

September 1, 2017

Greetings from the Stead Staff,

The National Championship Air Races will return to Stead in a few weeks, the purpose of this letter is to provide you with the most recent information available of the on goings at the Stead Airport in preparations for this exciting event; as well as other activities that have taken place at the RTS in recent weeks.

- ⇒ **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. After the races we want to fog seal and re-stripe RWY 14/32 so we are prepared for next year's closure of RWY 8/26 for re-construction.

- ⇒ **BLM Operations:** Our region had a record-breaking year for tanker operations thru July. As of this letter, our Tanker Base already pumped over 1.7 mil gallons of retardant; the previous annual record was 1.3 million. BLM requested a temporary FAA ATC tower in July. 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! 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. The Nevada Institute for Autonomous Systems is now an airfield tenant. 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. There are no more NASA tests scheduled for 2017, but we are working on three bids for testing in 2018.

Executive Summary for Air Races...please read amplified info and check NOTAMS!

Stead Airport will be towered from Thursday, 9/7 thru 9/17.

Tenant PPRs to fly required from 0600 Sunday, 9/10 thru 0600 Monday, 09/18.

Call Atlantic Aviation, RNO, to relocate to RNO for easier flying from Friday, 9/8 thru Monday, 9/18.

A **NO PROP/ENGINE TURN LINE** will be in effect from 0600-2000 daily, beginning Thursday, 9/7 thru Monday, 9/18. Call Dani or Mike for towing.

THE AIRPORT WILL BE CLOSED EACH NIGHT FROM 2000 UNTIL 0600 THE NEXT DAY, SUNDAY, 9/10 THRU SUNDAY, 9/17.

To request PPR or towing, call or text Mike Scott anytime on 775-690-9450; email at mScott@renoairport.com. Or, call Dani at 775-328-6570 during business hours (0800 – 1700)

⇒ **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. In a **change this year**, waived flight activity (practice / qualifying) at RTS under the TFR begins Saturday, 9/9, with two one hour blocks for Unlimited training between 1130-1230 and again from 1500 – 1600. Starting Sunday, 9/10, the TFR is in effect from 0800-1700, daily.

- 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 4, we will all need to exercise extreme caution while taxiing, 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, 9/8 thru 1700 Monday, 9/18. 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 Atlantic Aviation at 858-7300 and let them know you are a Stead pilot re-locating for Air Races. 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 if you are NOT parked on the Atlantic ramp, call Airport Communications at 328-6600, and provide **ALL** this information to gain access through the remote access gate – probably 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 (775-858-7300) 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 Atlantic 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 690-9450 if you have questions.

- The FAR Part 91 Waiver will be in effect beginning Saturday, September 9 for two one-hour blocks, then again Sunday morning, September 10 from 0745-1730 LCL, and remain in effect 0745-1730 each day through Sunday, September 17. For the waiver to be in effect, "RACE CONTROL" must be up and operating.
- ***A TFR will also be in effect from 1100 – 1200 and 1500 – 1600 Saturday 9/9, then 1030-1700 Sunday 9/10, and from 0800-1730 EVERY DAY, beginning Monday 9/11 through Saturday, 9/16. On Sunday, 9/17 the TFR will be extended until 1830. A later TFR is established to facilitate safe operations due to numerous participant departures after the Races are complete.***
NOTE: A Prior Permission Required (PPR) assignment is required for all tenants to operate from Stead at all times, beginning 0600 on Sunday, 9/10 until 0600 on Monday, 9/18. Contact Dani Austin at (775)328-6570, or me at (775)690-9450 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 - Friday 9/7-8/2017: **0800-1700**
 - Saturday, 9/9, 0800 – 1130.
 - **NO temporary tower** on Sunday, 9/10. (**"RACE CONTROL" 133.3 only, 0745-1700**)
 - Monday 9/11-Sunday 9/17: **1630 or Last Racer on Deck (LROD)-until 2000 daily.**
 - On Monday, 9/18 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, 9/10 through Sunday 9/17, 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 after LROD, contact Stead Tower on **133.3**; for departures, contact Stead Ground on **126.4**. 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 **126.4** for taxi instructions. If arriving with PPR, contact **“RACE CONTROL”**, frequency **133.3**, 10 NM out for instructions. There will be **NO** arrivals or departures while racing aircraft are on the race course.
 - **THE AIRPORT WILL BE CLOSED EACH NIGHT FROM 2000 UNTIL 0600 THE NEXT DAY, SUNDAY, 9/10 – SUNDAY, 9/17.**
 - 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, 9/7 through Monday, 9/18. 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 or west*** of the NO PROP / ENGINE TURN LINE. Please contact me at 775-690-9450 or Dani 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 , 9/8, with return to service scheduled by close of business, Monday, 9/18.

This is my first year working with you on Air Races, but given the extraordinary cooperation and support you've shown me during the past months, I know you will help me avoid mistakes. 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. I also want to give a shout-out to the Stead staff who have worked very hard to keep things moving for you during the transition to new folks in the front office. I have really appreciated how they all stepped up given that 3 of the 7 members of our team have changed in the last few months.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns and suggestions regarding our airport.

My phone contact information is Office: 775-328-6570, Cell: 775-690-9450, or you may email me at mscott@renoairport.com. Anyone wishing to receive e-mail notifications please send your e-mail address to me as well.

Respectfully,

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ALWAYS CHECK NOTAMS BEFORE EVERY FLIGHT!



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