

September 1, 2023



Greetings from the Stead Staff,

The National Championship Air Races will return for its final year of racing at Stead in a little over a week, the purpose of this letter is to provide you with the most recent information available on the activities at the Stead Airport in preparation for this exciting event. Included is a one page "cheat sheet" of Air Race timelines covered in this letter to aid your planning.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AIR RACES (NCAR):

As was the case in 2022, ALL RACE AIRCRAFT are required to be in the pits no later than 1200, Saturday, 09Sep. 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 begins Sunday, 10Sep. **The TFR is in effect from 1000-1800 Sunday, 10Sep, and from 0715-1800 Monday, 11Sep through Saturday, 16Sep, and from 0715 – 2000 Sunday, 17Sep.**

- NCAR impacts on you, the tenants, will begin much earlier than race week (setup has already started) with many vehicles, pedestrians, and non-standard activities on the west ramp area (unlimited pit area, VIP tents, etc.). By Monday, 04September, 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.
- **All tenants must have Air Race credentials affixed to their vehicles,** and appropriate individual credentials displayed, to enter the Reno-Stead Airport beginning Monday, 11Sep.
- 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, 08Sep thru 1700 Tuesday, 19Sep. Upon landing, notify the tower you wish to taxi to the location Atlantic Aviation assigned you. When possible, contact Atlantic Aviation Unicom on freq. 131.6 for additional instructions.

To make arrangements to relocate to RNO, contact Atlantic Aviation:

Front desk at 775-858-7300 and let them know you are a Stead pilot relocating 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*

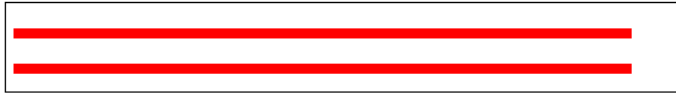
After coordinating with Atlantic front desk, you will have access to your aircraft 24 hours a day, but there will not be services available from 2200-0600 daily. Fueling services are available at any time during the day or night, however you will need to taxi to the Atlantic Aviation main ramp. For access to your aircraft please 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 aircraft parking at RNO only. 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 the "Atlantic option" by letting me know if you plan to relocate to RNO. As always, feel free to contact me at 328-6570 or 690-3319 if you have questions.

- The FAR Part 91 Waiver will be in effect beginning Sunday, 10Sep at 0930-1800, then daily from 0715-1800 from Monday, 11Sep through Sunday, 17Sep (til 2000 on 9/17). For the waiver to be in effect, "RACE CONTROL" must be up and operating.
- **A TFR will be in effect from 1000-1800 on Sunday 10Sep and EVERY DAY after from 0715-1800 beginning Monday, 11Sep through Saturday, 16Sep. On Sunday, 17Sep the TFR will be in effect from 0715 - 2000. There will be NO Waiver or TFR in effect on Monday, 18Sep. 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, 10Sep until 0600 on Monday, 18Sep. Contact Dani Austin-Cox at (775)250-9449, or me at (775)690-3319 no later than 24 hours in advance for a PPR assignment.**

- **TEMPORARY CONTRACT TOWER:** Hours of operation (Local) for the **temporary tower ("Stead Tower" 121.05)** will be:
 - Thursday - Friday 07-08Sep **0800-1700**
 - Saturday, 09Sep **0800 – 1430**
 - Sunday, 10Sep. **1800** (or Last Racer on Deck (LROD))-**2000**
 - Monday, 11Sep – Sunday, 17Sep **1800 - 2000 daily.**
 - On Monday, 18Sep from **0800-1200, Stead Airport will be a controlled airport. Contact Stead Tower for Taxi and Takeoff/Landing on 121.05.**
 - If you plan to operate from RTS Sunday, 10Sep thru Sunday, 17Sep arrivals and *departures should be planned* for no later than 0700 in the morning and no earlier than 1800 in the afternoon. (See **NOTE** in TFR section above). **THE AIRPORT WILL BE CLOSED EACH NIGHT FROM 2000 UNTIL 0600 THE NEXT DAY, SUNDAY, 10Sep – MONDAY MORNING, 18Sep.** If you are departing between 0600 – 0700, there will not be a tower in operation, so broadcast intentions on CTAF (122.7). For arrivals after LROD, contact Stead Tower on **121.05**; 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 775-690-3319 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 "**Ground**" on **126.4** for taxi instructions. If arriving with PPR, contact "**Stead Tower**", frequency **121.05**, 10 NM out for instructions. There will be **NO** arrivals or departures while racing aircraft are on the racecourse.

