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The Newsletter for Fans of the Air Race Classic

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Happy New Year! Registration opens on January 2!

Registration for the 2025 Air Race Classic opens at 12:00 noon ET on January 2. Register by January 31 to be entered in the Top Ten Race Number drawing.

We hope you decide to join us as we race from Fairhope, Alabama on the Gulf Coast to Spokane, Washington in the Pacific Northwest. This route is sure to provide a fun and challenging race!

Find out if you, your team and airplane qualify under the 2025 Race Rules here: [Qualifications and Rules](#)

Message from ARC President Donna Harris

Greetings, one and all! As we begin a new year, I wanted to let you know how excited we are to, once again, continue the legacy started by the pioneering women of 1929, much like those who race today. We are so proud of each of the racers, all who have shown fortitude, that special strength of mind that enables each of us to persevere and overcome.

The ARC Board of Directors is busy getting ready for another fun race. This one, like previous ones, presents new challenges to tackle, new lessons to learn, new horizons and airports to discover. Thousands of volunteer hours go into each race, from designing the route until the last racer departs the Terminus. Hundreds of volunteers across the country are busy planning and preparing to greet the racers and encourage them on to the next stop, and the next accomplishment in their flying adventures.

Whether you join us as a racer or volunteer, we want to extend our deepest appreciation for all the work you put into the Air Race Classic. Each of you are adding to a rich tapestry of history. As Louise Thaden said, "...added skills are developed, self-confidence is increased, and enduring friendships are made." Come race with us!

Racer Registration Tips

Here's a tip! Did you know it's free to register as a Racer? Even if you have not yet found a race partner, you should complete your Racer registration early. You can get all of the individual paperwork out of the way early, making it quicker and easier to register your Team when you are ready. There are no fees to pay until you submit your Team Registration.

There is an advantage to completing your Team registration early, too. The order of departures from the Race Start are in Race Number order. Race Numbers 1 through 10 are assigned by a drawing of teams who register by January 31. And, Race Numbers beyond the Top Ten are assigned in the order that Teams are accepted. It can be a real race advantage to be at the head of the pack! Also, Race Numbers above the Top Ten are available for purchase. Any questions about registration, contact entryadmin@airraceclassic.org or collegiateteams@airraceclassic.org.

Women's Air Racing and ARC featured in recent 99's Webinar

Emmy Dillon, ARC Director and Racer, shared a wealth of information at the December webinar hosted by the International Ninety-Nines. Learn about the history of women's air racing and the Air Race Classic, how it works, and how to register and get involved! Enjoy viewing here: [ARC 2025 and Women's Air Racing](#)

We need YOUR help!

Ever wonder how the magic happens behind the scenes of the Air Race Classic? We're looking for passionate individuals to show interest in helping with the flight handicapping process.

- No experience? No problem!
- Never raced or volunteered before? You're welcome to join us!

The more people who sign up and show interest, the stronger we can make the 2025 ARC.

- Let's keep the tradition alive and soaring! Help us out by completing the survey today: [Handicapping Flights Survey](#)

If you can't race this year or you don't fly, please consider volunteering at a stop near you. Contact info@airraceclassic.org for volunteer information.

As always, we give thanks to all of our volunteers, sponsors, and fans!

Happy New Year 2025!



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