**Welcome to 88NV!**

The Airport is open from Wednesday pre-event through Labor Day. We operate from Sunrise to Sunset. We are located at Point 5, which is at the end of the 5:00 road, heading away from the Man, heading toward Gate Road.


2019 Survival guide: [https://survival.burningman.org/](https://survival.burningman.org/)

2019 Unofficial map: [Google.com/maps](http://google.com/maps)

**Active groups at 88NV**

**Aviation** (GA flight ops, Charter flight ops, Ultralights, Medevac, Burning Sky, Hot Air Balloons, Other) all answer to airport authority.

**Partners** (Box Office, BxA, Census, GPE) collaborate to run operations at Airport but are not necessarily under Airport’s authority; charter flight ops fall under airport authority. These groups all work for the Burning Man Organization.

**Law Enforcement and Agencies** (FAA, BLM, PCSO, FBI, NDOT, NTSB).
(Federal Aviation Administration, Bureau of Land Management, Pershing County Sheriff's Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Nevada Department of Transportation, National Transportation and Safety Board.)

**Volunteers and Residents** who live and work and play at Airport; in some respects fall under Airport authority either by operational reporting (volunteer) structures or as residents of camps at Point 5.

**The airport has theme camps just like the rest of Playa! BRTA has a large starport tent and contributes to the culture of the airport and event. Because they are not part of the airport operations, please be respectful and act as you would at any other theme camp - their space is not a work environment for us, though we do appreciate enjoying their space off duty!**

*You can see there are a lot of groups at the airport, and it might be hard for you to tell who is who. Don’t fret! The airport managers all have BMIDs and typically carry radios. This is the easiest way to tell whether someone is part of the Airport Staff or not. The Airport Council members are: Cyan, Wind, Venture, Bootz and Squeezebox.*
Safety First at the Airport

You’ve probably heard the popular aphorism “Safety Third” mentioned around the playa, and sometimes, it’s appropriate. Maybe someone needed that little extra push to transcend their fears and take a risk they wouldn’t normally take in the default world. But, because of the serious nature of operating and working around a large number of aircraft, safety comes first at the Airport. The airplane is a complex machine and requires high attention to detail whether you are inside or outside the cockpit. Safety is not just the job of the people who volunteer outside the fence - everyone at the Airport is responsible for the safe operation of the Airport. It is expected that you show up for your shift hydrated & sober, fed, and well rested. Keep your eyes out for any hazards or concerns, and make sure to tell your supervisor or the Quartermaster (volunteer check-in person) if you see something you consider dangerous or unsafe. Examples of unsafe items (not exhaustive) might be - unescorted passengers on the aircraft ramp with running/moving aircraft, fire, large MOOP, fuel/oil spills, dust storms, trip hazards in passenger areas, fast moving vehicles in high pedestrian traffic areas, horse-play on the aircraft ramp, sound vehicles that drown out airport communication capabilities. Together, as the Airport Team, we will be proactive about addressing safety concerns before they turn into safety events!

We want participants to have a good experience, and would like to take the time to make this happen (like greeters do). However, safe operations are our first priority, so if you cannot spend the time to give a participant the attention they need, please direct them to the Airport Assistance so they can help them and make sure they have a good experience, and get the most up-to-date information.

It is imperative that you check in at the beginning of your shift to get all required equipment and ensure you receive proper credit for your shift. The volunteer office wants to know who is on shift at a given time so we can make sure everyone is safe in case of an emergency.

It is required that you check out and return ALL equipment at the end of your shift to ensure that no equipment is lost or damaged, and to ensure that you receive proper credit for your shift.

Expectations

What we expect from you:
Read and Sign Behavioral Standards
Show up on time for your shift or notify us ASAP if you cannot make it
Be sober
Be nice
If something is not ok, tell your supervisor (best) or any supervisor (a ok too).

If anyone from another department or from law enforcement arrives, contact your supervisor immediately. Do not talk with them (except to find out who they are, which group they’re affiliated with and what their business at the airport is), or do anything for them. Only exception: it is okay to help an ambulance.

What you can expect from us:
Support in your role
Training (this one!) and any additional specialty training for your role
Appreciation of your efforts and unique talents

Team Information

**Flight Ops**
Staff: Venture, Warren, Flash, HP, Tumbleweed

Flight Ops helps coordinate and assist all aircraft movement in the air and on the ground. We do *not* issue commands or directives, but instead only give advisories and grant permission for registered pilots to use airport.

