



## OSPREY FLIES

Several years have past and gone away,  
 since a California Air Show on Mother's Day,  
 when suddenly out of the blue,  
 came this cute little amphib, the Osprey II.  
 The feeling of wanting came over me,  
 a case of Osprey-flies. Oh! Can it be?  
 But dreams and time are not for the asking  
 but stored away with hopes of lasting.  
 Surely time and space would soon allow  
 these hands to form the wood of her bow.  
 Then Oshkosh '81 and plans were bought,  
 wood was ordered and space was sought.  
 A pencil on my ear, my hand on the square,  
 I began to figure without a moment to spare.  
 When the first sawdust hit the floor,  
 my mind and hands were busy forevermore.  
 A table was made, plans were drawn,  
 camblocks were clamped, grass grew on the lawn.  
 With the temperature just so, the epoxy will stick.  
 A fuselage is formed; It really looks slick.  
 The stab is so cute, the rudder so graceful.  
 My wife is so loving and, oh, so thoughtful  
 to stay by my side and help glue it all.  
 She says, "Darling, it's cute, but isn't it small?"  
 Ahead many hours of work still lie,  
 but we'll all be so proud when our Osprey flies.

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OSHKOSH 83' is all just pleasant memories for those of us who attended. Met many more new builders this year and got reacquainted with the ones we had met before. The 3rd Annual Osprey-2 Get-together was a huge success. There were 68 people present. Winners of our door prizes were Carole Mangos, Dan Ernst, Lucia Buchko and Neita Robbs. Congratulations to all!

4th ANNUAL OSPREY 2 GET-TOGETHER will be held on TUESDAY, JULY 31st, 1984! It was necessary to change it to a Tuesday evening since the Vari-Eze's took over the Monday night slot.

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BELT-BUCKLES are available for \$14.50 ea. T-SHIRTS come in Orange, Yellow & Blue in sizes Small, Large, Medium and X-tra Large. - \$7.50 each. (Mediums are scarce!) BUTTONS are available in two styles (1) I LOVE with picture of Osprey aircraft & (2) Osprey bird drawing. These are \$1.50 each. Prices include shipping and handling.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tom Tyler, Powell, Ohio, on winning the Wright Brothers Award at Dayton in late July. It's nice that we have the Osprey represented!

### OIL COOLER BRACKET

This bracket was designed to try to eliminate the cracking of the oil cooler flanges. Some builders and George already have had problems with such cracks. On my airplane, I used 1/8"-6061-T6 AL plate for the brackets construction. I used four (4) cord mount #150-PLN-10 suited on a main frame bolted with four (4) special spacers made of 3/4" AL, shafting taking the place of the 3/8 nuts securing the governor cover on the back case. The oil cooler is then fixed to another frame which is bolted to the lord mounts.

Layout the bracket on taper before cutting anything. I tried to be careful in making the sketch but---

NOTE: Do not bolt the oil cooler on one (1) flange only, used spacers in between both flanges to get a tight mounting without damaging the oil cooler.

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