

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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NEWSLETTER
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Porterville Flyin

The spring get-together for the new millenium is here. Believe it or not! It just seems like yesterday we flew to PTV and it amazes me how quickly another gathering time for mites has arrived. As we get on with life, time seems to gather speed and does not slow down. Don't many of you find this to be what each of you experience?

The dates are as Dave Rutherford's card noted, 19th, 20th, & 21th of May which is just around the corner. This flyin is always the first week-end after mother's day--a good bookmarker on your calenders. A schedule is included on another page of this issue. Bill Vandersande's place (club house) will be used for a BBQ sometime saturday. I'm not certain as what part of the day it will take place. I'm looking forward to a good turn out of mites....fly those magic carpets of your's to a great gathering. Some of you that have not attended in the past, try it this year you'll like it. I'll be there with another aircraft.

N120C Sold

There are a few of you in WAMM that are aware that I have sold my mite N120C last mid-March to an individual in Chino Calif. which is at my home airport. It was not an easy effort to let go of my long time attachment to a great plane. It had flown me to great places many times with success as well as assisting me in making great long time friends. Although I do see the plane frequently it does not relieve the feeling of the loss. I knew that I would have saddness with the mite not being mine any more. Why did I sell it? Because it was time in my life to do so as well as to reduce my number of planes from two to only one! The new owner is Ted Reusch of Chino who loves the mite and will give it all the TLC it will need.

Richard McComas

We western mite owners have lost 'one of our own' a friend and a real gentleman mite pilot, Richard McComas from Manhattan Beach Calif. Best known to us as "Mac", he kept his very nice mite at the Torrance Airport Calif. in his hangar. Mac had a heartattack in late Feb on his way to the airport; however, he died later on 5 March in the hospital. His wife Betty stated that he never regained conciousness. A great loss to his beloved family and we mite guys. Dick's family was very important to him & it showed when he lost a son a few years ago. I strongly feel that he really never overcame his grief of this loss. Mac was always so informative and helpful to the mite owners at the flyins giving tit-bits of technical assistance whenever asked of his opinion! Our condolences to his family is forwarded with this issue of the newsletter from each of us that knew him. Smooth flying Mac to your "Flight West"!

Mrs. McComas wrote to me that she has decided to sell his mite which is currently being noted on the internet on our mitesite.....The plane has 2381 total hours, 600.15 hrs on the engine SOH, with a good comm radio and mode C avionics. Also the plane was recently annualued in Feb 2000. The asking price is \$18,000 OBO. Contact Mrs. McComas at 310-372-7558 or me at my phone listed in the newsletter.

Mooney Mite Website

The mite site URL is <http://members.home.net/mitesite/index.htm> which is fully maintained by one of its' orginators Dave Rutherford. Keep yourself informed through this great website for Mooney Mites.

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Oklahoma Flyin--Bartlesville

The Tulsa regional flyin held annually in Bartlesville will be on Sept 22th & 23rd this year according to Steve McGiure mite owner (The mite shown on the Card) announcing the PIV flyin. This event will have special attention given to classic aircraft such as our Mooney Mites, especially since Steve has made available a special spot for the great mites that fly in to this regional gathering. Therefore, many of you in the mid-west should make a great effort to go to this event and make it a yearly get together of mites. Why not? Representing WAMM would be showing that the 'mighty mite' is still alive and well after some fifty years. As I have stated before, go for it!!!!

Late Summer Mite Flyin

The late summer flyin for our WAMM members will be held the last weekend of August. The dates are the 25th, 26th & 27th which is the weekend prior to the labor day weekend. Again I received a few comments that Columbia is not a great place anymore: however, I do not agree with that. Another place had been recommended which after some investigation was not accepted as a good spot. In Porterville, I think that those in attendance should make a point to pick an airport for the other gathering in August. Merced Airport may be one to consider, maybe-e-e???? Lets do some serious dialogue about it in Porterville!!!!

Forgotten Mite

Ed Soncrant of Hemet Calif. and I had a great visit a month or so ago in his garage where his forgotten mite is stored. Lately, he has considered starting to re-work some areas of the plane so that it can become a 'flying mite' again soon. If Ed would commence working on it, the plane could possibly be flying sooner than he thinks. Therefore, Ed, do what you would like to do because once you begin motivation builds up and 'bingo', you are ready to fly.....Try it! Good luck.

Sun & Fun Florida

This year I opted to attend the EAA Sun & Fun In Florida instead of Oshkosh. It was held the second week of April. I was somewhat disappointed that no mites flew in to be displayed. However, during my visit to the museum there, I saw an M18L donated by Charles Lasher of Florida. He one time attempted to market a cowl for the Lycoming powered mites, but encountered heat problems so nothing came of it.

While there I met Jim Bethel and his brother from Kerrville Tx and Larry Dale of Colorado Springs by pre-arrangement of E-mail. Larry I knew before, but Jim I did not. They both have flying mites. Larry had put on mite seminars at Oshkosh many years ago. I also visited Kermit Weeks "Fantasy of Flight" at Polk City Fla., but no mites there either. He's missing out there!!

Remember, Keep the Mites Flying

*Spring has come and flying season is here for many of you in the colder parts of the country. Spend some time pre-flying your planes, perhaps doing a 'progressive annual' would be in order since it may have been sheltered for the winter months passed. It is better to discover a problem on the ground rather than after one is airborne. **Happy flying!!!!!!***

Mid-West & Easterners

Lets here from you folks so that more of you can get together for mite fun. This newsletter is for that reason.....so all of us can benefit put it in the WAMM issues.

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22th Annual Mooney Mite Spring Get-Together 2000 Porterville Airport California

Suggested Schedule--

Friday-19 May 2000

*3.00 - 6.00 pm - Greetings
6.30 - 7.00 pm - Sunset Flyby
7.30 - until pm - Dinner & Hangar Flying*

Saturday - 20 May 2000

*6.30 - 7.00 - am - Dawn Patrol
7.30 - 9.30 - am - Breakfast Flight
9.30 - 12.00 - pm - Greeting More Arrivals
12.00 - 1.30 - pm - **BBQ 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 - 21 May 2000

*6.30 - 7.00 - am - Dawn Patrol
7.30 - 9.00 - am - Breakfast
9.00 - 12.00 -pm - More Mite Talk or ????
12.00 - - Lunch or/and Departures*

*Accommodations: Campout or Town Motels
Mite Mania Fun: Don't Miss It!!!!!!*

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