

UNLIMITED CLASS
TOP QUALIFYING AND RACE SPEEDS BY YEAR

1964

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 395.46 MPH - Bob Love in #8, "Bardahl Special", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1964.

TOP RACING SPEED - 381.96 MPH - Bob Love in #8, "Bardahl Special", in the third heat race at The Reno National Championship Air Races - Sept., 1964.
(Love had gone 386.77 in the first heat race, but had cut two pylons, thus, that speed was not official for record purposes).

1965

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 423.40 MPH* - A new record - Darryl Greenamyer in #1, The Greenamyer Bearcat, at the Las Vegas International Air Races - September, 1965.

TOP RACING SPEED - 391.62 MPH - Chuck Lyford in #8, "Bardahl Special", in the Championship Race at The Las Vegas International Air Races - September, 1965

1966

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 409.97 MPH - Darryl Greenamyer in #1, "Smirnoff", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1966.

TOP RACING SPEED - 396.22 MPH - Darryl Greenamyer in #1, "Smirnoff", in the Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1966.

1967

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 408.814 MPH - Darryl Greenamyer in #1, "Smirnoff", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1967.

TOP RACING SPEED - 392.621 MPH - Darryl Greenamyer in #1, "Smirnoff", in the Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1967.

1968

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 379.65 MPH - Chuck Hall in #5, "Miss R. J.", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1968.

TOP RACING SPEED - 388.654 MPH - Darryl Greenamyer in #1, Greenamyer Bearcat, in the Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1968.

1969

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 414.63 MPH - Darryl Greenamyer in #1, "Conquest I", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1969.

TOP RACING SPEED - 412.63 MPH* - A new record - Darryl Greenamyer in #1, "Conquest I" in the Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1969.

1970

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 380.124 MPH - Clay Lacy in #64, "Miss Van Nuys", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1970.

TOP RACING SPEED - 387.342 MPH - Clay Lacy in #64, "Miss Van Nuys", in the Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1970.

- 1971
TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 419.50 MPH - Gunther Balz in #5, "Roto-Finish Special", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1971.
- TOP RACING SPEED - 413.99 MPH* - A new record - Darryl Greenamyer in #1, "Conquest I", in the Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1971.
- 1972
TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 411.189 MPH - Richard Laidley in #1, "Conquest I", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1972.
- TOP RACING SPEED - 416.160 MPH* - A new record - Gunther Balz in #5, "Roto-Finish Special", in The Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1972.
- 1973
TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 426.602 MPH* - A new record - Lyle Shelton in #77, "7¼% Special", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1973.
- TOP RACING SPEED - 428.155 MPH* - A new record - Lyle Shelton in #77, "7¼% Special", in the Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1973.
- 1974
TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 432.252 MPH* - A new record - Lyle Shelton in #77, "Omni Special", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1974.
- TOP RACING SPEED - 420.118 MPH - Lyle Shelton in #77, "Omni Special", in the first heat at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1974.
- 1975
TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 435.556 MPH* - A new record - Darryl Greenamyer in #1, "American Jet Special", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1975.
- TOP RACING SPEED - 429.916 MPH* - A new record - Lyle Shelton in #77, "Aircraft Cylinder Special", in The Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1975.
- 1976
TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 438.806 MPH* - A new record - Don Whittington in #09, "Precious Metal", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1976.
- TOP RACING SPEED - 406.718 MPH - Mac McClain in #5, "Red Baron", in the Championship Race at The California National Air Races - June, 1976.
- 1977
TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 402.740 MPH - Clay Klabo in #85, "Iron Mistress", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1977
- TOP RACING SPEED - 430.703 MPH* - A new record - Darryl Greenamyer in #5, "Red Baron", in the Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1977.
- 1978
TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 427.153 MPH - Steve Hinton in #5, "Red Baron", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1978.

TOP RACING SPEED - 415.457 MPH - Steve Hinton in #5, "Red Baron", in the Championship Race at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1978.

1979

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 446.928 MPH* - A new record - Mac McClain in #69, "Jeannie", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1979.

TOP RACING SPEED - 422.302 MPH - John Crocker in #6, "Sumthin' Else", in the Championship Race at the Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1979.

1980

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 421.607 MPH - Don Whittington in #09, "Precious Metal", at the Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1980.

TOP RACING SPEED - 433.010 MPH* - A new record - Mac McClain in #69, "Jeannie", in the Championship Race at the Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1980.

