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## AIRPORT OF THE MONTH Mid-Continent Airport (M28)

Dick Reade, a WWII P-38 combat pilot, created Mid-Continent Airport in 1949. In 1952 the FAA activated and certified the airport. The airport is privately owned by Mid-Continent Aircraft Corporation and is operated for public use offering tiedowns, 100LL and Jet A fuel as well as Major Airframe and Power Plant service. Runway 18/36, a turf runway, is 3420' x 175'. There are 20 single engine aircraft based at the facility.

Mr. Reade has been the Airport Manager since the beginning along with being the CEO and owner of Mid-Continent Aircraft Corporation, based on the airport. Knowledge – Quality – Service and Experience are the cornerstones of Mid-Continent's long history of serving the aviation community as a custom agricultural aviation service spraying from the Mississippi Delta to the forests of Canada. The company is unique because of its broad capabilities and vertical integration which have evolved over the past 65 years. Mr. Reade helped form the National Agricultural Aviation Association and in 1968 was elected its first president. Agricultural aviation was still in its infancy at that time which meant most successful members of the industry were nomads traveling extensively in order to generate revenues – unlike today where most have fixed base operations.

During the ensuing years as Mid-Continent's fleet of Stearmans, Grumman Ag Cats and Thrushes grew, the need for a facility and personnel to maintain this equipment became evident. Thus an extensive maintenance capacity was incorporated into company operations,

which became FAA Repair Station DFQR 172. Mid-Continent soon was the largest Grumman Ag Cat dealer in the world. At the same time the Corporation became the dominant player in the Stearman Restoration business. The Stearman was phased out of the agricultural aviation industry due to new, more efficient and productive aircraft being introduced. This restoration business was the home of the MCMD Custom Special whose ownership list includes numerous business executives and the actor, Steve McQueen. Over the years the sales of agricultural aircraft and parts included the Stearman, Ag Cat, Cessna, Piper, Thrush, Dromader and Weatherly. These aircraft continue to be used in the ag industry, marketed, supported and serviced by Mid-Continent.

Mid-Continent's evolution into the full gamut of ag aviation led to the need for an effective risk manage-

ment program and thus the creation of the Mid-Continent Insurance Brokerage Agency. The business has slowly expanded into the general aviation arena, one that really took hold with the appointment as a Cessna Single Engine Representative when production of the aircraft resumed in 1997.

These General Aviation efforts continued to expand as the capabilities and capacities to serve this segment have matured. The corporation's cornerstones and a sound business plan has enabled it to experience considerable success with the Cessna Single Engine line. Pride is taken in being recognized as a Cessna Service Center.

Mid-Continent takes pride in the part they have played in aviation history. Dedication to aviation and its many members is the overall mission; a dedication that the entire team of professionals carry out each and every day.



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### 1976 Cessna Ag Truck

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Storm Cutters are now available for every model of Air Tractor from the 300 through the 800 series. This is yet another advancement in safety for the ag aviation industry. Cutters are currently available in stock.