



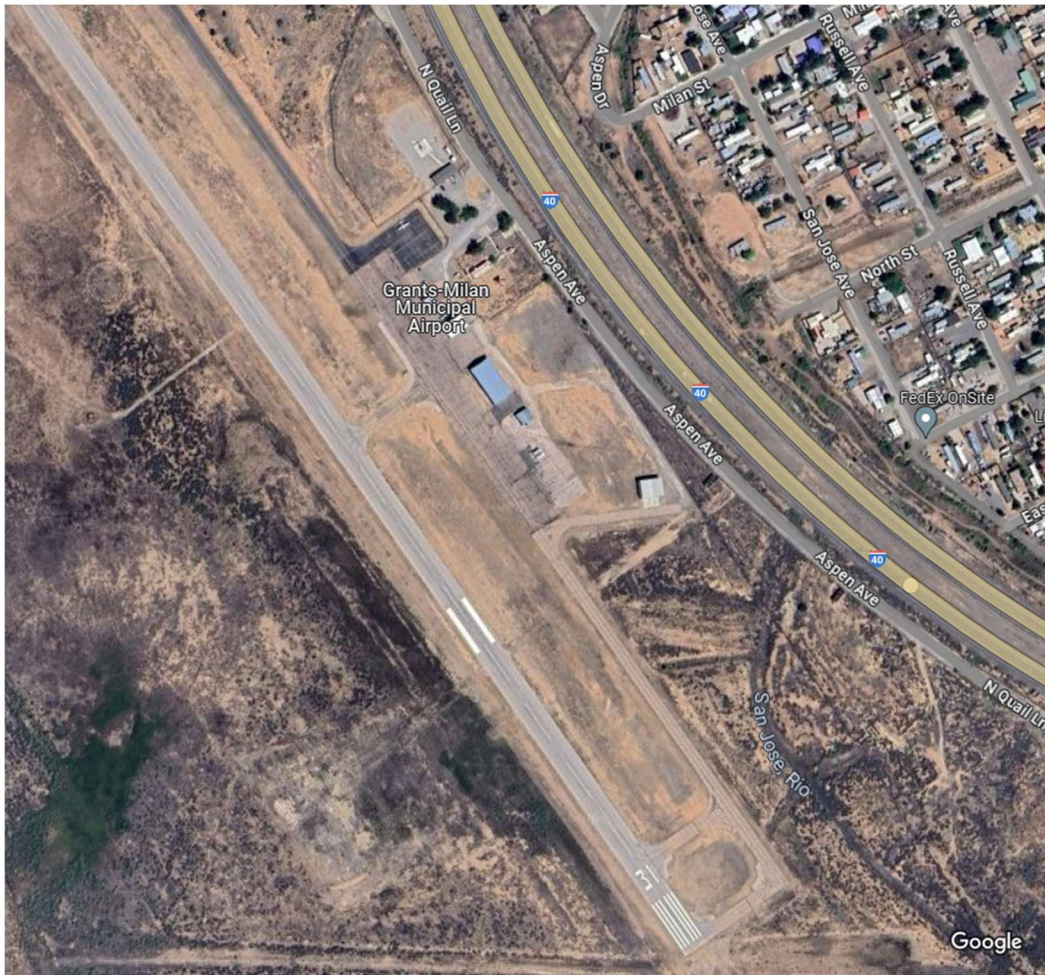
## Grants-Milan Municipal Airport

The Grants-Milan Municipal Airport is a general aviation airfield serving Grants, Milan, and Cibola County, New Mexico. It is located on the west side of Milan and two miles northwest of Grants. The airport was opened in September, 1953 with one runway of 5300 ft. length. This runway was extended to the current 7172 ft by the year 2000. 14 aircraft are based at the airport. Grants has not been served with commercial airline service but the airport has seen occasional light aircraft operating cargo feeder flights by carriers flying on behalf of FedEx and UPS.

On the grounds of the Grants-Milan Airport is the Western New Mexico Aviation Heritage Museum operated by the Cibola County Historical Society. This museum exhibits the equipment and facilities used for early air navigation beginning in 1929 along the Los Angeles to Amarillo airway.



Terminal building at the Grants-Milan Municipal Airport.



Aerial view of the Grants-Milan airport.



A privately owned Beechcraft 1900D airliner at the Grants-Milan airport in 2003.

Prior to the opening of the Grants-Milan airport, an airfield near Acomita was used, built in 1929 on McCarty's Mesa, 12 miles southeast of Grants. This airfield had three dirt runways and was constructed as an emergency landing strip along a newly created airway from Los Angeles to Amarillo. By 1931 Acomita airfield was equipped with boundary and approach lights as well as an airway beacon and by 1933 the airfield housed a Civil Aeronautical Administration (CAA) radio, weather, and flight services site. Acomita airfield was in operation until the Grants airport opened in 1953.



The Acomita airfield used from 1929 through 1953.

In late 2010, the Cibola County Historical Society began creating the Western New Mexico Aviation Heritage Museum on the grounds of the Grants-Milan airport. This museum includes original buildings, equipment, a beacon, and markers used for navigation of the first federal airways in the United States. All material was obtained from original navigation sites along the Los Angeles to Amarillo Airway. A CAA Flight Service Station built for the Grants-Milan airport in 1953 was restored and is now the main building for this museum.





The Western New Mexico Aviation Heritage Museum at the Grants-Milan airport.



A restored Transcontinental Air Transport Ford Tri-motor aircraft that would fly near Grants on the segment between Winslow, Arizona and Albuquerque along the Los Angeles to Amarillo airway from 1929 through the early 1930's.