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## National Championship Air Races announce return of Unlimited and Sport classes for September event

*Announcement marks debut of all seven race classes in Roswell, NM*

**Roswell, N.M.** – The National Championship Air Races (NCAR) is excited to announce that all seven of its accredited race classes will return for this September's event in Roswell. After the Sport and Unlimited classes stood down in 2025, representatives from each collaborated with the Reno Air Racing Association (RARA) to address and ensure all concerns were met ahead of this year's races. This marks the first time fans will see the full lineup in Roswell, which also includes Biplane, Formula 1, Jet, T-6 and STOL Drag. To learn more about the National Championship Air Races, visit [www.airrace.org](http://www.airrace.org).

"We pride ourselves on being the only event in the world where fans can see seven classes of air racing. With the Sport and Unlimited classes back, we can't wait to show first-time attendees what a full field of air racing looks like and welcome back longtime fans," said Fred Telling, chairman and CEO of RARA (event producers of NCAR).

Unlimited Class president Dennis Sanders, whose family has been air racing for over 50 years, said, "I have looked forward to racing in September most of my life and I cannot wait to continue that tradition in Roswell this September. I am looking forward to seeing friends, family, and the amazing air race fans I have come to know over the years."

With all seven classes participating, fans can expect an action packed, adrenaline-filled racing experience. Attendees who purchase pit passes will be able to see the returning Unlimited and Sport planes up close, alongside the Biplane, Jet, T-6, Formula 1 and STOL planes that were in attendance for NCAR's inaugural year in Roswell. In addition to all seven classes competing for gold over the course of the week, the USAF Thunderbirds will deliver their signature breathtaking, high-energy performance on Friday, Saturday and Sunday along with several civilian airshow acts.

"We've worked diligently with both classes for the last several months to address and find solutions to any outstanding issues," added Tony Logoteta, president and COO of RARA. "I'm thankful for the leadership and cooperation from the race classes and all others involved in ensuring the whole September Family can be together this year."

"We've had some really great conversations with RARA moving forward into the 2026 season and we're excited to come back," said Sean VanHatten, Sport Class president. "We have a really great working relationship with everyone here and think it's going to be a really great event. We're working towards a really strong showing for the class again this year."

Following this exciting announcement, Air Race Insiders and season ticket holders will be able to participate in a pre-sale event through early April, while general sale tickets will launch in mid-April. To stay up to date on NCAR 2026 developments and more news about NCAR, sign up for our newsletter at [www.airrace.org](http://www.airrace.org), or follow [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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About the National Championship Air Races

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The National Championship Air Races are produced every September by the Reno Air Racing Association, a 501(c)(3) corporation. The event was founded in Northern Nevada where it became an institution and the pinnacle of air racing before moving the historic event to Roswell, New Mexico. Aviation enthusiasts from around the world come to the air races to see seven racing classes, a large display of static aircraft and several military and civilian flight demonstrations. Independent economic impact studies show that the event generates as much as \$100 million annually for the local economy. For more information on the National Championship Air Races, visit [AirRace.org](http://AirRace.org).

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