

Triptease



Plagued by many late cancellations by authorities, this trip was full of challenges to make it all worthwhile. One of the highlights occurred at the end of the spotting day on 25 February at La Ceiba, Honduras, when an arriving flight of F-5s saved an otherwise mostly lost day in Central America. F-5E 4008 is seen here with the storage area as a backdrop. (All photos by Raymond van Dijkhuizen)

Combined trips

Central America Trip

In the early morning we started the trip from Schiphol, where the spotting began. It was very busy, and for the first time I had the experience to go by bus to the airplane that was parked on one of the buffers. Flight UA21 took us to Houston. Here we had a stopover for around five hours. With a Boeing 737-8 Max United transported us to San Salvador where the local guide waited, and brought us to the hotel.

Houston

		17 February 2019
C-FHKP	ERJ190AR	Air Canada
C-FNAP	ERJ190AR	Air Canada
C-FXJF	ERJ175SU	Air Canada Express
N1041L	Ce208B	
N233XL	Ce560XL	
N296VR	Ce560XL	
N300AJ	Beech B200	Synergy Aviation
N315NB	A319-114	Delta Airlines
N358NB	A319-114	Delta Airlines
N443YX	ERJ175LR	American Eagle
N501TP	Ce501	
N539UW	A321-231	American Airlines
N622NK	A320-232	Spirit Airlines
N676NK	A321-231	Spirit Airlines
N800SK	CRJ900LR	Delta Connection
N838AW	A319-132	American Airlines
N906NN	B737-823	American Airlines
N910DF	Ce650	
N938TA	ERJ190AR	Avianca El Salvador
N945AN	B737-823	American Airlines
N953NN	B737-823	American Airlines
XA-ZIH	A320-214	Interjet
ZK-OKD	B777-219ER	Air New Zealand

Hub Traffic

United Airlines A319 (2), A320 (4), B737 (27), B757 (2), B767 (3), B777 (4), B787 (1)
 United Express B737 (1), CRJ900 (1), ERJ145 (17), ERJ170 (15)

This trip was made with 4Aviation. Two years before this trip, they started with their planning. It turned out to be very difficult to have all the local authorities ready at the same time. The first plan was to visit Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras

and Panama. Costa Rica got cancelled. Just when everything was booked, also Honduras retracted the permissions. We found a solution (work-around...) for most airfields: visit them from the outside. Finally the trip started on 17 February.

San Salvador-Comalapa

424	A-37B
434	OA-37B
441, 442	A-37B
613	O-2A-CE
HP-153CMP	B737-8V3
N329JB	ERJ190AR
N342AV	A330-243
N371DA	B737-832
N501VL	A319-133
N503VL	A319-132
N536AV	A320-214
N665DN	B757-232
N678NK	A321-231
N693AV	A321-231
N987AN	B737-823
TG-TAH	PA-34-200T
TG-TRC	ATR72-212A
XA-GAD	ERJ190LR
XA-IJT	A320-214
YS1777P	EC130B4

Hangar 1

425	A-37B	Grupo Casa y Bombardeo
427, 432	OA-37B	Grupo Casa y Bombardeo
436, 437, 438, 439, 443	A-37B	Grupo Casa y Bombardeo

18 February 2019

Grupo Casa y Bombardeo
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Copa Airlines
jetBlue
Avianca Colombia
Delta Airlines
Volaris Costa Rica
Volaris Costa Rica
Avianca Colombia
Delta Airlines
Spirit Airlines
Avianca Costa Rica
American Airlines
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Avianca Guatemala
AeroMexico Connect
InterJet



A promising start of the trip was formed by a handful of moving San Salvadorian (O)A-37s at Comalapa, with another bunch seen in hangars. This is 442 on 18 February 2019.

Hangar 2

421	A-37B	Grupo Casa y Bombardeo
610, 617, 621, 624, 625	O-2A-CE	Grupo Casa y Bombardeo

US Platform

168436/LF-436	P-8A	VP-16
168762/LF-762	P-8A	VP-16

Preserved/Stored

422	A-37B	
(503)	CM170	
616	O-2A-CE	
YS-39C	DC-6BF	i/a

Avianca platform

N697AV	A321-231	Avianca Central America
N987TA	ERJ190AR	Avianca Central America

Avianca hangar

N491TA	A320-233	Avianca Central America
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Aeroman hangar 1

N333NB, N335NB, N370NB	A319-114	Delta Air Lines
N3744F, N3747D	B737-832	Delta Air Lines

