

USRA PRESIDENTS REPORT

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Greetings everyone! Hope this email finds everyone doing well. How is the 2017 building season going? Hope everyone is in the process of building a new race airplane or tuning up the old one. Here are a few things to pass along.

2017 RACE OF CHAMPIONS

I am excited to announce this year's Race of Champions will be held at California City, California, at a full scale airport (L71). Located near Mojave Air and Space Port and Edwards Air Force Base, we will have great facilities and a great spectator turnout. **Race dates are October 19-22nd**. There are many people working hard to make this a first class event. A special "Thanks" goes out to Jeff Wheless, Don Goerschi, Doug Killebrew, and Tom Easterday for their input and ideas.

I can't stress this enough, California City is really excited to be hosting the USRA Race of Champions in 2017. This will be their first year hosting our sport and they are eager for us to come back for many years to come. Together, we are working hard to get the word out and hope to have many spectators at the event. There is a restaurant on the field and plans to have food and other vendors there also.

So, we need to do our part. We need to get new (or old) racers to this year's event. If every pilot or race team would bring one new racer, we could almost double our contestant field. The new Sportsman classes would be a great place to start and introduce them to Giant Scale Racing. We could also assign them to race teams, offer to mentor them and make their race experience a great one, hopefully shortening the learning curve.

We will be flying Experimental, Unlimited, Formula-One Pro, Formula-One GT, Sportsman Pro, and Sportsman classes and this year's event. Get your registration in early. You can register at www.rcflightdeck.com/event.cfm?id=6432&i=0

California City Inn & Suites (Best Western) will be our host hotel this year. Get your reservations in early. Their phone number is 760-373-1369. Use code "California City Air Race". Rooms will be held for pilots and crew members until September 1, 2017. After that, rooms will be offered to the public.

Team Extra Air Racing has acquired the mold for Fred's 21 X 27. Get your order in early if you need one for the race. Contact Tom Easterday if you are interested in purchasing. Don't wait to the last minute as it takes 4-days to lay up a propeller.

This year's raffle is a Hangar 9 F4U-1D 60cc Corsair Donated by Horizon Hobby, a Zenoah GT80 Engine Donated by Team Extra Air racing, and Futaba radio Donated by Hobbico. Tickets can be purchased for \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00 through Sunday October 22, 2017. Drawing will be at the trophy presentation on Sunday. Thanks to our Sponsors.

We will be updating our web site as more information becomes available. So get busy, schedule your time off, and get building. It will be an exciting event!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewals went into the mail the end of January. If you haven't renewed, help us out and get them back ASAP.

Let's get ready to race!

Terry Raymond – USRA President