



OUR LAST NEWSLETTER?

Dear Quickie Enthusiast:

Quickie Aircraft has suffered a major setback. We have lost a lawsuit involving a Quickie accident which occurred in August of 1980 near Denver Colorado. In this case the builder made several major changes to his aircraft including his engine, against QAC's advice and warnings. The builder made his own propellor. His aircraft flew perfectly well with a stock engine and prop borrowed from another builder according to his test pilot. The builder ignored our "Initial Flight Test Guide" regarding recent flight time and checkout in taildragger requirements. In fact, two different pilots who flew with him prior to the accident testified that he was not a competent pilot. With his engine (modified by him) and his own propellor of undetermined performance he crashed and suffered some damage to his heels. Sometime after the accident the builder loaded up the wreckage and junked it. QAC was never given the opportunity to inspect the aircraft to determine if any deviations from the plans other than those that are obvious from photographs.

The builder promptly went out and built a Dragonfly after crashing his Quickie. He also crashed this plane at least twice to our knowledge.

In spite of all this the jury in this case awarded a substantial verdict to the plaintiff. This type of result may have a chilling effect on all of sport aviation making small companies such as ourselves and our suppliers reluctant to provide products in such a sue-happy environment.


As you might imagine Quickie has expended an enormous amount of time and resources defending this absurd claim. If this judgement is allowed to stand, Quickie Aircraft cannot continue. We simply cannot afford to pursue an appeal alone, even though both we and our attorneys feel that our chances of overturning this are very good. So I am asking for your help. If you believe as I do that the current climate in this country regarding products liability is unreasonable, please consider donating \$25.00 or more to help reverse this travesty of justice.

Please do not send your donations to Quickie. Instead send your donations to our attorneys:

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In the meantime Quickie will be closed until after the holidays. We will attempt to reopen on Jan. 2. Thanks for all your support.

Quickie Aircraft Corp


Gene Sheehan
President