Aeroman hangar 2

N307JB	ERJ190AR	jetBlue
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Aeroman platform in front of hangar 2

N329JB	ERJ190AR	jetBlue
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Aeroman hangar 3

N510JB, N585JB, N638JB	A320-232	jetBlue
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Aeroman hangar 4

N274JB	ERJ190AR	jetBlue
N508VL, N520VL, N521VL	A320-233	Volaris

Aeroman hangar 5

N150UW, N163US, N173US	A321-211	American Airlines
N285AY, N286AY	A330-243	American Airlines
N753US	A319-112	American Airlines
N8001N	A319-115	American Airlines

Aeroman platform in front of hangar 5

N272AY, N275AY	A330-323	American Airlines
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Aeroman hangar 6

N274NV	A320-216	Allegiant Air
N309NV	A319-111	Allegiant Air
N771XF	A319-111	American Airlines

Aeroman platform in front of hangar 6

N374JB	ERJ190AR	jetBlue
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Hub Traffic

Avianca Central America	A320 (2), A321 (3), ERJ190 (2)	
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After a good night's sleep and a breakfast, we went to the airport where we first had some time at the viewing area. After viewing airliners, we went to the military gate where we were expected. The air base has a platform for the El Salvador Air Force and a platform that is in use with the US Navy. As we were only expected by the El Salvador Air Force we got to that platform, just before two A-37's taking-off. On the platform they put a little static display with a A-37B, an OA-37B and a O-2A for us. As we wanted to see more, we asked step by step some more and finally we could make pictures of some more aircraft on the platform and we could wait until the two A-37's came back. We were able to have a look in the two hangars from the outside and saw almost all on this visit. After a stay over again at the viewing area, we were expected in the afternoon by Aeroman. This company performs maintenance for some of the US carriers. After this very good first day we drove back to the hotel.

San Salvador-Ilopango

(CF-INA)	Do28B-1	ex IDF 034	3092
N8LX	RC500S		
N24PH	Ce560XL		
N25MB	Ce525A		
N82GT	Ce560XLS		
N109ES	A109C		
N117TJ	Beech F90		
N126BK	Lj45		
N311GM	Beech B300		
N2887Y	L-4J	ex USAAF 44-80297	
N55500	T-28D	ex USN 137716	
TG-ART	CeT337G		
TG-JEE	PT-17	ex USAAC 41-25313	
TG-JMC	R44		
TG-MAM	Beech B300		
TG-ZZA	RC690		
YN-CGQ	R44	Helinica	
YS-135-P	N2S-5	ex USN 43181	
YS-343-P	PT-17	ex USAAC 41-25296	
YS-347-E	Dakota III	ex RAF KG800	
YS-358-P	PT-17	ex USAAC 42-16584	
YS-398-E	CM170	ex AdIA 398	
YS-1000-P, YS-1006-P	R44		
YS-1200-P	R44		
YS-1502-P, YS-1503-P	R44	Helica	
YS-1505-P, YS-1506-P	R44	Helica	

Military platform

42	MD500E	std
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Always a great catch is an IAI Arava, especially when it is an operational one. IAI202 801 of the air force of San Salvador was caught on the Ilopango apron on 19 February 2019.



Withdrawn from use, but still a gem in the collection must be this MS893. The type was retired in 2010 but serial 63 looks like it has just been prepared for another flight. (Ilopango, 19 February 2019)

