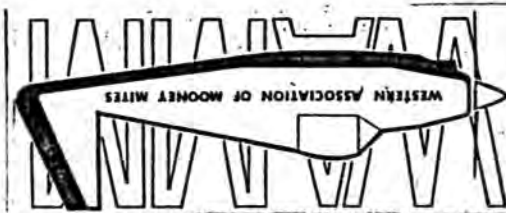


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The WAMM Newsletter is established as a non-profit voice for the purpose of circulating information of interest or value as well as shared experiences to Western United States Mooney Mite owners and enthusiasts. In addition, it is formed in recognition that a newsletter is essential to maintain communication between Mite owners in attempting flying condition preservation of the remaining single place Mooneys. The newsletter is published every two or three months or as enough news and information to be informative.

As Editor of this newsletter, I believe each of you is owed an apology. Why? Simply because many months have passed since I've published an issue. Excuses are many; however, the most real is that I was too involved in a number of projects that consumed time and energy.

Recently, during my search for another Mite to restore I encountered a Piper PA-22 Tri-Pacer lonesome for some TLC and an owner. After some bargaining, I bought her for restoration and conversion project which is already underway. My efforts should end up with a taildragger PA-20 Pacer hopefully in two years. I do have a partner in this venture.

In September of last year during our fly-in, a number of you took some beautiful photos with your handsome cameras. So did I! However, my efforts were wasted because of a faulty sprocket in the camera which ruined my entire roll of film. Therefore, can some of you forward me a few of your prints which you consider great? I will need them for the "Mooney Mite Book". Your photos will be returned or paid for, whichever you prefer.

This book will be published in the not too distant future and shall be available for sale. I have been fortunate to make contact with the author of other such books (one for the "Ercoupe" already on the market) another in-process for the "Swift" whereby he has agreed to do one for the Mite. We began this venture about six months ago and have a great deal of data already. Some of the draft pages of photos and manuscript exist. It will be a handsome book of about 300 pages, selling somewhere in the \$30,00 range. A limited edition will be published only - perhaps about 300!!

Therefore, Guys and Gals, if any Mite Memorabilia is available send it to me for printing into the book. I shall return the original safely, be assured. I was just notified that the Mite book should go into print the latter part of March.

Our upcoming spring get-together is not far off. In fact, we in attendance at the September fly-in at Sandy's last summer decided where and when next. The place is Porterville, California and the week-end chosen is the 15 & 16 of May 1982. So Mite guiders, get your planes ready for a weekend of fun. Of course, do not forget our greatest gathering of Mites will be in September. The dates for the 6th Annual Mooney Mite Fly-In are the 3rd, 4th and 5th, Columbia, California.

Our 5th Annual event last September was a fabulous one thanks to Sandy and Betty Sanderson at Cameron Park Airport, their home. These fine people had us as their guests in their home at the Park Airport. What a lovely place! I received a letter from them - here it is below:

"Speaking for both Betty and myself, we couldn't have entertained a finer group than the W.A.M.M. It was indeed our pleasure to have had all you fine and wonderful people as our guests for the 5th Annual Fly-In. I thoroughly enjoyed it (naturally). Sorry my Mite was in hospital - it's out now and flying great.

If the group would like at anytime in the future to drop in, stay for a while, swim, talk or whatever, any or all or you would certainly be welcome - as you know.

Happy flying to you and to W.A.M.M.

Sincerely,
Sandy"

The following attendees were there sharing the fun at beautiful Cameron Park:

4, 5 & 6 SEPT 1981
5th Annual Mooney Mite Fly-In

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DISTANCE FLOWN</u>
A. A. Terrigno	N120C	395 miles
G. Gramman	N119C	Drove In - 505 miles
D. Loftsgaard	N50DL	Flew Cherokee - 25 miles
R. Katz	N4155	370 miles
S. Gagion	N4104	480 miles
W. Vandersande	N4105	320 miles
A. Perez	N4161	Drove In - 60 miles
R. McCombs	N329M	390 miles
G. Gilbert	N4121	580 miles
T. Cliton	N4192	600 miles
D. Jappay	N4152	85 miles
W. Pierson	N4181	Drove In - 685.34 miles
S. Sanderson	N380A	Ø miles - lives there
D. Beltrami	N339	Drove In - w/W. Pierson

Another possible event to consider attending this year is the EAA Fly-In at Kerrville, Texas, the home of the MOONEY factory. This event takes place on September 17, 18, & 19. A Mooney Mite M18C55 won Grand Champion in 1981. Would it not be great to have a flight of Mites show up for this gathering? Anyone interested in going drop me a line!

A JOYFUL MITE WEEKEND

How many of you that own or fly a "Mighty Mite" would like a "round robin safari" flying weekend this summer? Believe me it is an enjoyable, interesting adventure. Ben Fanhaldt of Torrance and I accomplished such a fine flight tour two years in succession a few years back. The trip covered in excess of 1,200 miles in four (4) wonderful days.

The four days consisted of flying over beautiful country plus the fun of airport hopping along the way and camping out near the planes. We slept in our tents (so called "Mooney Mite Hilton) three nights during our travel. Everywhere we stopped our magic Moonies gathered a great deal of attention. This gave us the opportunity to meet interesting people at strange places. Our complete adventure was accomplished in California which is not necessary for the next one. A few members have expressed interest for such a group flight. I plan to assemble such a flying weekend soon. Perhaps the Fourth of July holiday would be ideal due to the three day weekend. The venture is worth every minute away from home for the few days. Experience it, then see for yourselves.

A similar trip was made by two Mite owners from San Diego a year or so ago. They were Roger Shea and Dan McKinnon. The more planes that participate the more fun, the longer the flight legs, the further the total miles flown as a group. If interested, drop me a line and ideas. Keep in mind that some of you can meet the group at various points along the route in "safari round robin".