



Air Race Classic  
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# About Me

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- ▶ Started flying at WVMU in Fall of 2013.
- ▶ Did all training at WVMU
- ▶ Currently a Certified Flight Instructor as well as dispatcher for the College of Aviation
- ▶ Senior- Double Majoring in Flight Science & Aviation Management and Operations
- ▶ Participated in June 2016 Air Race Classic



# What is the Air Race Classic?

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- ▶ An all women's air race
- ▶ Flying across the United States
- ▶ Period of 4 days to complete
- ▶ Any type of small aircraft is welcomed
- ▶ The race route changes every year



# My Experience

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- ▶ Team of two participants from Western
- ▶ Flew from Michigan to the race start in Prescott, AZ in just over a day
- ▶ In Prescott, AZ before the race, were several briefings and meetings to attend
- ▶ Race started at 8 am with racers taking off every 30 seconds after one another



# Experience Cont'd

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- ▶ 2600+ miles flown over the course of 4 days
- ▶ Prescott, AZ to Daytona Beach, FL
- ▶ Fly by points verse stopping points
- ▶ Being strategic and dealing with weather



# Race Route 2016

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# Race Route 2017



# Looking Forward

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- ▶ Starting interview process for 2017 team member(s)
- ▶ Looking into a three man team this year
- ▶ One pilot, one co-pilot, and one navigator
- ▶ Looking forward to another great experience and learning opportunity

