

IFM/FORMULA I CLASS
TOP QUALIFYING AND RACE SPEEDS BY YEAR

Active competition in this Class actually began at the Cleveland National Air Races in 1947 and continued up through 1960. However, since we are concerned, in this book, only with the records of the Reno National Championship Air Races and the period that they cover, (1964 to present), we will pick up the IFM/Formula I Records as of that time. As of the end of the 1960 Racing Season, the top Qualifying Record in this Class was 209.56 mph and it was held by Jim Miller in #14, "Little Gem". The top Racing Record was 207.27 mph and it, too, was held by Jim Miller in #14, "Little Gem". There were no races flown in this Class in the years 1961, 1962 and 1963 and, thus, we pick up the records with the advent of the Reno National Championship Air Races in September of 1964.

1964

- TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 200.70 MPH - Bob Porter in #14, "Little Gem", at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1964
- TOP RACING SPEED - 193.92 MPH - Bob Porter in #14, "Little Gem", in Heat 1B at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1964

1965

- TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 210.28 MPH* - A new record - John Paul Jones in #16, "Shoestring", at the International Aeroclassic Races, Palm Springs, Calif. - November, 1965
- TOP RACING SPEED - 206.71 MPH - John Paul Jones in #16, "Shoestring", in the second semi-final heat at the International Aeroclassic Races, Palm Springs, California - November, 1965

1966

- TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 212.77 MPH* - A new record - Bill Falck in #92, "Rivets", at the St. Petersburg International Aviation Exposition Races, St. Petersburg, Florida - April, 1966
- TOP RACING SPEED - 207.19 MPH - Bill Falck in #92, "Rivets", in Heat 1A at The St. Petersburg International Aviation Exposition Races, St. Petersburg, Florida - April, 1966

1967

- TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 206.61 MPH - Bill Falck in #92, "Rivets", at The Cleveland National Air Races, Cleveland, Ohio - Sept., 1967
- TOP RACING SPEED - 203.97 MPH - Bill Falck in #92, "Rivets", in the Championship Race at The Texas National Air Races, Ft. Worth, Texas - May, 1967

1968

- TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 224.87 MPH* - A new record - Bill Falck in #92, "Rivets", at The Maryland National Air Races, Frederick, Maryland - July, 1968
- TOP RACING SPEED - 218.18 MPH* - A new record - Bill Falck in #92, "Rivets", in the Championship Race at The Maryland National Air Races, Frederick, Maryland - July, 1968

1969

- TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 231.26 MPH* - A new record - Bill Falck in #92, "Rivets", at the Florida National Air Races, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida - February, 1969
- TOP RACING SPEED - 225.55 MPH* - A new record - Ray Cote in #16, "Shoestring", in the Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1969

1970

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 231.263 MPH* - Ties his own previous qualifying record - Bill Falck in #92, "Rivets", at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1970

TOP RACING SPEED - 220.071 MPH - Ray Cote in #16, "Shoestring", in the Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1970

1971

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 232.26 MPH* - A new record - Bill Falck in #92, "Rivets", at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1971

TOP RACING SPEED - 224.14 MPH - Ray Cote in #16, "Shoestring", in the Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1971

1972

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 231.10 MPH - Bob Downey in #14, "Ole Tiger", at The Transpo '72 Races, McLean, Virginia - May, 1972

TOP RACING SPEED - 227.20 MPH* - A new record - Bill Falck in #92, "Rivets", in the Championship Race at The Transpo '72 Races, McLean, Virginia - June, 1972

1973

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 235.294 MPH* - A new record - Bill Falck in #92, "Rivets", at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1973

TOP RACING SPEED - 229.462 MPH* - A new record - John Paul Jones in #21, "Stinger", in Heat 2 at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1973

1974

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 243.950 MPH* - A new record - Ray Cote in #16, "Shoestring", at The California National Air Races, Mojave, California - Oct., 1974

TOP RACING SPEED - 235.422 MPH* - A new record - Ray Cote in #16, "Shoestring", in the Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1974

1975

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 241.611 MPH - Ray Cote in #16, "Shoestring", at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1975

TOP RACING SPEED - 233.41 MPH - Ray Cote in #16, "Shoestring", in Heat 4 at The California National Air Races, Mojave, California - June, 1975

1976

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 238.126 MPH - Judy Wagner in #44, "Wagner Solution", at The California National Air Races, Mojave, Calif. - June, 1976

TOP RACING SPEED - 228.753 MPH - Vince DeLuca in #71, "Lil' Quickie", in the Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1976

1977

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 240.000 MPH - Ray Cote in #16, "Shoestring", at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1977

TOP RACING SPEED - 234.273 MPH - Ray Cote in #16, "Shoestring", in the Consolation Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1977

1978

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 239.468 MPH - Ray Cote in #16, "Shoestring", at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1978

