

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 Mooney Mites 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 as enough news and information gathers to be informative to the mite owners.....

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NEWSLETTER

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WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF MOONEY MITES

"Switch On"

A new year has begun for the last decade of this century and it seems just as though WAMM was just started as an organization for Mooney Mites. We are beginning our fourteen year of existence.....Time does fly for it also seems like last month that the 13th annual mite fly-in was held in Columbia Ca. during late August for here I must mention that another mite gathering is coming upsoon. In fact this coming May! The yearly event will be held in Porterville Calif as it has many times in the past. Of course, it will held the weekend after mother's day, May 18th, 19th, and 20th which has turned to be the favorable time determined by members in past attendance!

The events that took place in Columbia in August had an additional feature not part of the prior normal fly-ins. I had a Mite forum, a first which was attended by approximately eighteen interested people. The informative session lasted nearly two hours including a fifteen minute break. If a special forum would be of interest to some members in the future, drop me a line and some ideas! I'll be happy to oblige.....

The awards for the Columbia fly-in were as follows:

Best Overall	-	N500A	Bill Clark
Best Continental	-	N343M	Dan Hicks
2nd Pl Continental	-	N4155	Bob Katz
3rd Pl Continental	-	N4121	Dave Jappy
Best Lycoming	-	N4105	Bill Vandersande

A total of nine Mooney Mites were assembled together for the fly-in plus nine other mite owners without their aircraft.....

Before it is forgotten "Happy New Year", WAMM hopes that all members and their families had a joyous holiday season with a prosperous new year in the ensuing months of 1990. In addition, that all owners have tailwinds during cross-country flying with their mites.

Although that further announcements will be noted in future newsletters, the 14th annual mite fly-in to be held at Columbia Calif. again was chosen by attendees during the 13th annual event. The days are 24-25-26 August 1990.....

The following are some points of interest for you magic carpet pilots:

- (a) Ben Favrholt (a long time mite owner prior to his plane loss in a grass fire during 1980) has fulfilled a dream again by recently purchasing Bill Clark's mite an M18C. Ben is moving to Porterville from Fallbrook Ca. where he has built a new hangar at the airport. He will share his flying between the Mite and a Cessna 150. Hurray for Ben!!!!!!!
- (b) In "Switch On" news during 1989 I announced that Petersen Aviation of Minden Neb. has the STC for

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auto fuel for Lycoming powered Mite owners. The information I provided apparently was incomplete. The address for that service is as follows:

Petersen Aviation Inc.
Rt. #1 Box 18
Minden Neb. 68959

With your request for the auto fuel STC for Lycoming O-145 65 HP engines send \$65.00 plus your engine serial no. Also send the N number, serial no. and model of your mite. Phone 308-832-2200....

Mites For Sale:

1955 M18C55 1830TT.850 SMOH, 65 Cont., Rebuilt 1982, Ceconite, lights, Navcom, reduced to \$9990.00 Steve Hensely 615-257-3246 Greenville. Tenn.

1951 M18LA TT1181, 73 SMOH, new annual, metal prop, good paint, nice interior, comm radio, L.G. Mathis, 404-887-4519 Georgia.

The EAA has informed me that back issues of the "Sport Aviation" magazine with my mooney mite article is available for \$2.00 each. Ask for the Feb. 1985 issue, see page 52....

Mite Tires: Desser Tire & Rubber Co. Los Angeles Ca. 1-800-247-8473

<u>Size</u>	<u>Ply</u>	<u>\$Cost</u>	<u>Use</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
400-4	6	35.95	main/nose	w/tube
410/350-4	4	18.95	main/nose	w/tube
10/350-4	4	18.95	main/nose	w/o tube
400/350-4	-	5.95	main/nose	tube only

Fred Schmidt of Camden Ohio has miscellaneous mite parts available call & inquire on 513-452-3230. Also he has gear rubber donuts at \$26.00 a piece. Rubber donuts are not currently available anywhere and this price is favorable.....

Dee & Boyd of Texas (great people) will be gathering some parts soon that may be available. Both have mites (his & hers). Dee's is almost ready for flying. How close are you Dee?

Welcome to new members: Jack Hawkins of Redlands Ca; Richard Jay of Santa Fe N.M.; Dan Hicks of Everett Wash.; and John Halpern of Punta Gorda Fla.

Here is some information if your from the west coast area regarding wood repair and covering: Contact Pacific Airfab at Hollister airport, Hollister Calif. 95023..408-636-1889. Nice qualified personnel---met them at our recent Columbia fly-in.....

Read on for more "switch on"-----see next page!!!!!!!

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MAPA (Mooney Aircraft Pilots Assoc) of Kerrville Texas held their 1989 "Homecoming" in October. Kerrville is also the current home of the Mooney factory. Dee and Boyd Maddox were great helpers to Bill Vandersande and myself during our attendance with our mites. Bill and I share the same hangar in Chino Calif. We flew our mighty mites to the MAPA event enjoying a great time with some 500 Mooney plane owners...no not mites....big Mooneys.. Our planes were the only two mites at the show. They were a big hit because so many had not seen mites before or for some time.....The factory treated our two aircraft as "Royalty", providing factory hangar for storage during our days there!!!

The weather was CAVU during the event as well as during our flying to and from Kerrville. By the way in the event some of you do not know the meaning of CAVU, it translates to "ceiling and visibility unlimited".....The mites did quite well in the awards area, Bill and I won best of series for each aircraft. In addition my mite won the "Best of Show" and the Mooney factory employees award.....We had great fun.....

Since the Mites were such a big hit at the homecoming, Bill & I had to have a big Mooney deliver our hardware for us so as not to over gross our little gems!!!!!!! The planes behaved very well for the 2400 miles round trip to Texas.....

