

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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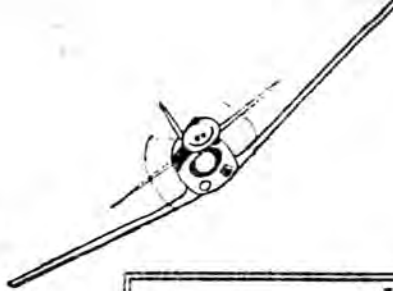
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Switch On

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Well guys and gals another great year is on its way , hopefully a good year despite the elections! More importantly lets hope it is a marvelous weather year for flyin: especially for you that live in the eastern part of the U.S. Out here in the west the weather gods are more favorable to we pilots.

M18C55 :

The last issue of the WAMM newsletter noted that Boyd & Dee Maddox have a M18C55 Mite project for sale--did anyone buy it as yet Boyd? Let me know if the mite has a new owner. By the way, did it have a serial number? Phone them at 713-499-2890 at home or 713-452-5901 at business for details if anyone is interested.

T - Shirts:

Hi Leon? Are you still making shirts and hats for WAMM on an as needed basis? Hey mite guiders, contact Leon Buenger at 713-473-0362, Pasadena Texas for some WAMM T-shirts. His prices are more than fair. By the way Leon, any luck with the open collar golf type shirts?

Folded Wings :

Frederick Perta of Springfield Tennessee folded his wings on 29 December 1991, he was 73. For the little time he was a WAMM member we chatted on the phone with his enthusiasm of mites and how he enjoyed flying them. Fred also kept in contact with me by letters wanting someday to come to a mite flyin. He will be missed by his family and friends. Wanda Perta, please except our condolences. Mrs. Perta wrote that she would have to sell the Mite, therefore I am taking the privledge of mentioning the sale in this newsletter. Its' color is white with blue trim, N414E is powered with a 65 continental. Frederick kept his mite in good condition. Mrs. Perta can be contacted at the following address: Rt 3 2243 Gideon Rd. Springfield, Tenn. 37073.

M18L - For Sale :

A Mite project is available for the 'restorer'. A Lyc engine is included as well as a good deal of the restoration is accomplished. Some wood work is reuired on the cone section of the fuselage with wood work required on the wing; however, the wood is sound throughout! No damage to the aircraft. Contact Lawrence Terrigno of Placentia, Calif. at 714- 993-4799 for further details if interested. A good project !!!!!!!

Be extra alert for water in your fuel tanks. Worn seals in fuel caps may allow water from melting snow and ice to contaminate the fuel. Drain valve



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Experimental Mite :

In the last issue I mentioned a WAMM member was building an M18LX from plans, Bill Cox of Sturgis, Mich. The airplane is now complete and has made its maiden flight on Nov. 14, 1991. Bill wrote to me stating that the flight performance was perfect. The FAA requires he stay within a 25 mile radius of the home airport for the first 40 hours. The mite falls in the experiential category by regulation. Since winter is very cold in Michigan, Bill will not be doing much flying with his plane until late spring or early summer. He sent me pictures, it looks great all white with red & blue trim. His 'N' number is N18CX, very appropo!! Good luck and fun flying your magic carpet Bill. He and I chatted on the phone around Christmas last year during a visit to Calif. to see his son & family.

Contributions :

Many thanks to those members that made their donations to WAMM since the last issue. The donations are sincerely appreciated.

Mite Parts & Items :

Mite tires are available at Desser Tire & Rubber

LA, Calif. 1-800-247-8473

Sizes - 400 -4 Main Gear

410/350 -4 Main Gear

10/350 - 4 Nose Gear

400/350 -4 Tube Only

Fred Schmidt of Camden Ohio has misc. mite parts. Rubber donuts for the gear are also available from Fred at 1-513-452-3230. I apologize to Boyd and Dee Maddox for the incorrect phone number in our last issue.....sorry folks. By the way they also have some misc. mite parts available. Try 713-499-2890 and/or 713-452-5901.

Mite Flying :

Spring is almost here which brings about some great flying weather for we mite pilots. Many of you that have had your mite stored for the winter should do a good though "pre-flight" before that first flying since last fall. Make up a check list or completely inspect the mite like a mini-annual. Look for any rags or tools in the cockpit that may have been put there last year; look over control cables & pulleys for rust--lubricate same; check for bird nests or mice nests; clean out drain holes so that proper drainage and air can work properly. Change the oil for there may be too much mositure collected during the winter. In addition, add fresh fuel to your tank so that the stale fuel will not give you problems. A good inspection is justified after a winter sitting. Why find a problem in the air when it can be prevented prior to flight. Good luck and happy flying!!!!

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Flight Planning :

In planning any flight, weather is always an important factor. One can have a general idea of weather patterns by observing TV weather reports, especially the aviation reports on a cable weather channels, which cover ceilings, visibility, winds aloft, temperatures, fronts, etc. However, a detailed weather briefing should still be a must!

When obtaining the weather from a flight service station you can help the briefing by informing the briefer of a VFR flight and type of equipment you're flying. Inform the briefer that you are interested in a complete briefing as well as conditions enroute. It will pay to take the time, for if the weather should change for the worse, one should be ready to accept the report with disappointment and not surprise. The more one understands about meteorology, the safer the flight will be!!!!

FAA :

They believe it's time to wipe the slate clean, James Busey, the FAA administrator recently ordered the systematic elimination of hundreds of thousands of enforcement records from the agency's files. Under the new policy, the FAA rid its files of certificate suspension cases after five years, depending on the violation and provided, of course, that no other violations occur.

Because increasingly rapid changes in aviation technology are making it difficult for the FAA to keep its supply of resource material current, the agency is proposing to discontinue publication of several airman training handbooks. They feel that outside aeronautical materials are available to obtain the necessary aeronautical knowledge for FAA tests. Ha, time will tell!!!

Spring Get-Together :

As stated earlier, spring is around the corner and it is the time of year WAMM has its annual "Spring Get-Together" at Porterville, Calif. It has been an annual event for fourteen years making this the fifteenth event. The dates are May 15th, 16th, 17th, which fall on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of that week.

Actually, as always the gathering follows the week end after "Mother's Day" Sunday. The 16th annual Mooney Mite Fly-in (in late summer) will be held at the Columbia Calif. airport as determined by members at last year's fly-in. This is one of the great airports for fly-ins. Many airplane clubs hold their yearly events at Columbia. Western mite owners, plan to join the mite fun you'll miss if you do not attend! Fly wise, safe and happy.

Remember--KEEP THE MITES FLYING



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1992 Spring Get Together

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15th-16th-17th

Camping-Motels-Transportation-Fun

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