

# AERONOTES

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**Aeronotes • Summer • 2012**

## 2011/12 Year in Review

The 2011/2012 season had seven trips. The November and April trips were canceled, due to weather concerns.

October's trip went very smoothly, after a last minute shuffle with pilots, due to an unexpected funeral of a family friend. The clinic was well attended and well staffed with five dentists, one doctor, two nurse practitioners, a chiropractor, nurses, emts, and sufficient helpers. The weather in October is usually the best and this trip was no exception.

After canceling the November trip, the December trip was well attended. The Fiesta of la Virgen de Guadalupe often competes with our December clinic, but this year it did not seem to be a factor. The clinic saw close to 60 patients. There were several new volunteers, who always seem to energize the group's enthusiasm.

The new year came all too soon and the January trip was a great start to the 2012 season. In addition to a full complement of medical and dental staff, a veterinary team of two came, and was well received by the locals who try to do the best for their pets. The most common question asked was, "When will the vets come back?" In past years we have had 3-day spay and neuter clinics for the area. We are trying to organize another one for the near future.

February was notable in that the rains reached all the way down the Baja Peninsula the previous week and had rendered the Mulege strip too muddy to land. Our Mulege supporters and volunteers picked up the planes' passengers from a paved strip 30 minutes to the north. The Cadeje side was better and landing for the clinic was not a problem.

March is the time for whale watching, in addition to the clinic, and this trip was no exception. Several people were able to pet whales for the first time. The clinic was well attended and staffed with two doctors, three

dentists, and two nurse practitioners. The real attraction, however, was Bonnie Rettgers' audiology clinic. There is a gene for hearing loss that occurs in some families in the area of Baja.

April was rained out, but the May trip had beautiful weather. Six planes made the May trip and the clinic was well staffed.

June is the last trip until October and is usually a busy clinic. Three dentists and one doctor, a nurse practitioner, a chiropractor, a dental hygienist, and adequate staff, made the day go smoothly. There was a little excitement over a harmless snake that was seen in the clinic's thatched roof.

Looking forward to the coming year, I hope new volunteers can join our group and participate in the rewards of helping this rural area of Baja.

Thanks to everyone and hope to see you at our barbeque September 15.



-JWG

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## **Donate and Help**

Aeromédicos has no paid staff. Everyone is a volunteer. Our only non clinical expenses are the newsletter and the Cadeje runway maintenance.

This year, more than ever, we need your contributions to continue our work with the people of this remote area of Baja.



### **Thanks for your support.**

The Board of Aeromédicos

Larry Cochran  
Jim Gaskin  
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Marilyn Zellet

**Your contribution is so important.**  
**Please use the enclosed envelope to help**  
**make our goals become a reality!**

## **Photo** **Gallery**



# VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

## Karyn Yule



*Karyn Yule is our Volunteer of the Year.*

One of the most important jobs in Aeromédicos is to fill the list of volunteers for each month's trip. Many times a hole in the staffing requires calling and recruiting in order that a complete staff is present each month. Also, at times, available plane space requires that someone be cut from the trip. The latter is often the hardest task. This year's Volunteer of the Year has been our trip coordinator for the past two seasons. In addition, she has joined the Board of Aeromédicos and has previously played a major role in the two fund raising summer cruises that have been so successful. Her almost constant smile and good humor have been a welcome addition, as well.

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**OUR HEROES:** Those of you who volunteer for Aeromédicos are an amazing, special group. We can never even begin to tell you how very much you are appreciated!

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## Trip Dates

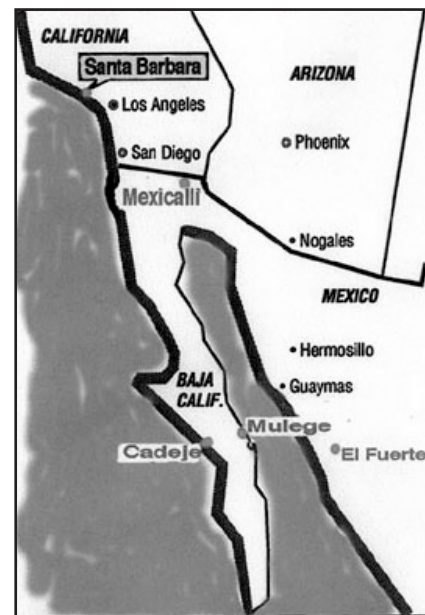
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**Remaining trip dates for 2012 are:**

October 12-14, November 9-11  
and December 14-16

**2013 trip dates are:**

January 11-13, February 8-10,  
March 8-10 (whale watching), April 12-14,  
May 17-19, and June 21-23





## 2011-2012 Volunteers

Geovana Adamoli  
Ginger Anderson  
Louis Beachum  
Liz Bracken  
C J Boyer  
Nancy Callahan  
Teresita Carmello  
Brad Chmelka  
Larry Cochran  
Myra Howard Cochran  
Nancy Cook  
Caroline David  
Lori Ann David  
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Betsy Green  
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Susan Grube  
Frank Heinz

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Felicity Hoffman  
Sharon Kantanen  
Margo Kenney  
Ted Kenney  
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Nick Withem  
Karyn Yule  
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Dr. Ignacio (Nacho) Zepeda



## Save the Date! - Annual BBQ & Pre-Season Meeting

**Bring a friend,  
sign up for future trips,  
renew your annual membership  
and have a wonderful time.**

Tri-tip, chicken, salads, beans,  
all the trimmings, dessert, wine,  
beer & soft drinks. Price is \$25 for adults  
and \$10 for the kids.

**Location:** Nancy & Robin's Ranch

**Date:** Saturday afternoon, September 15th

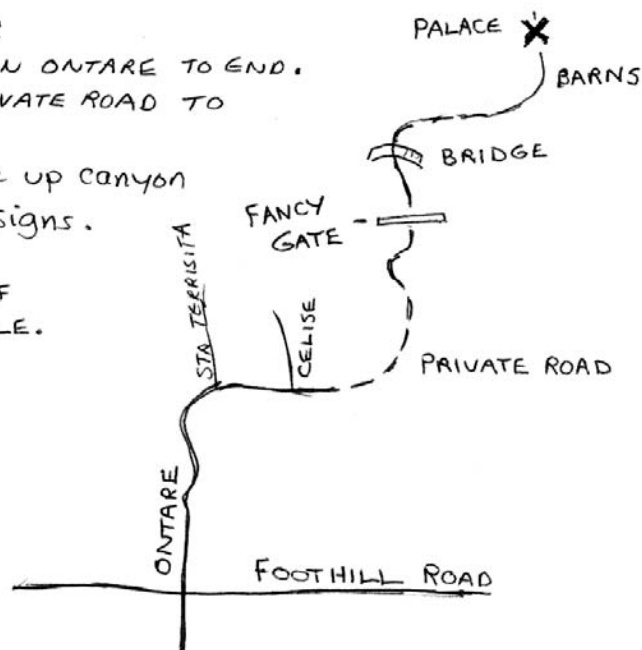
**Time:** 3:00 p.m. (Barbecue served at 5:00 p.m.)

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