



*Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group
Northern Nevada Poker Run
Official Rules
2020*

The Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group (RTAG) is planning a Poker Run for Saturday, October 10th. The alternate date is Saturday, October 17th.

This event is open to all pilots and their passengers. It begins at sunrise and ends when all participants have arrived at the last stop, or by 2:30pm, whichever comes first. Prizes will be awarded at the last stop. Fifty percent of the money generated goes to the Tom Pagnano Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the other 50% will be divided between the winners.

Passengers are welcome to register separately and collect their own set of cards.

Members of the RTAG FlyOut Committee will acquire several decks of playing cards, shuffle the cards thoroughly, and insert the cards individually into credit-card-sized Manilla envelopes. Each envelope will be sealed with a security seal and labeled with an airport code. These cards will be hand-delivered by RTAG Directors to seven local airports. These participating airports are Reno-Tahoe (Stellar Aviation), Reno-Stead, Fallon, Yerington, Hawthorne, Silver Springs, and Minden. The list of participating airports is subject to change.

As this is five-card poker, a minimum of five cards is needed to participate. Pilots must visit at least five of the seven airports to have a poker hand. Any type of aircraft that can safely operate in and out of at least five of the seven airports is welcome to participate.

The airports can be visited in any order, but the last card will be collected at the last stop, which is The Tail Dragger Café in Minden.

Pilots will pay \$100 to collect one card at each airport, or \$150 to collect two cards at each airport.

The participants will present their sealed envelopes to Judge Bob Meurer at The Tail Dragger Café in Minden. Any envelopes that have been opened or tampered with will be disqualified.

All participants must shut their engines down at each stop for safety. This is not a race. There is no prize for being the first to arrive at the last stop.

There is no cost for airports or FBOs to participate, other than staffing expenses that may be incurred for this event. These expenses will be borne by the airport or FBO and will not be reimbursed by RTAG.

Purpose of the Event

The primary purpose of the event is to raise money for the Tom Pagnano Memorial Scholarship Fund. We hope that this event will also be fun, increase RTAG membership, and generate business for The Tail Dragger Café.



Airport Information

The event begins at sunrise, which is 7am. Some FBOs open at 8am.

KRNO: Stellar Aviation, from 6am

KRTS: Shuman Moore, from 7am

KFLX: Dan Cook, from 8am

KSPZ: Peggy and/or Liz, from 8am

KHTH: Betty Easley, from 8am

O43: The Smith Family, from 7 or 8am, TBD

KMEV: The Tail Dragger Café. Arrive by 2:30pm.

A pilot briefing will take place after the RTAG General Meeting on Wednesday, October 7th, location TBD or via Zoom. Please attend the pilot briefing for more information on each airport. If you have questions about this event, please email RTAG Secretary Karen Inda at karen.rtag@xericdesign.com. Please do not call the FBOs with your questions.

If anyone has a breakdown or other problem during the Poker Run, the single point of contact will be Judge Bob Meurer. Cell phone: (360) 713-8077

Registration and Payment

The Northern Nevada Poker Run Registration Form is on the RTAG website. The registration deadline is Wednesday, October 7th. <<https://www.renoaviation.org/flyouts>>

Participants can pay in advance through the PayPal button on the RTAG website, or pay in cash when they arrive at the last stop. This will ensure that RTAG will have the funds to immediately award the prizes. Failure to pay will result in being disqualified.

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.

Judging

At the last stop, participants will open their envelopes in front of Judge Bob Meurer. Participants who paid \$100 to collect one card at each airport will have one poker hand. Those who paid \$150 to collect two cards at each airport must split their cards into two even piles – with one card from each airport in each pile – before opening the envelopes. Once opened, the two hands cannot be mixed. Envelopes that



have been tampered with will be disqualified. The hands of each participant will be displayed publicly. Participants may be included in photographs that will be posted on the RTAG Facebook page and/or the RTAG website. If you do not wish to have your photo published, please inform webmaster Karen Inda.

Prizes

The winner will be determined after all participating pilots have arrived and opened their envelopes in front of the judge, or at 2:30pm, whichever comes first.

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.

Participants need not be present to win. However, we hope that everyone will stay for a meal and enjoy the camaraderie of their fellow pilots.

Participation in this event is at your own risk. The Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group and its officers, directors, and members assume no responsibility for any mishaps that occur before, during, after, or as a result of the Northern Nevada Poker Run.