



Vintage Mooney Group (VMG) Press Release VMG Northeast Chapter

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We are pleased to announce the formation of the Northeast Chapter of the **Vintage Mooney Group (VMG)**. The new chapter is being formed by Jeff Miller, of Lincoln Maine, and Tom Myers from Lawrence Massachusetts.

“We have been following the Vintage Mooney Group out west for several years” says Northeast chapter founder Jeff Miller. “One day I thought, why should they have all the fun, and I contacted Phil Corman, the Chief Mooniac of VMG West. Then Tom Myers contacted me and wanted to be a part of the formation of the VMG Chapter, and the rest is history. Jeff owns an M20A that he is rebuilding and Tom owns a 1966 M20E. Says Tom, “Our wives are also on board and will be helping us to form and plan fly-ins in the Northeast from Day 1”.

The Vintage Mooney Group was formed by Richard Todd back in August of 2003. At the time, he focused on the Southwest states including California, Nevada, Arizona, and Utah. In 2008, Phil Corman extended the chapter to include Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Colorado and renamed it Vintage Mooney Group West. The addition of VMG Northeast gives Mooney owners in the east a chance to participate in regular VMG Fly-ins. The VMG was formed to establish fly-ins on a regular basis to different destinations so that Mooney owners would have another excuse to fly their airplanes and to make new friends, meet old friends, and swap Mooney tales of adventure, maintenance, and modifications. “The VMG is really about the camaraderie between Mooney owners and families” says Phil Corman. There are no dues or fees. To be a member, simply show up at a fly-in. “By the way, all Mooneys are welcome, it’s the pilots that are vintage.”

About the VMG Northeast Chapter founders

Jeff began his Love for Flying and Aviation at an early age. He knew that some day he would "fly like an eagle" While raising a Family, he earned his "Wings" during the mid 80's and proceeded to aircraft ownership. During the good ole days he flew to Breakfast Fly-ins with a good friend in Plymouth, MA who owned a Super 21. That was it! He knew one day he'd own one of these great ships! And now he is performing a labor of Love! A total resurrection and restoration of a 1959 M 20-A.N8184E. To date: A totally rebuilt wood wing, a "0" overhauled 0360 A1A, and an overhauled "0" time McCauley Prop. A true Vintage Mooney!

Tom's passion for flying (and Mooneys) began in his early teens when his father purchased a

1957 Mooney Mark 20. He started flying for himself in 1980 at KUGN in the Chicago area and obtained his private pilot license in 1981. He rented a variety of airplanes until he joined a partnership in a 1961 Beech Debonair in the mid-eighties, which he flew for the next several years. In the late nineties he joined a partnership in a 1977 M20J (N201FY), having recently finished his instrument rating. Finally, in 2007 he decided to take the plunge and purchase his own airplane, which of course is a Mooney. He is now the proud owner of a 1966 M20E (N9350M) which he hangars at KLWM (Lawrence, MA). He has always had a fondness for "vintage Mooneys", so when he met Jeff Miller who was thinking about starting a local VMG chapter, he couldn't jump onboard quickly enough.

To sign up for the new Northeast chapter, simply go to www.vintagemooneygroup.com and click on the Northeast Chapter.