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FRONT COVER: The rare Rearwin Cloudster (there are 24 of them on the FAA Registry) is an attractive high-wing monoplane that is sometimes called a "Baby Howard." This wonderful example was restored by Ed McKeown with help from Roger Shadick and Kent McMakin. Read more about it in Sparky Barnes Sargent's article beginning on page 12. The photo was shot during the annual members' invitational fly-in at the AAA's Antique Airfield near Blakesburg, Iowa. Photo by Gilles Auliard.

BACK COVER: This month's Mystery Plane answer is the diminutive Sperry Messenger biplane. This example, owned by the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, was restored by the Museum of the United States Air Force. The Air Force included the bracket and hook used to operate a Messenger from U.S. Army blimps during trials with the blimps TC-3 and TC-7 in 1923-24. U.S. Air Force photograph.

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