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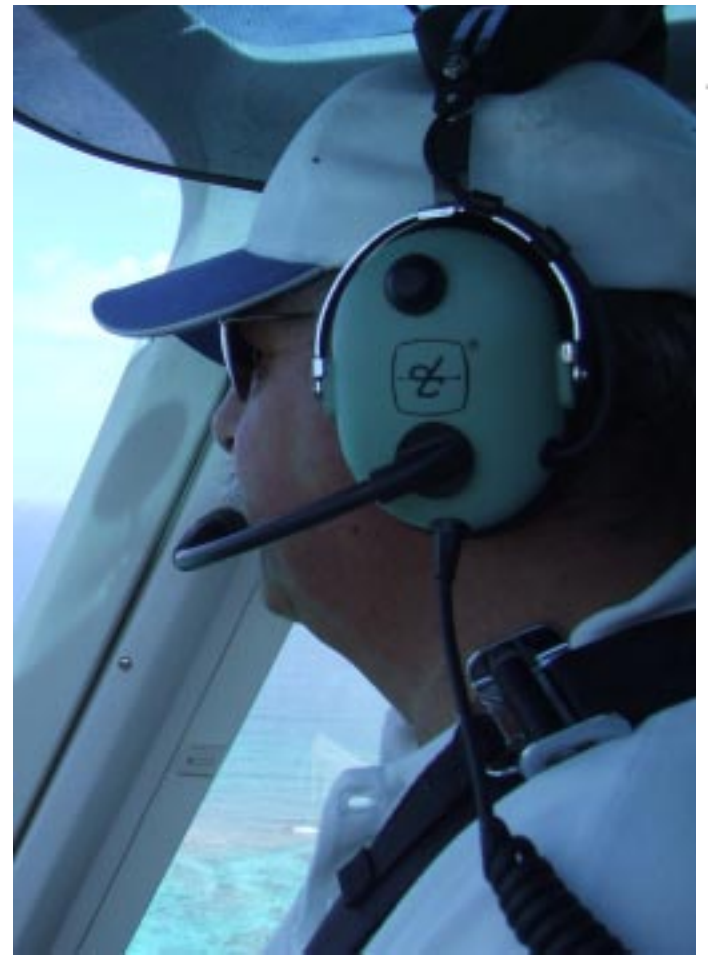
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a brief chit chat with the Giron gentlemen, who gave us a description of the different tours they offer, "we cater to our clients needs, we have tours across the country and specialize in transfers to anywhere in Belize. Our other services include Aerial photography, aerial survey, search and rescue, medical evacuations and crop spraying. We customize packages that include canopy tours, airboats, horseback riding, and cave tubing to name a few," stated Gustavo Jr., President.

Our air vehicle for this trip was the Bell 206 Long Ranger, one of two in their fleet and as the tour began, we

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Commercial/Condos/Homes

The Pearl of La Perla Del Caribe (T40) The small enclave of La Perla del Caribe is known for the unique Mediterranean and Caribbean architecture. Now offered for sale is the Pearl of the enclave, a 5000 plus square foot fully furnished mansion with 5 luxurious bedrms & 5 1/2 bathrooms. \$1.65 million USD.

Pasta la Vista (D24) - excellent opportunity to take over an already well established restaurant. Priced to sell at only \$169,000.00 US.

Beach'n Kitchen (W30). This popular restaurant is new on the market. With an excellent location between the beach & the main thoroughfare connecting town center with the exclusive areas to the north, the restaurant has proven to be a successful business with a clientele of both tourist & residents. This thriving business comes fully equipped. Asking price \$149,000.00 US CASH.

Raw Land

Club Caribbean (S66) residential lot off the beach. 50' x 87'. 25,000USD

Club Caribbean (S67) residential lot off the beach. 50' x 77'. 25,000USD

Palmero Point Beachfront (K20)- Large commercial parcel available just 9 miles north of San Pedro town. This beautiful beachfront property measures 400' x 600', providing an excellent opportunity for a resort or condo development project. Priced at \$2 million US.

Ambergris Bay (P56)- Lot #205, measures 62' of beach frontage & 110' of depth. Great investment at only \$93,900.00 US.

Palmero Point (G43) Nice lot several rows off the beach, located 9 miles north of town. Measuring approx. 107' x 164'. \$30,000.00 US.

Paradise Coves (C49) Good sized lot 3.5 miles north of San Pedro - great location & great price at \$25,000.00 US

Flying Fisherman (D16) lot 300' off the beach, measures 50' x 78'. \$12,500.00 US

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headed north of Ambergris Caye. Take your seats as the pilot climbs gracefully to over 500 feet and accelerates to over 120 miles an hour. You will interact with the pilot and friends via the headset (listen out for air traffic on the radio!), swooping over the landscape as Mr. Gustavo Sr. put the helicopter through its paces to show those on board just how versatile these incredible machines really are. Woohoo! With Astrum Helicopters, skim across the trees, the reef, the mountains and waterfalls; watch the world pass beneath you before coming into land. An aerial view of San Pedro reveals some

of the most pristine areas found on the island and exhibits a view most people never get to take pleasure in. No wonder it's the most popular turbine helicopter ever built.

Of the many packages Astrum offers, you can be among the very few people in the world who experience the life affirming sensations of flying their helicopter tours. You will heighten and bring to life all of your senses and emotions as you feel the wind and sun at your face; smell the fresh air; marvel at the majesty of the sea just below your feet as you skim along during your cus-

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How about opting to take a tour to the 1,000 foot falls and Victoria Peak? This air-venture takes you to see the Mayan Mountain terrain and flies over the longest gushing waterfall in Central America or get a glimpse at the second highest elevation in Belize, the Victoria Peak which stands at 3,675

feet. Want to go the extra mile with a romantic tour for two? No problem! At Astrum, weddings packages include transfers to some of the best hidden gems in Belize. You can arrive in grand style at North Ambergris Caye's Azul Resort and Mata Chica, or to secluded resorts such as Cayo Espanto, Isla Marisol at Glover's Reef, Chaa Creek and the Turneffe islands. Other transfers soon to come will include destinations at Ian Anderson's Caves Branch, Blancaneaux Lodge and Maruba Resort. Or if you are feeling like taking the family cave tubing at Ian Anderson's or a soothing massage at Maruba Jungle lodge, just ask and you shall receive. From pick up to transfer

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The Rio Blanco observation post will enable the BDF to have a permanent presence in Chiquibul National Park.

rials for building houses, and cutting down our forest for them to plant. They are finding a better livelihood than what they can get in Guatemala," ended Marcelo.

Col. Dario Tapia spoke of the need to prevent incursions. He added that the Rio Blanco Observation Post will enable the BDF to

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