

## Palomar Airport Mix and Mingle Meeting

Join us to hear Paul Kortopates, Lead FAASTeam Rep, Master CFI, A&P/IA, Miramar College Aviation Instructor and GA pilot for over 35 years. He'll speak about the many flying adventures awaiting any pilot flying south of the border. He'll cover the details, including recent procedural changes in Mexico using a fun example of a long weekend trip to pet the California Gray Whales this winter at any of 3 lagoons in Baja - a truly novel experience. Flying south is very different from flying in the US with unexpected risks and pitfalls; especially complying with US and Mexican cross border requirements. Destination runways are often dirt. Amenities such as constant contact with ATC, radar coverage and ADS-B weather disappear shortly after crossing the border. Additionally, VFR and IFR have different rules. Paul will discuss how to mitigate the different risks inherent in flying in Mexico. He'll also guide us through the seemingly complex border crossing procedures.

### Event Details

**Wed, May 14, 2025 at 17:30 PST**

**Palomar Airport Landings  
Restaurant Patio**

2198 Palomar Airport Rd  
Patio

Carlsbad, CA



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Even the past Mexico experienced pilots will appreciate learning about all the changes instituted last year.

Landings Restaurant Patio at Palomar Airport  
located at El Camino Real and Palomar Airport  
Road

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