



April 4, 2011

Greetings,

Officially, spring has sprung, but the last few weeks have tested our patience, not to mention our choice of residence. Let's hope flying conditions continue to improve. Here are updates on what is happening at Stead:

⇒ **RTS Runway Safety Area Improvements:** The RSA project is approximately 80% complete, with most of the major earth moving finished. Highlights of the remaining work include finish grading on the east end of runway 26, electrical upgrades for the airfield lighting systems, new lighted windcones installed, the segmented circle and wind tee will be relocated north of 8-26, and the erosion control gravel will be placed in the last remaining areas. The last part of the project will require closure of 8-26 for 10 days, (dates to be determined) when the entire runway is sealed and repainted with the new displaced threshold.

As most of you may know, the FAA has made a big national push to upgrade runway safety areas at airports across the US. With the FAA's new requirements, RTAA reviewed several options regarding the RSA at Stead. The final project was based on extensive studies, funding availability, and RTS operations. To achieve the required safety area dimensions, with the least impact on airport operations, **DECLARED DISTANCES** are used to achieve the desired results. *Actual pavement lengths at RTS have not changed; pavement available for take off and landing **calculations** has changed.*

When the project is complete, the following changes will be finalized regarding runway length available for take off and landing.

For runway 08:	Take Off Distance Available (TODA) will be 6,956'
	Take Off Run Available (TORA) will be 6,956'
	Landing Distance Available (LDA) will be 6,956'
For Runway 26:	TODA will be 7,608' (unchanged)
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	LDA will be 7,294', as a result of the displaced threshold.
For Runway 14 / 32:	Unchanged.

⇒ **A REMINDER:** The FAA final rule regarding “**the Re-Registration and Renewal of Aircraft Registration**” was published on July 20, 2010 and became effective on October 1, 2010. ALL U.S. registered aircraft must be re-registered with the FAA. A poster from our FAA friends with all necessary information is posted in the pilot lounge. Please note: Failure to comply will have consequences regarding your aircraft registration.

- ⇒ Tim Brill, aka the Aerobatic Company and Flight School continues to host “**PIZZA AND A MOVIE**” at Stead. This opportunity for a little social fun and airplane thrills and chills is on Friday nights, in a location to be determined (the pilot lounge). For more information, contact Tim at (775) 329-3366 or (www.aerobaticcompany.com)
- ⇒ On April 12, 2011 at 5:30 PM, RTAA and the Stead Airport Users Association will host an open meeting for all Stead tenants. The location will be the pilot’s lounge, space permitting. The meeting will cover the following topics:
1. Introductions of staff and speakers
 2. Presentation by Marily Mora, RTAA Chief Operating Officer on the new airport facility
 3. Presentation by Mike Dikun, Stead Airport Manager on status of airport projects, and summer activities.
 4. Question and Answer session.
 5. SAUA discussion.

⇒ STEAD AIRPORT USERS ASSOCIATION (SAUA): The following message is provided by the SAUA:

“The Stead Airport Users Association (SAUA) works to present the concerns and interests of all Stead Airport stakeholders in a constructive and positive manner during monthly meetings with representatives of the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority.

We invite all lease holders and renters to show your support of the organization that supports you by joining so that “we all speak with one strong voice”.

Your \$20.00 annual membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter that reports on topical airport issues, construction and maintenance plans at RTS, and technical articles of interest to general aviation pilots. Please reply to:

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I have now completed my first full year at RTS as the airport manager. It has been fun, and challenging, all at the same time. I hope you all feel the level of service, open communications, and desire to provide an excellent airport environment has continued in the Skip Polak tradition. The entire RTS staff is proud of this airport, and I believe it shows in every aspect we are responsible for. In this regard, I would like to review a few house keeping issues.

1. **WASTE OIL / FILTERS:** There have been several times when airport staff finds open buckets of waste oil and / or mystery liquids at the various waste receptacles provided for you convenience. We also find undrained filters in the trash cans. The potential to have a spilled bucket of waste oil and the environmental consequence is obvious. The Airport Authority provides you with a safe, approved used oil depository at the wash rack. PLEASE USE IT. As for the filters, please place them upside down on the filter screen inside the drain pipe to allow them to drain. Someone will place them in the waste can when they have drained (24 hr required by law). Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

2. **USED BATTERIES:** We provide a safe repository for used batteries in the Airport Maintenance yard. Please bring old batteries to the maintenance yard for safe storage until they are recycled. We provide this service as a courtesy at no cost to the tenants.
3. **LOOSE TRASH:** You all know what the winds are like out here. Please do not leave trash bags outside of the supplied trash containers. If the closest one to your hangar is full, please find the nearest one that you can use, and use it. None of us wants the distraction of blowing trash while operating at RTS.

The entire airport staff appreciates your help in keeping RTS clean and safe. Speaking of safe, it is getting close to the annual fire inspection program. We will begin May 4, and inspections will be available until July 14. Available days and hours will be limited, and a full schedule of available days and times will be provided in advance of the inspections. Date and time slots will be filled first come, first served. Standby for more information and calendars.

Schedule of events at RTS:

April 12	All Tenant Meeting, Pilot's Lounge
April 16-17	Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) on ramp
April 30-May 1	SCCA on ramp
May 20-21	Truck Rodeo on ramp
May 28-29	SCCA on ramp
June 14-18	Pylon Racing Seminar
June 25	Pathways to Aviation / EAA Young Eagle flights / Stead Open House

Respectfully,

Mike Dikun
Airport Manager