



AIR RALLY PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

How to register ?

- Fill and submit the aircraft registration form online
- Confirm registration with aircraft registration fee payment

Banking information for payment to be sent upon receipt of registration form

Why it is important to register your plane and crew early?

The group is divided in 3 squadrons. The aircraft will be assigned to one of the squadrons according to type of aircraft and airspeed. The list of aircraft will be updated regularly and sent to the airport of destination to secure adequate parking.

The aircraft registration fee will initiate the process of securing enough & adequate accommodations for the crew and help destination coordinate parking needed according to type.

Final payment (Participants registration fee)

Participants registration fee payment recommended at latest 60 days prior to departure to secure proper rooming (first come first serve).

An invoice will be sent to Team leader (Pilot in command). Sponsorship invoicing can be considered if pilot in command is a company owner.

Full information package to be sent upon finalizing participants registration.

Kneeboards (Pilot essential information per destination) will be sent and invitation to online webinar to take place one month prior to departure.

Cancellation policy:

- Full refund of paid participation fees if cancellation occurs 60 days prior to the departure date.
- Refund of 50% of paid participation fees if cancellation occurs 40 to 59 days prior to departure date.
- No refund of paid participation fees if cancellation occurs 39 days and under of departure date or no show.
- No refund on paid aircraft registration fee.

Air Rally flight operations

The itinerary is planned taking into consideration slowest aircraft (130 knots). Pilots file IFR or VFR - VFR flying when weather permits is recommended to avoid take off delays. IFR certification is not a prerequisite to participate to the Rally: around 30% of the participants joining are not IFR certified.

Type of aircraft : Light sport (Lancair, Van's RV, Pipistrel, etc...) are admitted as long as the tail number size is 12 inch.

Required:

- Valid pilot license & medical certificate
- CBP Decal
- Certificate of airworthiness
- Proof of aircraft liability insurance
- A copy of last maintenance performed and signed by mechanic.
- Recommended : logbook with last pilot check
- Valid passport (valid 6 months beyond the return date)
- Visa : US & Canadian citizens are not required to have a VISA. Europeans do need a Tourist VISA B1-B2 when they travel onboard a private plane. **ESTA program is not accepted.**
- eAPIS registration.
- Tie down to secure your aircraft
- Life vests mandatory: One per person, raft is optional
- Navigational charts (to be advised at time of registration along with other destination paperwork)

Pilot meeting: registration and workshop day prior to departure (information sent with registration package):

Meeting topics : Eapis, Caricom, International flight planning, Weather, Route, Alternate & optional refuelling stops, Order of departure, Take off and landing procedure.

4-6 Tshirts per person/luggage tags/name tags will provided at meeting

Procedures

The group : up to 25 aircraft divided in 3 squadrons:
Squadron assignment according to cruise airspeed

- Yellow Tanker : up 135 knots
- Red Baron : 140 knots to 180 knots
- Grey Wolf : over 180 knots

AR head plane to depart first
AR tail plane leaves last

Order of departure assigned to aircraft according to speed and cruising altitude. Order subject to change. Air Boss will make the call.

Communications : air-to-air frequency assigned during each flight to report position

Arrivals at the destination airfields must follow US regulatory procedure unless otherwise instructed. Approach procedures will be provided during briefings.

Ground Transportation provided at all Rally final destinations, from the airport to the hotel and back. AR and island representatives coordinate on arrival at each destination. Expect occasional welcome from the kids at airport on arrival coordinated by airport authority (as indicated on daily program)

Weather delays: Caribbean weather is not an issue outside of hurricane and rain season . December from experience, offers best weather to fly.

Should bad weather occur, pilot in command will decide to fly or not. Should the crew be grounded due to weather, AR will help secure accommodations for pilots and crews staying behind.(cost not covered)

Alternate refuelling points are provided in the itinerary and coordinated ahead with Fuel providers. Fuel discounts are arranged at intermediate refuelling points and at final destination. Information will be provided on the Kneeboards.

Fees : What to expect will be sent on the final daily Program. The fees to expect normally are Passenger departure fees (around 25\$ crew does not pay) Nav Fee, customs fee, airport security, ... air Rally covers landing and parking fees at final destination.

Custom clearance:

Information (passport number, nationality, birth date, etc...) is sent ahead to help prepare paperwork and expedite clearance.

Activities:

Special activities, receptions and parties, organized in collaboration with island hosts, will take place during the course of the journey. These activities will be noted on the Daily program provided before departure and reviewed during online webinar.

A list of best proposed activities will be sent. Participants will be directed to make individual arrangements unless we have a group for a special activity coordinated by AR and partners: ie Boat charter/snorkeling

The Air Rally group is a proud Family !

The Caribbean Air Rally is celebrated at most visited destinations.



The Organizing Committee provides 4 T-Shirts per person. T-shirt must be worn at all times when flying from one destination to another and during certain group activities, as per daily program.

The T-shirts represent a security for the participants. It helps identify members of Air Rally and insures they receive the services we have pre-arranged in collaboration with the destinations' host: expedited customs, transport and protection measures.

The t-shirt can be worn over clothing. Name tags, luggage tags and plane stickers will also be provided

POLOs can be ordered. Cost will be provided on request.

- The Air Rally is a fund raising event for Aviation Connection Aerospace and AI STEM Program.
- For the third year, the International Air Rally will deliver a Flight simulator to a High School in one of the hosted destinations.