Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group
General Meeting
8/4/26

I. Call to Order

RTAG President Karla Werning called to order the Board of Directors meeting of the Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, August 4th, 2026, at Civil Air Patrol, 2890 Vassar St., Suite A, Reno, NV 89502.

II. Roll Call

A roll call was not conducted. The following officers and directors were present:
Karla Werning - President
Kari Inda - Vice-President
Jack Woods - Secretary
Trygve Inda - Director
Kurtis LeMay – Director

III. Business

Presentation #1

Chrissy Gonzales, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority Aviation Compliance Specialist, presented information regarding GA security at RNO.

AOA badge holders are responsible for complying with the following requirements:

1. Keep anyone you are escorting under your control and within your line of sight at all times.
2. Do not escort anyone who has been issued an airport badge but does not have the badge in their possession, including someone who has left it at home.
3. When escorting a vehicle through a gate, enter as the lead vehicle and keep the escorted vehicle behind you.
4. Confront and report suspicious persons by calling the phone number printed on the back of your AOA badge.

Chrissy asked that we remain alert and take all security requirements seriously, even when an individual appears friendly or harmless. When in doubt, follow airport security procedures and report the situation using the phone number on the back of your badge.

One RTAG member reported an encounter that appears to be a security-compliance test. A woman described as a “sweet old lady in a pink hat” stopped by an RTAG member’s hangar to chat while he was conducting maintenance on an airplane. He assumed she was a pilot’s wife. After she left, a TSA agent appeared out of nowhere

and lectured the member on his failure to (a.) demand to see her badge and (b.) when she couldn't produce a badge, call AirCom (the non-emergency number on the back of our badges) to report her as a suspicious person. In other words, TSA planted an actor on our field who interrupted crucial aircraft maintenance in order to observe how AOA badge holders respond to unknown persons.

Several RTAG members expressed concern about these developments. RTAG Directors are planning to issue a statement.

Presentation #2
Tina Ho, of Real Clean Aircraft Detailing, is a new RTAG sponsor. All of her employees have badges for RNO, so there are no security issues if you use her company for aircraft detailing. She works on both pistons and jets, on most local airfields.

Presentation #3
Retired United 747 Captain and longtime RTAG member Joe Rajacic spoke about a recent in-flight emergency. The cause seems to be inferior electrical wiring and crisscrossed circuit breakers in an experimental aircraft. There was at least one flame, and they made an emergency landing at Yerington. One take-away from that experience is to be very careful who you fly with. Make sure the aircraft you are climbing into is actually airworthy, particularly if it's experimental.

Presentation #4
Local artist and student pilot Blair Latos showed some of her artwork and talked about the upcoming Aviation Paint & Sip. She will guide participants to paint a picture of their aircraft (or the aircraft of their dreams) on Saturday, September 26th, 4pm to 6pm, in the Commemorative Air Force hangar at Stead. The cost is $50 per person. Any amount over expenses benefits the RTAG Scholarship Fund and the Reno Aviation Museum. RSVP to Kari.

Presentation #5
Trygve Inda talked about the grueling bureaucratic process of setting up a flight school at RNO. The State of Nevada's sales tax permit was done online in 20 minutes. The City of Reno issued a business license in three days. The RTAA has been working on a Use Agreement for SEVEN WEEKS. The new flight school is called Hornbill Aviation. It will be at GA West and is a new RTAG sponsor. Hornbill Aviation hopes to be operational this weekend.

There was a discussion about **sales tax on aircraft rentals**. Since the regulations were clear as mud, this was previously considered a gray area. Now that the regulations have

been clarified, all flight schools at RNO will be charging sales tax on non-instructional flights, effective immediately.

IV. Raffle

All paid members got a raffle ticket. We raffled off 6 items: 2 posters, 2 hats, a t-shirt, and a $250 Aviation Award certificate.

V. Invitation to Join RTAG Teams

A member mentioned that the younger generation joined RTAG in the hopes of having fun events, such as renting e-bikes at Quincy Airport and going on a forest adventure. Kari reminded members that they are welcome to join RTAG Teams and help plan events. We have a Fly-Outs Team, a Special Events Team, and much more. Visit the Teams page of the RTAG website to find your team and get involved!

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.
Minutes submitted by Jack Woods.