



The USAF visited FAMEX 2019 at Santa Lucia with this AFRC 302nd AW C-130H Hercules, serial 93-1041. (23 April 2019, Raymond van Dijkhuizen)



Gulfstream 450, serial 3915, was one of the many executive aircraft for sale at FAMEX 2019. (Santa Lucia, 23 April 2019, Raymond van Dijkhuizen)



Also this H225M, serial ANX-2240, from the Armada de Mexico - Fuerza Aeronaval was one of the multiple helicopters for sale. (Santa Lucia, 26 April 2019, Raymond van Dijkhuizen)



Although destined for Safair after being withdrawn from use by Alitalia MD-82 5Y-AXL was added to the fleet of African Express Airways in September 2009. (Aden Adde International Airport, 24 March 2019, Andre Alders)

RA-22476	Mi-8MTV-1	United Nations	
TC-JVT	B737-8F2	Turkish Airlines	
UP-F1007	Fokker 100	Safe Air Company	
UR-VTV	L-410UVP	Galey Airline	derelect

The Safe Fokker 100 was in basic BEK air colours.

Garbaharey Airport

25 March 2019

5Y-FMM	F27-600	Safari Express Airways der.
5Y-GMD	F27-500	Aerospace Consortium

Nairobi – Jomo Kenyatta Intl.

25 March 2019

5Y-FAN	CRJ100LR	Freedom Airline Express
5Y-FSC	DHC-8-402	WFP
5Y-JIB	B727-251	Air Djibouti
5Y-SEC	F27-500CRF	Safari Express Cargo
5Y-SVS	CRJ100ERPF	Silverstone Air Services
5Y-VVS	DHC-8-102A	Bluebird Aviation
5Y-VVU, 5Y-VVW	DHC-402PF	Bluebird Aviation

To keep things exciting, I only met the operational manager of Aerospace Consortium in the hotel lobby on Monday morning. Apparently it was the son of George Mumbo because at Mogadishu airport I now had to deal with Oliver Mumbo. I immediately had the feeling that everything would be fine today and together with the pilots we went to the heavily guarded part of the airport where the WFP-World Food Program and UN-United Nations airplanes and helicopters are stationed. After various safety checks, we walked across the platform to our all-white Fokker F-27, which was provided with a small WFP sticker on the nose. The production plate in the cockpit confirmed that the aircraft was built in 1968, the same year that I was born. It started its career with Air France as F-BPUF and immediately operated as a cargo plane for the French postal service. Via the Italian company MiniLiner (I-MLTT) the aircraft eventually ended up at Aerospace Consortium in September 2016 and is flying in a pristine condition. In addition to two seats for the extra pilot and mechanic, the entire cargo hold was loaded with bags of food and medicines from the World Food Program, for me the only remaining place was available, the jump seat. Destination was Garbaharey airport near the capital city of the Gedo region in Somalia. During the spectacular landing we had to dodge a hill which made the landing a rather messy event on the 1050 meters long raw airstrip. Two flat tyres were the result but in the back of the cargo hold there were enough tires and a jack, apparently this was a recurring phenomenon? Next to the runway are the remains of a Safari Express Airways Fokker F-27 that experienced a fatal landing incident during a WFP flight on 3 June 2017. The fuselage of the aircraft is currently being used as a home and a line was stretched to the wing to allow the laundry to dry. After the cargo was unloaded in a truck we flew back to Mogadishu and just before touchdown I saw the

fuselage of a derelict airplane, probably EMB120 5Y-CEI but I am not sure about that. Monday afternoon there was only one flight to Nairobi operated by Kenya Airways KQ-363, the all white ERJ145 (5Y-SIM) that was on the schedule and leased from ALS - Aircraft Leasing Services. During approach I had a good view of the aircraft that were on the cargo ramp of Nairobi airport including the Air Djibouti/Government B727. This beautiful VIP threeholer is a bit lost in a corner of this part of the airport, probably stored?

Nairobi – Jomo Kenyatta Intl.

