

**Porterville Flyin**

*The twenty-second annual mooney mite spring-get-together was held at PTV airport Calif. last 14-15-16 of May 1999 with eleven mites in attendance. Wasn't that great? Fantastic showing of our mighty mite! Even Ted Teach from Ohio showed up again this year which is a welcome sight because that is a great distance to fly to a mite gathering. Its' always a pleasure to have Ted come to share with us the mite mania fun. Also present were myself, Gerry Jenny, Michael Harms, Ben Favrholt, Gary Gramman, Bill Vandersande, Tim Lucero, Ernie Buenting, Robby Robin, (all from California), Gil Gilbert from Washington state, and two great Canadian guests of Ben Favrholt from Vancouver B.C. (mite lovers). Three days of commradship and mite fun took place with all looking forward to the late summer Columbia Calif. flyin this month.*

**Mite Library ? sort of**

*The two friends of Ben's (one is his cousin) David Favrholt, are gathering all the data they can muster to assemble somewhat of a library web page of mites. I'm not to certain of the details, but both David Favrholt and Dave Rutherford are extremely enthused about the mite and desire to fulfill their mite data project. Some data has already been forwarded to these two; however, they are looking for a great deal more. David has even talked to Fred Quarles of Virginia who at one time attempted to kit the mite. To my surprise, because my info was that Fred was not doing well a few years ago with cancer. I'm pleased he is still with us!*

*David/Dave, contact Mal Gross Jr. (WAMM member) if he can supply you with a run down of a mite survey he spearheaded a few years ago for your info. Mal lives near you in Washington. His phone is 360-376-5391, also try his e-mail at [malgross@worldnet.att.net](mailto:malgross@worldnet.att.net) .....Mal your cooperation will be appreciated. By the way Mal my e-mail is [territony@worldnet.att.net](mailto:territony@worldnet.att.net) Great ISP! Welcome back.*

**Bill Vandersande Moving**

*Bill is totally moving to Porterville from Chino Calif. in September now that he has sold his home here. His hangar has completed construction, ready for housing his mite plus other hangar items. The T-35 Temco will be flown by Bill late in August to its new home in PTV. He is looking forward to enjoying that area with Ben Favrholt who resides in Porterville.. ...Happy valley flying guys.*

**Columbia Late Summer Flyin**

*Elsewhere in this issue is a copy of our regular schedule for Columbia used as a guide for mite fun at this gathering. Note the dates are August 27th, 28th, 29th 1999 as decided by the attendees at the spring-get-together last May. A discussion was held with reference to other airports for this flyin to take place; however, the overwhelming majority voted for Columbia because of the provisions available. This year we are renting a large van to accommodate everyone for trips to Sonora or other places rather than be bound to just the town of Columbia. All will share in the expense of the vehicle which will be worth the cost to each! "Tempis Fugit" (Time Flies)! Yes, mooney pilots get your birds prepared for the flying to and from the beautiful mother load country where gold was discovered 150 years ago! It certainly has breath-taking views in that area of Columbia with its rich history of its growth. Each year we mite guiders return to its drawing of we sometimes unappreciative!!! Come one, come all!!!*

## Western Association of Mooney Mites

### **Texas Mite Owners**

Dave Bogart wants to meet other Texas mite owners for lunch or whatever to exchange "look see" of their mites. Other than California, Texas has the next largest number of registered M18's in the U.S. Therefore, folks contact Dave to get together for mite fun in Texas! He resides at: Dave Bogart, 305 Walnut St., El Campo, Tex. 77437, phone is 409-541-5596, with e-mail [dbogart@wenet.net](mailto:dbogart@wenet.net)

### **J.P. Hackenburg Aviation**

Hackenburg Aviation of Montoursville Pa. is where M18L & M18LA mite owners can have their Lycoming O-145's work accomplished as well as some available parts. Read the letter in this issue that was sent to me regarding their specialty on Lyc O-145's engine used in some of our mite models.

### **Possible Flyin (Albuquerque)**

George T. Meenach of Los Lunas, N.M. dropped me a card asking if the California mite owners would be interested in a mite flyin in October near Albuquerque. Free camping and hot dogs as well as cowboy music would be available. George, your asking is greatly appreciated, I shall ask the attendees at the Columbia what they think....then inform you accordingly. Why don't you come to Columbia to personally invite them? That might work, if not at least you had fun flying your mighty bird!!!!

### **Eastern WAMM**

Well eastern mite guys—anything going on this summer? Ted Teach did say while here that he would ask around back there if anyone would put together a week-end gathering of mites. If that has happened, let us know. Ted did you receive my sketch of the 'box' for the rear baggage area that was sent to you? Don't forget to install them!!! For the others, Ted had an experience last spring where he could not retract his gear after takeoff; luckily, he was able to lock it down again to land. After examination he found a tool or something had jammed in the rear actuator in the baggage compartment. That was because Ted had not installed the cover box to preclude such a possible disaster! Look at your baggage area to determine if your gear actuator lever is covered with a metal box. If not, do so!!!!!!

