

Unlimited Racing Aircraft

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The revival of unlimited class air racing, in the last few years, has brought with it a new family of participating aircraft. It seems appropriate, therefore, to identify these aircraft while the task is still relatively easy, and a full listing of them appears opposite. The listing includes aircraft which participated in unlimited class racing events and ex-

hibitions in the 1964-66 period. Further, it includes two aircraft (N 4719C and N 260X) which were set up for racing but did not actually compete--the former aircraft (N 4719C) was destroyed in a fatal crash and the latter has never competed since it was modified.

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E. D. Weiner's North American P-51D, S/N 44-72902, at Long Beach, California on 20 March 1967.



E. D. Weiner's companion Mustang, S/N 44-74506, also at Long Beach, California, on 29 April 1967.



Grumman F8F-2 Bearcat, BuNo 121752, flown at 1966 Reno races by Sandy Falconer, 23 September 1966.



Hawker Sea Fury, F.B. Mk 11, S/N WG567, piloted by Mike Carrol, at Long Beach, California, 13 May 1967.



Chuck Hall's Mustang, serial 44-84961, which raced at Reno on 23 September 1966.



Wayne Adams' P-51D, 45-11471, which was also at the Reno races, 23 September 1966.

UNLIMITED CLASS RACING AIRCRAFT, 1964 THROUGH 1966

License No.	Race No.	Type	Serial No.	Remarks
N 35N	3	P-51D-30-NA	44-74602	RCAF 9255
N 138X	1	P-38L-5-VN	43-50281	ex-N 33638
N 148F	11	F8F-2		
N 182XF	64	P-51D-30-NA	44-74423	RCAF 9595
N 191R	6	Riley Rocket	35229	Cessna Model 310 Conversion
N 260X	33	Sea Fury	WH 587	Mk. 11, ex-Royal Australian Navy Aircraft
N 332	9	P-51D-25-NT	45-11471	
N 335	14	P-51D-25-NA	44-72902	RCAF 9564 (ex-N 6343T)
N 335J	49	P-51D-30-NA	44-74506	RCAF 9231, was race No. 14 until 5/66
N 351D	69	P-51D-25-NA	44-73483	Trans-Florida Aviation Executive Mustang. N 351D reported as 44-73483 in Civil Registration of Mustangs in Vol 5, No 2 of the A.A.H.S. JOURNAL. In Vol 4, No 4, same aircraft reported as 44-73843 (numbers transposed) in listing of Trans-Florida Aviation Executive Mustang conversions.
N 469P	7	P-51D-25-NA	44-73240	
N 551D	99	P-51D-25-NT	45-11489	Ex-N 5421V
N 651D	45	P-51D-25-NA	44-73857	RCAF 9244
N 713DW	15	P-51D-30-NT	45-11553	Was race No. 6; ex-N 5414V
N 878M	87	Sea Fury	WG 567	F.B. Mk. 11, ex-Canadian civil registration CF-VAN; former Royal Canadian Navy aircraft.
N 1111L	1	F8F-2	121646	BuAer. Number
N 2869D	8	P-51D-25-NT	44-84390	
N 5077K	83	P-51D-25-NA	44-73856	
N 5151	21	F-6K-15-NT	44-12817	Crashed during 1965 Las Vegas races. U. S. Civil Aircraft Registry lists this aircraft as N 5151T. Civil license number carried on vertical tail surfaces at Las Vegas was, however, N 5151. This discrepancy has not been explained. Bob Abrams was pilot/owner of aircraft when fatal crash occurred.
N 5452V	19	P-51D-30-NA	44-74536	
N 5460V	?	P-51D-20-NA	44-72192	Flew at Tampa, Florida in 1965, in exhibition race with N 2869D.
N 5482V	2	P-51D-25-NA	44-73343	
N 6303T	13	P-51D-20-NA	44-63481	RCAF 9553
N 7715C	5	P-51D-25-NT	44-84961	
N 7827C	10	F8F-2	121752	BuAer. Number
N 9885C	80	F8F-2	121751	BuAer. Number
N 12064	11	P-51D-25-NA	44-73683	
N 6611	11	P-51K-10-NT	44-12240	
N 4719C	2	FG-1D	92081	Crashed at 1965 Lancaster Races. Lou Kaufman--owner, Lynn Whinney--pilot.
N 5073K	1	P-51D-25-NA	44-73656	Confederate Air Force Mustang flown by Howard Olsen in 1964 Transcontinental Race.