

## Tiftt's PROP TIPS

**Bruce Tiftt (OR)** - When repairing or refinishing customer propellers I have noticed damaged areas that you might wish to be aware of. This damage can be prevented which will provide longer prop life.

Many people operate their wooden props without any spinner. If you choose to do this and leave the airplane parked out in the weather moisture will lie in the center hole and cause splitting. The fix is to cover the hole with a metal plate to prevent weather getting to the hole's surface. It might be a thin aluminum plate under the crush plate or even a quarter RTVed over the hole. Anything to keep the water out of the area will do.

The next time you remove your prop's crush plate look at the prop face. It should be flat and not dipped in at the prop bolt locations. The low spots are caused by too thin of a crush plate. Such a condition results in uneven clamping pressure of the prop to the crankshaft flange.

### '93 Hot Dog Roast at OSH

**Ann & Gene Zabbler (WI)** - We, the "Wisconsin Bunch", would like to say a big "thank you" to all the people that made our Sunday night cookout a big success.

The weather was great, our hot dog cookers had a new cooker and we had a record turnout. We consumed almost 25 gallons of lemonade, 450 hot dogs and buns and gallons of snacks. 180 people signed our sign-in list. Next year we will have a map so you can "pin" your home airport.

Again, thanks to everyone who pitched in to help and to everyone who came.

Ann & Gene Zabbler  
Mary & Bob Le Masters  
Linda & Marty Pavlovich

### Molded Parts With No Pinholes

**David Dent (CA)** - I am presently installing new cowlings built off John Myers' molds. I was concerned about getting pin holes in the finished part until Craig Catto (the prop builder) showed me how to do it. After prepping the mold with wax and release you paint the mold with epoxy primer and let it dry. Then layup a ply of cheap deck cloth, with a tight weave, and then your normal cloth. I used one ply of Kevlar and one ply of carbon. They came out perfectly.



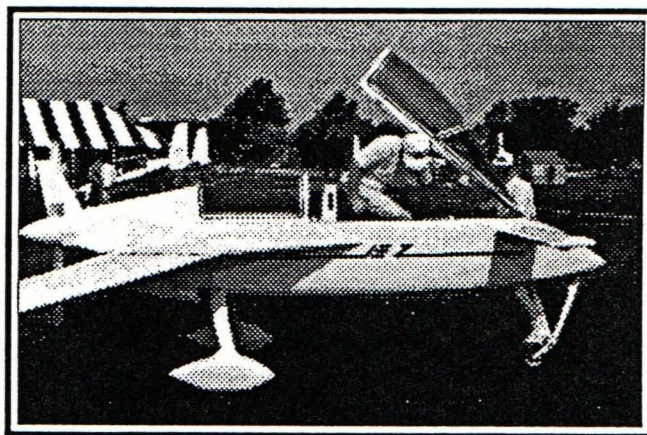
### Becker's Hangar Party

After all the years of building and dreaming Alex and Marianne Becker flew their beautiful Long-EZ to the KCGIG. You probably remember that it won the award for best exterior. The judgement was, undoubtedly, aided by the unique graphics the Beckers had designed for their bird.

No great achievement, like building an award winning airplane, is complete until it has been properly celebrated. On July 23 the skies around Michigan's Pontiac Oakland airport darkened with traffic inbound to attend the Becker Hangar Party. (slight exaggeration)

The weather was perfect and the excess food caused many a diet promise to be broken. The guest of honor, Long-EZ N57AM, parked on carpet in the center of the hangar. The party was a smashing success and fun was had by all. The next morning we had a formation fly out to Mackinac Island.

If life gets boring for you, why not throw a hangar party and invite all your EZ friends from a 2 state radius. It's amazing how far some people will come for a bratwurst sandwich and great company.



Just when you thought nobody could come up with another Vari-Eze mod . . . . This beautiful airplane was seen at the KCGIG