third year of publication! It is hard to believe that the time has passed so quickly. We have had so much fun doing this Newsletter for the Osprey builders. We have met so many wonderful people, both in person and through correspondence and phone. THANK YOU ALL for your continued support!

BUILDERS LISTS are available for all states that have more than two builders. Cost is \$1 per state list, plus a self-addressed stamped envelope.

T-SHIRTS are available for \$7.50 and come in Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large. Colors are Orange, Blue and Yellow. BE SURE TO INDICATE SIZE AND COLOR!

BUTTONS are \$1.50 ea and come in two styles: 1) Osprey Bird and 2) I LOVE with picture of Osprey aircraft.

BELT BUCKLES are solid brass and cost \$14.50 each.

BACK ISSUES are available for \$1.25 each (there have been 12 so far) and a large manila envelope with appropriate postage (20¢ 1-4 issues; 40¢ 5-8; 60¢ 9-12). Please address the envelope to yourself.

THANK YOU to those of you that have sent articles to use in the Newsletter. We can always use more!! You may have noticed that the last issue was late and had a blank back page -- well, besides great demands on our time since the return from Oshkosh I was waiting in hopes that I would get an article to fill up that back page. Let's not let that happen again! OK? Deadline for inclusion in the next issue is the 20th of the month prior to publication (thus Oct. 20 for the November issue; Dec. 20 for the January issue.)

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, ETC please feel free to drop us a line or give us a call. We cannot always answer all of your questions but will if we can and will try to find a source that can answer for you. If you have a question regarding a particular article it is best if you contact the writer directly. We include phone numbers when we have them and always include the address.

DON'T FORGET TO MARK AUGUST 1, 1983 on your calendar now! That's the date of the Osprey 2 get-together at Oshkosh next year. Time will be 7:30pm. There will be more information as to menu and reservations in future issues.

IF YOU are planning on attending Oshkosh and wish reservations at a motel or the University it would be wise to make those reservations NOW!! Many people make reservations up to a year in advance and it is virtually impossible to find any openings close to the date of the convention.

RENEWALS again seem to be causing a problem for some of you. IF YOU DO NOT SEND in your renewal before the next issue comes out it will be necessary for you to use the back issue procedure to get the issue(s) you have missed. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR US TO BACK DATE SUBSCRIPTIONS!! Be sure to note that big Red Stamp on your last issue!

IT IS NO LONGER possible for us to accept foreign checks. We must have a money order. Some change in the banking regulations that cause us to have to pay an \$11.00 collection charge on all foreign checks!! It is not feasible for us to do this for a \$12.50 check so it is necessary for those of you overseas to obtain a money order.

RENEWAL RATES ARE \$7.50/yr US; \$10.00/yr CANADIAN (US FUNDS ONLY); \$12.50/yr FOREIGN (US FUNDS ONLY - MONEY ORDERS ONLY)



Greetings from Florida!

Not much airplane news - just some comments on the fly-in. We had a good time at Oshkosh; it was good to see the four Ospreys on the line. The only disappointment was the conspicuous lack of flying of the Osprey's! It sure would have been nice to have seen a couple of them in the fly-by pattern. Oh well, maybe next year.

We have a large group of builders here in Florida, but getting more than two together in one spot at the same time seems to be like herding Turkey or Wild Geese! We'll keep working on it, though.

I visited Alex Alexa in Hastings, Florida last month, and he's got a fine airplane underway. The hull is on the gear, and he's working on the outer wing panels now and will be flying soon.

My project is creeping along; I have just completed the gluing of the main spar center section and now for the rear center section, etc. I used the jig made by Bruce Craig of Flint, Mich., and it worked great. (sketch to follow). My hull is done as are all the tail feathers. As soon as the spars are in place I plan to extend the outer wing panels to increase the span. I'll send the numbers as soon as I complete the spars and see how it works out.

So much from this part of the world. I'll get this in the mail so that if it's worthy, it might help fill up the blank page we had on the last newsletter.

Any of you Florida builders who want to get together, call or write and I'll try once again to set up a meeting.

Best regards to all,

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P.S. Lynn was right! I timed this effort, and it took 12 minutes!!