26 March 2019

5Y-FFC	ERJ190AR	Kenya Airways
5Y-KQH	B737-7U8	Kenya Airways
EW-412TD	II-76TD	Rubystar
TF-AMU	B747-48EF	Air Atlanta Icelandic

Hub traffic:

Air Kenya: B737, B787, ERJ190AR

The Air Atlanta jumbo was in Astral Aviation colours. The Embraer was in 900th E-Jet colours and the Boeing was in Skyteam colours. This was fantastic and exciting week in Kenya and Somalia. I am very happy that I finally managed to fly a Fokker F-27 and also the African Express Airways DC-9 trip was an experience I will never forget. I can therefore only agree with their mission: African Express Airways is a very friendly airline, they are referred as the people's choice because they make everyone who flies with them feel at home !! That certainly applied for me.

Credit: André Alders

Mexico trip 2019

Amsterdam-Schiphol

20 April 2019

A6-EOP	A380-861	Emirates
A7-BEX	B777-3DZER	Qatar Airways
B-1356	B787-9	Xiamen Airl. Support UN c/s
B-5966	A330-323	China Southern Airlines
B-LXC	A350-1041	Cathay Pacific Airways
C-GFAF	A330-343X	Air Canada
EC-MAO	A320-214	Vueling Airlines
EI-EIA	A320-216	Alitalia
EI-FOF	B737-8AS	Ryanair
LN-LNU	B787-9	Norwegian
N171DZ	B767-332ER	Delta Airlines
N801NW	A330-323X	Delta Airlines
N804NW	A330-323X	Delta Airlines
N809NW	A330-323X	Delta Airlines
N818NW	A330-323X	Delta Airlines
N824NW	A330-302	Delta Airlines
N29971	B787-9	United Airlines
OE-LKP	A319-111	easyJet
OE-IVM	A320-214	easyJet
OO-ABE	A340-313E	Air Belgium
PK-GIC	B777-3U3ER	Garuda Indonesia
TC-DCJ	A320-214	Pegasus Airlines

TC-LOC	A330-343E	Turkish Airlines
UR-PSI	B7379KVER	Ukraine International
VQ-BEK	A330-343X	Aeroflot

After meeting all the people that would travel with 4Aviation from Amsterdam to Mexico City it was time to check-in. In the afternoon flight KLO685 of KLM, operated by Boeing 747 PH-BFI, took us to Mexico City. It was a smooth flight over Canada where everything was still white due to snow and five hours later we arrived in 30°C Mexico. After arrival we picked-up the rental cars and went to the hotel for the necessary nightly rest. Sunday the 21st of April was used for some touristic visits, to the pyramids of Teotihuacán and some old parts of Mexico City.

Mexico City

20 April 2019

CC-AJG	A319-112	Sky Airline	
CC-CZT	B767-316(ER)	LATAM	LAN c/s
D-ABYU	B747-830	Lufthansa	
EC-KZI	A340-642	Iberia	
HP-1894PST	Fokker 100	Air Panama	
JA823A	B787-8	ANA	
N252NJ	A320-231	Jetran	
N728AV	A320-214	Avianca	

Hub traffic

AeroMar	ATR72 (2)
Aero Mexico	B737 (3), B787 (1)
AeroMex. Conn.	ERJ190 (2)
Aero Union	A300 (1) B767 (1)
Interjet	A320 (2), A321 (2)
Viva Aerobus	A320 (1)
Volaris	A320 (1), A321 (1)

Stored

PT-MVF	A330-203	TAM c/s
S2-AIG	A300C4-605R	EasyFly Express
XA-BVM	RRJ-95B	Interjet
XA-GCD	RRJ-95B	Interjet
XA-IJR	RRJ-95B	Interjet
XA-JLR	RRJ-95B	Interjet
XA-UJC	B737-247	Aviacsa

Mexico City-Eje 3 Ote.

(XA-TBX) DC-9-14 preserved

This Monday we woke up early for some spotting at the airport of Mexico City. Before going to the airport we had to make a short stop for a DC-9. Near the airport in front of a cultural centre there is an old AeroCaribe DC-9 preserved as a kind of virtual library. (19°25'8.05"N, 99° 6'45.56"W)

Mexico City-Benito Juárez

22 April 2019

After that stop we drove to the airport to search some nice

wrecks and relics and to pickup our passes for the FAMEX show at Santa Lucia.

