



Dear friends of the Corsair,

a busy year is coming to an end.

In addition to the AERO in Friedrichshafen, where we had the opportunity for the third time to present the Corsair to a broad public, we exhibited also in August in Buxtehude at the University 21 and in September at the airfield in Hildesheim on the occasion of the 2nd Lower Saxony Aviation Day. We would like to thank our visitors - who followed our invitation and partially made long journeys - for the great discussions.

In early summer, the Corsair had finished all ground tests and the weather here in the north of Germany finally fit for the first flight. The tension eased when it was clear that the Corsair met the expectations and is not too challenging to fly. The flights helped to identify some optimization possibilities - which we then worked on later in the summer. For example, we have replaced the drum brakes with much more sensitive disc brakes, refined the tuning of the controls and optimized the engine cooling. By changing the ignition system, the engine now runs even smoother and proved to be extremely reliable.

The sound of the radial engine is of course fantastic and attracts visitors on the airfield on every test flight.



Thanks also to "our" test airfield in Stade, where we were not only friendly welcomed, but also had great support from the local flying club and always found good conditions for flight testing.

At the AERO, as "our" largest event this year with hundreds of visitors, we received numerous suggestions and also proposals for refinements, which we gladly accepted and implemented. Requested were for example a more harmonious shape of the front and easier access to the cockpit. We have modified the design and the changes are now being implemented on the first serial aircraft.

How will things continue in 2019?

From April 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> the AERO exhibition in Friedrichshafen is back and we are pleased that AIR BP will again provide us the perfect set up. We will present the first serial aircraft which will be delivered to the customer immediately after the show. As soon as we know the precise stand number we will publish it on our website and you are cordially invited to visit us there.

January 2019 we will start the next fuselage in order to ship the completed aircraft to the US in early summer, hopefully in time for presentation at Oshkosh. With SportAir USA we found a very competent partner, who will serve US American customers with great expertise and support far beyond sales of the aircraft. Later this aircraft will be handed over to our first US customer who can hardly wait to receive his Corsair.

**As the year draws to a close, we wish you a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and only the best for 2019.**

**All the best and many thanks for your interest.**

**Jörg Hollmann**