1981

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 450.085 MPH* - A new record - Skip Holm in #69, "Jeannie", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1981

TOP RACING SPEED - 431.288 MPH - Skip Holm in #69, "Jeannie", in the Championship Race at the Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1981

1982

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 440.565 MPH - Ron Hevle in #4, "Dago Red", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - September, 1982

TOP RACING SPEED - 416.085 MPH - John Crocker in #6, "Sumthin' Else", in the Second Gold Race Heat at The Reno National Championship Air Races - Sept., 1982

1983

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 446.39 MPH - Neil Anderson in #8, "Dreadnought", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - Sept., 1983

TOP RACING SPEED - 435.58 MPH* - A New Record - Neil Anderson in #8, "Dreadnought", in the Gold Heat Race on September 17th at The Reno National Championship Air Races - Sept., 1983

1984

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 442.747 MPH - Neil Anderson in #8, "Dreadnought", at The Reno National Championship Air Races - Sept., 1984

TOP RACING SPEED - 439.832 MPH* - A New Record - Rick Brickert in #4, "Dago Red", in the Second Gold Heat Race (or Heat #9), at The Reno National Championship Air Races - Sept., 1984

1985

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 443.129 MPH - Neil Anderson in #8, "Dreadnought", at The National Championship Air Races, Reno - Sept., 1985

TOP RACING SPEED - 438.186 - Steve Hinton in #1, "Super Corsair", at The National Championship Air Races, Reno - Sept., 1985

1986

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 452.737*MPH - Rick Brickert in #8, "Dreadnought" at The National Championship Air Races - Sept. 1986. - A new record-

TOP RACING SPEED - 434.488 MPH - Rick Brickert in #8 "Dreadnought" at the National Championship Air Races, Sept. 1986. (Championship Race)

1987

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 466.674*MPH - A New Record - Bill Destefani in #7 "Strega", at the National Championship Air Races, Reno - Sept., 1987

TOP RACING SPEED - 452.559 - A New Record - Bill Destefani in #7, "Strega", in the Championship Gold Race on September 20 at the National Championship Air Races - Reno, Sept., 1987

1988

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 474.622 MPH* - A New Record - Lyle Shelton in #77, "Rare Bear" at the National Championship Air Races, Reno, NV - Sept., 1988.

TOP RACING SPEED - 456.821 MPH* - A new Record - Lyle Shelton in #77, "Rare Bear" in the Championship Gold Race on Sept. 18, at the National Championship Air Races in Reno, NV - Sept. 1988.

1989

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 468.378 MPH - Lyle Shelton in #77, "Rare Bear" at the National Championship Air Races, Reno, NV - Sept., 1989.

TOP RACING SPEED - 450.910 MPH - Lyle Shelton in #77, "Rare Bear" in the Gold Championship Race on Sept. 17, at the National Championship Air Races in Reno, NV - Sept., 1989.

1990

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 470.246 MPH - Bill Destefani in #7, "Strega," at the National Championship Air Races, Sept., 1990, in Reno, Nevada

TOP RACING SPEED - 468.620 MPH* - A new record - Lyle Shelton in #77, "Rare Bear," in the National Championship Air Races, Sept., 1990, in Reno Nevada

1991

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 475.899 MPH - Lyle Shelton in #77, "Rare Bear" at the National Championship Air Races in Reno, NV - September 1991.

TOP RACING SPEED - 481.618 MPH* - A new record - Lyle Shelton in #77, "Rare Bear", in the National Championship Air Races, September 1991, in Reno, Nevada

1992

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 482.892 MPH - Lyle Shelton in #77, "Rare Bear", at the National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada, September 1992.

TOP RACING SPEED - 453.492 MPH - Bill Destefani in #7, "Strega", at the National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada, September 1992.

1993

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 452.940 MPH - Bill Destefani in #7, "Strega", at the National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada, September 1993.

TOP RACING SPEED - 455.380 MPH - Bill Destefani in #7, "Strega", at the National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada, September 1993.

1994

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 471.325 MPH - John Penney in #77, "Rare Bear", at the National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada, September 1994.

TOP RACING SPEED - 462.188 MPH - John Penney in #77, "Rare Bear", at the National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada, September 1994.

1995

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 489.802 MPH - John Penney in #77, "Rare Bear" at the National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada, September, 1995.

TOP RACING SPEED - 467.029 MPH - Bill Destefani in #7, "Strega" at the National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada, September 1995.

1996

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - A new record: 491.266 MPH - John Penney in #77, "Rare Bear" at the National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada, September 1996.

TOP RACING SPEED - 467.948 MPH - Bill Destefani in #7, "Strega" at the National Championship Air Races, Reno Nevada, September, 1996.

1997

TOP QUALIFYING SPEED - 464.245 MPH - Bill Destefani in #7, "Strega" at the National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada, September 1997.

TOP RACING SPEED - 453.130 MPH - Bill Destefani in #7, "Strega" at the National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada, September 1997.