

RENO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AIR RACES
SEPT. 12 THRU 18, 1983
 RENO, NEVADA

SPORT BIPLANE QUALIFYING TIME TRIALS - SEPT. 12, 13, 14 - 1 LAP OF THE 3.11 MI. COURSE

PL.	RACE NO.	PILOT	AIRCRAFT	TIME	SPEED
1	# 5	Don Fairbanks	"White Knight"	1:00.3	185.58
2	#99	Mic Williams	"Merlyn"	1:02.8	178.34 (a)
3	#00	Stan Brown	"Tonapah Low"	1:03.6	176.18
4	# 6	Bob Hugo	"Taste of Honey"	1:03.9	175.13
5	#14	Don Janson	Janson Miniplane	1:10.0	159.94
6	#29	Dennis Brown	"Scarlet"	1:10.8	158.11
7	#42	Earl Allen	"Pitts 'N Pieces"	1:11.0	157.60 (b)
8	#35	Jerry Marracola	"Snaggle Tooth Sal"	1:13.1	153.20
9	# 0	Stan Brown	"Washoe Zephyr"	1:12.8	153.88
10	#11	Thomas Geygan	"Loophole Looie"	1:16.5	146.35
11	# 1	Don Beck	"Red Baron"	1:16.8	145.71 (c)
12	#98	Bud Pedigo	"Little Charlie"	1:24.3	132.81

(a) This aircraft previously raced as Christian Mong, "Mongster", and "Wildfire".

(b) This aircraft previously raced as "Sump'n Special" and "Flat Wing".

(c) This aircraft previously raced as "Red Flash".

NOTE: For the first time in years, there was four days of racing and show at Reno instead of the normal three, Sept. 15 thru 18. This year, 1983, was also the Twentieth Anniversary of The Reno National Championship Air Races.

HEAT 1 - SEPT. 15 - 5 LAPS OF THE 3.11 MI. COURSE

PL.	RACE NO.	PILOT	AIRCRAFT	TIME	SPEED
1	#11	Tom Geygan	"Loophole Looie"	6:20.9	146.97
2	# 1	Don Beck	"Red Baron"	6:26.9	144.71
3	#98	Bud Pedigo	"Little Charlie"	7:13.6	129.10
4	# 0	Stan Brown	"Washoe Zephyr"	7:14.0	128.98

HEAT 2 - SEPT. 16 - 5 LAPS OF THE 3.11 MI. COURSE

PL.	RACE NO.	PILOT	AIRCRAFT	TIME	SPEED
1	#99	Mic Williams	"Merlyn"	5:05.2	183.45
2	# 5	Don Fairbanks	"White Knight"	5:28.4	170.49
3	# 6	Bob Hugo	"Taste of Honey"	5:31.2	169.04
4	#00	Stan Brown	"Tonapah Low"	5:43.0	163.19
5	#14	Don Janson	Janson Miniplane	6:00.5	155.27
6	#29	Dennis Brown	"Scarlet"	6:09.8	151.37
7	#35	Jerry Marracola	"Snaggle Tooth Sal"	6:20.8	147.01
8	#42	Earl Allen	"Pitts 'N Pieces"	6:21.1	146.91

CONSOLATION OR SILVER RACE - SEPT. 17 - 5 LAPS OF THE 3.11 MI. COURSE

PL.	RACE NO.	PILOT	AIRCRAFT	TIME	SPEED
1	# 1	Don Beck	"Red Baron"	6:15.3	149.16
2	#11	Tom Geygan	"Loophole Looie"	6:37.0	141.01
3	#98	Bud Pedigo	"Little Charlie"	7:20.2	127.17
4	# 0	Stan Brown	"Washoe Zephyr"	7:20.4	127.10

CHAMPIONSHIP OR GOLD RACE - SEPT. 18 - 6 LAPS OF THE 3.11 MI. COURSE

PL.	RACE NO.	PILOT	AIRCRAFT	TIME	SPEED
1	# 5	Don Fairbanks	"White Knight"	6:14.1	179.59
2	#99	Mic Williams	"Merlyn"	6:16.3	178.51
3	# 6	Bob Hugo	"Taste of Honey"	6:43.3	166.58
4	#00	Stan Brown	"Tonapah Low"	6:50.0	163.84
5	#42	Earl Allen	"Pitts 'N Pieces"	7:03.7	158.56
6	#14	Don Janson	Janson Miniplane	7:23.6	151.44
7	#35	Jerry Marracola	"Snaggle Tooth Sal"	7:35.7	147.42
8	#29	Dennis Brown	"Scarlet"	7:45.4	144.34

RACING BIPLANE QUALIFYING TIME TRIALS - SEPT. 12, 13, 14 - 1 LAP OF THE 3.11 MI. COURSE

PL.	RACE NO.	PILOT	AIRCRAFT	TIME	SPEED
1	# 1	Pat Hines	"Sundancer"	50.68	220.92
2	#89	Don Beck	"Sorceress"	51.55	217.19
3	# 3	Dan Mortensen	"Amsoil/Rutan Racer"	53.25	210.33
4	#22	Al Kramer	"Cobra"	--	-- (a)

(a) Had not even intended to come, but arrived late on Friday to try to help fill out the very short Racing Biplane field and was permitted to race without qualifying.

HEAT RACE - SEPT. 17 - 6 LAPS OF THE 3.11 MI. COURSE

As the aircraft headed around the Scatter Pylon, Mortensen, in #3, felt that #89 was on a collision course with him and swerved to the left to avoid the collision and impacted the ground at over 200 mph. Miraculously, the airplane was a total wreck, but the pilot walked away from the crash with nothing more than minor cuts and bruises plus a dislocated shoulder and a sprained ankle. The race was not completed as the other three aircraft pulled off the course and landed.

