

A stack of playing cards, including a red patterned card, a black spade, and a black heart, with a red ribbon-like element at the bottom.

MISSISSIPPI AIRPORTS
ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO JOIN
US IN THIS YEAR'S
POKER RUN
2012

Good day fellow aviators! We're pleased to announce that the MAA will kick off their first annual Poker Run this spring!

This year's Poker Run 2012 will be held on Thursday, May 10th, 2012.

We invite all you pilots, passengers and aviation lovers to come on out and join us in having some flying fun this spring and support aviation in Mississippi

Visit www.msairportsassociation.com for participating rules and registration information.



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1. POKER RUN FORMAT:

- This is an event that is hosted by the Mississippi Airports Association in conjunction with our annual Airports Conference beginning May 9th, 2012. You are invited to register and attend this premier meeting for aviation business executives in the state. Those in attendance are airport directors and board members, engineers, consultants, and representatives from government and other aviation-related businesses. More information can be found online at http://msairportsassociation.com/annual_conference.html
- This is a variation on Texas Hold'Em. You will travel to outlying airports (at least two, but as many as nine—which improves your odds of a good hand!) to collect one poker card per airport.
- You will arrive at KGPT before 6:00 pm on May 10th and receive your final card. You may arrive early, if you are attending the conference.
- Compose your best 5-card poker hand from the cards you collected plus any, all or none of the shared community cards. Since there are three community cards, you'll need to collect at least two (2) offsite cards to compose a playable hand. Collecting additional cards from other airports will simply improve your odds of creating a winning hand.
- Participation from all of the airports / FBOs has been confirmed. No registration is required! Just fly out, get your cards, and have fun. I'll be sending out enough cards to support up to (twenty-five) 25 participants, which should be more than adequate. Get your outlying airport cards as soon as you can! If the airport runs out of cards before you get yours, you're out of the game!!
- Depart your Airport and fly to at least 2 (two) other designated airports returning to and finishing at Million Air Gulfport-Biloxi KGPT Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport (Gulfport, MS).

2. POKER RUN RULES:

- **THIS IS NOT A RACE.** Your time between airports does not matter. Of course, be safe and do exercise good judgment and airmanship
- Each person may play ONE hand in the game. All pilots/passengers are eligible to participate. At the judges table, players must present their sealed cards and register for the game before the game play commences. Once the first envelope is opened, the game is "sealed" and additional participants may not join the game.



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- Players may visit any two (2), and up to nine (9) of the outlying airports (KTUP, KM40, KMEI, KVKS, KSTF, KGTR, KHEZ, KPIB) Each player shall obtain ONE sealed envelope containing a playing card from each airport they visit. The FBO staff will provide one card per player, so you must “be present” to play. Non-playing passengers (along for the ride, but not playing a hand in the Poker Run) should NOT obtain a card! Airports may be visited in any order as long as you return back to KGPT by 6:00 pm on May 10th, 2012.
- DO NOT open the cards you retrieve from the airports. **They must REMAIN SEALED until you arrive at the judges table when the tourney begins!** Opened/tampered envelopes will be considered void and may not be played.

3. GAME PLAY:

- You must return to KGPT by 6:00 pm; game play will commence then, or shortly thereafter. Players must be present to play their hand and win! The player’s cards will remain sealed for play in front of all players by the judges.

Each player will, in turn, be called to the judging table to;

- Present their sealed cards to the judges for inspection. To be valid for play, the player’s hand must be comprised of at least two (2), but not more than nine (9) cards, one (1) each from the outlying airports the player visited. Each airport has unique cards and the envelopes are marked accordingly - two (2) cards from the SAME airport are NOT allowed to be in any player’s hand.
- The player will open up to five (5) of his/her cards in front of the judges, who will record them on the official scoring sheet. The player will then have the opportunity to keep his/her current hand or if in possession of more cards, determine whether they want to “better” their hand. The player then must discard one of the five (5) prior to opening a new card. Once the final hand is completed and recorded, the player will then return to their seat, in possession of his/her cards, for the actual game play.
- Once all players have registered for the game, a final call for players will be made. The judges will proclaim “Game On!”, and the community cards will be opened and presented to the players, one at a time.
- The players will be asked by the judges, one at a time, to proclaim what their “best hand” is, composed of any five cards from the ones they hold and any, none, or all of the community cards. For example, a player may say they have a Full House composed of a pair of twos in their hand, a pair of kings in their hand, and the community king. If a player needs assistance to determine their “best hand”, they may ask another player or the judges to help them score their hand.



