

# The Great Hawaiian

## ✈ Air Race ✈

***“The first great Pacific air race of the 21st Century”***

***“Continuing the spirit of the historic 1927 Dole Air Derby!”***

**February 17-21, 2000**

***“Vacation in Hawaii -- and Fly an Air Race!”***

***Proceeds benefit:***

**The Make-A-Wish Foundation®**

**Speed & Proficiency Cross Country Air Race**

**Two Day, 600-Mile Race, *plus* optional 300-Mile “Mystery Race”!**

*Honolulu - Diamond Head - Molokai - Lanai - Kahoolawe - Molokini  
Kalaupapa - Hana, Maui - Upolo Point - Kona - Lahaina - Shipwreck  
Molokai - Makapuu - Honolulu -- (Full route details to be announced)  
++ Two nights in Hana, Maui. Fun activities along route & banquet. ++*

**Open to all pilots and airplanes meeting minimum qualifications.**

**First time racers welcome -- training seminars provided. Fly your own airplane, a rental plane, or pair up with an experienced Hawaii or mainland pilot. Fly in proficiency or speed category, or both. All airplanes handicapped for speed -- a C-150 stands an equal chance of winning against a Beech Baron!**



**\$15,000 CASH & PRIZES**



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***Coordinating Sponsors: General Aviation Council of Hawaii (GACH), Hawaii Historical Aviation Foundation, Air Race Central, & Hawaii Ninety-Nines.***

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## **NEWS RELEASE:**

**\*\* 2nd Annual \*\***

# **Great Hawaiian Air Race offers \$15,000 in prizes, Benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation®, and Gives pilots a seven-island tropical adventure!**

Following a successful 1999 Inaugural race, the **2nd Annual Great Hawaiian Air Race** is being billed as ***“The First Great Pacific Air Race of the 21st Century”***, Race promoters are promising pilots a once-in-a-lifetime adventure along with a fun way to challenge their piloting skills. Airplanes, the rich histories of Pearl Harbor, Charles Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, the historic Dole Derby, and the Hawaiian Islands -- all rolled into one great adventure. What more could a pilot ask for, this side of Heaven? Even better -- proceeds from the race benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Hawaii (the 1999 race raised over \$20,000 for Make-A-Wish, plus several thousand dollars for other deserving non-profits, including the Hana Cultural Center and the Hawaiian Historical Aviation Foundation. Those pilots craving adventure should mark their calendars for **February 17-21, 2000**. Hurry -- by September 1, 1999, sixty-three (63) teams representing twenty-five states and four countries were already signed up for the race.

“We’ve designed the race to appeal to all levels of pilot skill”, stated Hank Bruckner, president of GACH (General Aviation Council of Hawaii), and chairman of the race. “Pilots can race in the handicapped speed category, in the proficiency category, or both categories. In the speed category, each airplane tries to navigate and calculate winds to best beat the published speed for their model airplane -- a small Cessna can beat a Beech Baron on this basis. In the proficiency category, pilots estimate their time and fuel consumption for the race route. This really hones some of those skills we may have put aside since our student pilot days”.

The five-day, 650-mile race route will zigzag between seven Hawaiian islands, with checkpoints over airports, historical sites, two shipwrecks, three lighthouses, and several landmarks along lush, waterfalled shorelines. Keeping safety in mind, none of the over-water portions will be more than 12 miles from land, with most routes close to shorelines. All airplanes will be equipped with life rafts, vests, and portable radios. The race will depart from Honolulu’s Reef Runway (an alternate for the Space Shuttle) on Friday morning, fly along Waikiki Beach, pass historic Diamond Head, continue over Molokai, Lanai, Kahoolawe, and Maui. Racers will spend two days in Hana, Maui, with a choice of accommodations ranging from camping out at the ocean’s edge to the five-star Hotel Hana-Maui. The second day of the race will pass over the Kona Coast on the Big Island of Hawaii, along the slopes of active volcanoes, then over Maui, Molokini, Lanai, and Oahu, and finish back in Honolulu.

Other fun activities are also planned along the route, including a luau with authentic Hawaiian entertainment at a private ranch in Hana, seaplane rides from the old Pan Am Clipper sealanes, and a gala awards banquet at the Hilton Hawaiian Village on Monday night following the race. Special airfare/hotel packages have been negotiated for racers, and will be provided in race packets.

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To add to the fun, there will be two optional races which enthusiastic racers can participate in along the route. On Saturday, **“The Madame Pele Air Rally”** will take racers from Maui to the Big Island of Hawaii and tour an active volcano. The **“Aloha 300 Mystery Race”**, which starts and ends in Honolulu has been scheduled for Monday morning, February 21. The route for the 300-mile Mystery Race will be revealed an hour before the race start, and it will be styled after the famous “On-To Races” of the 1920’s & 1930’s. Separate trophies and prizes will be awarded during the awards banquet on Monday night for both races.

The race committee has arranged for more than twenty-five rental/loaner airplanes to be available for visiting pilots on a first come/first served basis. “Most of our flight schools, including Sporty’s Academy, and Oahu Aviation, are cooperating in supplying airplanes,” stated John Gleeson, president of the Hawaiian Historical Aviation Foundation. “We also have several local pilots who own airplanes who would be happy to have a mainland pilot in their crew. Our first re-entry for the year 2000 race was noted aviation author, Barry Schiff, who flew the 1999 race, and will also be conducting one of the pre-race seminars. One of our next entries was former San Francisco 49’ers & New England Patriots All-World Player, Russ Francis, sporting his jersey number, Racer #81 on his classic Stearman airplane.”

“We’ve even had some seasoned mainland racers tell us they may fly their own airplanes to Hawaii for the race”, stated Greg Marshall, race co-chairman. “If we get three or more willing to do it, we’ll offer a special “Dole Cup” trophy for the top score in the Oakland to Honolulu flight”. The winner of 1999’s race in the Proficiency Category was Aimee Kuprash, whose step-grandfather, Art Goebel, was the winner of the 1927 Dole Air Derby.

The race may offer a special treat for several lucky racers that most pilots will probably never experience, the opportunity to visit Charles Lindbergh’s Hana, Maui home. Lindbergh spent his last days in Hana, Maui, and was buried there in 1974. Marshall is currently involved in negotiations to acquire the home so that it may be donated to Haleakala National Park for use as an educational and interpretive center of area history.

In addition to trophies, race prizes totaling over \$15,000 in cash and aviation products have been donated by King Schools, Sporty’s Academy of Hawaii, Micro Aerodynamics, Pacific Avionics, Professional Instrument Courses, Knots-2-U, A.M.R.& D. Mods, Pik-West Insurance, and others. Chevron USA is a major sponsor of the race. Other exciting prizes include Island Seaplane tours, Maui Hang Gliders rides, Captain Zodiac boat tours into ocean lava-tubes, luaus, dinners, and hotel accommodations. Along with awards for overall top scores, special trophies and prizes will be awarded for best student/instructor team, best female team, best husband/wife or family team, best Ninety-Nines team, and best low-time pilot team. All racers, regardless of score, are eligible for the Eddie & Paul Whistle Sportsmanship Award.

In addition to regular race briefings, two pre-race seminars will be conducted for first-time racers, and each new racer will be paired up with an experienced “race buddy”. The race is planned with the full cooperation and support of the FAA, local FBO’s, a major insurance carrier, and several noted aviation manufacturers and suppliers.

Interested in the living the adventure? Call early to get the best selection of airplanes and hotel rates. For full race information, contact the **Great Hawaiian Air Race at**

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