



DATE: March 26, 2013

SUBJECT: Advisory -"Fly-Over" Great Reno Balloon Race Launch Site

TO: Michael J. Becker, Manager, Reno Flight Standards District Office

FROM: Katie Griggs, Balloonmeister, Flight Operations

On the mornings of 6-8 September 2013 the Great Reno Balloon Race (GRBR) plans to conduct fly-bys of the GRBR launch field at Rancho San Rafael Park, during the performance of the U.S. National Anthem, by one of the following groups: AT-6 group from the Reno Air Race Association, United States Navy, NV Air National Guard, or NV Army National Guard.

The operational plan is as follows:

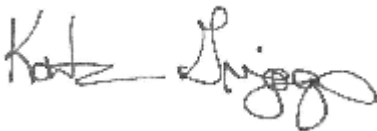
1. The "Fly-Over Team" will form up over Stead Airport and proceed down N. Virginia, angle across Evans Pond and turn west following an east-west line down the GRBR launch fields. Once west of the launch fields the formation will execute a 270 degree turn to a heading from south to north over the launch field. This will be at least 1,000 ft. above the closest object in the flight path. (Attachment #1: In park path illustration)
2. The balloon carrying the U.S. flag, (flag balloon), will ascend at 25-50 ft. /min during this time.
3. The U.S. National anthem will be sung at the same time by local vocal talent each day.
4. The general plan is for the Fly-Over to be conducted at 0700 hours local for the

GRBR opening ceremonies each morning. Every effort will be made to maintain contact between the GRBR event director or designee, from initial "Fly-Over" aircraft engine start at approx. 0630 until completion of the flight demonstration at approximately 0715. Additional assistance with communications will be provided by Reno ATC. The "Fly-Over team" lead will contact the GRBR event director (or his designee) on the radio 5 minutes prior to the 0700 fly-by pass (about 10 miles out). GRBR will pass any adjustments desired in the fly-over time at that call. In the event of a radio communication failure, the "Fly-Over team" will make their fly-over at 0700 (but in no case later than 0705). The "Fly-Over team" would make their pass after 0705 only with a radio clearance from GRBR. GRBR plans to release their flag balloon once they have the "Fly-Over team" on 1-mile final to the fly-over (about 30-seconds prior to the "Fly-Over team" being overhead, said 30-sec would allow a balloon ascent of only 25 feet or so). The "Fly-Over team" lead will visually clear the balloon area prior to making his fly-by pass. If GRBR has no radio contact with the "Fly-Over team", GRBR may release their balloons after 0705 but will not thereafter clear the "Fly-By team" for the fly-over as they would have balloons flying. The "Fly-Over team" will also be in radio contact with Reno ATC.

5. The "Fly-Over team" flight leader/planner will read and comply with the May 9, 2013 Advisory - Ops Plan and associated documents and sign the acknowledgement indicating he/she has read and understands the same and will send it through channels to the FSDO prior to the fly-over dates. The responsible person will ensure all "Fly-Over Team" pilots have received the required briefing for all flyers each day on the specific elements of these documents, including the acknowledgment form, and bring all required pilot and aircraft documents to the pilot registration.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or clarifications you may require further data on.

Best Regards,



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

All pilots who register to participate in the 2013 GRBR will be required to submit and electronically signed statement that follows as part of the online registration process.



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AS A PARTICIPATING PILOT IN THE GREAT RENO BALLOON RACE I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE 2013 OPERATIONS MANUAL, EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN, THE APPLICABLE CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER, ANY SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND ALL OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE RACE. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT MY VIOLATION OF THE WAIVER AND/OR RACE RULES MAY AFFECT MY STANDINGS IN THE RACE AND/OR THE STATUS OF MY AIRMAN CERTIFICATE IN THE EVENT OF AN FAA RULING.

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

PILOTS, without a completed form on file prior to the event, you will not be able to participate in the event.

