GOLD COAST CHAPTER: OCTOBER 2015 CLINIC REPORT

DR KUNTZE, DR PANVINI, DR ZHENG: UROLOGY and DR DIVITTORIO: GENERAL SURGERY

Attendees: (18)	Specialty
Dr. Joe Kuntze	Surgeon
Dr. Robert Panvini	Surgeon
Dr. Zheng	Surgeon
Dr. Divittorio	Surgeon
Dr. Tom Cummings	Anesthesiologist/Pilot
Dr. Antonio Wong	Anesthesiologist/Pilot
Dr. McDavid	Anesthesiolosist
Sharon Cummings	Nurse / Pilot
Jen Nicholson	Nurse
Portia Carter	Nurse
Josh Wilkinson	Med Student
Missy Beedle	Med Student
Rachael Olsen	Med Student/Translator
Joe Nutile	Pilot
Bob Nicholson	Pilot
Richard Wallis	Pilot
Ray Hammons	Pilot
Doug Wirzberger	Pilot

Procedures: (9)
Hypospadias x 2
Circumcision x 1
Cysto x 2
Cysto--à TURP x 1
Prostate biopsy x 1
Bladder suspension x 1
Fistula x 1

Aircraft: (5)	
N17745R	Beech Bonanza B36
Pilot:	Tom Cummings
N6413T	Cessna 182RG
Pilot:	Antonio Wong
N15630	Piper Arrow PA28-200
Pilot:	Joe Nutile
N17745R	Beech Bonanza B36
Pilot:	Ray Hammons
N17745R	Cessna
Pilot:	Doug Wirzberger
Clinic Coordinator:	Josh Wilkinson
Pilot Coordinator:	Dave Gowan
Clinic Duty Officer:	Dave Gowan

"As we express gratitude, me must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them"
John F Kennedy.

Dear Fellow Samaritans, I trust that you all had a very happy thanksgiving and that you were able to spend it with family and friends.

I can report to you that we had another successful Urology clinic this month. In contrast to our last few clinics, the weather conditions for our November clinic were ideal. Blue skies and plenty of sunshine up and down the coast for both the trip down and back. I would like to thank all those that help make this weekend a success, Our clinic volunteers, Doctors, Nurses, Pilots, Translators and Support Staff. Dave Gowan, our pilot coordinator and clinic duty officer and Josh Wilkinson, our clinic coordinator.

This was a large clinic with 22 participants. It was great to see such an enthusiastic group of people. We had aircraft departing from throughout California and Nevada. Doug Wirzberger departed from Sacramento, Ray Hammons from Concord, Antonio Wong from Reno, Joe Nutile from Paso Robles and Tom Cummings from Oxnard. Steve Syvertson was to join us from Watsonville, but was unable to attend due to logistical reasons. Tom Cummings was delayed a day due to mechanical issues, but was able to join us on Saturday morning. Two of our pilots, Ray and Antonio, stopped off in San Luis Obispo to pick up passengers, where the kind folks at the Spirt of San Luis Restaurant provided us with a complimentary breakfast and packed lunch for the trip south.

Pilots transitioned through Ensenada and San Filipe. Due to the running of the Baja 1000 motor rally over the weekend, the time it took to move through the process at Ensenada was a little longer than usual. I was able to confirm that the Sunday overtime charge from Mexican Immigration does not apply to charitable flights. It's printed on the wall in the Office and the letter from the Flying Samaritans is sufficient to prove that we meet the requirement for the exemption. Sharon did report that the Customs folks in Ensenada gave her a hard time about importing medical supplies, but she managed to sweet talk her way out of paying any tariffs.

We had two new Doctors join us on this clinic, Dr. Wei Zhang a Urologist and Dr. Antonio Wong an Anesthesiologist. In addition we had another Urologist join us, Dr. Robert Panvini, who is has also graciously agreed to cover out May 2016 Urology clinic for Dr. Kuntze who is unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

The Mother Lode joined us on this clinic and bought down Dr. McDavid and Dr. Divittorio. For the past several months they have been planing an amputation surgery for one of their clinic patents, but at the last minute the patient decided not to proceed with the procedure. All was not lost as we put them to work doing a general surgery procedure on Saturday morning.

