



GOLD COAST CHAPTER: JUNE 2016 CLINIC REPORT

DR. ARYA: EAR NOSE THROAT, DR. BERN: RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

Attendees: (17)	Specialty	Procedures : (22)	Aircraft: (4)	
Dr. Satya Pal Arya	Surgeon	(Dr. Pal)	N9JS	Grumman AA5-A
Dr. Samuel Bern	Surgeon	Tonsillectomies x 7	Pilot:	Tony Gasper
Dr. Tom Cummings	Anesthesiologist / Pilot	Tonsillectomies and		
Dr. Shrilekha Champaneri	Anesthesiologist	Adenoids x 2	N15630	Piper PA28
Sharon Cummings	Nurse	Nasal Septoplasty x 1	Pilot:	Joe Nutile
Betty Gamez	Nurse	Nasal Polyp Resection x 1		
Karen McDaniel	Nurse	(Dr. Bern)	N7423P	Piper PA24
Edgardo Sanguenza	Med Student	Scar Revision x 2	Pilot:	Dave Varner
Tess Engel	Med Student	Cleft Palates x 2		
Shannon Malindzak	Med Student	Injections x 1	N6301P	Piper PA24
Reidly Varner	Support Staff	Ear Pining x 1	Pilot:	Dave Gowan
Jose Villegas	Support Staff	Ganglion x 1		Clinic Coordinator: Josh Wilkinson
Joel Nutile	Pilot	Trochanteric Pelvis x 1		Pilot Coordinator: Bob Nicholson
Dave Gowan	Pilot	Mastectomy x 1		Clinic Duty Officer: Richard Wallis
Dave Varner	Pilot	Upper Bleph x 1		
Tony Gasper	Pilot	Nasal Reconstruction X 1		
Bob Nicholson	Pilot	Completion of 2nd Stage		
		Repair of Syndactyly		
		(Fused Fingers) x 1		

"Helping a person will not necessarily change the world, but it might change the world for that person" Unknown.

As you can tell by the number of procedures, this was a very busy surgical clinic. Once again I would like to thank all of those who made it possible. Our clinic volunteers: Pilots, Doctors, Nurses, Translators and Support Staff. Our behind the scene, unsung heroes, Bob Nicholson: Pilot Coordinator and Josh Wilkinson: Clinic Coordinator. A special thanks to Doctors Arya and Bern for coordinating both ENT and Reconstructive Surgery clinics and to Dr Champaneri, who along with Dr Cummings allowed us to run two Operating Rooms.



We welcomed a new pilot to our ranks this clinic, Tony Gasper joined us with his Grumman AA5 aircraft. We had a total of four aircraft travel south. Tony left from Paso Robles and made stops in Oxnard and San Diego. Dave Varner departed Paso Robles via Oxnard, Joe Nutile departed Paso Robles directly to Ensenada and Dave Gowan departed San Luis Obispo via Bakersfield. Our pilots reported smooth flying and fair skies. All aircraft cleared Mexican Customs and Immigration in Ensenada and no issues were reported. I would like to remind all pilots of the need to clear both in and

out of a Mexican Airport of Entry such as Tijuana, Ensenada, Mexicali or San Felipe. Please also remember that the requirement to file a Mexican eApis is now in effect and this can be done through the FS website.

We were happy to see that Dave Varner bought his daughter, Reidly, along on this clinic. We encourage family participation in FS events and will make every effort to accommodate family members after all required medical and support staff have been allocated aircraft assignments. Please remember that all FS clinic participants need to be current members of the Flying Samaritans International.

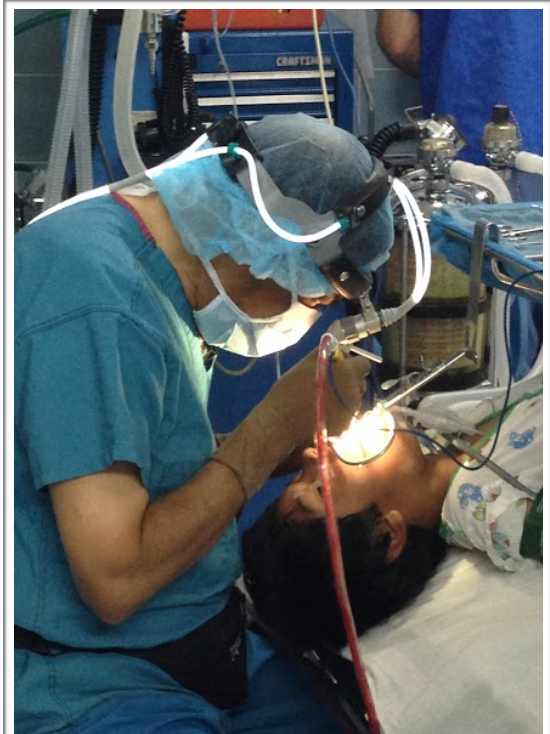
I asked those who attended the clinic for a post clinic report, so in their own words.....

Tom Cummings *"It was a very busy clinic indeed. Dr. Bern performed two scar revisions on Friday night and eight surgeries on Saturday, including two cleft palates, a nasal reconstruction, and completion of a two stage repair of syndactyly (fused fingers) on a two year old, having done the first repair last October. Dr. Arya also performed eight surgeries on Saturday including six tonsillectomies, a nasal polyp resection, and a nasal septoplasty. It was great working with our new anesthesiologist, Dr Champaneri. Thanks to her we were able to run two rooms all day Saturday. I really enjoyed flying with our new pilot Tony Gaspar. He will be a great addition to our chapter...."*

Sharon Cummings *"No words. Hot and busy. Pilots were great and brought us lunch. Four cases for October for Dr. Bern. One case for Dr. LoPresti next month. Four more patients coming from Rosarita for next month. Dr. LoPresti is aware...."*

Joe Nutile *"Good food as usual, all three vehicles are now useable, did NOT get oil changed in Subarus. Suburban running rich, possible vacuum leak - we should start to think about replacing it. Hotel Santa Maria has coffee pot in room now....Some confusion about border crossing requirements. no problems [will clarify with] Lockheed Martin's procedures people."*

Tess Engel *"The clinic was productive and rewarding!"*





Our Volunteer Pilots generously donate their time, skills and aircraft in the furtherance of our mission. They operate their flights in accordance with all applicable Federal Aviation Regulations. As such they may share, pro rata, the operating expenses for the flight with passengers, to include such things as fuel, oil and airport expenditures. It is suggested that each passenger make a donation of \$150 to cover their pro rata share of the operating expense. At the conclusion of the flight, the pilot will tally the operating expenses and if your pro rata expense is less than the suggested donation, your pilot will donate the remaining balance to the Flying Samaritans on your behalf.



Thank you again to all who volunteered and gave of their time. Our next clinic is General Surgery in July. Please sign up early and help make it a success!

Thank you for your continued support of your Gold Coast Chapter.

Richard Wallis
FSGC President