### **M19 Mooney**

Ed Palecek of Anchorage Ak worked for Mooney in 1952 and recalls a prototype that Mooney was trying to sell to the army. Ed just joined WAMM asking what may of happened to that aircraft. For Ed & others, the airplane was the M19 equipped with two machine guns and rocket pods under the wing. It currently lives in Texas belonging to John Voznica of Fort Worth. The M19 was damaged many years ago when someone attempted to take off with a large stone tied to its tail! Therefore, Ed, you now have some info on that prototype you saw in 1952!

### **Blown Canopy**

Tim Lucero of Lompoc Calif. lost his canopy last spring returning home from a flyin in Arizona. Mike Bolinger sent me info as to where he obtained/purchased one for his mite. Thanks Mike, Tim has already replaced his missing canopy with a new one before coming to PTV, looked fine! Tim stated that apparently the strap tying the front and rear canopy frames must of lost its retaining screw, thus providing a loose canopy glass for the wind to take it away. So keep checking your strap attachment gentlemen or maybe you too can loose a canopy!



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Re: Volume XXII, 99-1 Newsletter

Dear Tony:

Greetings from the East Coast and still a Mooney Mite owner (M-18L, SN9).

Received your most recent newsletter and read it as always with great interest. We have always looked forward to receiving this excellent newsletter and its very interesting comments and information. A short comment on Mr. Doyle Dix's comments on "looking for rings and gasket for his Lycoming O145 engine but does not care to pay El Reno's rather outrageous prices."

The red light came on after reading this comment. As far as we know, El Reno Aviation and J. P. Hackenburg Aviation are the only two commercial parts suppliers in the U.S. for this model engine. As you no doubt are aware, we purchased the entire inventory of the Lycoming factory on this model engine and remain today the last commercial overhauler of this type that we are aware of. The rings and gaskets that both El Reno and we sell or use in conjunction with our overhauls are all manufactured by the same company at **today's prices** (1999). Normally, these parts are purchased in small quantities; therefore, in some cases, the price is expensive. We have no interest or affiliation in El Reno Aviation other than the fact that we buy from them, sell to them, and we both recommend each other's organization for what we can provide. We have felt for many years that we are providing a service just by being here, regardless of the price. The three questions that I normally ask a new customer are as follows:

1. What type of engine do you have?
2. What do you want to do with it, and can we legally do it?
3. Can you afford it?

Since 1990 we have moved Item #3 to the #1 position because most of the owners/operators of these small engines do not wish to spend the money that is required to do the job right. Whether or not they can afford it does not seem to matter.

Keep up the good work and we are enclosing a check to cover some of your postage costs for this newsletter, and are including several business cards. Maybe you can run a small ad for us from time to time. If you wish to reproduce this letter in your next newsletter, please feel free.

Sincerely,

*Jess P. Hackenburg II*

P.S: We do stock rings and gaskets for this engine if anyone is interested.



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### **Skyways Article**

*Mal Gross Jr. of Washington sent me a copy of an article in a magazine of yesteryear, circa 1948 called "Skyways". The article was about the then new mooney mite with the crosley auto engine. I'm certain the libraries can provide a copy if wanted or write me for one. It's an interesting article of which I've had in my files for many years! Thanks Mal for your effort. Remember, that the mite was great news in those days because of everyone trying to get into the plane manufacturing business after the war with so many pilots placed out of the service. David I'll send you that copy also.*

### **Archie McLachlen, artist extrodinare**

*WAMM members, Archie is an artist who loves to paint aircraft. He once had a mite where the wing broke as it landed, close call! At any rate, he could an may contact some of you looking for a good photo of your plane to use as a model to do a painting of it. Give it a try, then let me know how it turned out for you and he.*

### **Mite M18x Plan Drawing Numbers**

*I have been given a list of M18x plan drawing numbers in two forms—1) alphabetical 2) by group! Anyone interested please send me \$2.50 for cost of printing and mailing. I'll send you a copy. Remember it is the M18x by Fred Quarles.....*

### **Some e-mail addresses**

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# Western Association of Mooney Mites

## *1999 23th Annual Mooney Mite Late Summer Flyin Columbia Airport California*

### *Suggested Schedule—*

#### *Friday-27 August 1999*

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

#### *Saturday - 28 August 1999*

*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 - 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 - 29 August 1999*

*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!!!!!!*

*Remember---Keep the Mites Flying*