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- Once all players have pronounced their best hand, an opportunity to challenge the results will be made. If a hand is challenged, three judges will review. If a judge is a participant in the game, and has a dispute on their own hand, an alternate judge will participate in the decision. Their majority decision will be final and binding upon the players.
- Prizes for the top three hands and for the worst hand are provided by gracious donations. First place chooses first, second chooses second and so on.
- A consolation prize will be awarded for “worst hand”, just for fun, so stay around if you don’t win one of the top three spots, and enjoy the laughs that will follow.

4. JUDGES:

There will be three primary and one alternate judge for this event. The alternate judge will serve if any of the primary judges are not available, or if a primary judge is contesting his/her own hand.

Official Airports for this year’s Poker Run are:

- Tupelo Regional Airport
- Monroe County Airport
- Meridian Key Field
- Vicksburg Municipal Airport
- Starkville/Oktibbeha County Airport
- Golden Triangle Regional Airport
- Natchez-Adams County Airport
- Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport

Cards for players will be available at each of the following airport locations beginning Tuesday May 8th, at 8:00am.

FLY SAFE AND HAVE FUN!!



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STANDARD POKER HAND RANKING:

1. ROYAL FLUSH :



The best hand in poker is a Royal Flush where you are dealt the Ace, King, Queen, Jack, and Ten all in the same suit.

6. STRAIGHT:



Five cards in sequential order with mixed suits. Two straights are ranked by comparing each one's high card. The same top card means the straights have equal value.

2. STRAIGHT FLUSH :



Five cards in rank order (a straight) in the same suit (a flush).

7. THREE OF A KIND :



Three cards of the same rank. A higher ranking three of a kind beats a lower ranking three of a kind.

3. FOUR OF A KIND :



Four cards of the same rank. A higher ranking four of a kind beats a lower ranking four of a kind.

8. TWO PAIRS:



Two sets of cards of the same rank. Between two similar hands, the highest ranking pair wins.

4. FULL HOUSE:



Three cards of the same rank plus one pair of the same rank. If two players have a full house, the one with the highest ranking set of three wins. If this ties, the player with the highest pair wins.

9. PAIR:



Any two cards of the same rank. Between two similar hands, the higher ranking pair wins.

5. FLUSH:



The Flush is where you are dealt five cards that are all in the same suit. Unlike the Straight Flush, the Flush does not have to be consecutive cards.

10. HIGH CARD:

The High Card is not really a hand in Poker but it is one that can get played. If you do not have any other hand, the winner goes to the person with the highest single card. If these match, the highest next card is taken and so on until a winner is found.



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POKER RUN DESIGNATED AIRPORTS

PLAYER CARDS ONLY

Name	Identifier	ATIS	TWR	GND	Hours of Operation
Tupelo Regional Airport	TUP	133.525	118.775	121.825	06:00 – 10:00
Monroe County Airport	M40	118.475	-	122.8	08:00 – 17:00
Meridian Key Field	MEI	126.47	119.8	121.9	05:00 – 10:00
Vicksburg Municipal Airport	VKS	118.525	-	122.8	08:00 – 17:00
Starkville/Oktibbeha County Airport	STF	118.975	-	122.7	08:00 – 16:50
Golden Triangle Regional Airport	GTR	126.375	118.2	135.375	05:30 – 20:00
Natchez-Adams County Airport	HEZ	124.675	-	122.8	24 hours
Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport	PIB	128.325	-	123.0	05:30 – 19:00

FINAL PLAYER CARD + COMMUNITY CARDS

Name	Identifier	ATIS	TWR	GND	Hours of Operation
Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport	KGPT	119.45	123.7	120.4	