

Lancashire: The workshop background to a record achievement on Coniston Water, as Speed King Donald Campbell takes over his jet-craft "Bluebird" from a skilled team of mechanics - tuned and ready for a world-shattering performance!

Yes, Bluebird was ready, and excited crowds watched the preparations for, ~~what was originally planned~~, as a trial run. A scientific build-up before Campbell ~~attempted~~ to raise his own world water speed record of 216 mph - ~~xx~~ set up in Nevada - last year.

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Now, with a jet scream, Bluebird speeds into that measured kilometre on the first run.

The conditions were not good, while the heat-haze (causing poor visibility) made it difficult to film the speed-rocked craft. And no wonder ^{SITES NAME TO FOLLOW -} as the time-post announces the incredible speed.

It was 286 miles per hour - over twice as fast as the world record by Donald's father, Sir Malcolm, in 1939.

Yet, it was the slower return-run that ^{so} nearly brought tragedy. Choked by fumes that nearly caused him to black-out - Donald travelled at 164 miles per hour.

The terrifying ordeal was ~~over~~ over. The young speed-ace heard that his two-run average was a new world record of 225.6 miles per hour - his third new record in fifteen months.

Well done, Donald. Sir Malcolm would be proud of you!