TOP RACING SPEED - 245.09 MPH* - A new record - Ray Cote in #16, "Shoestring", in the Consolation Race at The California National Air Races, Mojave, California - Oct., 1978

1979

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 248.473 MPH* - A new record - Ray Cote in #16, "Shoestring", at The California National Air Races, Mojave, Calif. - June, 1979

TOP RACING SPEED - 240.091 MPH - John Parker in #3, "Wild Turkey", in the Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1979

1980

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 254.060 MPH* - A new record - Ray Cote in #16, "Shoestring", at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1980

TOP RACING SPEED - 249.065 MPH* - A new record - John Parker in #3, "American Special", in the Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1980

1981

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 254.50 MPH* - A new record - Ray Cote in #16, "Shoestring", at the Texas Championship Air Races, San Marcos, Texas - Oct., 1981

TOP RACING SPEED - 242.54 MPH - Ray Cote in #16, "Shoestring", in the Championship Race at the Texas Championship Air Races, San Marcos, Texas - Oct., 1981

1982

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 232.76 MPH - Phil Fogg in #1, "Aloha", at The Apple Blossom Festival Air Races, Wenatchee, Washington - May, 1982

TOP RACING SPEED - 228.84 MPH - Ray Cote in #44, "Judy's Turn", in the Bronze or "C" Section Final at The Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1982

1983

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 239.23 MPH - Chuck Wentworth in #69, "Flexi Flyer", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1983

TOP RACING SPEED - 239.02 MPH - Chuck Wentworth in #69, "Flexi Flyer", in the Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1983

1984

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 238.568 MPH - Ray Cote in #44, "Judy", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1984

TOP RACING SPEED - 236.068 MPH - Ray Cote in #44, "Judy", in the Championship Race, at The Reno National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1984

1985

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 241.085 MPH - Ray Cote in #44, "Judy", at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1985

TOP RACING SPEED - 233.816 MPH - Ray Cote in #44, "Judy", in Heat 2A, at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada - SEPT., 1985

1986

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 240.826 MPH - Jon Sharp in #43, "Aero Magic", at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1986

TOP RACING SPEED - 238.644 MPH - Alan Preston in #44, "Judy", in Heat 1A, at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1986

1987

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 241.189 MPH - Alan Preston in #44, "Sitting Duck," at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1987

TOP RACING SPEED - 232.989 MPH - Alan Preston in #44, "Sitting Duck," in the Championship Gold race at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada - 1987

1988

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 246.228 MPH - Alan Preston in #44, "Sitting Duck," at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada - Sept., 1988

TOP RACING SPEED - 240.748 MPH - Alan Preston in #44, "Sitting Duck," in the Championship Gold race at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada - 1988

1989

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 242.548 MPH - Jon Sharp in #96, "Blue Streak," at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada Sept., 1989

TOP RACING SPEED - 243.544 MPH - James Miller in #14, "Pushy Cat," in Heat 1A, at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada - 1989

1990

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 244.081 MPH - Jim Bumford in #55, "Bummer's Bullet," at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada Sept. , 1990

TOP RACING SPEED - 237.405 MPH - James Miller in #14, "Pushy Cat," at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada, - 1990

1991

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 240.361 MPH - Jim Bumford in #55, "Bummers Bullet" at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada, September, 1991.

TOP RACING SPEED - 245.264 MPH Jon Sharp in #3, "Nemesis" at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada, September, 1991.

1992

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 252.788 MPH - Jim Bumford in #55, "Bummers Bullet". at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada, September, 1992.

TOP RACING SPEED - 243.674 MPH - Jim Bumford in #55, "Bummers Bullet", at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada, September, 1992.

1993

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 254.223 MPH - Jon Sharp in #3, "Nemesis", at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada, September 1993.

TOP RACING SPEED - 255.257 MPH - New Race Record, Jon Sharp in #3, "Nemesis", at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada, September 1993.

1994

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 253.171 MPH - Jon Sharp in #3, "Nemesis", at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada, September 1994.

TOP RACING SPEED - 248.911 MPH - New Race Record, Jon Sharp in #3, "Nemesis", at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada, September 1994.

1995

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 253.475 MPH - Jon Sharp in #3 "Nemesis" at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada, September 1995.

TOP RACING SPEED - A new record: 249.904 MPH - Jon Sharp in #3 "Nemesis" at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada, September 1995.

1996

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - A new qualifying record: 258.270 MPH - Jon Sharp in "Nemesis" at the National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada, September 1996.

TOP RACING SPEED - 238.950 MPH - Jon Sharp in "#3, Nemesis" at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada, September 1996.

1997

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 254.223 MPH - Jon Sharp in #3, "Nemesis" at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada - September 1997.

TOP RACING SPEED - 245.043 MPH - Jon Sharp in #3, "Nemesis" at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Nevada - September 1997.