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I am writing in response to two articles in the Jan/Feb 2009 issue, "The Winter of 1948-1949" and "The Savidge Brothers: Barnstorming Pioneers".

I grew up in the area around the Savidge farm, living about 4 miles to the southwest on the Kryger ranch until I was 8 or 9, then moving to a farm just 2 miles to the northeast near St. Johns church – an area was featured prominently in both articles.

I remember many stories about the "Blizzard of 48/49", and even though I was only four years old, I can remember a small plane landing on a snow-bank to bring us groceries – I think it was yellow. One of the stories recounted in that article was from Dean Pohfal who lived on the ranch that adjoined the Kryger Ranch. Another was a picture of pilot Carl Hubel who lived about five miles to the northwest. The names and places in the stories brought back many memories. I should also note that my next-door neighbor was in the dirt-moving business in the Syracuse area at the time and hauled his bulldozer from Albion to help clear the roads – he is sure that the machine shown on the lower-right of the front cover is one of his.

The story about the Savidge brothers really captivated me. I've made innumerable trips past the "old Savidge place", but don't remember ever exploring it (I wish I had now). My mother grew up only a couple of miles from there and used to talk about their airplane and the mini railroad, however I don't recall ever reading about it. How I wish I could have known that family. Your story brought it all home.

Thank you for a wonderful magazine.

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