



Air Sailing, Inc. presents

## The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Cross-Country Camp August 8-13, 2021

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### What it is

A five-day comprehensive camp that offers classroom sessions, practical demonstration, and daily practice of the basic and intermediate concepts and skills involved in conservative, recreational cross-country flying.

### Audience

Beginning or intermediate-level cross-country soaring enthusiasts who want to:

- Become more efficient at thermalling and cross-country soaring techniques through practice.
- Develop and sharpen their cross-country decision-making skills.
- Gain the confidence to advance and enhance their cross-country soaring abilities while managing risk.

The camp has a long history of giving pilots their first cross country experiences and honing the skills of more advanced pilots. In 1976, Tim Broyhill organized the first cross-country camp at Air Sailing. Carl Herold continued the tradition in the 1980's, and it continues today in the hands of dedicated Air Sailing members. Hundreds of pilots from around the country have attended over the years.

### Location

Air Sailing Gliderport is located about 25 miles north of Reno, Nevada, near Pyramid Lake. Air Sailing, Inc. is a not-for-profit, volunteer-run, membership organization. Air Sailing has been a haven for pilots in California and Nevada for 50 years who enjoy our access to superb soaring. The gliderport property, located in the Palomino Valley about twenty-five miles north of Reno, Nevada, has been granted in perpetuity to Air Sailing, Inc. from the Bureau of Land Management. Our revenue is derived from memberships, donations, an annual banquet and silent auction, educational soaring camps, and hangar/tiedown fees.

### Pre-Requisites

Participants must have a valid Private Glider Rating and at least 30 hours of solo time. Participants must provide their own glider, trailer, oxygen system, parachute, current sectionals, radio, and glider liability insurance. Participants need not have any cross-country experience but must have solid piloting skills. This means you should be accomplished at thermalling and with short/soft field landings (See "Pilot Preparations for Camp.") If you are uncertain about your skills, feel free to consult with the Camp Manager or an Air Sailing CFG. Air Sailing is also hosting a Thermalling Camp two weeks prior to the XC Camp. Many pilots find this to be an excellent warm-up to flying in the high desert and an opportunity to hone their thermalling skills before going cross country. A crew is not necessary, as an emphasis will be placed on returning to the gliderport each day.

**Important:** Pilots without previous experience flying in mountain or high desert environments may be required to check out with an Air Sailing CFG prior to flying in the camp. This checkout can be as little as one flight (depending on your skills) and is offered at a significantly discounted rate, as our interest is in safety, not revenue.

### Costs

The camp fee is \$350 and includes five days of classroom sessions and mentoring and course materials. \$50 is considered a non-refundable registration fee for registrants who cancel later than two weeks prior to the event. The registration fee includes a one-year Air Sailing membership and covers glider tiedown and trailer parking for the week. Current Air Sailing members will be credited \$50 to their camp accounts. Tows and incidentals including aero-retrieves, oxygen, instructor checkout, camping, banquet, etc. are not included. Budget \$275 for tows, \$25 per person for a banquet, and additional for other incidentals (see "Cost Sheet").

**Daily Schedule**

This Cross-Country Camp includes an orientation and five sensational days of cross-country soaring talk and practice in good Nevada lift. Daily classroom sessions, demonstrations, and flights start at 8 a.m. and continue through at least 5 p.m. Participants with similar gliders are assigned to an experienced lead pilot who will be your mentor for the week. The week is topped off with a fun-filled banquet and celebration on either Thursday or Friday evening (See "Camp Syllabus.")

All pilots (including lead pilots) are required to attend a yearly Air Sailing safety briefing. This briefing will be offered on Sunday, possibly combined with the camp safety briefing that evening. Other course topics include:

- Thermalling Tips, Techniques and Efficiency
- High Desert Takeoffs and Landings
- Cross Country Flying without Tears and Fears
- Preparations for Cross-Country Flight
- Cross-Country Speed to Fly and Efficiency
- Point of No Return Planning
- Off Field Landings
- Collision Avoidance
- Cross-Country Badge & Record Flying
- Reading Weather Charts and Soundings
- Soaring Near Thunderstorms
- Types of Lift
- Pilot Physiology
- Strategy and Standard Routes

**Directions**

Air Sailing Gliderport is 20 nautical miles from the Mustang VOR (FMG - 117.9 MHz), along the 338° radial. Longitude 39° 52' N., Latitude 119° 42' W. The Reno/Tahoe International Airport (RNO) is served by numerous airlines.

To arrive at Air Sailing Gliderport by road, take the Pyramid Way exit off I-80 and travel 17 miles north. Turn left onto Winnemucca Ranch Road and drive 7 miles; this is a paved and gravel road. Take a right at the Air Sailing sign and continue 1.5 miles to the gliderport.

**Registration**

Complete the online registration form ([Registration Google Form](#)) and send a deposit payable to Air Sailing, Inc. to:

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**Related Info**

Air Sailing Gliderport, <http://www.airsailing.org>  
Nevada Soaring Association, <http://nevadasoaring.com/>  
Pacific Soaring Council, <http://www.pacificsoaring.org>

**Conducting 2021 Cross-Country Camp in a COVID Environment**

- Camp will be limited to a total of 8 participants (based on restriction in place in April, 2021).
- The annual camp has been moved to early August to improve the odds that participants will be able to get vaccinated before attending.
- Social distancing will be required. To accommodate this, the morning classes will be held in the glider hanger.
- The campground WILL be open for RVs, trailers and tent camping. Restrooms will be available, but the showers will be closed. We will install an outdoor privacy enclosure to allow campers to use personal sun-shower bags for showers (bring your own shower bag).
- Air Sailing's rental trailers will be available (with 2-day gaps between renters to allow the trailers to air out). The trailers will not be sanitized between occupants, so trailer users should plan to bring surface cleaning supplies with them and wipe down surfaces before they settle in. Contact the Camp Manager if you would like to reserve a trailer.
- The Clubhouse restrooms will be open, but the common rooms will be closed. The bathhouse will remain partitioned, with one 'all-gender' restroom available for campers.
- There will be portable restrooms on site for the camps to reduce usage of the building restrooms during those heavy activity weeks.
- See "Airport Operations in the COVID-19 Environment .." on the Air Sailing home

page ([airsailing.org](http://airsailing.org)) for the latest, detailed COVID-19 operating procedures.