63	MS893-235GTA		wfu, 13280	Stored Army Paraschool			
70	T-35A	EAM	235	(101)	R4D-1		fuselage only
153	TH-300C	EAM		(115)	C-47D		fuselage only
292	UH-1H	Grupo de Helicopteros		Plus an unidentified UH-1 hulk.			
608	Ce337G	EAM		Preserved (at gate)			
801	IAI202	Grupo de Transporte		41	MD500E		
Stored near platform				51	MS893-235GTA		
118	BT-67			125	AC-47A-25-DK		nose only
YS-08N	IAI202			222	UH-1M	ex 66-15191	
Hangar 1				709	MS450		
61	MS893-235GTA		wfu, 13278	Stored (at 'death row')			
71	T-35B-3	EAM	195	201	UH-1H	ex O-1695	
72	T-35B-3	EAM	188	(202)	UH-1H	ex 66-16481	hulk only
74	T-35B-3	EAM	201	205	UH-1H		
95	T-41D(H)	EAM		212	UH-1H	ex 66-16453	
007	Super Cruiser 300	GAP		216	UH-1H	ex 66-16124	
Hangar 2				220	UH-1H	ex 66-12847	
55	MS893-235GTA		wfu, 13220	224	UH-1M	ex 66-15089	
65	MS893-235GTA		wfu, 13282	226, 275, 278	UH-1M		1529
803	IAI-202	Grupo de Transporte		236	UH-1M	ex 66-15131	1859
Hangar 3				238	UH-1M	323 on nose	
215	UH-1H	Grupo de Helicopteros		253	UH-1H	ex 66-0775	5258
228	UH-1M	GdH	ex 66-15170	255	UH-1H	ex 67-17359	9557
250	Bell 412EP	Grupo de Helicopteros		269	UH-1H	ex 66-16162	
290, 297	UH-1H	Grupo de Helicopteros		276	UH-1H	ex 66-0923	
Hangar 4				282	UH-1H	ex 66-0955	5438
38	MD-500E		std, 0160E	286	UH-1H	ex 66-0867	5350
150	TH-300C	EAM	S-1220	321	UH-1M	ex 66-0512	
151	TH-300C	EAM	S-1223	322	UH-1M	ex 65-9429	1329
152	TH-300C		wfu, traveling exhibit	323	UH-1M	ex 66-15068	1796
Hangar 5				324	UH-1M	ex 64-14121	1245
116	TP-67	Grupo de Transporte		707	MD450		
259	UH-1H	GdH	ex 70-16412	N926PG	B737-236	rear fuselage & tail only	
YS-11N	Ce210	Grupo de Transporte		...	UH-1H	279 on tail	hulk
Stored near hangar 5				Plus another completely unidentified UH-1 hulk.			
73	T-35A		tail section only				
Stored in shed							
206	UH-1H		ex 66-16395				
214	UH-1H		ex 66-16557				
225	UH-1M		ex 66-0539				
268	UH-1H		ex 66-16037				
Stored old runway							
106	C-47A-1-DK						
124	AC-47A-30-DL						
279	UH-1H		ex 66-16417	hulk only			



Stored on the old runway, 106 is one of several C-47s slowly fading away at Ilopango. (19 February 2019)



Bell 412SP 980 of Honduras' Hernan Acosta unit was among the much-wanted flying assets actually getting airborne in front of the cameras. The happy feat took place at Tegucigalpa-Toncontin on 21 February 2019.

Stored (opposite 'death row')

714 MD450

On alert near runway

300 UH-1H-II Grupo de Helicopteros

Police area

PNC-01N UH-1H Grupo Aéreo Policial

YS-01N PA-28 Grupo Aéreo Policial

San Salvador-Museo Nacional de Aviacion 19 February 2019

Preserved (inside)

(115) C-47D cockpit section only

209 UH-1H nose section only

705 MD450 front fuselage only

YS-64P Bellanca 14-13-2

Preserved (in front of old terminal)

(122) UC-123K

301 DC-6B

N469FE B727-225F FedEx

Preserved (at parking)

58 MS893-235GTA 13275

260 UH-1H ex 71-20327

320 UH-1M

422 A-26B as 601

500 CM170

713 MD450

YS-02N PA-23

Preserved (on pole opposite gate)

114 C-47D

San Salvador-Ilopango CAA 19 February 2019

(716) MD450 pres

(N813TL) DC-9-15 std

The second day in El Salvador was on the old airport of the capital San Salvador and the there present Air Force units. We had some spare time before our appointment and first visited the city of Ilopango. It has a big square with nice wall paintings and a monument that is related to the airfield. After this short stop we visit the Air Force and also here they prepare a static with seven aircraft. We ask some more and finally we had the option to visit all the hangars and stored aircraft. After this visit to military area we move to the training centre where are some flight simulators. Next door in the old terminal building is the museum of the Air Force that have a small but nice collection of aircraft. In the afternoon we had our lunch with the President of the Aeroclub on Ilopango

and he show us some very nice aircrafts that you can find here. Something special was our meeting with captain Carlos Dardano of TACA flight 110 that made an emergency landing-near New Orleans on on 24 May 1988. After this very nice visit we search some wrecks and relics in the area and finally went to the hotel to enjoy a pleasant evening.

