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NEW PLANES CLEARED FOR LANDING AT McCarran

Student Contest Winners to Be Honored at May 30 Ceremony

A dozen new, locally designed airplanes have been cleared for landing – and a permanent stay – at McCarran International Airport. These new planes will be seen in permanent flight in the forthcoming Northeast wing of McCarran's D-gates. The designers are middle school students who participated in a County-wide paper airplane design competition. The twelve winning designers will be honored at a special ceremony **Wednesday, May 30 at 6:30 PM** at McCarran (Commissioners' Meeting Room, 5th floor).

The winning designs will be enlarged and incorporated into a permanent "mobile"-type art display in the Northeast wing of the D-gate Satellite Concourse. Twelve winners were selected from a field of more than 130 entries, which were flight-tested by a panel of experts earlier this month. Entries were judged on overall design as well as flight distance.

The aircraft display will be the second permanent art project at McCarran designed entirely by students. Sixteen tile walls, designed by Clark County fourth graders to depict international destinations, were unveiled at the D Gate tram station when the concourse opened in 1998.

The paper airplane contest is sponsored by Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects and the Clark County Department of Aviation. The reception will be attended by families and teachers, as well as the student designers.

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