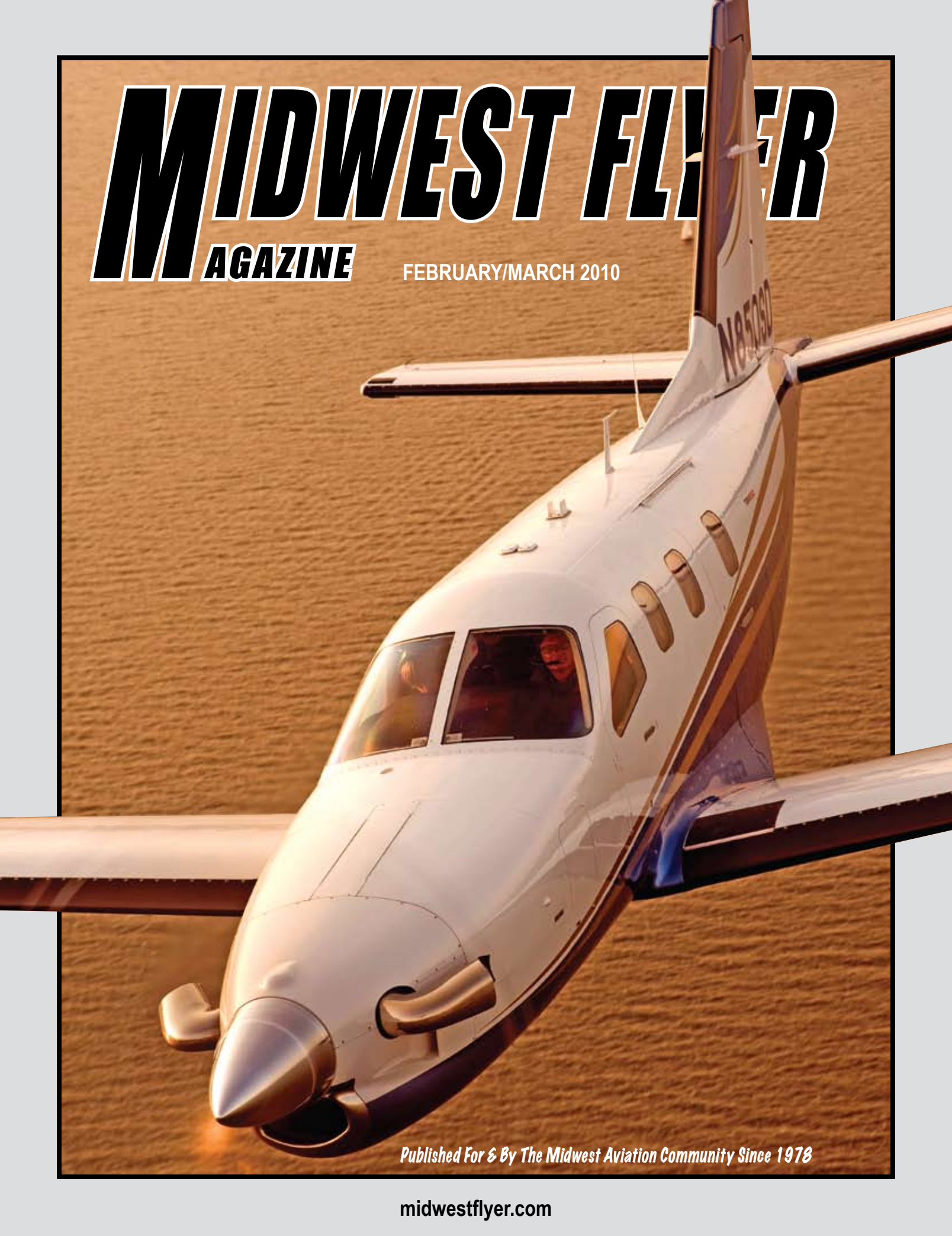


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Tommy Georges with his propeller-making machine.



This "T-Bird" was one of the Light Sport Aircraft that flew in to Tommy's Sangchris Lake AirPark. It was built in Iowa by Golden Circle Aircraft, and is owned by Ken Aderman of Lincoln, Illinois. www.americanaero.us

19th Annual EAA Chapter 88 Midwest Ultralight/LSA Rendezvous

by Jim Bildilli

On August 28-30, 2009, the 19th Annual Midwest Ultralight/LSA Rendezvous was held at Tommy's Lake Sangchris Airpark (9LL5), located a few miles southeast of Springfield, Illinois. The 2700 x 100 ft. turf "airpark" provided the perfect setting for a summer fly-in for aviation enthusiasts. With no landing, parking or camping fees, it is an excellent location for the perfect weekend get-away. Whether you flew or drove-in, there was an eclectic mix of aircraft ranging from powered parachutes, to the standard "heavy metal" variety to be viewed and admired.

Although it was a little on the breezy side for lighter aircraft on Saturday, over 50 aircraft owners braved the winds to drop by for the day, and over 100 people attended Saturday evening's spaghetti dinner.

Although Tommy Georges provides the location, EAA Chapter 88 – "The Midwest Ultralight Crophoppers" – sponsors the annual event. The Crophoppers' current project is the restoration of a KR-2 aircraft, which they plan to display at local parades and events.

If having the camaraderie of fellow aviation enthusiasts is not enough, you can see the myriad of projects currently underway, including aircraft and machinery that was designed and constructed by Mr. Georges. Of particular interest is his propeller-making machine, which can produce aircraft propellers up to 10' in length. Without the use of modern-day computer guidance, the machine will replicate a propeller from a "model," using a 10-inch saw blade and an intricate system of gears and switches. In fact, part of the machine incorporates an old Genie garage door mechanism to move the saw blade from one end of the prop to the other.

With a little cooperation from the weather, Chapter 88 is anticipating that this year's 20th Rendezvous will be the largest ever. The fly-in is always scheduled on the weekend prior to Labor Day, so mark you 2010 event planner and plan to bring your camping gear for a wonderful weekend. As usual, there will be activities for kids as well. The "paper airplane" contest and the "candy drop" are always favorites.

For those of you who would like to broaden your aeronautical knowledge, Mr. Georges teaches a 16-hour repairman course for Light Sport Aircraft. Taught in June and October, details can be obtained by visiting www.americanaero.us. □

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