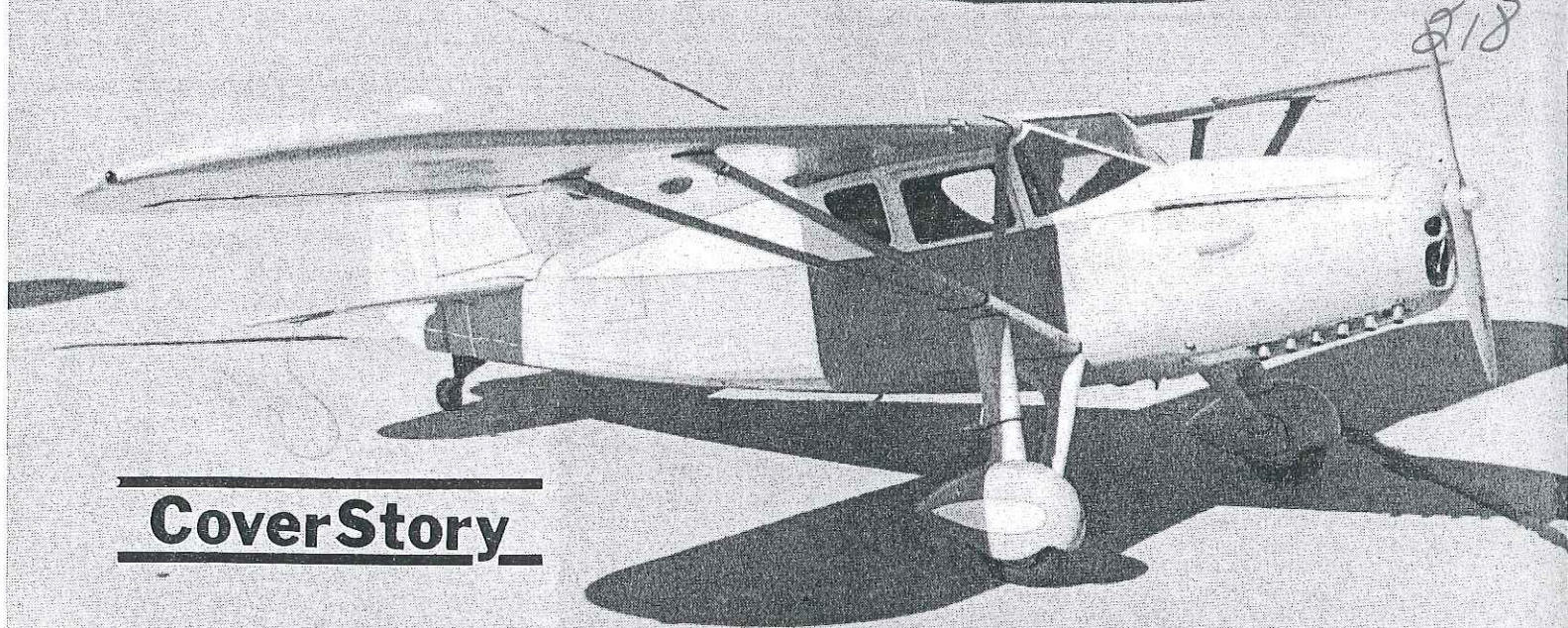


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FAIRCHILD RANGER 24

Winner of the Sterling Award for highest Static points at the Nationals, and Best of Show at Toledo, this remarkable project can be built either for AMA Scale, or for Sport Scale. ■ Stephen J. Sauger

IN RESEARCHING a new model, one usually finds all sorts of missing links, sometimes ending up with an incomplete or weak presentation because of lack of data, photos, 3-views, etc., or more times

than ever, a project that never gets off the ground, ending up as a dream that never will manifest itself. Such was not the case of the Fairchild. After spotting it on the cover of *EAA Sport Aviation*, August

1974, a phone call was made to Lambertville, Mich., 60 miles distant, and a most cooperative Tom Leonhardt invited me down for a day of picture taking and dimensions. As I was carefully measuring



Left: Steve with the Sterling Award won at '77 Nats. Award is made for top static points, although plane must make official flight to qualify. His Stinson Voyager won the same award in 1975. Above: Separate wing panels preserve an uninterrupted line to the fuselage top. Panels are easier to build and finish than one-piece wing—and simple attachment system is fool-proof.