

## TIGER AIRCRAFT, LLC ENTRY IN AIR RACE CLASSIC



*The Tiger Ladies: L-R Copilot Mary Creason; Pilot Gloria Apple & the Tiger Aircraft, LLC "Tiger"*

A Tiger Aircraft airplane will compete for the first time in the all-woman Air Race Classic (ARC) June 23-27, 2004. N2848 will be flown by Gloria Apple, Nevada City, California, pilot and Mary Creason, Grand Haven, Michigan and Port Orange, Florida, co-pilot.

The ARC is a 2,247 nautical mile cross-country air race for fixed-wing aircraft with normally aspirated, non-turbocharged engines of 145-570 total horsepower, and is flown during daylight hours under visual flight conditions. A speed contest, the winner is the entry that averages the highest ground speed in relation to its handicap.

Upon the demise of the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race (AWTAR), pegged the "Powder Puff Derby" by Will Rogers, the Air Race Classic came into being. This will be Apple's third and Creason's seventeenth transcontinental air race. Known as "The Tiger Ladies," the pair was sponsored by Tiger Aircraft, LLC in ARC '02 and ARC '03, flying Creason's American General Tiger.

Thirty-three aircraft, sixty-six pilots and co-pilots, and one passenger are registered for ARC '04. They include the Tiger Aircraft "Tiger," a Grumman "Tiger," 10 Pipers, 8 Cessna 182's, 10 Cessna 172's, a Diamond Star, an American Champion, and a Beech Bonanza. Pilots hail from nearly every state in the nation, London, England and Christchurch, New Zealand. Starting at Jabara Airport, Wichita, Kansas, the contestants will fly to Lamar, Colorado, North Platte, Nebraska, Gillette, Wyoming, Huron, South Dakota, Eveleth, Minnesota, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Hannibal, Missouri and will finish back at Wichita.

Wise decision-making, good cockpit management, and lots of luck are all needed in the grueling competition. "Flying a long cross-country race is demanding on the pilots and the aircraft," said Apple. "This is the first year I've raced my "Tiger" and the first year any Tiger Aircraft "Tiger" has competed. I chose my "Tiger" for its dependability, speed, fun, and safety. It is truly a remarkable airplane."