San Salvador-Parque de Infantil

20 February 2019

Preserved

(507) CM170

San Salvador-Centro de Historica Militar 20 February 2019

Preserved

109 C-47D

231 UH-1M ex 65-9456 1356

249 UH-1H ex O-17814

505 CM170

706 MD450

San Salvador-Comalapa

20 February 2019

EC-MKJ A330-202 Iberia

N501VL, N503VL A319-132 Volaris Costa Rica

N693AV A321-231 Avianca Costa Rica

N834NN B737-823 American Airlines

TG-TRC, TG-TRE ATR72-212A Avianca

XA-UQA B737-322 Magni Charters

XA-XII A320-214 Interjet

US platform

02 C-37B USCG Washington

N986HA DHC-8-202 Sierra Nevada

Hub Traffic

Avianca Central America A319 (2), A320 (1), ERJ190 (4)



Magister serial 500 is an ex Israeli CM170. The aircraft is now preserved at San Salvador-Museo Nacional de Aviacion. (19 February 2019)

The third day in El Salvador was a reserve day, and this made that we had some time to visit a museum and search again some W&R locations. In the afternoon we were moved to the airport for our flight to Tegucigalpa in Honduras. It was a smooth flight and the landing was spectacular, as the airport of Tegucigalpa is situated in a valley. Our flight arrived in the dark, however when you fly in daylight, it must be amazing. After arrival we met our guide for Honduras, who was also the director of the aviation museum.

Tegucigalpa-Toncontin

21 February 2019

HP-1521CMP	B737-7V3	Copa Airlines
HR-ATF	Bell 206B	Grupo Agrolibano
HR-ATO	BAe3100	Aerolineas Sosa
HR-AXJ	BAe3200	Aerolineas Sosa
HR-AXT	Saab 340B	Aerolineas Sosa
HR-AYV	BAe3200	Lanhsa Airlines
HR-CMA	L-410UVP-E9	CM Airlines
HR-MRZ	B737-2Y5	Aviatsa Honduras Air titles
HR-TMM	L-410UVP-E	CM Airlines
TG-TAI	Saab 340B	TAG Aviation
TG-DHP	ATR42-300(F)	DHL de Guatemala
TG-TRE	ATR72-212A	Avianca Guatemala
N859LC	Bell 505	
N988TA	ERJ190AR	Avianca CentrAm TACA c/s
N9011P	A319-115	American Airlines

General Aviation

HR-AUM	Bell 206L	
HR-AVY	AS350B3	
N31FD	PA-31T	Aircraft Guaranty
N59AL	Lj24D	Bestille Energy
N82GT	Ce560XLS+	
N243SL	Ce560	
N260TM	PA-32-260	
N808AK	Lj45	
N966BB	Ce525	
TG-SIK	PA-31T	

Military platform

019, 021	Ce208B EX	HAM
025	Ce208B	HAM
241	CeT210M	HCM
950	UH-1H	HAM
973, 979, 980	Bell 412SP	HAM
HR-CLQ	Beech B200	HAM
HR-GCA	Bell 429	HAM

Hangar 1

HR-AFB	RC500S	3268
HR-AFC	RC500S	

Hangar 2

971, 976	Bell 412SP	HAM
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Hangar 3 (shed between hangars)

902	H369D	wfu
942	UH-1H	std
970, 972	Bell 412SP	std
977	Bell 412SP	grey c/s, std
Plus three stored UH-1Hs with shark teeth painted on.		

Hangar 4

901, 903	H369D	wfu
951	UH-1H	HAM
(974)	Bell 412SP	o/h

Hangar 5

020	Ce208B EX	HAM
HR-PHO	IAI1124	std
Plus one of the two known L-410UVP-E20s in overhaul, which one could not be established.		

Stored area 1 (connected to platform)

011, 014	PA-31-350	
016	RC695	
124	PA-28R-201T	
303	C-47D	
314	AC-47D	
558	C-130A	
HR-ABZ	PA-34-200T	
N125DH	BAe125-400A	
N9023Y	PA-31-310	
XB-LTD	Lj25B	
(YV1372)	Ce441	as YV1857, ex 013
YV2028	Ce441	

Stored area 2 (behind presidential hangar)

017	PA-34-200T	
304	C-47A-20-DK	b/u, camo
305	C-47A-75-DL	b/u, white-blue c/s
308	AC-47D	
309	C-47D	
557, 560	C-130A	
929	UH-1B	

Stored area 3 (revetment area)

933	UH-1B	ex 63-8595
940	UH-1H	
TG-EPT	Bell 204B	
Plus another unknown UH-1.		

Stored area 4 (opposite revetment area)

009	Ce310R
119	Ce180E
HR-AHQ	CeTU206F
HR-AUA	CeP206C



Honduras C-130A Hercules is stored at Tegucigalpa-Toncontin since at least October 1986. (21 February 2019)



Cessna T210N, serial 241, with Alas Para Salud titles is one of the impounded aircraft with the Fuerza Aerea Hondurena. The aircraft has an 1 Grupo Tactico badge on the door. (Tegucigalpa-Toncontin, 21 February 2019)

Stored area 5 (near main building)

N451MB	PA-31-350	ex 018
N6479Y	CeT210N	
YV1236	PA-31-350	

Two additional Piper Navajos escaped identification in areas 4 and 5.

