**MENY site information**

Site MENY (PSM 6447) is located at the airstrip in Menyamya. It is on the centerline at the southern end of the N-S trending segment of the runway. MENY is near the trade store/air terminal for the airstrip. The runway there consists of two intersecting runways, one that trends approximately N-S, and the other that trends NNW-SSE. The reference mark 1 (MNY1, or PSM 6449) is located at the centerline on the southern end of the NNW-SSE runway. See site description for location of MENY on runway.

**To get there:** It is best to fly here, as it is a long drive from Lae (approximately 9 hours by car). North Coast Aviation flies to Menyamya from Nadzab three times a week (MWF).

**Local contact:** We were unable to talk to the District Administrator, as he was in Lae while we were there. Michael Fayama runs the Air terminal/trade store and is the North Coast Aviation agent at Menyamya. He provided security for us at the site (we paid him 50 kina for keeping an eye on it for a week). He also gave us permission to observe at the site, and was very helpful. His address:

Michael Fayama, c/o Tom Matai
Box 8
Menyamya, Morobe Province

**Security:** We had no problems with people disturbing the GPS set-up on the airstrip. Michael Fayama (runs the trade store and air terminal, and lives there) kept an eye on it while it was set up, and this is probably the best thing to do in the future. We did have a battery stolen from the house we were staying at in the high school, though. Therefore, it is best to not leave things out on the porch where you are staying. But, as long as you have someone acting as security at the GPS site, the GPS equipment will likely remain undisturbed.

**Accommodation:** When we were there in 2003, the High School provided us with accommodation, as we were accompanying the PNG Geol. Survey team. In the future it is probably better to stay at the guesthouse in Menyamya, a very short walk from the airstrip. The guesthouse is called the Wapiya Hipaka Guesthouse. It has nice accommodation in a long, modern brown building with a green roof, with nicely kept grounds. The rooms are small with two single bunks in each. It is 55 K/night for a single person in one room, and 65 K for two people in one room (2003 prices, so the rates may go up). They have a total of five rooms. They have toilet, and shower facilities (hot showers, apparently!), and a kitchen where you can cook your own meals. Telephone: 474 0222 (calls to sister company across the road, call this first), or 440212 (to district office) to make a booking. The manager of the Guesthouse is Giamalu Koangio.

**Address:**

Wapiya Hipaka Guesthouse
PO Box 87
Menyamya, Morobe Province
**Food:** There are trade stores aplenty, and the market, which seems to happen most days, is very good.

**Power:** When they have diesel for the generator, there is power at night until about ten o’clock. When we were there, they had run out of diesel, so there was no power. (In other words, don’t count on power being there).

**Communications:** There are probably phones and radios in the govt. offices, and local coffee companies that might be usable in emergencies.