CHAMPIONSHIP OR GOLD RACE - SEPT. 18 - 6 LAPS OF THE 3.11 MI. COURSE

PL.	RACE NO.	PILOT	AIRCRAFT	TIME	SPEED
1	# 1	Pat Hines	"Sundancer"	5:08.7	217.60
2	#89	Don Beck	"Sorceress"	5:32.0	202.35
3	#22	Al Kramer	"Cobra"	6:00.4	186.40

RENO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AIR RACES
SEPT. 10 THRU 16, 1984
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NOTE: 1984 saw the demise of the Racing Biplane Class and the reunification of the Class strictly as the Sport Biplanes.

QUALIFYING TIME TRIALS - SEPT. 10, 11, 12 - 1 LAP OF THE 3.11 MI. COURSE

PL.	RACE NO.	PILOT	AIRCRAFT	TIME	SPEED
1	# 5	Don Fairbanks	"White Knight"	58.2	192.37 (a)
2	#00	Don Beck	"Miss Tahoe"	58.3	192.04 (b)
3	#91	Dan Mortensen	"Amsoil Dealer Special"	58.8	190.34 (c)
4	# 6	Bob Hugo	"Taste Of Honey"	1:04.4	173.85
5	#14	Don Janson	Janson Miniplane	1:10.1	159.72
6	#42	Earl Allen	"Pitts 'N Pieces"	1:10.6	158.58
7	#29	Dennis Brown	"Scarlet"	1:10.9	158.02
8	# 0	Stan Brown	"Washoe Zephyr II"	1:12.7	154.00

9	#35	Jerry Marrocola	"Snaggle Tooth Sal"	1:14.5	150.28
10	# 1	Don Beck	"Red Baron"	1:16.2	146.93 (d)
11	#98	Bud Pedigo	"Little Charlie"	1:23.2	134.57
12	# 7	Gary Christian	Christian Pitts	1:24.0	133.29 (e)

- (a) New Qualifying Record for the Sport Biplane Class. Breaks the record of 185.98 set by Don Fairbanks in #5, "White Knight", at Reno, 1982.
- (b) This speed also exceeds the previous record. This aircraft previously raced as "Tonapah Low".
- (c) This speed also exceeds the previous record. This aircraft previously raced as "Mongoose".
- (d) Don Beck qualified two different entries.
- (e) Gary Christian is the son of former Reno Biplane Champion, Dallas Christian.

HEAT 1 - SEPT. 13 - 5 LAPS OF THE 3.11 MI. COURSE

PL.	RACE NO.	PILOT	AIRCRAFT	TIME	SPEED
1	#35	Jerry Marrocola	"Snaggle Tooth Sal"	6:16.9	148.54
2	# 1	Don Beck	"Red Baron"	6:17.1	148.45
3	# 7	Gary Christian	Christian Pitts	7:10.6	130.01
4	# 0	Stan Brown	"Washoe Zephyr II"	7:17.8	127.86
5	#98	Bud Pedigo	"Little Charlie"	7:18.2	127.75
6	#42	Earl Allen	"Pitts 'N Pieces"	7:18.7	127.62

HEAT 2 - SEPT. 14 - 5 LAPS OF THE 3.11 MI. COURSE

PL.	RACE NO.	PILOT	AIRCRAFT	TIME	SPEED
1	#00	Don Beck	"Miss Tahoe"	4:51.8	191.88 (a)
2	#91	Dan Mortensen	"Amsoil Dealer Special"	5:06.4	182.70
3	# 5	Don Fairbanks	"White Knight"	5:20.4	174.73
4	# 6	Bob Hugo	"Taste Of Honey"	5:44.1	162.67
5	#29	Dennis Brown	"Scarlet"	6:24.1	145.73
6	#14	Don Janson	Janson Miniplane	6:51.6	136.02 (b)

- (a) A new Race Record Speed for the Sport Biplanes. Breaks the previous record of 183.45 set by Mic Williams in #99, "Merlyn", at Reno, 1983.
- (b) Cut pylon #4 on lap 2 and was assessed a 20 second penalty. It made no difference in his finishing position since he was last anyway.

CONSOLATION OR SILVER RACE - SEPT. 15 - 6 LAPS OF THE 3.11 MI. COURSE

PL.	RACE NO.	PILOT	AIRCRAFT	TIME	SPEED
1	#14	Don Janson	Janson Miniplane	6:59.1	160.29
2	#29	Dennis Brown	"Scarlet"	7:20.3	152.56
3	#42	Earl Allen	"Pitts 'N Pieces"	7:20.7	152.43
4	# 0	Stan Brown	"Washoe Zephyr II"	7:50.1	142.89
5	# 7	Gary Christian	Christian Pitts	7:58.5	140.40
6	#98	Bud Pedigo	"Little Charlie"	8:46.9	127.48

CHAMPIONSHIP OR GOLD RACE - SEPT. 16 - 8 LAPS OF THE 3.11 MI. COURSE

PL.	RACE NO.	PILOT	AIRCRAFT	TIME	SPEED
1	#00	Don Beck	"Miss Tahoe"	7:51.5	189.97
2	# 5	Don Fairbanks	"White Knight"	8:03.2	185.35
3	# 6	Bob Hugo	"Taste Of Honey"	9:01.2	165.49
4	#35	Jerry Marrocola	"Snaggle Tooth Sal"	10:02.9	148.55
5	# 1	Earl Allen	"Red Baron"	10:39.9	139.98 (a)
6	#91	Dan Mortensen	"Amsoil Dealer Special"	DNF	(b)

- (a) Both of Beck's entries made the Championship Race, thus it was necessary for Earl Allen to fly #1, "Red Baron", for Beck.
- (b) Pulled out on the final lap with a broken throttle cable. Made dead stick landing.