

FLYING SAMARITANS[®]

SAMARITANOS VOLADORES

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Pilot Information

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The primary responsibility of each pilot is to safely deliver passengers to the clinic by Friday afternoon, or if not possible due to weather or mechanical delay, by early Saturday morning (notification should be made if this happens). Clinic day is the second Saturday of each month (exception in May for Mothers Day). Each pilot has the discretion for departure location, time, route of flight and stopovers. Weather conditions are not reported south of Tijuana or Mexicali and fog or coastal stratus may be present. Enough fuel should be allowed for an alternate airport (Santa Inez, San Felipe) and return with reserves. Mexican flight rules do not allow single engine flight after dark.

The San Simon Clinic is run and maintained by the Mother Lode Chapter. The buildings and airstrip are owned by the Los Pinos Company. The airstrip is called Rancho Robertson on the WAC chart, and is a well maintained unlighted dirt strip about 3,000' long, usually landing to the NW. Please use courtesy with blowing dust from the props around people and airplanes. During the rainy season, mud can be a problem.

Coordinates: N30° 25.095' W115° 52.375' SQN 127° radial 6.5 DME
Local Frequency: 122.8 Monitor 123.3 used by crop dusters and fish finders

SOUTHBOUND (Airplanes entering Mexico):

Prior to Departure:

1. Obtain Mexican Liability Insurance for the weekend.
2. Obtain Mexican multiple entry permit. (Applications available from the Pilot Coordinator) This application must be faxed to Mexico City in advance; a multiple entry permit will then be issued to the pilot via return fax.
3. File an ADCUS flight plan to a Mexican Airport of Entry AOE.
4. Pre-file a border crossing flight plan for your return trip on Sunday. This is best done with San Diego FSS. (858) 277-3493

Mexican Airports of Entry (AOE):

Tijuana MMTJ	CT 118.1	app 119.5
Ensenada	MMES	CT 119.75
Mexicali	MMM	CT 118.2
San Felipe	MMSF	CT 118.5

1. Flight Plans and weather briefing.
2. Commandante: Present your multiple entry permit to the commandant. You will then pay a one-time fee of \$60.00. The Commandant will provide you with a receipt. The receipt and your multiple entry permit are good for one calendar year. You will need both of them together for all your flights to and from Mexico during the year.
3. Migracion: Tourist Visa - \$15.00 each person. This fee is only paid if entering or departing the county through Mexicali.
4. Aduana (Customs): May check airplane.
5. Flight Plan is stamped by each official and landing fee is paid. \$14.00

NORTHBOUND (Airplanes departing Mexico):

1. Land at AOE to (1) pay landing fee and (2) file flight plan. Remember this is for Mexico purpose only. You will need to activate the US border crossing flight plan that you prefiled.
2. US Customs must be notified 1 hour in advance of arrival at U.S. AOE unless a profiled return flight plan is on file. If arrival time varies from flight plan then an update notification must be made prior to arrival.

Brown Field: Contact SD FSS 122.4 about 8500 over ENS
Calexico: Contact SD FSS 122.5 (Imperial) about 30 miles south

3. Have Customs arrival form filled out for a quicker exit through Customs. Please note: in 2003 the US customs service issued a new and improved form. Copies are available from the pilot coordinator.
4. After arriving safely back at your home airport, please call (916) 551-1212 and leave a message that you, and your passengers have returned safely. This voice mail is checked on Sunday evening by the chapter president.

PHONE NUMBERS:

Rancho Murrieta FSS 800-992-7433 WX briefing and border crossing flight plan.
FSS at San Diego 858-277-3493 local and from Mexico.
La Pinta Hotel: 011-52-61659-008 (from U.S)

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Mexican Insurance:

Melvin & Son 323-681-6349
MacAfee & Edwards (800) 334-7950 or (213) 388-9674