Due to high volumes of personnel and visitors on the ramp, A **NO PROP / ENGINE TURN LINE** will be in effect from 0800 Thursday, 07Sep, and remain in effect 24/7 until 1200 Monday, 18Sep. 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 you 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 Sean Moran 775-843-0895** 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**

- o The NO PROP / ENGINE TURN LINE looks like this:



- The runway 32 ILS will be NOTAMed "Out of Service" beginning on Friday, 08Sep, with return to service scheduled by 1200, Tuesday, 19Sep.
- RWY 7/25Dirt will be closed from 0800 on 07Sep until 0800 on 19Sep.

This year's event is expected to bring record crowds, please utilize appropriate vehicle gates during operational hours and limit or avoid driving in high pedestrian use areas as much as possible. If driving in these areas is necessary, please reduce speeds and remember no motorized bikes, scooters, hoverboards or other personal transportation devices are allowed. Please ensure that your proper credentials are displayed at all times.

Finally, I also want to give my thanks to the Stead staff who have worked very hard to sustain a great facility for you over the last year. I hope you'll agree that our staff continues to maintain and improve our airport all the time! Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding during this event and I wish you all a safe and healthy race week!

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

My contact information is Office: 775-328-6570, Cell: 775-690-3319 or you may email me at sgordon@renoairport.com.

Thank You!

Scott Gordon

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Reno-Stead Airport Manager

ALWAYS CHECK NOTAMS BEFORE EVERY FLIGHT!

DAILY CHEAT SHEET FOR RTS TENANTS – 2023 AIR RACES

Thursday, 9/7 – Monday, 9/18, Home Pylon and Pylon Outer 1 up, Obstacle NOTAMs posted.

Thursday, 9/7, 0800 **NO PROP/ENGINE TURN Line is in effect** from Grandstands thru West Ramp, **continuously** 24/7 thru Monday, 9/18, 1200. Towing assist available @ Sean, 775-843-0895.

RWY 7/25DIRT Closed 9/7-9/19

Thursday-Friday, 9/7-9/8 – 0800-1700

Stead Tower open on 121.05/Ground 126.4

Friday, 9/8 – Tuesday, 9/19

RWY 32 ILS out of service

Saturday, 9/9 – 0800-1430

Stead Tower open, non-towered after on 122.7

Sunday, 9/10 – 0001 – 1000 non-towered

1000-1800, 24-hour PPR required for non-participating aircraft.

1000-1800 TFR in effect, Race Control open. NO non-participating aircraft.

1800-2000 Stead Tower open.

2000-0600 Airport Closed.

Monday – Saturday, 9/11 – 9/16

0600-0715, non-towered, 24-hour PPR required for non-participating aircraft.

0715-1800, TFR in effect, Race Control open, NO non-participating aircraft.

1800-2000, Stead Tower open. 24-hour PPR required for non-participating aircraft.

2000-0600, Airport Closed.

Sunday, 9/17

0600-0715, non-towered, 24-hour PPR required for non-participating aircraft.

0715-2000, TFR in effect, Race Control open, NO non-participating aircraft.

2000-0600, Airport Closed.

Monday, 9/18

0600-0800, non-towered.

0800-1200, Stead Tower open on 121.05/126.4 GND

ALWAYS CHECK NOTAMS AND AWOS FOR LAST MINUTE CHANGES