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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 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 as enough news and information gather to be informative to the mite owners.....

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Switch-On

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This newsletter may be like a bride with something old & something new (maybe even 'blue') because it will probably consist of some old stuff & some new stuff.

Spring Get-Together- Spring is here already & IT WILL FLY BY AS QUICKLY AS IT ARRIVED.....AND SO WILL THE PORTERVILLE SPRING GATHERING at the Porterville airport in Porterville Calif. during May 96. An important note of date change should be noticed here for the up coming event!!! In the last newletter (Jan 96) I informed all that the date would be one week end after mothers' day and that is the normal yearly time frame. However, due to another commitment (European cruise) I have a conflict; therefore, I am oblinded to move the get-together one week later (May 24, 25 & 26)! Look at the flyer on another page in this issue. Lets hope for good weather. We have been very fortunate over the years because (except for one or two) the weather has always been favorable. Also remember this is the 19th year this gathering will take place....

New Propellers -Currently the only propellers available for the mites are manufactured by Sensenich of Lancaster, Pa. I understand they have moved to somewhere in Florida. Some later data may be available . Anyway Fred Schmidt of Camden Ohio has them available at around \$1100 each. Fred mentioned there is about a six week delivery delay.... Contact him at 513-452-3230....No one is manufacturing Flothrop props these days!! Also Fred has many mite parts.

Safety & Spring Flying -Some of you mite guiders have already begun flying your birds since spring has sprung with the favorable weather that has taken place in a few areas of the cold part of the country. If you've done the following - great! If you have not, then now is the time to so so! Since the aircraft has been probably sitting still for many months, spring is a good time to prepare for continued SAFE flying. Note, the key word is SAFE! Call this a mini-annual.

- * Change oil before flight - start spring with clean oil
- * Remove, check, and clean the spark plugs
- * Lube all controll pins and bushings
- * Check for mice, birds, nests, etc in wings and fuselage
- * Clear all drain holes for proper air and water drain
- * Check prop for cracks, chips or signs of stress
- * Check tires for cracks, leaks, etc and proper inflation
- * Then check control cables and push rods for proper movement and no restrictions

20th Annual Fly-in -The 20th annual late summer Mooney mite fly-in will take place the week end prior to labor day. The dates are friday 23rd, saturday 24th, and sunday 25th in the month of August 1996. As to which airport, the attendees of the Porterville get-together will decide; most likely they will choose Columbia, Calif. again because of location and available conveniences. We shall see soon enough!! For some of you that have not attended any of the mite gatherings

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perhaps you can plan to come to this one for the fun and fellowship as well as the experience of flying your magic carpet cross country.

Eastern WAMM Group -I recently heard from John Wilson of Florida, the contact for the eastern WAMM, and he reported that none has asked him for any info regarding an eastern mite gathering. Some eastern mite owners should contact John and state an interest for a mite fly-in somewhere in that area. John's phone is 904-282-5705 or write him at 5597 Carter Spencer RD, Middleburg, Florida 32068. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Try it you'll like it!!!! The gatherings have been going on for nearly twenty years in the west, something good can be said about it----go do it!!!

Mite Plans -Anyone have a set for sale? I get frequent inquiries regarding possible availability of plans for the mite. Let me know so the info can be passed on to others....

Carburetors -Is there a MA2A Marbel Schwebler carb with a mixture control available out there that one of you may consider selling???? The Carb can be in any condition. Again inform me accordingly.

Unusual Mite Experiences -How about a WAMM member writing an article for the newsletter regarding an unusual experience, good or bad they had with their Mooney. Surely there must be many, many stories among you worth writing so others can read them. It does not have to be lengthy for a few paragraphs will do fine. The newsletter is for you, use it for the purpose it can serve others in WAMM!!!

John J. Danner (M18C55) - is looking for a big mite for a big guy. If the whereabouts of one is known that may be for sell, contact John at 5925 Cardean DR. 29 Palms Calif. 92277. He is really interested in owning a M18C55 mite. He recently joined WAMM.

Keep The Mites Flying -But fly them safely. Check and double check your airplane well before flight. Do recall that our fleet is aging rapidly as are we.....Great happy landings! And remember to work hard to keep the mites flying, for many hours are spent on the ground for fewer hours in the air.

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19th Annual Mooney Mite
Fly-in Spring Get-together

Porterville California

at

Porterville AIRPORT

on

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

in

May 1996

on the

24th-25th-26th

Camping-Motels-Fun & Mite Mania

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**1996 19th Annual Mooney Mite
Spring Get-Together**

Suggested Schedule-----

Friday - 24 May 1996

3:00 - 6:00 pm - Greetings
6:30 - 7:00 pm - Sunset Flyby
7:30 - until pm - Dinner & Hangar Flying

Saturday - 25 May 1996

6:30 - 7:00 am - Dawn Patrol
7:30 - 9:30 am - Breakfast Flight
9:30 - 12:00 am - Greeting More Arrivals
12:00 - 1:30 pm - Lunch
1:30 - 2:30 pm - Relaxation & Mite Talk
2:30 - 5:00 pm - Short Flying Safari to ??????
5:00 - 7:00 pm - Relaxation
7:00 - until pm - Happy Hour & Dinner

Sunday - 26 May 1996

6:30 - 7:00 am - Dawn Patrol
7:30 - 9:00 am - Breakfast
9:00 - 12:00pm - More Mite Talk or ??????
12:00- pm - Lunch or/and Departures

ACCOMMODATIONS: Campout or Town Motels
MITE MANIA FUN: Don't Miss it!!!!

Remember - Keep The Mites Flying