



Si près du But YVES ROUSSEAU



Yves has continued for 13 years his search of Graal. To fly while flapping wings.

An objective not so insane, given that this inventor already produced several flying machines, of which the motorizations auxiliaries Rotax and Ropulcim. After make having made oscillate the wings of a hang glider four years ago.

Yves mounted the flapping mechanism on Vector, an Ultra Light plane, tubes and fabric, American of the Eighties with right wings.

Conscious of the risk of rupture, its ambition with this apparatus was to maintain the movement at a significant distance, without exceeding 2-3 meters of the ground.

With many times, (52), it takes off, drawned behind its vehicle, puts the wing moving thanks to its pedals, then to keep the level flight longest possible.

Last 20 April, with the second test it traversed a hundred meters, to low altitude of the ground, after dropping of the vehicle.

But, at the time of the third attempt, the vehicle having started too quickly, the wing is raised up brutally to 5 meters of the ground and broke without any chance to recover.

Yves is from now paraplegic, with little hope to recover one day the use of his legs.

A heavy sanction coming to be added to the long list of all those which cleared the history of aviation. Let us recall that up to now the technic of flight by flapping wings is applied only to small-scale models. The work of Yves opens the long and perilous way in direction of this new form of flight, that used since so a long time by the birds.

