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FRONT COVER: The Funk Brothers created a remarkably efficient, fun-to-fly high-wing monoplane in the late 1930s that continues to have a strong, loyal following. This is Sean Soare's first-ever aircraft restoration, and it's a beauty. Read more about it in Sparky Barnes Sargent's article beginning on page 12. Photo by Carolyn Sweet.

BACK COVER: Engineer/pilot Fred Weick was one of aviation's greatest treasures, most often remembered for his Ecoupe design. As a researcher at NACA, he and a few of his colleagues at the Langley Aeronautical Laboratory built the Weick W-1 in 1934 to explore the use of aeronautical advances such as special airfoils and a tricycle landing gear in an aircraft intended to make flying safer. Many of the W-1's innovations would be incorporated into the Ecoupe's design. His research on cowling configurations is part of this month's installment of The Vintage Mechanic, starting on page 32. NACA/NASA photo.

