



L-R: The Tiger & The Tiger Ladies: L-R Pilot Mary Creason; Copilot Gloria Apple, Passenger Sally Creason

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3-GENERATION TIGER LADIES TO FLY AIR RACE

Flying Tiger N1192E in the annual Air Race Classic (ARC), the 3-Generation "Tiger Ladies" will attempt to win the 2,436-mile race for stock model airplanes of 145-570 total horsepower.

Pilot Mary Creason, Grand Haven, Michigan and Port Orange, Florida, Co-pilot Gloria Apple, Nevada City, California, and Student Pilot Passenger Sally Creason, Grand Haven, Michigan, will race the 180-horsepower Tiger. Starting at Purdue University Airport, Lafayette, Indiana on June 21, the team will make en route stops at La Crosse, Wisconsin; Beatrice, Nebraska; Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Shreveport, Louisiana; Walnut Ridge, Arkansas; Tullahoma, Tennessee; Athens, Ohio and will finish back at Lafayette.

Forty entries with eighty pilots and five pilot-passengers will compete in this year's annual ARC competition. Open to women pilots only, the ARC is a cross-country air race for fixed-wing aircraft with normally aspirated, non-turbocharged engines, and is flown during daylight hours under visual flight conditions. The winner of this speed contest is the entry that averages the highest ground speed in relation to its handicap.

The ARC came into being upon the demise of the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race (AWTAR), pegged the Powder Puff Derby by Will Rogers. Airline Transport Pilot Mary Creason has raced in 26 long cross-country air races and numerous small races, often finishing in the top ten places. She has placed First, third, and fourth in the ARC. Commercial Pilot Gloria Apple has raced the Air Race Classic three times. It will be a first for Student Pilot Sally Creason who is often found in competition on her horse, Image.

Sponsored by various aviation interests, including Tiger Aircraft, LLC of Martinsburg, West Virginia, The Tiger Ladies look forward to a challenging race. "Good team cockpit management and decision-making are priorities in a cross-country air race," said pilot Mary Creason. Winning a long cross-country race is demanding on the pilots and the aircraft. We chose the Tiger for its dependability, speed, fun, and safety. The Tiger is truly a remarkable airplane.

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