

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 gathers to be informative.

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NEWSLETTER

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First on the list of information to be noted is that I have moved; thereby, a new address and phone number is in order:

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Worthy of mention, the FAA is approving & releasing a new type of pilot certification as "Recreational Pilot Certificate". Effective date is 1 August 1989; however, a third class medical is still a requirement. This certificate has special limitations of which does not do the job as was first intended, much to the chagrin of some pilots. Look into it Gary Gramman! I do not have all the details.

As of May 1988, this Mite owner retired from his employer, Hughes Aircraft Co. and now is enjoying the 'retirement world'. So I would appreciate donations of \$3.00 annually to carry on the the WAMM organization and endeavors to "Keep the Mites Flying". Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

The Spring Get-Together for 1989 is set for Porterville, Calif. airport during the week-end of 19-20-21 May; the week-end after Mother's Day. Gil Gerbert is coming with one or two other Mites from Washington. By the way, Gil has parts for two O-145 Lycoming engines of which one good engine can be assembled. Give him a call if interested--\$500! Phone number is 206-631-5358. See newsletter for Porterville elsewhere in this issue. The late summer 13th annual fly-in dates are 25-26-27 August 1989 of which the site will be determined by the Porterville attendees. A possible group of Mites intend to fly to the Mooney fly-in at Kerrville, Texas in late Sept 1989. Interested pilots should contact me at the new phone number listed above.

Fred Schmidt of Camden Ohio has 500 Mite gear "rubber donuts" available at approximately \$26.00 each, including shipping. This a bargain, since Mooney dealers charge two or three times that amount. His phone is 513-452-3230. Give him a call, he also has other mite parts available!

Tires are at a premium since the ~~since the~~ standard 480/410 x 4 are no longer available. My recommendation is the following. Use 410/350 x 4 4ply rib for the main gear wheels and 10 x 350 x 4 4 ply McCreary for the nose wheel with heavy duty 400 x 4 tubes. Desser Tire & Rubber Co-in Los Angeles at 1-800-AIR-TIRE has 410/350 x 4 4 ply rib tires available for \$18.95 each with tube. The 10 x 350 x 4 McCreary tire price is \$16.56 plus \$6.27 for the tube is available at Tred Air of Calif. Bellflower, Calif. at 1-800-448-7332. The nose tire can be purchased also at Aircraft Components Inc of Benton Harbor, Mich.

Carl Johnson of Carmel Valley Ca. recently acquired a Mite from the Sacramento area. He is our latest member in WAMM and hopes to be at Porterville. Happy Mite flying Carl.

In early April I flew (airlines) to Sun & Fun in Lakeland Fla. for the first time. This EAA convention is second to Oshkosh and about 1/6th as large; however, just as interesting and fun. No mites showed for the event.

Really "Switch-On" your ears Lycoming powered mite owners. Through the efforts of mite owner Frank Gomes of Hawaii letters to EAA and WAMM letters to Petersen Aviation of Minden, Neb., the O-145 (65 hp) Lycoming has an STC for auto fuel for Mites. The STC was approved just within the last month or so. The cost to each mite owner requesting the Stc for their mite is .50c for each hp or \$32.50 total. Todd Petersen, president of Petersen Aviation wrote me of the FAA approval. If interested, send a letter requesting your STC with the information and check for \$32.50. Include the 'N' number, S/N of both your aircraft and engine and your name...your STC package will arrive within two weeks or so. Then go fly your mite with auto uel or supplement your av-gas.

A mite forum at the 13th annual fly-in may be part of the event. Fly safe! Fly well!

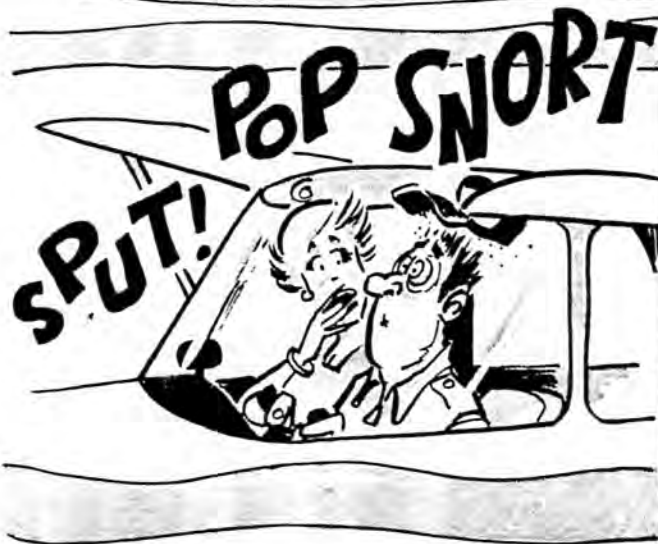
STOP SQUAWK!

by Bob Stevens



HOW TO THOROUGHLY SCARE YOURSELF IN AN AIRPLANE :

1. RUN A FUEL TANK DRY¹



1. BONUS PLUCKER POINTS GIVEN WHEN IN IFR CONDITIONS.

2. GET BUSY IN THE COCKPIT and NEGLECT YOUR SKY SCAN².



2. REMEMBER: REPORT ALL NEAR MID-AIRS! (AFTER YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR DRAWERS, OF COURSE)

3. TAKE THE BAIT ON A SUCKER HOLE and HAVE IT GO FROM @ TO @³.



3. YOU NEEDN'T REPORT THIS - THE FAA WILL DO IT FOR YOU.

Bob Stevens

4. RUN OUT OF ALTITUDE, ESCAPE ROUTES and IDEAS ALL AT THE SAME TIME⁴.



4. THIS WILL ALSO PROBABLY BE REPORTED FOR YOU - BY YOUR NEWSPAPER.

1989 MITE SPRING "GET-TOGETHER"
— SPRING FEVER FLYING —

BY

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF MOONEY MITES

PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA

AIRPORT

19-20 -21 MAY 1989

FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

- CAMPING
- MOTELS
- TRANSPORTATION
- MITE FUN
- PLAN AHEAD TO ATTEND
- THIS IS THE 10TH SPRING GATHERING
- DON'T MISS IT!!

REMEMBER - KEEP THE MITES FLYING

1989 12th ANNUAL

MOONEY MITE SPRING GET-TOGETHER

FRIDAY - 19 MAY 1989

- 3:00 - 6:00 PM - Greetings
- 6:30 - 7:00 - SUNSET FLY-BY
- 7:30 - Dinner & Hanger Flying

SATURDAY - 20 MAY 1989

- 6:30 - 7:00 AM - Dawn Patrol
- 7:30 - 9:00 AM - Breakfast
- 9:00 - 12:00 - Greeting Arrivals and Making Friends
- 12:00 - 1:30 - Lunch
- 1:30 - 2:30 - Relaxation
- 2:30 - 5:00 - Get-Together Gab Session & Group Flight
 - A. Introductions
 - B. Group Flight Plan
 - C. Group Flight Implementation
 - D. Annual Fly-In Plans
 - E. Sunset Fly-By - Preparation
 - F. Dawn Patrol Plans
- 5:00 - 6:30 - Hanger Flying
- 6:30 - 7:00 - Sunset Fly-By
- 7:30 - Dinner

SUNDAY - 21 MAY 1989

- 6:30 - 7:00 AM - Dawn Patrol Flight
- 9:30 - 10:00 - Formation Fly-By
- 10:00 - 12:00 - MITE Comparisons
- 12:00 - 2:00 - Lunch
- 2:00 - Goodbys and Departures

ACCOMMODATIONS: Campout or town motels.

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