

Celebrating
90
YEARS OF
WOMEN'S
AIR RACING

THE LONGEST RUNNING CROSS COUNTRY AIR RACE

What is the Air Race Classic?

The **Air Race Classic** traces its roots to the 1929 Women's Air Derby in which Amelia Earhart and 19 other daring female pilots flew from Santa Monica, California to Cleveland, Ohio. That contest marked the beginning of women's air racing in the United States.

Today the **Air Race Classic** is the epicenter of women's air racing. Pilots range in age from 21 to 90 years and come from a wide variety of backgrounds. Race teams, consisting of at least two women pilots, must fly VFR during daylight hours only and are given four days to make flybys at each route timing point and then land at the terminus.

The race routes change each year and are about 2,400 statute miles in length. Each plane is flown in race configuration to determine its handicap speed - and the challenge for each race team is to achieve actual ground speeds as far over the handicap speed as possible.

The pilots strategize to play the elements, holding out for better weather, winds, etc. The official standings are not known until the final entrant has crossed the finish line. Indeed, the last arrival at the terminus can be the winner!

Entrant aircraft are stock or minimally modified airplanes, certified in normal or utility category with normally aspirated engines of not less than 100 horsepower nor more than 600 horsepower, rated for continuous maximum operation and handicapped accordingly. Prizes for the **Air Race Classic** are valued at over \$20,500 and include medallions, trophies and cash awards.



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The **Air Race Classic, Inc.** stages the longest running cross country air race for women in the world. Continuing yearly since 1977, the race has expanded its mission to emphasize the acknowledgment of female pilots through educational and outreach programs.

Participating racers come from all walks of life and from locations throughout the United States and around the world. Collegiate racers make up nearly a third of the competition each year, enhancing their education with real world flying. Opportunities that the race offers to all participants include additional training, aviation skills and attendance at the career fair held at the terminus of each race.

The volunteers who make up each year's event number into the hundreds, and are the strength of the race success. Each stop has dozens of timers, judges, airport support and safety officers - all donating valuable time and knowledge to ensure the future of the competition.

Please visit our website for more information on racing in, volunteering for and/or becoming an **Air Race Classic** sponsor.

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2019 Important Dates

Registration Opens: **January 2**
Registration Closes: **March 31**
Race Start: **June 18**
Race Terminus: **June 21**
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GET INVOLVED!

Be a Racer

Join in the fun, adventure, and camaraderie of the **Air Race Classic**.

Be a Volunteer

It takes many to make this race fly each year. **YOU** can be one of those unique individuals. It is because of the efforts of countless volunteers like you that this race has endured and is such a success.

Be a Sponsor

Countless women and young girls have had their lives positively influenced through racing, following the race, or learning about aviation through the race. To help ensure that the **Air Race Classic** continues a 40+ year tradition, our organization depends on contributions from our sponsors. Our race route is constantly changing, creating new exposure to different markets along the routes. The reach of our racers is worldwide with fans around the globe. Consider being one of our **Sustaining Sponsor** who make a multi-year commitment to the **Air Race Classic** and its future.

Annual Cross Country Air Race

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