



John Zayac and Craig Haakenson before the race in Reno.

## Local business owner places 5th in National Reno Air Races

GREENWOOD VILLAGE – IBG Business Services announced their CEO John Zayac placed in the National Reno Air Races. After battling engine problems throughout the weekend, Race No. 37, Zayac's T-6 Warbird, placed fifth in the gold series. Racing at speeds up to 230 miles per hour, Zayac's biggest competition was Race No. 28, flown by John Lohmar, who held his place in fourth. The two flew within feet of each other during

the race, hugging pylon turns as each fought for their place in the gold.

In 1999, Zayac was forced to make an emergency landing on Colorado Boulevard due to engine problems. This earned him the title "Terror of Colorado Boulevard" by friends, family, and media, but didn't discourage him one bit. This incident, along with other mechanical challenges that year, earned him the Reno Air Racing Association's "Dagger Award," commemorating him

as an enduring new addition to the racing world. Ten years later, he's now racing with, and considered to be one of the top 16 Warbird T-6 race pilots in the nation.

Although Zayac was not able to take home first place to celebrate his 10 year anniversary of air racing, he said, "Most importantly, it was a safe and fun year of racing. My crew worked so hard to keep it that way, and I would say that's what made this tenth year a success"