Preserved

917	TH-55A	
921	UH-1B	
...	PA-25	as HR-COCO at food strip

Fundación Museo del Aire de Honduras 21 February 2019

21	NA-16A-2A	
(46)	PT-17	
(60)	BT-13	in bad condition
105	AT-11	
111	U-17A	
205	SNJ-4	as 205-C
222	T-33A	
225	T-41D	as E.A.M.225
230	T-28B	as E.A.M.230
306	C-47A-25-DK	ex 42-93701
315	C-47B-10-DK	as XH-TAZ, TACA titles
317	IAI.201	
403	P-63E	
609	F4U-5N	
(818)	CH-19E	std
910	Bell 47G-4	
915	TH-55A	
934	UH-1B	
1018	OA-37B	
1102	F-86K	
2009	Super Mystère B2	
3008	Sabre 4	
(AN-BRX)	C-46F-1-CU	ex 44-78708
HR-HCM	Ce337	Lansa titles
HR-IAD	Ce185	Islena titles
(N203CM)	C-118A	ex 53-3556
...	Beech J50	JH-176

After breakfast on our first morning in Honduras, we went to the airport where we had an appointment with our guide in the museum. As we did not have access to the military area, we had the option to see some of the aircraft from the museum side on the platform. In one of the storage areas is a C-130A. This Hercules is part of the museum collection, and our guide tried to get access for us. After permission was granted, we got to the Hercules for some pictures. As I also like old aircraft, I asked for some other locations at the airfield. That was also granted, and finally we walked on the military ramp to go back to the museum. As you can imagine this made our day. After a lunch with some local food we spent the last hours on the new spotting place before we headed back to the hotel.

Comayagua

22 February 2019

On this second day, a visit to the airbase of Comayagua had been planned. However, all official visits in Honduras had been cancelled just after we booked everything so the only option left was to try and arrange some visits through the contacts of our guide. Unfortunately, the generals in Tegucigalpa were not very helpful and so we mostly lost this day and saw not even a handful of aircraft.

246	Ce172	AMA
275	MXT-7-180	AMA
N654PF	Bell 407GXP	

Preserved

911	TH-55A
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La Ceiba-Goloson Int'l

23 February 2019

Preserved/Stored Military area

559	C-130A	dumped
1103	F-86K	as 4013 at gate

Stored Civilian Area

HR-ATL	F27-500	near gate
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This third day in Honduras was used for to travel from Tegucigalpa to La Ceiba, a travel by car of some ten hours. We also visited the waterfall of Pulhapanzak, the largest and most beautiful one in Honduras. Just before we arrived at the hotel, we passed the airfield of La Ceiba and saw the first aircraft. After a dip in the nice swimming pool we enjoyed some alcoholic drinks with the group.

La Ceiba-Goloson Int'l

24 February 2019

FAEN-002	Beech A200	Nicaraguan Army
HR-ASE	L-410UVP-E	Aerocaribe de Honduras
HR-ATO	BAe3100	Aerolineas Sosa
HR-ATH	C-47-DL	Tropical Airlines
HR-AVR	B737-232	Aviatsa
HR-AYU	BAe3200	Aerolineas Sosa

The C-47 is ex 41-18696.

Military Area

2002, 2013, 2014	Super Mystère B2	std
4003, 4006, 4010, 4012	F-5E	HCM
HR-AVN	L-1011-500	Rollinsair c/s std

Early in the morning, after breakfast, we were picked up by our guide and bus driver to take us along to embark on a small boat. This in turn took us, in one hour, to the beautiful Cayos Cochinos Islands that are part of the Meso-American Barrier Reef. With all the small 'bounty islands' this is a true paradise and something that you must see when you are in this area. In the afternoon, we visited La Ceiba from the outside again to check out the best places for the next day.

La Ceiba-Goloson Int'l

HR-ATO	BAe3100	Aerolineas Sosa
HR-AXJ	BAe3200	Aerolineas Sosa
HR-AYC	Ce402B	
HR-AYV, HR-AYW	BAe3200	Lanhsa
TG-ALC	PA-34-250	
VP-CKW	B737-36E	Cayman Airways

Military Area

240	Ce182P	HCM	blue/white c/s
274, 276	MXT-7-180	HCM	
281, 282	CeT210N	HCM	
4005, 4007, 4008, 4011	F-5E	HCM	

Cessna Centurion 282 wore a grey colour scheme.

