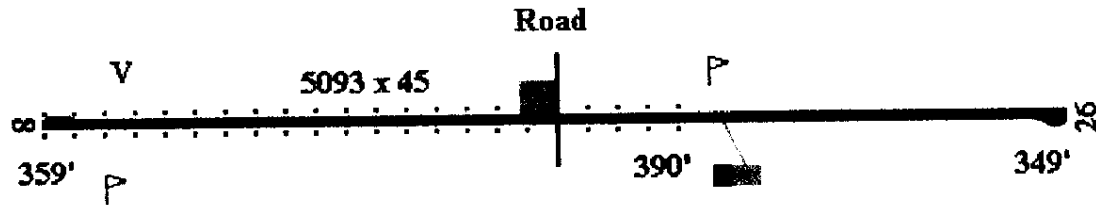


ALERT FIELD (18TE)
INTERNATIONAL ALERT ACADEMY
 Big Sandy, TX
 Airport Information



Lat/Lon:

N32° 35' 05" W95° 4' 12" (N32,35.08; W95,4.20)

Location from Nav aids:

UIM VOR (114.0)	131°/23.6 nm	TYR VOR (114.2)	046°/22.2 nm
GGG VOR (112.3)	296°/18.4 nm	ABG NDB (404)	086°/2.8 nm

Field Elevation:	390	Pattern Altitude:	1400 MSL
Unicom / CTAF:	122.8		
Airport Lighting:	LIRL for western 2/3 of runway, 3-color VASI for Rwy 8, Both are pilot-controlled and available only at night Click 5 times on CTAF Rotating Beacon (turned on by advance arrangement only)		

While Alert Field has several unusual features, one of them is critical to flight safety: the runway is intersected by a regularly used road. Extreme caution should be used, as the road is used both by ALERT (including staff children) and the local public. There are gates, lights, and bells at the intersection similar to those found at railroad crossings. They are activated in the same way as pilot-controlled lights. Seven clicks activate the lights and bells, and the gates will come down after a 15-second delay. Nine clicks raise the gates, or the gates will rise automatically after two minutes. The gate system is normally activated only during our regular workday Monday through Friday. Aircraft arriving at other times need to inform the Flight Department ahead of time. That way the gate system will be activated, and appropriate airport lighting will be turned on for their arrival. Due to a line of trees our rotating beacon is difficult to see when approaching from the south.

Please note: The gate system is not a guarantee that no vehicles or persons will enter the runway area at an inappropriate time so plan your landings to be slowed to taxi speed before the road if at all possible and be constantly aware of activity on or near the road so you can take appropriate action should it be required. Your use this runway at your own risk.

Other features of the airfield are as follows: The runway is "humped": it rises towards the center from each end (see diagram). The peak is near the wind sock. The eastern slope is much more pronounced than the western slope. Aircraft landing on Rwy 26 may choose to touch down past the hangar taxiway to avoid the upslope. In that case approximately 3300' is available. The displaced threshold markings for Rwy 26 may be disregarded. Both runways have trees on the final approach path. The runway lights are only located on the western 2/3 of the runway, as shown in the diagram.

In 2002, both our airport identifier and name were changed by the FAA. The old identifier and name were "1F8" and "Ambassador Field." Computer or GPS databases may have the old information. Some of them do not include private airports and will have nothing. If a briefer or controller asks where we are, Tyler (TYR) and Longview (GGG) airports are good nearby reference points.

Alert Field is a private airfield. Visitors are welcome, but we do ask that you call ahead to inform us when you are coming. The hangar phone is (903) 636-9289.