SSP platform/hangars

XC-CDM/01	AS355N2	SSP Agrupamien
XC-DMA	Bell 407GX	SSP Agrupamien
XC-DMM	Bell 429	SSP Agrupamien
XC-DMX	Bell 407GX	SSP Agrupamien
XC-DSA	Bell 407GX	SSP Agrupamien
XC-GDF	AS350B3	SSP Agrupamien
XC-GDM/08	AS355F2	SSP Agrupamien
XC-HDF	Bell 407GX	SSP Agrupamien
XC-MDF	Bell 206B3	SSP Agrupamien
XC-PDF	AS350B3	SSP Agrupamien
XC-PGJ/07	Bell 206L4	SSP Agrupamien
XC-SPV	Bell 412SP	SSP Agrupamien
XC-SPP	AS355F2	SSP Agrupamien

The SSP is the local Police unit for the area of Mexico City. They have their facility on the south side of the airport near of the gate of the air force. (19°25'6.02"N, 99° 4'26.94"W)

Airbus Helicopters platform

XA-NAT	EC130B4	Transp. Aereos Pegaso
XC-LOS	AS350B3	SSP Agrupamien

Military/Government compounds

1020	H225M	EA.101
1956	Bell 407GX	EA.111
3203	C295M	EA.301
3526	B737-8MC	EA.502
3529	B737-33A	UETAAM
3973	Beech 350i	UETAAM
ANX-2241	H225M	ESCAN
XC-BDM	CRJ702C	Banco de Mexico
XC-HIF	Lj45	Secr. de Seguridad Publica
89-0009	UC-35A-1	PATD

The airport is used by the Air Force, Navy, Policia Federal, Policia Local and some other government related units. The military parts are not easy to see from the outside and you need to be lucky that they are flying. Mexico has the national carrier AeroMexico but also many low-cost carriers are using the airport.

Preserved/Stored

TP-0202 C-47A FAM gate

Preserved plinth-mounted near the presidential ramp on the south side of the airfield is a Dakota near the FAM gate. (19°25'17.24"N, 99° 4'30.32"W)

AS350 preserved/Airbus gate

Preserved on top of the gate of the local Airbus Helicopter facility on the south side of the airfield is a unknown AS350. (19°25'47.33"N, 99° 3'49.62"W)



The Mexican air force was a proud user of the Schweizer SA2-37A surveillance aircraft, which is basically a motorized Schweizer SGS 2-37. Serial 5053 (and coded FAM053) is one of two preserved in the Museo Militar de Aviacion at Santa Lucia. (25 April 2019, Raymond van Dijkhuizen)



Banco de México took delivery of Canadairjet XC-BDM in June 2018. It is one of currently three fixed wing aircraft in our database. (Mexico City International, 22 April 2019, Raymond van Dijkhuizen)

XA-TVD	B737-201	Aviacsa ramp
XA-TWO	B737-219	Aviacsa ramp
XA-UJC	B737-247	Aviacsa ramp

Aviacsa Airlines ceased operations on 4 May 2011 and a part of their fleet is still stored since that date at a spot still called the Aviacsa ramp. There must be a total of eight old Boeing 737-20's on the ramp but not all can be read off. (19°25'46.22"N, 99° 4'21.72"W)

PT-MVF	A330-203	TAM c/s	std
XA-BVM	RRJ-95B	Interjet	std
XA-GCD	RRJ-95B	Interjet	std
XA-IJR	RRJ-95B	Interjet	std
XA-JLR	RRJ-95B	Interjet	std
XA-UNZ	DC-9-15	ex Mexico Gvmt	std

On the north side near of the spotting café there is a platform where many old aircraft are stored as well some of the Interjet Sukhoi Jets (19°26'42.74"N, 99° 3'52.65"W)

