



*Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group  
FlyOuts Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2019*

**I. Call to Order**

FlyOuts Committee Chair Sandy Munns called to order the meeting of the FlyOuts Committee at 2:10pm at Atlantic Aviation, 655 S. Rock Blvd, Reno, NV 89502.

**II. Roll Call**

A roll call was not conducted. The following members were present:

Sandy Munns – Chair

Trygve Inda – Prospective Member

Karen Inda – Prospective Member

**III. Poker Run**

The purpose of this meeting is to plan the first RTAG Poker Run. Seven local airports will distribute playing cards to participating pilots and the pilots with the best hands win.

Each playing card will be in a credit-card sized Manila envelope with a security seal. The airport code will be written on the outside of the envelope. Pilots will pay \$100 to collect one card at each airport, or \$150 to collect two cards at each airport. The participants present their sealed envelopes at the last stop, which will be The Tail Dragger Café in Minden.

Fifty percent of the money generated goes to the Tom Pagnano Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the other 50% will be divided between the winners.

**Purpose of the Event**

The purpose of the event is primarily to raise money for the Tom Pagnano Memorial Scholarship Fund, but also to have fun and socialize with fellow pilots, to fly to seven local airports, to increase RTAG membership, and to generate business for The Tail Dragger Café.

**Airports**

The airports we want to include are Reno, Silver Springs, Stead, Hawthorne, Carson, Minden, and Fallon. We considered including Truckee, Nervino, Susanville, and others, but we would like this to be a Northern Nevada event.

The name of event will be The RTAG Northern Nevada Poker Run. We hope to include other Northern Nevada airports, such as Winnemucca and Elko, in future years.

Trygve will contact Reno and Hawthorne.

For Reno, Trygve will ask Atlantic Aviation to waive ramp fees for participants.

For Hawthorne, Trygve will contact Betty.



Karen will contact Silver Springs and Stead.

For Silver Springs, Karen has already spoken with Kay Bennett, who is excited about participating.

For Stead, Karen will contact Mike Scott.

Sandy will contact Fallon, Carson, and Minden.

For Fallon, Sandy will contact the FBO.

For Carson, Sandy has already spoken with Ken Moen, who is excited about participating.

For Minden, Sandy will ask The Tail Dragger Café to distribute cards and provide a table where cards can be opened in front of the judge. We will also need a white board. Participants will almost certainly buy food and beverages.

### **Dates**

We originally thought Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> would work, but it conflicts with the High Sierra Fly-In at Dead Cow Lake. The new date is Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. If there's weather on October 12<sup>th</sup>, we will reschedule for October 13<sup>th</sup>. If there's weather on October 13<sup>th</sup>, we will reschedule for October 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Supplies**

We will need at least four decks of cards, including two Jokers (wild cards). Trygve will ask a casino dealer he knows about getting four decks of used cards donated.

$(4 \text{ decks} \times 52 \text{ cards per deck}) + 2 \text{ Jokers} = 210 \text{ cards}$ . Divided between seven airports, 210 divided by 7 is 30, so each airport will receive 30 cards.

We will need 210 credit-card sized Manila envelopes and 210 security seals.

We will need a white board with markers and erasers at the Minden Airport. Sandy will see whether we can borrow these items.

Karen will ask Dani Austin-Cox at the Stead Airport to create a nice flier for the event.

Karen will ask Dr. Bob Larkin for reimbursement from RTAG for any supplies we have to purchase.

Sandy, Karen, and Trygve will shuffle the cards and put them in envelopes with security seals. There will be 30 cards per airport and each envelope will be marked with the airport code. A team of volunteer pilots will hand-deliver the cards to the participating airports before the event.

Karen will create a pilot briefing and put it on the RTAG website, as well as email it to RTAG members and registered participants.

### **Registration and Payment**

All participants must register in advance, so we know how many cards to distribute and how many pilots to expect at the last stop. Registration deadline is the Wednesday before the event. We need to know each pilot's name and N-number, and whether they will pay \$100 to collect one card from each airport or \$150 to collect two cards from each airport.



Participants will be able to pay in advance through the RTAG website, or pay in cash when they arrive at the last stop. Payment in cash is necessary, so that RTAG will have the funds to immediately award the prizes.

In case the event is postponed due to weather, pilots who prepaid and are unable to participate on the new date will be offered refunds.

If each airport has 30 cards, a maximum of 30 planes can participate, with each pilot getting one card at each airport. If 15 planes participate, each pilot can buy a second card. If more than 30 pilots register for this event, Sandy, Karen, and Trygve will obtain additional supplies and deliver them before the event.

### **Collecting Cards**

Pilots based at any of the participating airports can collect their first card as early as 7am. The last card will be collected at the last stop, which will be The Tail Dragger Café in Minden, around lunchtime. For five-card poker, it is necessary to have at least five cards, so pilots must visit a minimum of three other airports. The airports can be visited in any order, but **this is not a race**. There is no prize for arriving at Minden first. At each airport, pilots must shut down their engines before collecting their cards. Safety first!

Participants should wear their RTAG t-shirts if they have them. Karen has a few extra ladies' RTAG t-shirts, which can be distributed to interested participants.

### **Judging**

Bob Meurer has agreed to be the judge. He will wait at The Tail Dragger Café for participants to arrive. They will open their envelopes in front of him. If they paid extra to collect a second card at each airport, they must split the sealed envelopes into two even piles before opening them. Each pile must contain one card from each visited airport. Once opened, the two hands cannot be mixed. Bob Muerer will appoint someone to record the hand(s) of each pilot on the whiteboard.

### **Prizes**

The winner will be determined after all participating pilots have arrived and opened their envelopes in front of the judge. We hope this will happen by 2pm at the latest.

Traditional poker hand rankings and order of suits will apply. A natural card beats a wild card.

In case of an exact tie, the winner will be determined through the drawing of a single card each. The loser of this contest becomes the next-place winner. If there is an exact tie for 2nd place and there is no 3rd place prize, then the tie-breaker will determine who wins 2nd place and the loser of the single card draw will not win a prize.

The decision of the judge is final.

Half of the money raised will go to the Tom Pagnano Memorial Scholarship Fund. The other half will be given as prizes. Depending on the number of participants, there will either be prizes for the best hand and the second-best hand, in a roughly 70/30 split, or we will include a prize for the third-best hand, in a roughly 65/25/10 split.



We will also consider collecting donated door prizes for drawings or raffles.

Pilots must be present to win.

### **Invitees**

All local pilots are welcome to participate. We will invite the EAA Chapter at Stead, the Stead Users Group, both local 99s chapters, CAP, the Commemorative Air Force at Stead, and pilots based at all of the participating airports.

### **Timeline**

Karen and Trygve will be out of town for most of September, so obtaining the supplies, stuffing the envelopes, disseminating information about this event, and putting a registration button on the RTAG website needs to be done by the end of August.

### **IV. Adjournment**

Sandy Munns adjourned the meeting at 3:50pm.

Minutes submitted by Karen Inda.