



## **Vintage Mooney Group (VMG) Press Release VMG SouthCentral Chapter**

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We are pleased to announce the formation of the South Central Chapter of the **Vintage Mooney Group (VMG)**. The new chapter is being formed by Greg Ellis, Dave Morris, Harley Myler, and Parker Woodruff with support from Don & Jan Maxwell.

The South Central Chapter will be centered in Texas and include, but not limited to, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Says Greg Ellis, Chief Mooniac of the new VMG Chapter, "Come join South Central Vintage Mooney Group, home of the Mooney Factory!!!"

The overall 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, Chief VMG Mooniac, extended the chapter to include Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Colorado and renamed it Vintage Mooney Group West. The VMG South Central chapter is the third chapter to be established and complements VMG West and VMG Northeast. It's also exciting to now be in the backyard of Mooney Airplane, MAPA, and Don Maxwell Aviation. "The VMG is really about the camaraderie between Mooney owners and families" says Phil Corman. It's about sharing Mooney tales, maintenance practices, modifications and more. 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 South Central Chapter founders**

Greg Ellis -- In 2006, my wife decided that I needed to join my head that was in the clouds. She went out and bought me our Mooney. Instead of a big wedding, we flew our newly purchased Mooney to Taos, New Mexico and eloped. I am one lucky guy!! We fly our Mooney everywhere we can and every chance we get and take our 2 chihuahua's along. They love it! I am a dentist in Fort Worth, Texas where I grew up but I am originally from Canada.

Dave Morris – In January, 1983, Dave's wife announced she was pregnant, so he quickly drove out to the nearest airport and signed up for flying lessons. Six months later, he got his private pilot's ticket, and as predicted, 3 months later had little money to do much more flying until his son Talon grew up. In 1992 he started building an experimental (a Dragonfly with a Corvair engine). But after working on that for 14 years, he realized he preferred flying to building, so he sold the project in 2006, bought a 1960 M20A, and became a Mooniac. Dave is a self-employed

entrepreneur whose companies include several web sites, an aviation video production company, and a leather fashion accessory workshop. His other hobbies include Scuba diving and ham radio.

Harley Myler – TBD

Parker Woodruff -- TBD

To sign up for the new VMG South Central chapter, simply go to [www.vintagemooneygroup.com](http://www.vintagemooneygroup.com) and click on the South Central Chapter.