

## Oshkosh 2023 Experience



A customer Hummingbird, built by Vic & Carol Syracuse from Locust Grove, Georgia flew to the Oshkosh AirVenture 2023, a 900 mile trip. Fighting head winds and three mile visibility from forest fire smoke they arrived after 11 hours of flight time. The Hummingbird was put on display in front of the Lycoming tent to show the Thunder bolt engine installation. This is the first showing of a Hummingbird helicopter at Oshkosh and it was overwhelming. People were lined up asking questions and we heard all week how large and roomy the cabin is compared to other helicopters. Comments were "I thought this is a commercial helicopter and not an amateur build kit"! The rotorcraft judges came to look. They were amazed and two said they want a Hummingbird. Vic uncowed the engine compartment and other access panels so they could look closer. They left shaking their heads, then came back later for another look. Then they came with the camera man. Vic & Carol and the Hummingbird won the helicopter Grand Champion award.

After the show they flew back to Georgia in nine hours. Congratulations!!! We are proud of everything that took place at the show so we are already planning to go to Oshkosh 2024 for our 35th Anniversary together with a group of our customers and their Hummingbirds. Stay tuned!



## Why is it Called "The Beater"

Because helicopters are not supposed to fly. They beat the air into submission.



## Celebration Special

We are so happy with everything that is happening with the Hummingbird helicopter, we are extending for a limited time our Oshkosh Show Special which includes:

- A free Advanced Flight System AF-6600 Glass Panel with the purchase of a Hummingbird helicopter kit (available for a limited number). This unit with the glass panel, ADHRS, engine instruments and sensors cost approximately \$15,000.00 USD. Contact us for more information. Email [sales@vertical-aviation.com](mailto:sales@vertical-aviation.com)

You don't want to miss it!!!

## Kitplanes Magazine

Kitplanes Magazine posted a really nice video about Vic's Hummingbird helicopter where he gives us a little summary of all of his articles. Click on the link below to watch the video.

<https://youtu.be/RiunNMHSeLg>



## Customer Corner

We want to honor each of our customers for the amazing job they have done with their Hummingbird helicopters. Each one of them has personalized their helicopter in a unique way, from the paint job to those small details that have a beautiful and special meaning. Click on the following link to see some of the Hummingbird helicopters around the world.

<https://youtu.be/TsQOA0IFEWk>



Some of our current customers visiting us at Oshkosh. It was fun sharing stories about building and flying. They are an amazing group of professionals with creative ideas that you can only do with an experimental aircraft.





Hummingbird helicopter customers from Canada, Bolivia and the USA.



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