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Comet Sailplane Project

On Friday morning, September 18, 2009, my wife Sue fell and broke her left shoulder. We met with the orthopedic surgeon this morning and the new X-rays showed she has a triple fracture of the left shoulder. However, since none of the bones are misaligned or displaced, he did not recommend immediate surgery. He put her in a shoulder/arm immobilizer to help protect her arm. He is concerned about one piece of bone that the ligament is attached to on the outside of the arm lifting up out of its location in which case he will have to install a metal plate to anchor it down with. The surgeon is going to watch her closely and X-ray her shoulder each week to check the position of this bone. He will compare each new X-ray to the previous week's picture over the next several weeks until he is satisfied her shoulder is healing properly. The possibility of no surgery is such wonderful news for us.

Needless to say, Sue will need my full and complete attention for several weeks to come so we must cancel our trip to the 2009 SAM Champs in Nevada. However, we are looking forward to bring the new Sailplane to the 2010 SAM Champs in Muncie, Indiana.

Tandy and Sue Walker