Volunteer positions on the team range vary in experience and are located in an advisory tower as well as on the parking ramp. We assist pilots with information about landing and departing the airport, verifying their permissions to land, collecting statistical information, verifying tickets to the event, and overall safety on the GA ramp. We have positions for both the experienced pilot as well as the aviation enthusiast with no experience to help monitor and maintain safety outside the fence.

**Logistics**
Staff: Cyan, Lula, Vector

We only have one role, Logistics Crewmember, but it encompasses a wide range of skills and tasks. That’s because we build, maintain and teardown the airport and a lot goes into it! We start with the sun and don’t stop until it goes back down. At 88NV we’re the first to arrive and the last to leave. Logistics crew members have stamina and a willingness to do whatever needs doing. Some tasks
are tedious, some are creative and some make you sweat. If you want to raise an airport from the dust and help it vanish without a trace, get in touch! All members require prior approval and slots are in high demand. The best way to get acquainted with this team is to sign up for teardown (which can last a full 5 days post-burn) and show us you have the kind of energy to keep going long after most burners have gone home!

**Customs & Acculturation**

**Staff:** Bootz, GSpot

A big part of what makes Burning Man so amazing is the culture that is created when people live by the 10 Principles. The role of Customs & Acculturation at the airport is to make it an enjoyable place to be for ALL guests - attendees, pilots, those waiting for gifted flights, airport campers, and especially our volunteers! We coordinate entertainment, events, art, and processes for smooth functioning to provide positive experiences for our guests and volunteers. Please reach out to the team with any ideas/contributions.

With great fun comes great responsibility; part of Civic Responsibility is educating event participants on the 10 Principles that make Burning Man so great. Since many of the people that visit the airport are there for extended periods of time, we have taken it upon ourselves to use this opportunity to enlighten all who visit so that we can keep Burning Man as burnery as possible.

**Safety and Compliance**

**Staff:** Squeezebox, safety deputy TBA

Safety/Compliance is a 24/7 mindset and operation. Incidents can occur at anytime and might involve leaks (water, oil, gasoline, etc.), small to large fires, aircraft incidents and even unfriendly people. A Safety Manager is the person who will help direct where help is needed and for what has just occurred. In case of a life-threatening emergency, call BRC911 via an Org radio if you are the first person on scene.

Safety is first and foremost every Burner’s responsibility when working, playing, or participating around the airport. However, given the unique nature of aviation, with all its moving parts and pieces, the Safety team provides general oversight, expertise, and training for all airport operations. Safety’s role is to ensure the airport remains compliant with any FAA, BLM, OSHA and LEO safety requirements.

Additionally, Safety ensures the airport environment is free of latent safety complacency that may creep into operational behaviors that could jeopardize
operations and planning, such as dehydration, lack of sleep, being in a hurry, etc. Please take care of yourself! Let’s ensure a safe airport environment for current and future use.

**Volunteer Operations**

**Staff:** Wind, Janitor

We operate from 5:30am to approximately 7pm. We are responsible for keeping track of volunteer hours and all airport equipment. Radios cost over $100 each and Kubotas cost even more, so we need organized, diligent people to help us ensure that our equipment is treated with care and is always accounted for. We are also responsible for recruiting, scheduling and training volunteers. We are the team to contact regarding ticket support, human relations issues, or general airport feedback. We can help connect you with the right resources no matter what your issue is - but we are *not* airport assistance, so we do not deal with general Burning Man issues… the Customs and Acculturations team has someone for that! So what can we help you with? Want to camp at the airport next year? Want to volunteer in a larger role next year? Loved or didn’t really love the person you worked with on your shift? Noticed a process that works well or needs improvement? Porto’s dirty? See an aggressive participant? Someone parked in the road? Tell the Quartermaster and they can help you or ask their supervisor for help.

**BxA**

**Staff:** Audacity, Little Bird, Jase

Burner Express has a program that lives at the airport called “Burner Express Air”. This program exists in an effort to help with the car traffic into and out Black Rock City. Team members of this department can be identified by their neon green t-shirts or bandanas. Feel free to ask them questions! Even though BxA is a different department from the Airport, we all are in it together to keep the airport a safe and fun environment to work in! Want to volunteer with BxA? We have a Shiftboard team called Airport:Burner Express Air. Sign up today!

Have more questions? Check out more details at [burnerexpress.burningman.org](http://burnerexpress.burningman.org). Need more help? Contact [burnerexpress@burningman.org](mailto:burnerexpress@burningman.org).