

# 49<sup>th</sup> Annual - 2026 Air Race Classic

St. Louis Regional Airport

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Dear Air Race Classic Participants,

On behalf of the St. Louis Regional Airport (ALN), welcome and congratulations on being part of the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Air Race Classic! As this year's Start Host, we are honored to kick off such an exciting and empowering event.

Our Start Committee is thrilled to host you and is dedicated to making your time at ALN memorable. As a general aviation-focused airport, we are proud to have support from numerous community groups, aviation organizations, and event partners – all of whom are rolling out the red carpet for your arrival.

To help you plan, here is some key information to assist with your arrival and stay:

- **Hotel Reservations** (mention 2026 Air Race Classic for group rate):  
Hampton Inn Alton (\$129/night plus tax)  
Deadline for group rate: May 16, 2026  
Best Western Plus Parkway Hotel (\$119/night plus tax)  
Deadline for group rate: June 1, 2026
- **FBO:** West Star Aviation
- **Transportation:** bus transportation provided between the airport, hotels, and scheduled events
- **Rental Cars:** Available through Enterprise by contacting West Star Aviation at (618) 259-3230
- **Arrival Procedure and Aircraft Parking:** Detailed information available on event website

Beginning April 15<sup>th</sup>, you may register for Start Events using your special registration link in the Racers Only section of the ARC website:

<https://www.airraceclassic.org/event-start.htm>

We encourage you to check the website for additional updates. If you have any questions before or during your stay, please do not hesitate to contact the Airport Office at (618) 259-2531 – we're here to help!

We're excited to welcome you to ALN and wish you the best of luck in the race ahead.

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