



Dear Lynn and Ken,

Enclosed herewith is my cheque for the renewal of my newsletter. I really look forward to receiving it, as it makes us seem somehow less remote. I am saddened and alarmed to read of yet another broken Osprey, and it is a relief to know that Ernie will be o.k. Seems as though they get broken faster than we can get them off the production line, and whilest most accidents relate to some bad luck the Osprey image is taking a battering. As you have in the past, I think it is very important to report on each accident and the cause thereof in the newsletter so that hopefully, the problems leading up to the accident will not be repeated.

My own project has also suffered a period of stagnation whilst Leigh and I took a holiday trip to England via California. Unfortunately our stay in LA was all too short, but we did however, manage to link up with Stan & Audrey Pederson of Rancho Palos Verdes. Stan is building an Osprey 2. In the true and traditional style of American hospitality Stan -- at some considerable expense and effort, had arranged for us to witness the water testing of an Osprey 2, owned & built by John Schifferer. This involved quite a long drive down into Southern California which gave us the opportunity of seeing much of your lovely state, and see a real live Osprey at close quarters. I was well pleased with what I saw, and it's top marks to John for a very sharp aircraft. Then it was back to Stan & Audrey's lovely home for more hospitality in the form of a welcome freshen up, an aperitif, and a most delightful meal. This was the first of some of the

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highlights of our trip. When in the U.K. I visited the International P.F.A. Rally at Cranfield, which was a huge success. Homebuilt aircraft from all over the Continent and England gathered to do the same things as we all love to do in our own respective countries, at our own annual rally. It was here also, that I was able to make contact with John & Arthur Zwetsloot who have an Osprey 2 nearing completion, and what a lovely job they have done too. This time it was tried and true English style hospitality among their beautiful gardens and parklike surroundings including their own man made Osprey lake. This was also to be one of the highlights to be remembered.

Now that we are back to the everyday world of earning a living, I would like to say thank you to Stan, John Arthur and their lovely wives, for sharing a few hours of your valuable time with us. It's wonderful how the common denominator of building an aircraft can bring together people of totally different background and race, in a bond of friendship.

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Do you have any information on hand for the exhaust system material. I would like to know where to buy the short radius mild steel elbows and mild steel pipe. I know where the Stainless Steel ones can be bought but would like to start with mild steel.

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How about it fellows? Can you help Vic out?

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