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# News Release



## Scaled's Zach Reeder Sets Record in Rutan Catbird

Mojave, CA, April 21, 2014: Early Friday morning on April 18, 2014, Zach Reeder of Scaled Composites took off in the Rutan Catbird to attempt setting the first ever C-1c 5000 kilometer closed course record. Carrying a total of 195 gallons of fuel, Reeder flew a circuit course from Mojave to Bishop to rack up the necessary kilometers. Landing 15 hours later with 7 gallons of fuel to spare, Reeder successfully claimed the new record. The following evening, the "Best Test" trophy was awarded to the Catbird crew at the annual Mojave Experimental Fly-In for the long range fuel modifications that made the record achievable.

The Catbird, first flown in 1988, set a record in January 1994 with pilot Dick Rutan for the Class C-1b 2000 kilometer closed course. Two months later in March of 1994, the Catbird and pilot Mike Melvill set the record for the Class C-1c 2000 kilometer closed course. The Catbird is now jointly operated by Zach Reeder and Jim Reed. Congratulations!

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