



### FRUSTRATION -- DISAPPOINTMENT!!

These are two of the feelings which ran thru Ken and my minds the night of the Osprey 2 dinner at Oshkosh this year. Why? Because we had notified Butch's that there would be approximately 80 people present - 46 showed up! Those that did not come are mainly people that had sent in reservation cards, these people, for the most part were present at Oshkosh, and we talked with many of them on Tuesday during the day, with comments of "see you tonight" being made. Why we ask? Not only were we disappointed that so many were no shows we were even more disappointed after the dinner when talking with the manager of Butch's. He was QUITE upset. Had he known so few would be there he could have moved us to a smaller room and opened our area for regular diners and thusly would not have lost nearly \$2000 in revenue! Fortunately we have never had to guarantee our diners. Next year we are being moved to a smaller room - it seats 48 - that is the amount of Osprey builders who will be able to attend - please don't reserve a spot unless you are certain you will be there.

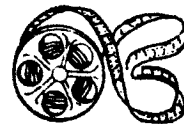
OSHKOSH 85 was a disappointment for Osprey builders since there was not even ONE Osprey on the field - well, there was one aircraft being called an Osprey, however it had Grumman wings and landing gear and the resemblance to an Osprey was not very strong. We had several builders say that they are now flying with anywhere from 4 to 26 hours on their birds - surely some of these will be at Oshkosh next year???

KEEP THOSE ARTICLES COMING!! Response has been pretty good this year - let's not let up - there are still many builder's in the beginning stages, many are new plan holders and haven't even begun yet. Help your fellow builder to make his project a little easier, faster or safer.

OUR SURPRISE for builders at Oshkosh was a new t-shirt (design as shown below). It's a beautiful 50/50 shirt that is screen printed in two colors. The shirt itself is light blue. Sizes are Small, Medium, Large and X-tra large. Cost is \$8.00 which includes shipping.



WINNERS of the door prizes at the dinner were as follows: Don McInnes, Osprey 2 mug; Fred Oates, \$25 gift certificate from Smokey Mt. Airports; Ernie Holman, "Have you watered your Osprey" t-shirt; Tom Tyler \$25 gift certificate from Aircraft Spruce & Speciality; Stan Pederson 1 years subscription to Aviation newsletter.



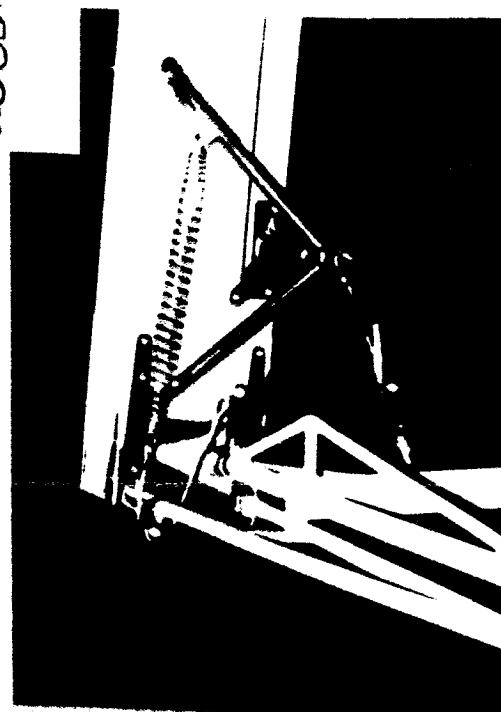
### ANYONE HAVE SUCH AN ANIMAL??

A tape showing construction processes or flying or a combination of both on the Osprey 2.

A Australian builder writes his project has lain stagnant too long and feels if such a tape were available it might give some inspiration to him and other builders.

If any of you have such a tape that might be made available to us we would be glad to copy and distribute to those wishing such a tape. Let us know.

WHAT'S  
NEW?



My Osprey now has the skins on the fuselage, gear is now complete. I'm now working on the canopy. I want to have all the areas to be foamed ready as I have found a contractor who sprays! I'm also enclosing a photo of my method of the retract assist spring. Hope its usable in the newsletter. We have had a bad spell of heat here in Fla, temps in the shop have been around 110 so its not a nice place to work, sweat drips onto all the nice wood. Glue dries up nice and fast too!

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