

## Michio Kanda & Chikatsu Kakinuma

Northam was the base and operations centre for Michio and his team, and a large crew of locals was assembled to assist; including then Aero Club President Claude Meunier and his twin-engine Aerostar for aerial tracking. In June 1994 Michio and co-pilot Chikatsu flew their AX10 balloon 'Mambo', a double-skinned large, sturdy, purpose built balloon, which carried the two aeronauts and a serious array of large propane cylinders for 2366kms, from Mullewa to Broken Hill. At the conclusion of the 24 hour flight, the existing AX10-14 World Distance Record had been smashed.

Source: 2017 National Ballooning Championships Official Program