

## USRA – 2018 Race of Champions Race Update

**August 25, 2018**

Greetings, Racers! We are less than seven weeks away from the October race in California City and things are shaping up nicely. It's going to be a great race! Jeff Wheless, the race promoter, has been working very hard to make this a fun and exciting race experience. Tony Husak will be the Contest Director and Dennis Fuchs will be the Line/Start Judge. The race is sanctioned by the AMA and under their insurance protection. Thank you to Tony Husak for getting the AMA Insurance in place. Also, don't forget our Raffle is still ongoing for the Hangar 9 60cc Mustang with a DA 60cc Engine. The drawing will take place on Sunday at the trophy presentation. Tickets will be sold at the race again this year.

### Memberships

Pilots will need to be current AMA and USRA members and have your **UAS** certificate of registration. At race registration, you will be required to show proof of your current AMA membership. You will also be required to show your UAS card and have that number displayed on your race plane. If you have not renewed your USRA membership, please get them in ASAP. The form is on the USRA web site.

### 2018 – 2019 Rule Changes

The new rules are up on our usrainfo.org web site. Please be familiar with the rules. There were some changes to the Formula 1 Pro class. You can run the GT 80 modified on alcohol as before, or you can run a **stock** 120 cc motor from the manufacturer on ignition with gas/oil supplied from the race promoter. We also added rules for the new Limited Gas class. Basically, it's an approved Unlimited airframe with a **stock** 150cc motor from the manufacturer on ignition with gas/oil supplied from the race promoter.

### Test Sessions

Race Teams will be at the Rabbit Dry Lake near Victorville California, testing on September 8th and 9th and again on September 15th and 16<sup>th</sup>. We are available to assist/help new/old racers if necessary. This would also be a great time for **new pilots** to get your observation flight complete before the race! Come on out and let's have some fun!

### IMPORTANT RACE INFORMATION:

- The race is October 11 thru 14 at California City Airport (L71)
- Registration is open! **YOU MUST register before August 31<sup>st</sup> to avoid a late penalty.** There is a link to registration on our USRA Web page and Face Book Page.
- We will be running the Sportsman, Formula One GT, Formula One Pro, Unlimited Gas, and Unlimited classes this year.
- We will be performing airframe safety inspections and engine run-ups before open flying on Thursday.
- **Failsafe operation** and **Engine Restraints** will be verified during inspection.
- Race Planes will be weighed during the event.

- We will be on asphalt again this year. Bring weights to hold down your shades! There will be no drilling or driving stakes into the asphalt.
- There is a restaurant on site. On Saturday evening, there will be dinner at the field. Tickets are available when you register on our web or Face Book page. Last year was a lot of fun.

Let's have a great race and thank you for your support. Stay tuned for late breaking logistics...

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