Preserved/Stored Military Area

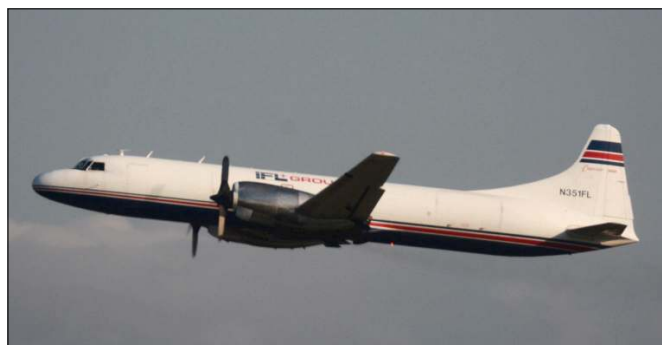
243	Ce206	fuselage only
2004, 2005	Super Mystère B2	
HR-ASK	FH227	
HR-ATC	BAe748-2B-424	
HR-ATN	B737-2Y5	
HR-AUI	B737-291	

We started our day with asking permission to enter the air base but this was rejected, so we visit some spots around the airfield. The last spot we arrived at was on the premises of the university and with the sun in our backs we could, theoretically, take some pictures of airplanes that were flying. Sadly, there was no movement of the F-5s all day so in the end, we walked back to the bus back to the hotel slightly disappointed. Exactly at that moment, two F-5s arrived. These did a few circuits with fly-by's before landing and luckily we were able to take some nice shots of them. With this last surprise our day ended very well after all and so it was off to the swimming pool and drinks to celebrate the catch of the day.

San Pedro Sula-La Mesa Int'l

26 February 2019

C-FBEB	A-1B	
HR-AEY	Ce182J	
HR-ATP	Beech C90B	
HR-AXC	L-410UVP-E	CM Airlines
HR-AXJ	BAe3200	Aerolineas Sosa
HR-AYQ	BAe3100	Aerolineas Sosa
HR-NAM	CeT210M	
N347CM	B767-323ER(F)	Amerijet Int'l (a/w)
N351FL	CV5800	IFL Group
N441US	B737-4B7	Swift Air
N452UP	B757-24APF	UPS
N527JG	G400	



Convair 5800 N351FL of IFL Group is seen here departing in the distance from San Pedro Sula, on 26 February 2019.

N514NK	A319-132	Spirit Airlines
N648NK	A320-232	Spirit Airlines
N684TA	A320-233	Avianca Costa Rica
N687TA	A320-233	Avianca CentrAm TACA c/s
N12028	A319-115	American Airlines
N36272	B737-824	United Airlines
N47686	PA34-200T	
TG-BJO	Saab 340A	TAG Aviation
TG-TAA	PA-34-200T	
TG-TAG	EMB110B1	TAG Aviation
TG-TAH	PA-34-200T	
TG-TAI	Saab 340B	TAG Aviation
TG-TAQ	Saab 340A	TAG Aviation
TG-JFT	Ce208B	Aero Ruta Maya
XA-AEH	ERJ190AR	AeroMexico Connect
XA-LUN	BAe125-700B	
XB-NXJ	PA-23-250	

Military Area

980	Bell 412EP	HAM
1011	A-37B	AEE
1016	OA-37B	AEE
1100	F-86K	pres near platform
1101	F-86K	pres gate
...	Sabre 4	std near platform

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San Salvador-Comalapa

EC-MLP	A330-202	Iberia
N496TA	A320-233	Avianca Costa Rica
N503VL	A319-132	Volaris Costa Rica
N703AV	A319-132	Avianca Costa Rica



Lanhsa (Línea Aérea Nacional de Honduras S.A.), is an airline in Honduras operating scheduled and charter service, using the venerable BAe3100 on its routes. Pictured here is BAe3201 HR-AYW, which resided for most of its life in North America (first in the US, then Canada) before moving to sunnier locations in Latin America, per September 2017.



