



49th Annual Air Race Classic
The Spirit and Freedom of Racing
Start Events Schedule
 St. Louis Regional Airport (KALN) (Alton/St Louis, IL)
 June 18-22, 2026



Date	LOCAL TIME (CDT)	Event	Location
Thursday, June 18	09:00-16:00	Check-In / Hospitality Open	KALN Terminal Building for Check-In Hospitality at KALN and Both Hotels
	18:00-21:00	Thursday Early Arrival Welcome Event	Atomic Pinball Arcade 102 N. Whiteclaw Avenue; Wood River, IL 62095
Friday, June 19	08:00-17:00	● Airplane Safety Checks	KALN Terminal Building
	08:00-17:00	● ARC Credentials	16 Terminal Drive
	09:00-16:00	Check-In / Hospitality Open	KALN Terminal Building for Check-In Hospitality at KALN and Both Hotels
	18:00-21:00	Start Friday Early Arrival Event	Worldwide Technology Raceway 700 Raceway Blvd; Madison, IL 62201
Saturday, June 20	07:30-11:00	EAA Pancake Breakfast / Meet the Racers	KALN Administration Building 8 Terminal Drive
	08:00-14:00	● ARC Credentials (Racer & Airplane)	KALN Terminal Building
	08:00-10:00	Start Check-In	KALN Terminal Building Hospitality at KALN and both hotels
	08:00-14:00	● Airplane Safety Checks	KALN Terminal Building
	08:00-15:00	Hospitality Open	KALN and Both Hotels
	10:00	Racer Arrival DEADLINE & Start Check-In CLOSE	KALN Terminal Building
	12:00-13:00	Volunteer Lunch	KALN Terminal Building Pre-order lunch for ARC Volunteers and Racers
	13:00-15:00	Youth Event / Meet the Racers	KALN Administration Building
	14:00	ARC Credentials & Airplane Safety Checks CLOSE	KALN Terminal Building
	18:00-20:30	★ Welcome Racers Event	West Star Aviation 18 Terminal Drive
Sunday, June 21	08:00-09:00	★ Collegiate Racers Meeting	Rustic Roots 200 West Ferguson Ave; Wood River IL 62095
	09:00-10:30	★ All Contestants Briefing	Rustic Roots
	10:00-17:00	Hospitality Open	Hampton Inn and Best Western Plus Hospitality Suites
	11:00-12:00	Weather Briefing Courtesy SiriusXM	Rustic Roots Presented by Dr. Scott Dennstaedt
	12:00-13:00	Lunch Break	Rustic Roots - lunch provided
	13:00-13:30	Timing Technology & Judging Briefing / Q & A (recommended)	Rustic Roots note: Full Brief will be online prior to arrival
	13:30-14:00	★ Safety Officer's Briefing	Rustic Roots note: Race Central portion online prior to arrival
	14:00-15:30	★ Group Photos - All Racers	Rustic Roots
	18:00-21:00	★ Takeoff Banquet	Your Event Space 515 East Third Street; East Alton IL 62006
	08:00-09:45	★ Racer Flyby Briefing	Rustic Roots note: a portion of this brief will be held online prior to arrival



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Monday, June 22	10:00-11:30	★ Race Start / Terminus Briefing	Rustic Roots
	11:30-13:00	Lunch Break	Rustic Roots - lunch provided
	13:00-14:00	First Time Racers Clinic / Q & A (recommended)	note: Full Brief will be online prior to arrival
	14:00-19:00	Hospitality Open	Hampton Inn and Best Western Plus busses depart briefings at 1 and 2 pm
	14:30-15:00	Race Officials Meeting	Rustic Roots
Tuesday, June 23	06:00-06:30	Start Breakfast	KALN Terminal Building
	06:30-07:00	★ All Contestants' Final Briefing	
	08:00	Start TAKE OFF!	KALN - spectator viewing at Terminal Building

★ MANDATORY ● ALL race teams must check-in and have aircraft inspected during these times. Refer TO ARC rules.

Start Committee Members

Start Chair: Danny Adams (314) 808-4092
Airport: Drake Blackwell (618) 946-8312
Hospitality: Crystal Geisen (618) 259-2531
Publicity: Danny Adams (314) 808-4092
Registration: Denine Anderson (618) 259-2531
Transportation: Danny Adams (314) 808-4092
Youth Activities: Dan Buller

Badge Color Codes

Board of Directors ■ Blue
 Start Committee ■ Green
 Racers ■ Red
 First Time Racers ■ Yellow
 Volunteers ■ Purple

Weekend Locations

Hotels

Hampton Inn Alton

1904 Homer M Adams Parkway; Alton, IL 62002
 (618) 433-8999

Best Western Plus Parkway Hotel

1900 Homer M Adams Parkway, Alton, IL 62002
 (618) 433-9900

Airport

St. Louis Regional Airport (KALN)

8 Terminal Drive, East Alton, IL 62024
 KALN FBO: (618) 258-4700

Manager: Danny Adams (314) 808-4092