



Reno-Stead Airport

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Greetings from the staff at Stead,

The National Championship Air Races will return to Stead in a few weeks, and I will provide the most recent information for you later in this letter. Also in this letter, I want to provide information to update you on recent happenings at RTS.

- ⇒ Airport maintenance: The maintenance team has been working on fog sealing and crack sealing around the airport. Thanks to everyone for your help during the closures and traffic diversions. Your cooperation is always appreciated by the maintenance crew. We will continue crack sealing after the air races, and continue as long as our materials, money and weather hold out. The weed control program is really starting to show results along runways and taxiways.
- ⇒ BLM operations: By comparison to our neighboring states, Nevada has been extremely fortunate during the current wildland fire season, and it has been a reasonably quiet year for tanker activity. The group of fires in late July and early August really impacted us to the point BLM requested a temporary FAA ATC tower. The guys in the tower were very complimentary about the Stead tenants and how quickly and easily you adapted to the tower environment. Thanks for the great cooperation! Let's hope northern Nevada continues to have good weather to keep us out of extreme fire conditions. As always, everyone appreciates the cooperation you have shown in providing the air tankers priority here at Stead.
- ⇒ NASA UAS: The NASA UAS flights have been going very well since they began in June. The research and development of the traffic management system is progressing well, and they really like being here at Stead. The professionalism and cooperation of our tenants has really made a difference, and I appreciate your help. The final flights of the year will take place in the same location October 3-7 and 17-26. We will provide updates on operations and procedures as we get closer.
- ⇒ Vehicle Operations: For the most part, vehicle operators at RTS adhere to good, safe driving practices in the vicinity of aircraft. REMEMBER: Runways and Taxiways are restricted to Authorized Vehicles Only, i.e. Airport Authority or Aviation Classics on OFFICIAL BUSINESS. *Some folks still drive WAY too fast on the ramp and in the vicinity of the hangars, and everyone would appreciate it if all drivers would adhere to the POSTED 15 MPH speed limit on the ramp in vicinity of the hangars.* As always, *aircraft have the right of way.* Can you see and avoid an aircraft coming out of the taxilanes? Your cooperation will be appreciated by everyone.
- ⇒ **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AIR RACES (NCAR)**
As was the case last year, **ALL RACE AIRCRAFT** are required to be in the pits no later than 1200, Saturday, September 10. Due to this requirement, we will see increased race participant activity earlier in arrival week. Waivered flight activity (practice / qualifying) at RTS under the TFR will begin on Sunday, September 11 from 0800-1700.

- NCAR impacts on you, the tenants will begin several weeks earlier than race week with many vehicles, pedestrians and non-standard activities on the west ramp area (unlimited pit area, VIP tents, etc). By Monday September 5, we will all need to exercise extreme caution while taxing, due to the large numbers of non airport pedestrians and vehicles in the area. This is the day set up will really hit the ramp areas west of the grandstands. The potential for conflict will be VERY HIGH! If possible, please tow your aircraft to the north end of the ramp, rather than taxi through the work areas.
- As part of the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority's efforts to provide excellent customer service to our tenants, the RTAA has again made arrangements for Reno-Stead tenants to relocate their aircraft to the Reno-Tahoe International Airport during race week. There will be no charge for parking at RNO from 0800 Friday, September 12 through 1700 Monday, September 20. All RTS tenants will be parked at the former GA East (old Sierra Air) on the east side of RNO. Upon landing, notify the tower you wish to taxi to "GA East". When possible, contact Atlantic Aviation Unicom on freq. 131.6 for additional instructions.

To make arrangements to relocate to RNO, contact Chad Morris, Operations manager for Atlantic Aviation at 858-7300. You may also use Chad's email, chad.morris@atlanticaviation.com to coordinate your request. The Atlantic Aviation office phone number is 858-7300. Due to security requirements at RNO, you will be required to provide the following information to Atlantic:

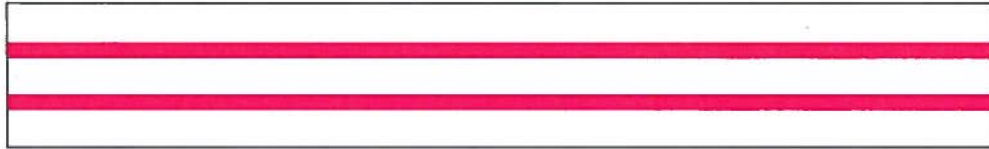
1. Your name
2. Aircraft type and tail number
3. Your Cell phone number

This information will be provided to the airport communications center. To gain access to your aircraft, call Airport Communications at 328-6600, and provide *ALL* this information to gain access through the remote access gate (Gate # 465) located at GA EAST.

