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**AIR RACE 1**

## **Start your engines - Air Race 1 returns with a San Angelo USA event this Autumn**

Live adrenaline-fuelled air racing will make its return this October as Air Race 1 heads to San Angelo, Texas for its first race since the global covid-19 pandemic began.

The West Texas city in the heart of ranching country and situated on the picturesque Concho River will host a series of races on Halloween weekend, from October 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> 2021. Top air racing teams will compete head to head in front of a live crowd at The San Angelo Regional Airport. The event will be one of the first sporting events open to spectators in the region since the covid-19 regulations limited live events, provided it will be safe to do so, signalling a return to live sports and entertainment in the region.

Air Race 1 is a globally-renowned air racing series based on the long-running sport known as formula one air racing. Pilots flying single-seater aircraft, purpose-built for racing, compete to be the first to cross the finish line, racing directly against each other at speeds of over 450kph around a tight 5km (3 miles) circuit, just 15m (50 feet) above the ground. Air Race 1, led by renowned air racing promoter Jeff Zaltman, has a proven history of international races dating back to 2014 including in Europe, Asia and Africa.

Air Race 1 CEO, Jeff Zaltman said, "For over a year sports fans have been starved of live action due to the pandemic and so we're thrilled to be in a position to stage this event and herald the return of air racing. We will offer two days of edge-of-your-seat action and entertainment for all fans, while working hard to ensure the event adheres to all covid-19 safety guidelines in place at the time."

"We're grateful to the city of San Angelo for taking on this ambitious project. We will do our best to showcase the wonders of the city and the capabilities of the airport as we invite people from all over the world to lovely San Angelo."

San Angelo's location on the northern boundary of the Chihuahuan Desert and its many lakes and rivers lend itself to brilliant blue skies and a pleasant climate, perfect for air racing and outdoor events.

San Angelo Mayor Brenda Gunter said, "We're delighted to host Air Race 1 here in San Angelo and bring a unique and exciting sport to the valley after what has been a long and difficult period for many in our city. We know that Texans are big fans of motorsports and we are all eager for live events to return, where safety can be managed. This is part of a calculated step towards normality and reviving our sports and entertainment calendar for everyone to enjoy."

The Air Race 1 San Angelo event is sanctioned by the sport's governing body, the International Formula One Air Racing Association (IF1), who are working closely with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to ensure the event is in accordance with the rules and regulations set out by the respective authorities.

IF1 President Bob Holmes said: "IF1 has been air racing for over 75 years and we are excited to showcase our aircraft and pilots in San Angelo in October. We look forward to engaging with racing fans and sharing our passion for the sport we love."

For more information go to [www.airrace1.com](http://www.airrace1.com)

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**Air Race 1**

Air Race 1 is pure motorsport at its fastest. It is a thrilling test of pilot skill based upon the long-running sport known as formula one air racing. The world's best race pilots compete to be the first one to cross the finish. Eight airplanes race directly against each other at speeds of over 400kph around a tight 5km circuit. Formula one airplanes are a specifically defined airplane class with over 75 years of history which sets strict parameters regarding wing area, engine size and other technical characteristics. Air Race 1 is the top international world championship title in the sport of air racing and is sanctioned by all three international formula air racing associations. Air Race 1 World Cup is the event name owned by Air Race Events DMCC headquartered in Dubai with bases of operations in United Kingdom and Spain. Air Race 1 is comprised of highly-regarded industry-leading experts who have extensive experience in organizing and promoting air racing and air sports competitions on a global scale and who work hard to ensure this race is both safe and a monumental success for all. Note: The sport of formula one air racing has no connection to nor relationship with the sport of formula one car racing nor any other automobile race or organization.