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Results for the 2008 Great Reno Balloon Race Organizers are thankful for another great year

(RENO, Nev.) – The 2008 Great Reno Balloon Race enjoyed a successful weekend. Organizers estimate 175,000 spectators attended the three-day event, with more than 60,000 in attendance at Saturday's *World's Largest Pajama Party*.

“Talented pilots, generous sponsors and dedicated volunteers all contributed to a wonderful weekend” said Marlene Olsen, Balloon Race managing director. “The weather was perfect for flying and we are thankful for another safe year of flight.”

Saturday's Bed -Head competition received more than 200 registrants, with thousands more PJ-clad spectators participating in the inaugural Pajama Fest.

This year's Balloon Race pilots competed in two categories: Hare & Hound and On-Field Competitions. **Hare & Hound:** First-place winner, Dennis Park, of Discovery Bay, Calif. flew for Silver State Spinecare. Second-place winner, David Lynch, of Temecula, Calif. flew for C.I.S., Inc. Third-place winner; Anson Stelmak, of Mead, Wash. flew for Grand Sierra Resort & Casino. **On-Field Competition:** First-place winner, Greg Taggart, of Citrus Heights, Calif. flew for the University of Nevada, Reno. Second-place winner, David Steidley, of Albuquerque, N.M. flew for Shell Oil. Third-place winner, Dominic Chemello, of Temecula, Calif. flew for the Drummer Family.

Visit www.renoballoon.com for more information about The Great Reno Balloon Race and to become a sponsor of the 2009 event, set for Sept. 11, 12 and 13.

Thanks to the continued support of generous sponsors, The Great Reno Balloon Race continues as a free event for its 27th year. This year's major sponsors include: Wells Fargo Bank, the May Foundation, Silver Legacy Resort Casino, Harrah's Reno, Reno.com, Jack in the Box, Great Basin Internet Services, Communications Installation Services Inc. (C.I.S.) of Reno, KRNV News 4, News Talk 780 KOH, Bonanza Casino, Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority, Shell Oil and Curves of Northern Nevada. With a special thanks to our Founding Sponsors: Circus Circus, Club Cal Neva, Fitzgerald's, IGT, Peppermill Hotel Casino, Sands Regency Casino Hotel and the University of Nevada, Reno.