



Hello WAMM Pilots----ANOTHER SPRING AND YEAR HAS ROLLED AROUND BRINGING US CLOSER TO THE TURN OF A NEW CENTURY WITH THE FUTURE OF GENERAL AVIATION (GA) IN AN AREA OF THE REAL UNKNOWN. Of course we 'mite' guiders hope that if changes do come that they do not affect us! Right??? Therefore, if and when the infamous FAA does their dastardly deeds WAMM with its members will carry on with "Mooney Mite Mania" ....No matter what!!!

First things first, the spring get-together in May at the Porterville Calif. airport is just around the corner. Yes, I'm talking about the 16th friday, the 17th saturday and the 18th sunday. Are all of you ready? I certainly hope so because this Flyin being the 20th spring affair would be one to remember if twenty mites would be at the parking ramp. Wow!! We missed the Columbia attendance of a hopeful twenty planes due to the heavy smoke from the forest fires in the area last fall (late summer). It still was a great gathering for those of us that did show....even better with Jim Bargo of Minot N.D. arriving from that long distance. The schedule for the spring event is on another page in this issue. Try to fly your magic carpet to this fun get-together!

The next flyin for WAMM will be on 22, 23, 24 of August 1997 with the airport being Columbia Calif. unless the Porterville attendees determine their choice of a different airport.

Hi John Wilson of eastern WAMM? Any plans for any activity in your area? A suggestion if you please....contact Mr. Ted Teach at 5226 Kellenburger Rd in Dayton Ohio 45424; he is a very active 'mooney miter' & loves to fly it everywhere in the country. Ted has flown to Calif. with his yellow bird also coming again this year for the May event. Perhaps the two of you can get a gathering together in the near future...???? Give it a try---go for it!!! How about it Ted?

Geo Ramin of Houston recently mentioned his restored mite is almost ready to fly. That is great news....another M18 flies again; one more added to the flying fleet. Agreed Mal Gross? Also Bob Williams of near San Diego has been restoring a M18L purchased from my son Larry a few years ago. I believe that Bob is near completion of the project almost ready to fly. Are you Bob?

Tire info--I am aware that for some of you this is old hat; however, many of you are not aware of the mite tire data. DESSER TIRE & RUBBER CO. carries M18 usable tires and tubes at two U.S. locations. One place is located in Montebello Calif. . The other is in Memphis Tn. The good thing about Desser is one 800 number is all you need to get the tires from either store. For the M18L & LA models I have used as well as recommended the following tire for the nose wheel (10/350-4 4ply McCreary rib tread) for many years. Quite a few flying M18L/LA mites have followed this trend. Due to the larger diameter prop the Continental powered use, this size tire is not recommended for M18C's nose wheel. Now for the main gear Desser has four (4) choices- a) 400-4 6 ply Secura rib tread...b) 410/350-4 4 ply Cheng Shin zigzag tread c) 410/350-4 4 ply Goodyear zigzag tread...d) 410/350-4 6ply Goodyear zigzag tread The prices vary from \$20.00 to 36.00 depending in which brand one chooses----tubes are also available at approx. \$8.00 each. Their toll free phone is 800-247-8473 or 800-AIRE-TIRE! Good luck! Free shipping!

As this is my 21st year in publishing these issues of mooney mite info as well as putting together the fun flyins, I've been pleased in doing my bit to support the effort to "KEEP THE MITES FLYING". By the way Fred Quarles of Charlottesville VA many years ago came up with the phrase while attempting to market a mite kit in the early seventies. I maintain the saying because it fits our WAMM philosophy, together we do keep the mites flying. Many mooney mite owners have been receiving the newsletter for years with continued yearly donations which is much appreciated. There are a number of mite owners/pilots that have not made their share of donations---- look on your address label lower right corner for a date. This date is when the subscription technically expires. If I had to depend on donations to publish this newsletter, it

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would have ceased after the second year.....Ha! Thanks to the newsletter receivers that have continually contributed and thanks to those of you that may-----it is all appreciated!

We have a WAMM member besides Ray Allen of Arizona that has two mites. He is Mike Harms of near Sacramento Calif. Mike has been flying his so called 'ole' M18L mite for years faithfully to everywhere, but always a little crowded because he has been wearing the mite. If you have not guessed it, Mike is a tall young man. Now Harms has an M18C55, the larger model where he is more comfortable when flying...more room!!! Bring it to Porterville Mike.

Below I've included a couple of sketches each in their own area of delivering a message.....Larry Dale of Colorado Springs Col. sent me his Therapy IV in describing his best medication in recovering from prostate surgery. Certainly we all agree. The other is self explanatory.....

**REMEMBER -KEEP THE MITES FLYING**

