



SPORT CLASS

AIR RACING

AN INSIDE LOOK INTO HOW THE FASTEST MOTORSPORT IN THE WORLD OPERATES.
8 MINUTE DOCUMENTARY SHORT CAPTURED AT THE 2026 PRTC IN
LAS CRUCES, NM.

THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN MOTORSPORTS

SPORT CLASS AIR RACING

OUT NOW



YOUR PRESENTER

- Sean “*Skippy*” VanHatten
 - Sport Class Air Racing
 - President
 - Pilot Standards, Pace Pilot, Check Pilot, Instructor, Racer
 - Havoc Air Racing
 - Founder
 - Test Pilot
- Rookie Year: 2016
- Fastest Speed / Best Finish
 - 357 mph – Reno, 2023
 - 3rd Gold – Reno, 2023
- Airplanes Raced
 - *Small Fortune* - ‘16; *Seastar* - ‘17; *Redhead* - ‘18; *Havoc* - ‘19; *Mojo*, ‘21; *Comin’ In Hot* - ‘22; *Mojo* - ‘23; *Betty* - ‘24



YOUR PRESENTER

- Andrew Findlay
 - Sport Class Air Racing
 - Pace Pilot, Check Pilot, Instructor, Racer
 - One Moment Air Racing
 - Founder, Race Pilot
 - Engineer
- Rookie Year: 2013
 - Rookie of the Year
- Fastest Speed / Best Finish
 - 403 mph
 - 1st Gold – Reno 2018, 2019



SCARA HISTORY



1998

2012

2022

➤ Racers ➤ 10 total ➤ 2 heats ➤ several people raced twice ➤ Winning Speed ➤ 308 MPH	➤ Racers ➤ 28 total ➤ 3 Heats ➤ Winning Speed ➤ 396 MPH	➤ Racers ➤ 40 total ➤ 4 Heats ➤ Qualifying Record ➤ 409.8 MPH
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SCARA HISTORY



2024

2026

2028

- First year operating under own ARO at KLRU
- Only close course air racing operations for the year
- Racers
 - 18 racing, 23 licensed
 - 3 heats
 - several people raced twice
- Winning Speed
 - 308 MPH

- 2 AROs to operate with
 - SARC & RARA
 - First multi-venue closed course Air Racing since early 1990s
- 37 Licensed Racers
 - 28 at SkyFiesta
 - 14 at NCAR in ROW

- 30th Anniversary of Sport Class Air Racing
- 3+ racing venues for Series Racing

RACING REQUIREMENTS



Aircraft

- FAI Class C-1 Aircraft (Landplane)
- Certificated as:
 - Experimental-Amateur Built, Experimental-Exhibition, or Experimental-Air Racing
 - Phase I flight test must be complete
- Propeller Driven, with Reciprocating, Turboprop, or Electric Engine(s)
- Maximum weight of 1,750 kg/3,858 lb (FAI Class C1-a, b, or c)
 - C1-d/e allowed in separate division (up to 6,000kg/13,228lb)

Pilot

- FAA Private Pilot Certificate or higher
- Current FAA Medical Certificate
- 500 Hours Fixed Wing PIC
- 4 Ship Formation Qualified



PATHWAY TO RACING



- Learn Formation
 - Military
 - FFI / FAST / JFLC
 - SCARA
- 4-Ship Formation Qualified
 - Carded or evaluated by SCARA pilot
- Attend Race Training
 - PRTC, PRS
- Pass Race Training
 - SCARA Air Racing License
- Rookie Race
- Step 0 – Volunteer
- Racing Events
- Training Events
- Formation Events
- www.sportclass.com



SPORT CLASS CULTURE

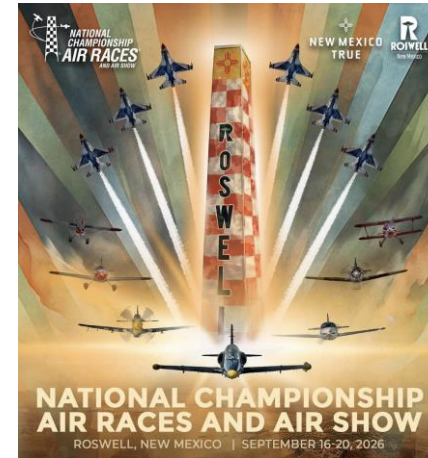


- Training Focused
 - Formation is foundation skillset
- We are disciplined in the air
 - We take the responsibility we have to each other *seriously*
- We seek self improvement
 - Check you ego at the door
- We help each other
- We are here for the joy of flying and the camaraderie
- We take pleasure in a well prepared airplane and a well flown race
- Our Core Values are Safety, Racing Excellence, and Teamwork



2026 RACING EVENTS

- National Championship Air Races
 - 16-20 September, 2026
 - Roswell, NM – KROW
 - www.airrace.org
- SkyFiesta
 - 17 October, 2026
 - Las Cruces, NM – KLRU
 - www.skyfiesta.org



Let's Go Racing!

