

Additional Race Teams

Race 6

A third team member has been added

Michael Westra
Safety Specialist – Duncan Aviation
Wayland, MI

Crew: Mike Westra - Student Pilot 49 hours

Mike is a student pilot and started taking lessons 17 years ago. He has been involved in the aviation community as Captain/Training Officer for an airport Fire Rescue Department. Mike is currently the Safety Specialist for Duncan Aviation's Michigan operations. He resides at Gun Lake.

Tony Toscano
Business Owner
Southampton, NY

Brad Otis
Retired
Hope Sound, FL

Race 16

1997 Beechcraft Baron 58 600 hp

Pilot: Tony Toscano - ASMEL, IFR 3,300 hrs
Co-pilot: Brad Oits - Comm'l, ASMEL, CFII 4,000 hrs

We are delighted to have Tony and Brad racing with us again. This verbally quiet team lets the throaty Baron engines do their talking for them. Even though Brad has retired from law enforcement on Long Island, the pair have stayed in touch through air racing and they have competed in other race events.

When business permits, Tony enjoys racing. He became a Race Supporter Sponsor this year and so, added enough funds for two more Learn to Fly Scholarships that will be awarded in Stevens Point via drawing.

Arthur Alvis
Bus. Owner
Wichita, KS

Alyson Elder
Flight Instructor
Wichita, KS

Alexandra Alvis
Student
Wichita, KS

Race 53

2005 Cessna T182T 235 hp

Pilot: Arthur Alvis - ASEL, IFR HP/Complex 525 hrs
Co-Pilot: Alyson Elder - Comm'l, ASMEL, CFII 450 hrs
Crew: Allie Alvis - Student pilot 25 hrs

While many college students are taking it easy this summer, Alexandra, a Wichita Collegiate graduate and Indiana University sophomore, is challenging herself by participating in the Wichita 300 Air Race with her dad and studying for her Private Pilot license. She says,

"We'll learn how to do the air race this year so that next year we can compete in the big cross country air race." "Allie" got the flying bug from her father. She grew up near McConnell Air Force base and one of her first words was "B-1". She is almost finished with her private pilot's license, and plans to pursue aviation as a career. Between flying lessons, she works in customer service at Jabara Airport.

Arthur is the founder of Commtech, Inc. which manufactures computer assemblies for industrial and military customers. Commtech, incorporated in 1984, has manufacturing facilities near Jabara Airport. Arthur is a member of AOPA, SCCA, Corvette Museum Charter member, and Early Ford V8 club. Arthur also races a 1954 Corvette in The Great Race a 5,000 mile endurance race with his son and brother.

Alyson will use her considerable navigational and pilot skills as chief navigator for the team. "My job is to keep us on course." Alyson is a flight instructor at Jabara airport and Allie is one of her students. Alyson has been flying for 8 years. Her sons, Adam, 3, and Adrian, 2, also love to fly. Alyson holds a BS in aeronautical technology from Kansas State University. She says, "The Wichita 300 should be a fun race and we expect to learn a lot."

Jim Robinson
Dentist
Spanish Fork, UT

Esther Grupenhagen
Retired Airline Pilot
Troy, MO

Race 79

2004 Glasair III 300 hp

Pilot: Jim Robinson ASEL 1400 hrs
Co-Pilot: Esther Grupenhagen ATP, ASMEL, SES, CFII 25,000 hrs

This match was made in heaven – a rookie race pilot with a past Grand Champion and a beautiful airplane. It was apparently, not meant to be as this team has had to scratch.

New Sponsor

Race Supporter
Tony Toscano
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Corrections are in bold:

Page 39 ... tickets are for a **Learn to Fly Scholarship**
Page 40 photo caption should be **David** Gallion
Page 41 photo caption should be **Kenn Kessler**
Page 46 In 2000 Yankston should be **Yankton**, SD
Page 47 Marion Jayne Air Race 2005
4th place winners were Shelby Bowles and Jim Reed,
Larry Morris and Dan Spagnoli won 5th place