

## Ladies and Gentlemen...Start your engines, IN TUCSON!

This past June the eyes of the aviation community were focused on a small town in northern Mississippi for the Tunica Air Races. For 2006 in addition to the races in Tunica we present the Tucson Air Races and Air Show, March 10-12, 2006.



We are announcing the Inaugural Tucson Air Races and Air Show March 10-12, 2006, to be held at Ryan Airfield just southwest of Tucson, Arizona.

With the addition of that air race we embark on a new chapter in the history of air racing by developing a series sanctioning body appropriately named the "American Air Races" that will allow national sponsors to have a consistent branding message within our races. Other races will fall under this banner to be named in the near future.

This growth is a tremendous opportunity for air racing in Tunica, Tucson as well as Reno. But for the greater good we are embarking on this ambitious undertaking to grow the sport of air racing across the United States. Race classes are to be announced soon.

Now pilots and aircraft owners will have more national marketing channels directly with aviation fans, it will also provide a series of races that will attract national sponsors. Sponsors are very interested in

multiple locations and the exposure they receive in various regions of the United States.

With this new series and multiple races, we have the product to compete for national and regional sponsors, though local sponsors will always be the bedrock for each of these events.

# Why Tucson?

We have been approached by several cities in their quest for a signature event. We approached Tucson for several reasons.

LOCATION, the great Southwest just a little over an hour from Phoenix about six hours from San Diego and eight hours from Los Angeles.

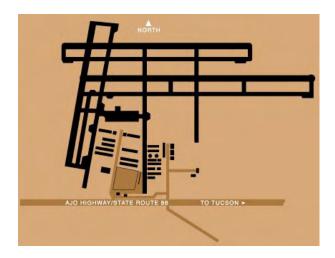
CLIMATE, Tucson has an incredible climate in the early Spring with very predictable weather.

PEOPLE, Davis Monthan Air Force Base as well the large number of retired military families makes the Tucson Area a logical selection.

FACILITY, Ryan Airfield has a historic aviation past and is well suited for an air race.

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Ryan Airfield is located just 12 miles southwest of downtown Tucson, Arizona and the Tucson Internation Airport.



### **About Tucson, Arizona**

Tucson, Arizona is one of the most beautiful cities in the United States with breathtaking views of the mountains and a culture that is truly unique.

Tucson boasts many world class resorts as well as a tremendous selection of championship golf courses.

Tucson's population is approximately one million with Phoenix just 90 miles north with over five million.

#### **SPONSORSHIPS**

We have incredible opportunities for sponsorships of the series as well as individual events. If you want to be a sponsor or know someone we should be contacting please let us know.

We welcome sponsor inquiries and referrals. Be a part of the success of the American Air Races.

Email us at airracing@mac.com

Need more information?

www.AmericanAirRaces.com www.TunicaAirRaces.com www.TucsonAirRaces.com

## **TUNICA...Helping Mississippi!**



The Tunica Air Races and Air Show will be held June 2-4, 2006 as planned. Hurricane Katrina hit Mississippi very hard destroying

homes and businesses throughout the region. The Tunica Air Race and Air Show will be an important step in showcasing the resilience of the people of the region.

In addition to the air racing and the air show we have successfully applied for military support from the US Armed Forces.

#### **ART VANCE - LEGEND, FRIEND**

Art Vance was more than just a great pilot, more than the President of the Unlimited Class. Art was a friend of air racing across the country and a pivotal force in development of the Tunica Air Races. He was a trusted advisor in the development of the

American Air Races.



Art was killed while ferrying a Hellcat to an air show in Little Rock, Arkansas on October 8th.

Art was a great pilot as well an incredible mentor to many.

We will all miss Art Vance. Our prayers go out to him and his entire family. He will be missed but his actions will live on.

The family has requested that any contributions be made in Art's name directly to Cure Autism Now. Art's grandson, Winland has autism. Please call Ben Engel with Cure Autism Now at (888) 828-8476 ext. 723.