

# Pilotrace 177: The Galloping Ghost North American 51d N79111 Reno Nevada



When it comes to the exhilarating world of air racing, few planes bring as much excitement as the legendary Pilotrace 177 - The Galloping Ghost North American 51d N79111. Renowned for its speed, agility, and timeless design, this aircraft has captured the attention of aviation enthusiasts worldwide, especially in the racing hub of Reno, Nevada.

## **A Brief History**

The North American P-51 Mustang, commonly known as the Mustang, is an American long-range, single-seat fighter and fighter-bomber aircraft. Its iconic

design and unparalleled performance made it a vital asset during World War II. However, it was after the war that this aircraft truly captivated racing enthusiasts.



## Pilot/Race 177, The Galloping Ghost North American P-51D, N79111 Reno, Nevada September 16, 2011: P-51 Mustang Crash

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The Galloping Ghost, serial number N79111, is a highly modified P-51D Mustang that has become a staple in the Reno Air Races, one of the most prestigious air racing events in the world. With over 3000 horsepower and a top speed of 500 miles per hour, The Galloping Ghost is truly a force to be reckoned with on the racecourse.

### The Thrills of Air Racing

Air racing is an adrenaline-fueled sport where highly skilled pilots push the limits of speed, agility, and engineering. The Reno Air Races, held annually in Reno, Nevada, provide the perfect stage for these daredevil aviators to showcase their talents and compete for glory.

The Galloping Ghost, piloted by the renowned aircraft racer Pilotrace 177, dominates the skies during these races. Its roaring engine fills the air as it zips past at breakneck speeds, leaving spectators in awe of the sheer power and grace displayed by this magnificent aircraft.

## **The Reno Air Races**

Every September, thousands of aviation enthusiasts gather in Reno, Nevada, to witness the heart-pounding action at the Reno Air Races. The event features various aircraft categories, including the revered Unlimited Class, where The Galloping Ghost proudly takes its place.

In this fiercely competitive category, Pilotrace 177 showcases his exceptional flying skills against some of the best pilots in the world. Spectators are treated to breathtaking aerial maneuvers, thrilling head-to-head races, and intense battles for the top spot.

## **The Legacy Lives On**

The Galloping Ghost, with its iconic silver and red livery, has become an emblem of the Reno Air Races. Through the years, it has captured multiple victories and set numerous speed records, cementing its place in aviation history.

Despite several crashes and near misses, The Galloping Ghost miraculously endures, showcasing the exceptional engineering and construction that went into its creation. It remains a testament to the skill and resilience of Pilotrace 177, whose passion for air racing continues to inspire a new generation.

## **A Testament to Passion and Excellence**

The world of air racing would not be the same without Pilotrace 177 and The Galloping Ghost. Their unwavering determination, unmatched skills, and

undeniable passion for aviation have left an indelible mark on the sport.

So, the next time you find yourself at the Reno Air Races, be sure to catch a glimpse of the astounding Pilotrace 177 - The Galloping Ghost North American 51d N79111 in action. Brace yourself for the adrenaline rush as you witness this incredible aircraft soaring through the skies, inspiring awe and reminding us of the limitless possibilities that lie within the realm of aviation.



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On September 16, 2011, about 1625 Pacific daylight time, an experimental, single-seat North American P-51D, N79111, collided with the airport ramp in the spectator box seating area following a loss of control during the National Championship Air Races unlimited class gold race at the Reno/Stead Airport (RTS), Reno, Nevada. The airplane was registered to Aero-Trans Corp (dba Leeward Aeronautical Sales), Ocala, Florida, and operated by the commercial pilot as Race 177, The Galloping Ghost, under the provisions of 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91. The pilot and 10 people on the ground sustained

fatal injuries, and at least 64 people on the ground were injured (at least 16 of whom were reported to have sustained serious injuries). The airplane sustained substantial damage, fragmenting upon collision with the ramp.



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