



*Above: Grupo Aéreo de Entrenamiento 21 at El Trompillo is the FAB's principal training unit. Much needed new equipment arrived in 2000 in the form of 11 ex-Uruguayan Beech T-34A/B Mentors, although one was soon written off. The 10 survivors provide basic training, students then progressing to the Pilatus PC-7s of GAC 34 at Cochabamba for advanced instruction.*

*Right: Maintained in airworthy condition by GAE 21 at El Trompillo is this Boeing PT-17 Stearman, one of 25 which were delivered under Lend-Lease in February 1945. Its colour scheme gave rise to its nickname of 'Barón Rojo' (red baron).*

*Below right: The Cessna 206 is the most numerous FAB aircraft, with most units having at least one assigned. This example flies with the Grupo Aéreo de Entrenamiento 22 at Puerto Suarez.*

*Below: For primary training 36 Aerotec T-23 Uiraparus were delivered from 1974 to the Colegio Militar de Aviación at El Trompillo. In 1984 the college's flying unit was reorganised as GAE 21, which continues to operate the six remaining Uiraparus.*

