



Reno/Stead Air Race

Wednesday 16 September: As I write this we are manning the Tailhook Association/Educational Foundation booth at the Reno Air Races. We expect to sell many merchandise items and to recruit new and returning regular and associate members. A midget biplane heat race just went by and the jet racers are starting up. Later in the day the *Blue Angels* will circle the field for landmarks and *Fat Albert* will fly a practice demonstration. This is our second day at Stead airport and we will be here through the weekend.

Sunday 20 September: The races are over and we have had some success in the booth. We recruited 34 new and returning members and sold several T-shirts and hats.

From the Executive Director

J.R. Davis



Above: The crowd at the 2009 Reno Air Races await the start of the Blue Angels performance. **Below:** The Tailhook Association and the Tailhook Educational Foundation had a presence at this year's Reno Air Races selling T-shirts and distributing information about both organizations. **Right:** An EA-18G Growler lifts off after touchdown at NAWC China Lake. This photo, taken by CDR Ian "Chunx" Anderson, was the winner of this year's Tailhook Photo Contest.

J.R. Davis



2009 Tailhook Reunion

There were 3,150 of you and your friends who attended Hook '09. Our Tailhook Association Reunion was a successful event, but every year we receive suggestions to improve the follow-on year. Our focus is on service and quality of the food at the "Bug" Roach Mixer and the banquet. The symposium briefings were excellent and the Safety Center had a very informative brief on sleep cycles and schedule optimization. Our Friday morning events included contractor presentations about new hardware and software, however, sparse attendance is a concern. Some of the other items that we will work to improve include:

- No cost internet access in the hotel
- A second golf course in the Sparks area
- Dependable transportation to overflow hotels
- Food and coffee on Friday morning — if we can find a sponsor
- "Bug" Roach food variety — adding a pasta option to the food.



CAPT J.R. Davis

Every year we continue to provide an opportunity for junior officers to interact with Navy leadership, heroes of Naval Aviation and industry representatives. The Tailhook Reunion is unique, and you should make plans to participate 9–12 September 2010 at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Reno/Sparks, Nev.

To see what you missed this year, visit the Tailhook Association Web site to view selected photographs, videos from the reunion and the briefs given by each presenter.

TEF Scholarship Season

Applications for a 2010-'11 school year Tailhook Educational Foundation scholarships will be available on the Tailhook Web site on 15 December 2009 and completed applications are due back at headquarters by 15 March 2010. Visit the Web site to review the eligibility criteria. Don't miss this opportunity.

Annual Report

Our membership database is maintained at our business headquarters in San Diego. The Tailhook annual report is posted on the association Web site, and it shows positive cash flow and our financial position at the end of 2008. Next year we will conduct an audit of the 2009 financial records. Our records are compiled each month by a local certified public accountant (CPA) firm and we hire another independent CPA firm to audit all of our financial and business records every three years.

CDR Ian "Chunx" Anderson, USN



2009 Photo Contest

This year's winner is CDR Ian "Chunx" Anderson. His winning photo is above. For his winning photo Ian received a 300mm lens for the Nikon camera that he won last year.



CAPT J.R. Davis, USN(Ret)
Executive Director, The Tailhook Association



(858) 689-9223
(800) 322-HOOK



(858) 689-9227



TAILHOOK EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, Inc.
(800) 269-8267