Here is a short review of the clinic, **in their own words....**

Richard Wallis: *After breakfast in SBP we departed directly for MMES. Great day for flying, few bumps getting out of SBP and then Antonio climbed up to 13,000' and we enjoyed a smooth ride down the coast. We cleared through Ensenada before continuing on to Los Pinos. As we made our way down the coast you could clearly make out the racers in Baja 1000 as they left plumes of dust behind them.*

Having our vehicles located at the airstrip made for a quick unload and get away for an easy check in at the hotel before heading to the Hospital. Dr's Kuntze, Panvini and Zhang were well underway triaging patents for the following days surgery. The irony of having three surgeons at our disposal was that due to the running of the Baja 1000, most of the locals were out watching the race, so we had a very light patent load!

That evening the local chapter of the Lions Club hosted us for a fantastic dinner at Dr. Gonzalo's home.

Doug Wirzberger threw down the gauntlet and proposed a 'Presidents Challenge' to a game of pool. Consequently, Doug made a $50 donation to the Gold Coast chapter!

Saturday was off to a leisurely start. Whilst the surgeons and medical staff got on with their work, Joe Nutile and I had a very constructive meeting with Rita Gonzalo's, the Hospital Administrator and Vicky Solis the Hospital Accountant. We discussed a number of topics on ways that we can better help each other going forward.

As directed by the Board, Joe Nutile was to dispose of the two Chevy Vans. The decision was had to give one to Joel, the Hospital care taker as a token of our thanks for his help over the years. Joel was very happy and will put the van to good use supporting missionary work that he does.

As support staff, we spent the day checking the condition of our remaining vehicles, running errands and getting lunch for the medical staff. After an early finish to surgery, it was dinner at Miguel's, where once again he out did himself. A lobster, fish and shrimp feast. Doug Wirzberger presented Joe Nutile with a certificate of appreciation from the Mother Lode chapter in recognition of the support that Joe has giving them through his print business. Joe presented Miguel with the keys to the remaining Chevy Van in appreciation for the support he has shown for the chapter over the years by being willing to open his Restaurant and feed us at any time of the day.

After breakfast at the hotel, we dropped the cars back at the airstrip, secured the keys in the Mother Lode Clinic and departed for home.

Jen Nicholson: *11/20/2015: Arrived in San Quintin at approximately 1600. The scheduled Mother Load patient was seen and had decided against amputation to her foot. Triage was underway on our arrival and finished by approximately 1900. Dinner that night was provided by Dr Gonzales and the local Lions Club at his home, which was not far from the hospital. The town was quite busy due to the Baja 1000 race going through. We made our way to the hotel where we all enjoyed margaritas and played pool all while listening to karaoke!!*

11/21/2015: Tom and Sharron Cummings and Portia arrived on Sat am as they had some technical difficulties on Friday.

Clinic patients:
Clinic complete and over to Miguel's for lobster dinner by 7pm

Rivera	*3 year old*	*Hypospadias*
Flores	*3 year old*	*Circumcision*
Romero	*7 year old*	*Hypospadias*
Gonzales	*73 year old*	*Cysto*
Romero	*35 year old*	*Cysto*
Espinoso	*57 year old*	*Cysto--à TURP*
Banaga	*75 year old*	*Prostate biopsy*
Gonzales	----------	*Bladder suspension*
Zamora	----------	*Fistula*

11/22/2015: Flew home in am with no reported problems

I would like to thank all of our clinic participants for helping make the November clinic a success. Thank you to our new Doctors for joining us. Thank you to our fellow Samaritans from the Mother Lode chapter for their assistance. Thank you to Doug Wirzberger for his generous donation to the Gold Coast Chapter. On behalf of the Flying Samaritans I'd like to thank Dr. Gonzalez for hosting us at his home and the San Quintín Lions Club for providing us with a wonderful meal. Thank you to all our Gold Coast Chapter volunteers. It is due to your hard work, compassion and dedication that we are able to complete our humanitarian mission.

Don't forget that it is our Holiday Potluck Dinner on Wednesday 16th of December at 7:00pm at the Sierra Vista Hospital Auditorium. Please join us for a fun evening and bring you family and friends.

Richard Wallis
Gold Coast Chapter
Flying Samaritan

Flying Sams Annual
Holiday Potluck

Date: WEDNESDAY, ~~December 9th~~ December 16th
Time: ~~5:30 p.m.~~ 7:PM
Place: Sierra Vista Auditorium

You're invited to our annual Mexican potluck! It's a GREAT time for all the Sams to get together and share a meal. Since we often go on different clinics you are sure to see your clinic buddies and friends– See everyone this night! We look forward to celebrating the season with you.

Please bring:

Family/ friend /a new member
a Mexican dish to share- Tamales, enchiladas, tacos, ceviche, salad, flan, etc

Silverware, plates and beverages are provided.
Do bring a serving spoon or anything else you might need.