



What Makes People Want to Set Records
 Many say it is to prove that
 you should never say, "I can't!"

Steve Fossett was addicted to adventure! He set 116 official world records in balloons, aeroplanes, sailing boats, gliders and airships. He climbed the highest mountains on six different continents and swam across the English Channel. Fossett raced in the Alaskan dog sledge race, the Iditarod. And more besides!

Steve Fossett was not afraid to take risks. He was a successful businessman for many years. Then he decided to challenge himself in other ways. He decided to set world records. He wanted "to go faster, farther and higher" than anyone else.

Sadly, in 2007 his adventures ended when a plane that he was flying went missing over the Nevada Desert. After an extensive search, which failed to find Fossett or his plane, he was declared dead on 15 February 2008. The crash site was later discovered.



STEVE FOSSETT MAP AND TIMELINE



- Born in Jackson, Tennessee** 22 April 1944
- Earns rank of Eagle Scout**.....1957
- Graduates from Stanford University**.....1966
-  **Swims the English Channel**..... September 1985
-  **Climbs six of the highest mountains**1980-1987
-  **Completes Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race** March 1992
-  **Transatlantic sailing record***..... 5-10 October 2001
-  **Round-the-world balloon flight**..... 19 June- 4 July 2002
-  **Round-the-world sailing record***..... 5 April 2004
-  **Round-the-world aeroplane flight**.....28 Feb- 3 March 2005
- Absolute altitude record for gliders** 29 August 2006

* indicates records that have since been broken