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FLY-IN JULY 16, 2016 - TIMBERON, NM (52NM)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION – The New Mexico Pilots Association (NMPA), in conjunction with the Timberon Airfield Co-op (TAC), is sponsoring a fly-in. Come visit the beautiful and secluded community of Timberon, NM, nestled in the Sacramento Mountains of southern New Mexico at an elevation of 6,954 feet. Camping is available on the field for those who wish to come early or stay longer. Bring tie-downs for your airplane! Toilets are available in the nearby Lodge. There are two overnight rental options in Timberon (see www.timberon.org and click on Yellow Pages for details).

There are three restaurants within 200 yards of the parking area. Other activities located right in Timberon, include fishing, golf, horseback riding, and hiking. Also, you can tour the nearby Circle Cross Ranch, listed on the National Register of Historic Places (again see www.timberon.info). Kids are welcome!

Timberon airstrip is 5,000 feet long, oriented 13/31, and the surface is chip-sealed. It slopes downward approximately 2% from the northerly end to the southerly end, so take-offs are normally made on 13 and landings on 31. Although it is shown on the sectional as “Pvt” and the symbol is “R”, the airport is publically owned (by Otero County) and no prior permission is needed to land. This information is in the process of correction. All are welcome to drive instead of flying should you prefer.

CAUTIONS

- Timberon airstrip is at 6,954 feet elevation, with higher hills surrounding it. Both winds and density altitude must be considered when flying there.
- There are numerous Military Operations Areas (MOA's) and Restricted Areas in the immediate vicinity,
so it is advised to be constantly aware of your exact position.
- There are no lights on the field, and no services of any kind. The FBO at the nearby Alamogordo airport (KALM), Exile Aviation, is the nearest fuel & service.

QUESTIONS – Any questions about this event can be sent to the event coordinator Paul Rule – a319rule@gmail.com or 575-987-2680 or 602-697-9674 (cell)



Safety Briefing Timberon (52NM)

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New Mexico Pilots Association (NMPA), and Timberon Airfield Co-op sponsored event. Specific information about the fly-in can be found on the NMPA website (www.nmpilots.org). This Safety Briefing is to provide information to pilots to use in their pre-flight planning.

Pilots are solely responsible for flying into Timberon and for proper and adequate planning.

Please observe the following general precautions:

- Pilots consider your own piloting skills and local area knowledge as well as the capabilities of your aircraft.
- Timberon Airfield is located at an elevation of approximately 6,954 feet MSL with higher hills surrounding it. Density altitude is definitely a factor and each individual pilot should be well aware of their aircraft's capabilities at these altitudes.
- The runway at Timberon is oriented 31/13, with a 2% downward slope from the northern end to the southern end. Normally, landings are made on runway 31 and takeoffs are made on runway 13, with left-hand traffic for both.
- The runway surface at Timberon airfield is considered "chip and seal." Some loose gravel may be encountered during aircraft operations on the ground.
- All pilots should monitor and broadcast their intentions on CTAF 122.9 when arriving or departing from Timberon.
- There are three (3) windsocks located on the field, one at each end and one in the middle.
- The weather in mid-June can bring gusty winds and possible blowing dust. Care should be taken to get accurate weather briefings so as to be informed about conditions that may be encountered. Early morning or late afternoon usually gives lighter winds and cooler temperatures.
- Wildlife, particularly deer, may be encountered on the Timberon runway, especially early morning and late afternoon.
- No aircraft fuel or services are available at Timberon. The nearest aircraft fuel and/or services are located at the Alamogordo airport (KALM), located approximately 20 miles northwest of Timberon.
- Several Restricted Areas and Military Operations Areas (MOA) are located in the immediate vicinity of the Timberon airfield. Pilots should consult the Albuquerque sectional map, review published NOTAMS, and or contact Flight Service for altitudes, operating hours, and status of all Restricted Areas and MOA.

- Suggested arrivals to Timberon:

From the north, from the vicinity of the Alamogordo airport (KALM), avoiding the White Sands Missile Range, turn southeast toward Timberon. BWS 110 deg (from) will keep pilots from encroaching into Restricted Area 5103-C, which is located immediately SW of the Timberon Airstrip and is active almost all the time. The Timberon Airport is actually located in a “cut out” of the Restricted Area providing a 1,500 AGL ceiling in the immediate vicinity of the airport. Flying at 8,500 MSL (min) will keep you clear of the terrain between Alamogordo and Timberon.

From the south and/or west, pilots should plan on flying the HWY 54 VFR corridor from the El Paso area north to Alamogordo (KALM). Following this corridor will keep pilots between the White Sands Missile Range and Restricted Area 5103-C. The corridor is clearly depicted on the Albuquerque Sectional chart. Again, in the vicinity of KALM, turn southeast towards Timberon at an altitude of at least 8,500 MSL.

From the east, in the vicinity of the Pinion VOR, turn WNW towards Timberon (PIO 279 deg from), again at a recommended altitude of at least 8,500 MSL to clear terrain.

- A GPS navigation system, with moving map display is a good aid for those unfamiliar with the local area. The moving map display should provide MOA and Restricted Area boundaries.

Pilots are requested to monitor and announce intentions on the CTAF of 122.9.

- There are no tie-downs available at Timberon— pilots are encouraged to bring their own aircraft tie-downs. Pilots-in-command are solely responsible for tying down and securing their own aircraft.

- Weather conditions can become very inclement. Proper attire (layered clothing) and camping gear (for those who intend to camp) should be arranged.