

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Fan Report: May 10, 2005

With the EAA Golden West Regional Fly-In and Air Show (www.goldenwestflyin.org) at Yuba County Airport (MYV) in Marysville, CA just a month away, are goal to set new world speed records in the C-1.c class over the 3 kilometer and the 15/25 kilometer distances are unchanged. Most of our plans have been and finalized and here is the latest info on our speed record attempt.

The plan is to make a practice run over the recognized distance on Friday, June 3, then a record attempt on Saturday, June 4th. Sunday, June 5th is a backup day for a second record attempt should there be any problems on Saturday.



We have 72 hours after the flight is complete to claim the record. If all goes well and we make flights on both Saturday and Sunday, we will claim the record from the faster of the two attempts.

The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) will not approve timing of this attempt from the ground due to speed and timing accuracy requirements. They do have flight data recording equipment that they will approve, but can't guarantee that it will be available by June 1st. Led by Art Greenfield, Director of Contests and Records, the NAA is working to get everything in order

The organizers of the Golden West Fly-In have been very helpful. Big thanks go to John Gibson, the Golden West Director, who has provided us with logistical support, and Willie Turner, the Air Boss, who has helped ensure that all of the FAA waivers are correct, filed, and in-place for our attempt.

Flight testing continues for Blue Thunder. The flight telemetry system is still being tested but things are going well. Fred Roscher and Bill Grant are working hard to make sure all parameters are recorded without fail. A nitrous oxide system has been installed to squeeze a few extra HP out of the engine. The nitrous has been provided by Ryan Falconer Industries (RFI) and Sierra Welding Supply. Ryan Falconer of RFI has also been instrumental in aiding with the nitrous set-up. Fuel for the record attempt has been supplied and delivered to the site by Rick Gold of ERC Racing Fuels.

Special thanks to our fans for keeping us going. We look forward to seeing all of you in Marysville this June.

Sincerely,

Blue Thunder Air Racing

www.bluethunderairracing.com