AW139M, serial AN-145, from Escuadron de Helicopteros was photographed at Panama City-Tocumen. (27 February 2019)

TG-BJO	S.340A	TAG Aviation
TG-TRC	ATR72-212A	Avianca Guatemala
TG-TRE	ATR72-212A	Avianca Guatemala

Hub Traffic

Avianca A319 (1), A320 (2), EEJ190 (6)

Panama City-Tocumen

26 February 2019

HC-CJV	A320-214	Avianca Ecuador
HP-1562CMP	ERJ190AR	Copa Airlines
HP-1720CMP	B737-8V3	Copa Airlines

Our sixth and last day in Honduras was spent around the airfield of San Pedro Sula. The units based here are flying O-37s and although we were wishing from them to fly that day, there sadly was not any movement. In the end of the day we flew on an Airbus 320 of Avianca El Salvador as AV537 back to San Salvador and after two hours we continued our travel with a ERJ190 in TACA colours on Avianca flight AV317 to Panama-City, where we arrived at Tocumen Airport. Here we found our last guide for this trip and almost directly it was clear that the Panamanian authorities cancelled our visit just the day before. This was not as expected and everyone was very disappointed. We were taken to the hotel and once again took a few drinks and tried to make the best of it.

Panama City-Tocumen

27 February 2019

HC-CTR	A320-214	Avianca Ecuador
HK-4453	ERJ190-100LR	Copa Airlines Colombia
N687TA	A320-233	Avianca CentAm TACA c/s
N14228, N24224, N76269	B737-824	United Airlines
TC-JND	A330-203	THY Turkish Airlines
YV191T	DC.9-83	Venezolana
YV2945	DC.9-82	Laser Airlines

Cargo Area

HP-1937UCG	B727-2A1F	Uni World Air Cargo
HP-2010DAE	B757-27APCF	DHL
HP-3210DAE	B737-4Q3SF	DHL
N219CY	B767-383ERSF	ABX Air
N361UP	B767-34AFER	UPS
N854AA	B727-223F	KH Cargo

Hub Traffic

Copa Airlines B737 (32), ERJ190 (8)

General Aviation

HP-1599SX, HP-1697RR	PA34-200T
N62V	Beech A90-1
N179LF	Lj60
N300EU, N825TB	CL-300

Military Platform

021	T-35D	SAN029 under wing	std
022	T-35D		std
023	T-35D	SAN023 under wing	std
024	T-35D		std
AN-015	Ce.152		std
AN-032	Ce.172	Esc de Transport	
AN-101	UH-1H		pres
AN-121, AN-134	Bell 212	Esc de Helicopte	
AN-139	AW139	Esc de Helicopte	std
AN-145	AW139M	Esc de Helicopte	std
AN-255, AN-260	C212M-300		std
N403SK	P-3B	US Customs	

Plus two unidentified T-35Ds, also in storage.

Military Hangars

AN-112	Bell 407	Esc de Helicopte
AN-300	PA31	Esc de Transport

Also inside were an additional C212 and Ce208.

Maintenance Area

HP-1524CMP	B737-7V3	Wingo
HP-1538CMP	B737-8V3	Copa Airlines
HP-1568CMP	ERJ190AR	Copa Airlines

Storage Area

HK-4285-X	L-410UVP-E	
HP-791AW	DC.8-62CF	Arrow Air
HP-1221	CV580	
HP-1261PVI	B727-25F	
HP-1585PVI	B727-224	Panavia
HP-1614	C-131A	ex 52-5796, 5796 (USCG)
HP-1653CTW	B727-277F	
N48WA	Lj25B	
N33485	PA-28R-200	
XA-AEG	L-188AF	1147
XB-KXE	DC.9-15(F)	
YV543T	Lj.35A	tail section only

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73-21786	UH-1H-II	DoS	+1 *
HP-11BL	BN-2A	Helicopteros Personales	
N82GT	Ce560XL		
HP-83	Beech B200GT		
HP-784	PA-34		
HP-1153PS	BN-2A-26	Air Panama	
HP-1584	Ce150		
HP-1605PST	Fokker 50	Air Panama	
HP-1617RR	BN-2A	Aires Aviation	
HP-1670PST	Saab 340B	Air Panama	
HP-1746FT	Ce172Q		



Previously with American Airlines MD-80 YV2945 was added to the LASER fleet in late 2013.