You will have access to your aircraft 24 hours a day, but there will not be services available from 2200-0600 daily. Fueling services are available at any time during the day or night, however you will need to taxi to the Atlantic Aviation facility. For access to your aircraft, a phone call to the airport communications center (328-6600) 30 minutes prior to your arrival at RNO is required; I'm sure a longer lead time would be appreciated. As a courtesy, please also contact Atlantic Aviation 30 minutes prior to arrival. Please let them know your N number and where your aircraft is located. At this time, it appears parking will be on the east side of RNO, but Chad will verify your parking location when you arrange your arrival time. This courtesy arrangement includes ramp parking at RNO. Any additional services you require will need to be coordinated with Atlantic and will be provided at Atlantic's normal rates and fees. If you are a hangar owner at RTS and choose to take advantage of this offer, be aware **NO COMMERCIAL VENTURES** are authorized in your hangar during race week. I would appreciate your help in tracking use of this service by letting me know if you plan to relocate to RNO. As always, feel free to contact me at 328-6570 or 690-2217 if you have questions.

- The FAR Part 91 Waiver will be in effect beginning Sunday morning, September 11 from 0800-1700 LCL, and remain in effect 0745-1700 each day through Sunday, September 18. For the waiver to be in effect, “RACE CONTROL” must be up and operating.
- *A TFR will also be in effect from 1030-1700 Sunday 9/11, and from 0800-1700 EVERY DAY, beginning Monday September 12 through Sunday September 18. NOTE: A Prior Permission Required (PPR) assignment is required for all tenants to operate from Stead at all times, beginning 0600 on Sunday, September 11 until 0600 on Monday, September 19. Contact John Proehl, Deputy Air Boss at (775)750-8131, or me at (775)690-2217 no later than 24 hours in advance for a PPR assignment.*
- **TEMPORARY CONTRACT TOWER:** Hours of operation (Local) for the temporary tower (“Stead Tower” 133.3) will be:
 - Thursday - Saturday 9/8-10/2015: **0800-1700**
 - **NO temporary tower** on Sunday, September 11. (**“RACE CONTROL” 133.3 only, 0745-1700**)
 - Monday 9/12-Sunday 9/18: **1630 or Last Racer on Deck (LROD)-until 2000 daily:**
 - On Monday September 19 from **0800-1200 “Stead Advisory”** service will be provided on 122.7. This advisory service will be provided to expedite departures from RTS.
 - If you plan to operate from RTS Sunday, 9/11 through Sunday 9/18, arrivals and departures should be planned for no later than 0730 in the morning and no earlier than 1700 in the afternoon. (See **NOTE** in TFR section above). If you are departing before 0730, there will not be a tower in operation, so broadcast intentions on CTAF (122.7). For arrivals and departures after LROD, contact the tower on **133.3**. On initial contact, advise you are “Stead tenant with AWOS”. If something happens that **absolutely** requires you to depart during racing, contact me at 690-2217 to coordinate your request. Please do not use this service unless absolutely necessary (life and death emergency would qualify). If you are authorized (PPR assignment) to depart during racing hours, contact **RACE CONTROL “Ground”** on **127.9** for taxi instructions. If arriving with PPR, contact **RACE CONTROL**, frequency **122.7**, 10 NM out for instructions. There will be **NO** arrivals or departures while racing aircraft are airborne.
- ***THE AIRPORT WILL BE CLOSED EACH NIGHT FROM 2000 UNTIL 0600 THE NEXT DAY.***
 - Due to high volumes of personnel and visitors on the ramp, A **NO PROP / ENGINE TURN LINE** will be in effect from 0600-2000 daily, beginning Thursday, September 8 through Monday, September 19. Exercise **EXTREME CAUTION** at all times while taxiing due to the possibility of pedestrians and vehicles in all areas of the airport. I realize the level of inconvenience this creates, but the safety of our visitors and yourself is more important. The NO PROP / ENGINE TURN LINE is north of the pit areas, and indicates the northern boundary where aircraft are allowed to operate under power. No aircraft may operate under their own power

south of the NO PROP / ENGINE TURN LINE. Please contact me at 690-2217 or Patti at 328-6570 to coordinate a tow to or from the NO PROP / ENGINE TURN LINE to your hangar. If you move your aircraft yourself, we will be happy to get you to and from your hangar. 24 hour advance notice would be a great help to us to provide this service. The NO PROP / ENGINE TURN LINE looks like this:



⇒ The runway 32 ILS will be NOTAMed Out of Service beginning Friday September 9, with return to service scheduled by close of business, Monday, September 19.

Each year, it is my goal to mitigate the impact of the Air Races on Stead tenants as much as possible, and with your help, I'm sure we will have another great year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns and suggestions regarding our airport.

My phone contact information is Office: 328-6570, Cell: 690-2217, or you may email me at mdikun@renoairport.com. Anyone wishing to receive e-mail notifications please send your e-mail address to me as well.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Dikun".

Mike Dikun

Reno-Stead Airport Manager

ALWAYS CHECK NOTAMS BEFORE EVERY FLIGHT!