(XC-SCT)	G-III	std southside
YV560T	A300B4-203(F)	TransCarga std southside

Airline traffic

CC-BBI	B787-8	LATAM	
CC-BJA	B767-316ER	LATAM	LAN c/s
D-ABYM	B747-830	Lufthansa	
D-AIHH	A340-642	Lufthansa	
EC-JFX	A340-642	Iberia	
EC-LCZ	A340-642	Iberia	
EC-LEU	A340-642X	Iberia	
F-HPJJ	A380-861	Air France	
HP-1538CMP	B737-8V3	Copa Airlines	
HP-1825CMP	B737-8V3	Copa Airlines	Spec. c/s
JA823A	B787-8	ANA	
N304DQ	B737-732	Delta Airlines	
N306NY	B737-823	American Airlines	
N310DE	B737-732	Delta Airlines	
N390DA	B737-832	Delta Airlines	
N399DA	B737-832	Delta Airlines	
N521TA	A319-132	Avianca Peru	
N551NW	B757-251	Delta Airlines	
N580JB	A320-232	JetBlue	
N599JB	A320-232	JetBlue	
N633JB	A320-232	JetBlue	
N639JB	A320-232	JetBlue	
N685TA	A320-233	Avianca Central America	
N701UW	A319-112	American Airlines	
N766US	A319-112	American Airlines	
N791AV	B787-8	Avianca	
N801UA	A319-131	United Airlines	
N809AW	A319-132	American Airlines	
N812UA	A319-131	United Airlines	
N835UA	A319-131	United Airlines	
N8001N	A319-115	American Airlines	
N23707	B737-724	United Airlines	
N23721	B737-724	United Airlines	
PT-MSX	B767-316ER	LATAM Brasil	TAM c/s

Hub traffic

AeroMar	ATR42 (3), ATR72 (6)
AeroMexico	B737 (37), B787 (6)
AeroMexico Connect	ERJ170 (6), ERJ190 (33)
AeroUnion	A300 (3)
Interjet	A320 (31), A321 (11), RRJ-95B (2)
Magni Charters	B737 (3)
Viva Aerobus	A320 (13)
Volaris	A319 (1), A320 (15), A321 (4)

[The FAMEX show report can be found in our Showreports section]

Santa Lucia

25 April 2019

EA.101 hangar

1004	EC725	EA.101
1005	EC725	EA.101
1007	EC725	EA.101
1008	EC725	EA.101
1011	EC725	EA.101

EA.101 platform

1069	UH-60M	EA.108
1070	UH-60M	EA.108

EA.301 hangar

1053/DN-1	SA.330J	pres
1091	UH-60L	std
1092	UH-60L	std
(1094)	UH-60L	std; marked as 1093
1097/DN-1	UH-60L	std
1205/05	Bell 412EP	EA.101
1214/14	Bell 412EP	EA.101
3011	IAI101B	pres
4502	F-5F	std
4503	F-5E	std
4505	F-5E	std
4507	F-5E	std
4508	F-5E	std
4509	F-5E	std
4510	F-5E	std
5053	SA2-37A	pres
BLM-3503	B-25J	pres
TPH-08	SA330J	pres
XC-LNR	AW109SP	CGTAP
XC-LNV	AW109SP	CGTAP

EA.301 platform

1702	Mi-17	EA.303
1710	Mi-17	EA.303
1722	Mi-17	EA.303

Small hangar behind museum

3008	IAI201	std
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After a day of illness I went back to Santa Lucia. This day we received access to the EA.101 and EA.303 area where we find some more nice stored and preserved aircraft in the hangars as well some very nice active aircraft. The people were again very friendly and they put a Cougar outside of a hangar in the

nice morning sun especially for us. After the fly-by that day we left the airbase and searched some wreck and relics in the area around the base.