HP-1764PST	Fokker 100	Air Panama
HP-1775	Beech G58	
HP-1789FX	Ce172	
HP-1793PST, HP-1794PST	Fokker 50	Air Panama
HP-1783PST	Fokker 50	Air Panama
HP-1811PS	Ce208B	Air Panama
HP-1895PST, HP-1896PST	Fokker 100	Air Panama
HP-1921PST	Fokker 50	Air Panama
HP-2500	Beech C90GTi	
HP-2771	Beech A55	Grupo Arias
HP-3500	AS350B	
N4T	MD902	
N5LK	Ce500	Citation Flight
N31DC	Ce150B	
N32PM	Ce525C	
N39JC	Beech 390	
N51DA	CeS550	
N152FJ	Falcon 50	
N450MB	G450	
N471HP	DA42	
N600JJ	CL-600	
N624GF	Ce560XL	
N737RC	Ce172N	
N915AM	G450	
TI-TCT	Beech 200	
YV3358	Ce525	

Military Area

AN-001	AW139	Esc de Helicopte
AN-262	DHC-6-400	Esc de Transport
HP-1A	ERJ135BJ	Eslla Presidenci
HP-10A	PA-31-300	Autoridad Aeronautica Civil
HP-A1A	S-76C	Eslla Presidenci

The Twin Otter and the presidential Legacy were inside hangars.

Storage Air Panama

HP-784	PA-34	Air Panama (n/t)
HP-1502PS	Ce182J	Air Panama (n/t)
HP-1604PST, HP-1631PST	F27-500(F)	Air Panama
HP-1688PS	PA-34-200T	Air Panama (n/t)
HP-1763PST	Fokker 100	Air Panama
HP-1922PST	Fokker 50	Air Panama (n/t)
TG-AGC, TG-AGD	ATR42-310	

Fokker HP-1922PST had PH-DMD under the wing.

Storage near taxiway

HK-4290, HK-4309	Ce402C
N666KL	IAI1125

Aircraft graveyard

HP-919	Ce172
HP-1068	Ce185
HP-1228	Ce172
HP-1272A	Ce337
HP-1434AL	PA-31-350
HP-1441AS, HP-1462AS	Ce152
HP-1615AS	Ce172
HP-1684	PA-31-350
HP-1702	P68
HP-2012FC	Ce172
HP-4130W, YV1087CP	PA-31-350

Preserved near Aeroclub

HP-1326APP	SD360	as HP-AOPA fuselage only
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Panama City-Cocolí

AN-124 UH-1H pres
This is the former Rodman US naval facility and the Huey is a composite airframe, with the tail of 74-22446 and a door from AN-101.

After a very tasteful breakfast we drove to the airport where the authorities were waiting us for to show us around. The airport is mainly being used by Copa airlines, and most of the passengers are in transit. After some negotiating in order to go to the military area, we were able to see some of the military aircraft and also check the storages area. In the afternoon, we went to the airport of Marcos A. Gelabert, the former Albroom Air Force Base. The presidential fleet of Panama is based here and it is Air Panama's base as well. In a remote corner of the airfield, many old drug runner planes can be found. The airport director was very friendly and let us see all that we requested. Without a visit to the military squadron, we could also see most of the aircraft there. All in all, this visit was a very nice one and afterwards we crossed the channel to visit a Panamese military complex for a preserved Huey. Finally, it was back to the hotel for... you've guessed it, some swimming, dinner and drinks.

Panama City-Tocumen

HC-CRU	A320-214	Avianca Ecuador
N35260	B737-824	United Airlines
N73291	B737-824	United Airlines

Hub Traffic

Copa Airlines B737-8 (7), B737-9Max (2)

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A7-BBG	B777-2DZLR	Qatar Airways
C-FDJZ	CRJ900LR	Air Canada Express
D-ABYS	B747-830	Lufthansa
F-GZCD	A330-203	Air France
G-ZBKL	B787-9	British Airways
N234FP	EMB500	
N587UW	A321-231	American Airlines
N660NK, N675NK	A321-231	Spirit Airlines
N718AA	BAe125-800XP	OrthoJet
N783CA	CRJ100ER	Delta Connection
N801SS	BAe125-800XP	
N817SK	CRJ900LR	Delta Connection
N907DP	IAI1125	Alaska Flight Service
N1327A	B767-37DER(F)	Prime Air
N1409A	B767-306ER(F)	Prime Air

The Air Canada Express CRJ is operated by Jazz Aviation and the Delta Connection ones are operated by SkyWest Airlines.

Hub Traffic

United Airlines	A319 (2), A320 (5), B737 (19), B757 (1), B767 (4), B777 (2)
United Express	ERJ145 (5) opb ExpressJet Airlines
United Express	ERJ170 (21) opb Mesa Airlines and Republic Airways

In the early morning we went to the airport for our United Airlines flight UA1031 to Houston. There, we had a couple of hours for spotting before our Boeing 777 with flight number UA020 brought us to Amsterdam. The trip was a great success.

Credit: Raymond van Dijkhuizen.



UniWorld Air Cargo is the operator of Boeing 727 HP-1937UCG since May 2017.