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# Cedar Rocket sets record

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Two longtime Williams Lake friends set a world record and hope to raise more than \$1 million for veterans after bringing a Flinstones-inspired dream to reality.

Bryan Reid Sr., a log homebuilder, and his mechanic friend from a high school, Gerald Overton, hatched the idea of combining their talents and building a fully functional log car two years ago, at the Barrett-Jackson car auction in Scottsdale, Az.

"It started out we were just going to get a couple axles and throw a log on it like Fred and Barney, but we really got carried away," said Reid from a convention centre in Las Vegas, where he's showing off their finished product.

And they definitely got carried away.

Using a 240-year-old B.C. Western Red Cedar and two turbine engines, the car reached a quarter mile top speed of almost 90 km/h.

"When a mechanic and a log builder get together, you never know what will happen," Reid said.

Reid and Overton know each other from high school in Williams Lake and 20 years after they graduated, Overton's daughter married Reid's son.

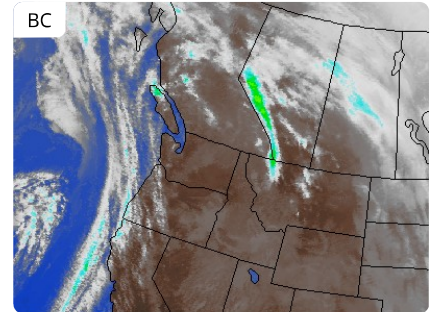
Reid founded and still owns Pioneer Log Homes of B.C., a custom log home building company based out of Williams Lake.

The car's 90 km/h run on Jan. 20 in Phoenix gave the pair a Guinness World Record for fastest log car in the world.

Since "The Cedar Rocket" is the first of its kind, a previous record had not been set, but Guinness required them to make two passes on the quarter mile reaching more than 50 km/h within one hour.

"It wasn't just some loose cannon," Reid said. "The car had never been driven up until then, so it's a tribute to Gerald's mechanical abilities."

Reid and his company also star on the HGTV television show Timber Kings. The world-record setting run by The Cedar Rocket will be featured on the show.



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Reid said the pair has put in thousands of hours into the build, but it has all paid off now. Tuesday, Feb 9  
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back to the Barrett-Jackson auction in January 2017, where they'll auction it off.

The money from the sale will be donated to veteran organizations in Canada and the United States.

"It'll bring seven figures," Reid said confidently.

After the thousands of hours put into the vehicle, Reid still won't take the credit for the finished product.

"Mother Nature made it, we just arranged it."

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