Tolcayuca-Universidad Politécnica Metropolitana de Hidalgo

<u>Gate</u>		
1609	Bell 206B3	preserved
<u>inside</u>		
1414/14	Bell 212	i/a
1476/76	Bell 212	i/a
5204	Beech C90A	i/a
5450	Ce182S	i/a
(TP-103)	Sabre 60	i/a
<u>outside</u>		
XB-CQG	RC500	i/a

The university was closed on the day that we were there and the security was not very helpful at first to show us the airplanes. After some time only two persons were allowed to go to the hangar and log aircraft from outside. This meant that we saw some nice aircraft. (19°56'38.67"N, 98°53'20.35"W)

Tizayuca-Bioparque de Convivencia Tizayocan 25 April 2019

1423/23	Bell 212	pres
1636/36	Bell 206B3	pres
6119	F260EU	pres
6121	F260EU	pres
6399	Ce182S	pres
6551	PC-7	pres

This park is not very big and all the aircraft are outside. Some of the aircraft are positioned on a hill and can be seen from far. The park is just 10km north of Santa Lucia. (19°50'1.44"N, 98°59'45.74"W)

Zumpango-Walmart 25 April 2019

3503	B727-14	preserved
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Behind the shopping centre there is a small garden for children and in there is an old FAM Boeing 727 that came from nearby Santa Lucia. (19°47'25.61"N, 99° 3'21.06"W)

Santa Ana de Nextlalpan 25 April 2019

6105	F260EU	pres
6393	Ce182S	pres

In a small park in this city you can find two old military airframes. The airframes are in a very bad condition. (19°45'5.18"N, 99° 4'0.32"W)

Tecamác de Felipe Villanueva

1051/DN-19	SA.330J
2503	PC-7

25 April 2019

pres
pres; EA.202 mks

On the plaza Estado de Mexico in this village south of Santa Lucia airbase you can find a Puma and PC-7 that are preserved here. (19°41'15.28"N, 98°59'28.69"W)

Santa Lucia

26 April 2019

<u>Police school</u>		
ETM-6040	C-47A	i/a

This day we agreed that we will be for the last day on Santa Lucia in the morning for the FAMEX fly-by. As there was still missing one aircraft of the many old airframes that you can find on the airbase we tried to contact to this area of the airbase and we were welcome to visit the Police school for the Dakota. After the fly-by we left the airbase for some wreck and relics. It was very busy with the traffic around Mexico City so we didn't had too much time left for to find all the places that we want.

Ecatepec

26 April 2019

XA-SXS	DC-9-14	pres
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North of Mexico City you find a village named Ecatepec. On the parkingplace you find a DC-9 that is in use as the Fly Boys restaurant. (19°37'6.81"N, 99° 2'18.78"W)

Mexico City-Plaza Edomex

26 April 2019

1807	Mi.8	pres
4051	T-33A	pres
6096	PT-17	pres

Plaza Edomex is near of a big shopping centre and is free of charge. The three aircraft are in good condition and the PT-17 is preserved down of a roof. (19°36'6.78"N, 99°11'21.35"W)

Ecatepec-Parque Morelos

27 April 2019

1581	CH-53-2000	pres
3612	C-130E	pres

This last day we started with some preserved aircraft in the Ecatepec area that is near of Mexico City. The FAM used to have four old Israeliian CH-53's and one of them is preserved here in a small park. This small park is just 7km north-east from the airport. The park is situated in a poor area on the suburb of Mexico City. (19°29'20.77"N, 99° 1'10.36"W)



The Mi-17 fleet of the Mexican Air Force has been refurbished in Russia a few years ago. Serial 1702 is one of 19 out of 24 still operated by Escuadron Aereo 303 from Santa Lucia. (25 April 2019, Raymond van Dijkhuizen)



Aeroenlaces Nacionales better known as VivaAerobus is a Mexican low-cost airline. XA-VAY was delivered to the airline in February 2018. Since December 2016 the airline has been owned by Grupo IAMSA, the largest bus company group in Mexico. (Mexico City International, 22 April 2019, Raymond van Dijkhuizen)

Mexico City-Benito Juárez IAP

27 April 2019

Instructional compound

	RC500	i/a
	Sabreliner	i/a
XA-DER	RC690	i/a
XC-AA70	G-II	i/a

In a small compound south of the runways 23 there are some instructional airframes. (19°27'3.24"N, 99° 3'2.56"W)

