

Western Association of Mooney Mites

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Spring has sprung, the clocks have moved an hour forward in most states and El Nino appears to slowly be dissipating or going away. At least so the weather experts say. At any rate favorable flying weather is on its way for our great mites; therefore, lets get them ready for the flying season. Our great steeds are looking forward to boring holes in the skies carrying each of you to your particular destinations! So lets fly those magic carpets pilots, start your engines!!!!

For some of you members that may not have the following data, here are a few points of interest about our famous airplanes of which 287 were manufactured:

- * approximately 170 are FAA registered
- * approximately 80 are flying
- * a few are stored or reside in museums
- * original price of the first production mites was \$1995
- * model designations of mites: all 65 hp engines
 - * M18L-Lycoming powered
 - * M18LA-Lycoming powered
 - * M18C-Continental powered
 - * M18C55-Continental powered

*Note- The M18C55 was the designation of the Mooneys for the production year 1955, the last production year. One or two of them may have slipped into 1956 deliveries.

* M19-One mite was built using the M18C55 fuselage and powered with a Continental C90 (90hp) engine. This plane sported two 30 caliber machine guns. It was built to compete for the "COIN" contracts in the "fifties! The remains of this special plane are in Texas, it crashed one day many years ago while attempting take-off with a stone tied to its' tail from a tie-down place. Supposedly this mite is being rebuilt (???). Currently the average mites are selling for about 11,000 to 16,000 dollars depending on conditions.

I have included in this issue the 'FLYER' of long ago (1970s) when Fred Quarles of Virginia had a Mooney Mite kit for sale. Thought many of you folks would enjoy this flyer regarding the kit which was selling for just under \$6000 with out the engine. Of course none of this data is no longer available.

FOR SALE: 1953 M18LA \$14,500...Terra Transponder/encoder; Narco comm. radio; current annual; TTAF-1500 hrs; Lyc. 0-145=B2 with 600hrs SMOH. Also available are used Lycoming parts at \$2750. Based at Shellville airport Calif.

Contact Doug Griffin at 530-824-4107.....By the way the mite that Bob Schneider had for sale in the last issue of WAMM has been sold.

NEW MEMBER 7 PROJECT: Jack Cheney of Acme Mich. is rebuilding an 1954 M18C; N6192C; s/n #35; powered by Cont. 65 hp. Jack recently joined WAMM and is doing very nicely with his project according to his letter. Good luck Jack, the WAMM (east) flyin information is available below.

WAMM (east) & WAMM (west) Mooney mite flyins: The first flyin of the three to take place this year is the Spring Get-Together at the Porterville Calif. airport in May on the 15th friday, 16th saturday, & 17th sunday, as every year. This will be

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the 21st spring gathering. It is not too many weeks away, in fact remember that the Porterville event is the week end after mothers' day...Look at other pages of this issue for details.....WAMM (west)

Now for the Mooney mites of WAMM (east), Ted Teach of Dayton Ohio is at the helm for that flyin on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of May (friday, saturday, sunday) 1998 at New Carlisle Ohio airport (I-11). Ted informed me that he sent a post card to 93 mite owners east of the Rocky Mts., soliciting interest and notification of the event with results that fifteen or more indicated they would consider flying to Ohio for the mite gathering. The tentative agenda is similar to the one in our last newsletter; however, here it is again:

Fri. pm--arrivals, get acquainted, dinner at a local family restaurant

*Sat.--a. more arrivals, and morning flyout to Urbana (12 miles)
for breakfast*

b. return, look at mites, get acquainted till noon

*c. have lunch enroute (surface transport) to Fred Schmidts',
look at his inventory of mites parts & goodies as well as
several other interesting projects of his, return to airport*

*d. have short meeting to make a decision on forming an
eastern assoc. of Mooney mites (pilot vote) then return to fly
to Mt. Victory (40 miles) for dinner & return. Socialize.*

*Sun.--a. fly to Barberton (25 miles) for breakfast, return. Depart for
USAF museum (7 miles) surface travel), lunch, look and
return by 4pm; say goodbyes...then departures.*

If interested in attending the above fine event contact Ted Teach at 937-233-7257 or fax 937-236-0916. He will give each of you info about motels, fuel and approaches to I-11 airport to avoid the Dayton WPAFB & Springfield airspace. Ted has put a good deal of effort into the flyin preparation, so enjoy a fun mite mania in Ohio. Great job Ted and your supporters!!!!

WAMM (west) late summer Mite Flyin: This event takes place on the following dates 28th, 29th & 30th of August 1998 falling as each year on friday, saturday, and sunday. As usual it happens the weekend prior to the labor day holiday. However, a reminder since I briefly mentioned this information in the last issue in Jan 98 that during our flyin at Columbia last year the attendees decided that another site be chosen, so we did. The airport is located near Redding Calif., identified as Benton airport. From what I understand some members have stopped at Benton before, stating that the facilities necessary for a fun weekend are available. I'll have more info in the next newsletter, the dates will not change. Remember to keep the mites flying safely--lets have another good safety year--happy tailwinds!!!!



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**21th Annual Mooney Mite
Spring Get-Together**

PORTERVILLE, California

at

Porterville AIRPORT

on

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

in

May 1998

on the

15th-16th-17th

Camping-Motels-Fun & Mite Mania

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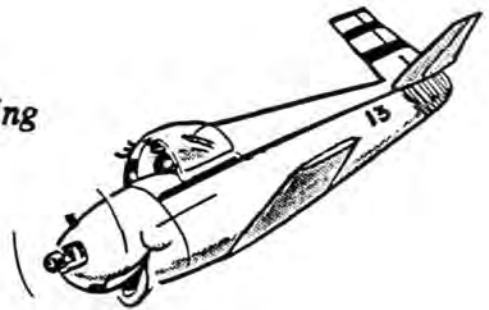
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Suggested Schedule-----

Friday - 15 May 1998

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



Saturday - 16 May 1998

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 - 17 May 1998

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