

## AVIATION LOOK MA, NO PILOT!

**YOU KNOW THOSE** movies where the pilot becomes incapacitated and a passenger has to land the plane? If Troy (Mich.) entrepreneur Sandy Munro is successful, that will never need to happen. His consulting firm, Munro &

Associates, is developing a five-passenger airplane that can take off, chart a course, fly, and land without a pilot. He hopes to get the cost of his plane, the Paradigm, down to about \$150,000, or one-third the cost of the popular single-engine Cirrus SR22, by using a Corvette engine and other parts from the auto industry. These are relatively cheap



because they're produced in much greater numbers than airplane parts. Munro has already tested the computer system that controls takeoff, flight, and landing, over thousands of flight hours in an existing airplane.

*—David Welch*