Storage compound

N371Q	Beech 65	
XA-LMA	NA-265-40	
XA-MEI	B727-264	
XA-RBD	B737-277	
XA-RSH	C-130A	ex USAF 57-0517
XA-RSQ	DC-9-14	Aerolineas Argentinas c/s
XA-RYZ	C-130A	ex USAF 57-0518
XA-SWG	DC-9-32	AeroCalifornia c/s
XA-SXZ	B727-23	
XA-UDF	DC-9-32	AeroCalifornia c/s
XA-UDH	DC-9-32	AeroCalifornia c/s
XA-UDS	DC-9-32	AeroCalifornia c/s
XA-UEI	DC-9-32	AeroCalifornia c/s
XA-UIJ	B727-222(F)	PanAm c/s
XC-AAZ	RC500	

Just down the approach of runway 23L there is a compound with many stored aircraft. (19°26'49.29"N, 99° 2'50.55"W)

Stored Aviacsa compound

XA-TXF	B737-201	Aviacsa c/s
XA-UAA	B737-201	Aviacsa c/s

Storage AeroMexico compound

XA-MAG	B737-8	AeroMexico c/s
XA-MAK	B737-8	AeroMexico c/s
XA-MAL	B737-8	AeroMexico c/s
XA-MAO	B737-8	AeroMexico c/s
XA-MAQ	B737-8	AeroMexico c/s
XA-MAT	B737-8	AeroMexico c/s

Military traffic

3528	B737-8ZY	EA.502
ANX-1202	G450	ESCAAM
ANX-1230	DHC-8-202	ESCAAM
ANX-1255	C295M	EA.812
ANX-2240	EC225LP	ESCAN 122
ANX-2241	EC225LP	ESCAN 122
PF-403/XC-OPF	B727-264	Policia Federal
04-4132	C-17A	305th AMW

Airliner traffic

CC-BGH	B787-9	LATAM	LAN c/s
CC-CXK	B767-316ER	LATAM	LAN c/s
D-AIHX	A340-642	Lufthansa	
EC-IQR	A340-642	Iberia	

F-HPJA	A380-861	Air France
HP-1522CMP	B737-8V3	Copa Airlines
HP-1842CMP	B737-8V3	Copa Airlines
HP-1850CMP	B737-8V3	Copa Airlines
JA820A	B787-8	ANA
LX-JCV	B747-4EVERF	Cargolux
LX-VCK	B747-8R7F	Cargolux
N305DQ	B737-732	Delta Airlines
N386DA	B737-832	Delta Airlines
N414UA	A320-232	United Airlines
N506JB	A320-232	JetBlue Airways
N624AG	B757-2Q8	Delta Airlines
N632JB	A320-232	JetBlue Airways
N656JB	A320-232	JetBlue Airways
N673DL	B757-232	Delta Airlines
N754UW	A319-112	American Airlines
N769US	A319-112	American Airlines
N819UA	A319-131	United Airlines
N832UA	A319-131	United Airlines
N998NN	B.737-823	American Airlines
N3764D	B737-832	Delta Airlines
N8009T	A319-115	American Airlines
N23721	B737-724	United Airlines
PH-BFI	B747-406	KLM

Hub traffic

AeroMar	ATR42 (3), ATR72 (3)
AeroMexico	B737 (24), B787 (7)
AeroMexico Connect	ERJ170 (4), ERJ190 (25)
Aero Union	A300 (1), B767 (1)
Interjet	A320 (22), A321 (10), RRJ-95B (2)
MagniCharters	B737 (3)
Viva Aerobus	A320 (10)
Volaris	A319 (2), A320 (12), A321 (5)

We drove around the airport to find some wrecks and relics and fill the rest of our day around the airport for some spotting here. At the end of the day we went to the terminal for our KLM flight back to Amsterdam.

Amsterdam - Schiphol

28 April 2019

A6-EEN	A380-861	Emirates
A6-BLN	B787-9	Ethihad Airways
A7-BEO	B777-3DZER	Qatar Airways
JY-AYV	A321-231	Royal Jordanian
LN-LNO	B787-9	Norwegian
N193DN	B767-332ER	Delta Airlines
N38955	B787-9	United Airlines
OO-ABA	A340-313E	Air Belgium

After a 10 hour flight we arrived back at Schiphol again. It was a very nice week in Mexico with many different things to see.

Credit: Raymond van Dijkhuizen.