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<u>RADIO CONTROLLED AEROPLANE - WORLD RECORD</u> <u>DISTANCE ATTEMPT.</u>

Thank-you again for your generous support of the above project. I am sure you will be please to hear that a successful flight was made on Wednesday the 18th of May, and that after homologation by the F.A.I., Australia will hold the world record at 493.168 km. Current holder is the U.S.A at 455.308 km.

The following brief summary of events may be of interest. The team left at 5am on Saturday the 14th of May in three vehicles with tents and trailers and were in Ceduna by Sunday night. It took two more days to reach the end of the straight section of road across the Nullarbor Plane at Belladonia, 220km N.E of Esperance.

The record breaking flight started at 11.13am on Wednesday the 18th of May and at first the expected tail component of wind was not present, so the model covered the ground at only 50 kph. However, gradually the ground speed increase to 95 kph. The declared destination was a truck park behind a motel on the W.A/S.A border and this was reached and the landing made at 5.19pm. The flight lasted 6 hours and 6 minutes and the average speed was 81 kph.

Pilot, supporters and F.A.I officials arrived back at 5pm on Saturday 21st of May, 8 days after leaving, tired but triumphant. They had driven 5,525 km and spent \$2,200 on fuel for the vehicles.

Yours Faithfully,

David Feather