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## **Reno Air Racing Foundation Awards \$2300 in Savings Bonds to Young Researchers.**

RENO, Nev.- The Reno Air Racing Foundation has awarded \$2300 in savings bonds to the winners of the "Reach for the Stars" Young Researchers Awards at the Western Nevada Regional Science & Engineering Fair. The Awards will be presented on Saturday, March 22 at 10 AM in Lawlor Events Center.

Board members of the Reno Air Racing Foundation and the Reno Air Racing Association judged the aviation category entries from 1500 students from across the region. Young researchers in grades kindergarten through eighth grade were eligible to enter exhibits, awards will be presented to six of them.

"The quality of the aviation entries was outstanding and choosing the winners was extremely difficult," said Mike Houghton, president of the Reno Air Racing Association. "The level of intellect and curiosity on display at the Western Nevada Regional Science & Engineering Fair bodes well for the continued growth of the knowledge base in Western Nevada."

Katie Fisher, a sixth grader at Coral Academy of Science, won a gold medal and \$500 savings bond for her exhibit, "What Makes a Fabulous Flight." Matthew Mooneyham, a sixth grader at the Lake Tahoe School, won a gold medal and a \$500 savings bond for his exhibit, "Airfoils vs. Critical Angle of Attack." Grant Dieter and Nick Overgaard, both sixth graders at Ed Van Gorder Elementary School, won a gold medal and \$500 savings bond each for their exhibit, entitled "Lift." Sam Georgeson, a third grader at Jessie Beck Elementary School won a silver medal and a \$200 savings bond for his exhibit exploring "Which Wing Shape Glides the Farthest." Ben Sigel, a fifth grader at Hugh Gallagher School, won a bronze medal and a \$100 savings bond for his exhibit, entitled "The Great Paper Airplane Race."

The Reno Air Racing Foundation sponsors the "Reach for the Stars" Awards and judges the entries in several categories and awards entries that best develop the theme of air and space contributions in the local, national and international community. The "Reach for the Stars" Awards is one of eight specialty awards at the science fair. Western Nevada Regional Science & Engineering Fair is a competition designed to promote scientific thinking, creativity, and innovation. The fair is an opportunity for students to exhibit their creative and critical thinking abilities and compete for recognition among other top students from throughout the region.

The Reno Air Racing Foundation's mission is to inspire young aviators through education and air racing history and to inform them of the importance of the world of aviation and the impact that air racing has had on the evolution of the air race industry. The foundation works extensively with local communities to explore opportunities designed to integrate materials into existing literacy, math, science and history programs relating to aviation oriented disciplines such as science meteorology, engineering and communications. It works closely with other organizations with planned activities that will impact the youth in northern Nevada such as school supply drives, after school literacy programs and science fairs. For more information about the activities and programs of the foundation, please call (775) 972-6663 or visit <http://www.airrace.org/RARFHome.php>.

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