Amelia Rose Earhart prepares for her flight with copilot Shane Jordan.

Amelia Takes Off!

A female pilot completes her hero's mission.

By Elizabeth Aaron

In 1932, aviator Amelia Earhart accomplished an amazing feat: she became the first woman to fly an airplane across the Atlantic Ocean alone. She immediately rose to international fame. A few years later in 1937, Earhart tried to top her record by becoming the first woman to fly

around the globe. Unfortunately, she did not succeed. Her plane crashed in the Pacific Ocean and was never found.

Recently, another female aviator decided to re-create—and finish—Earhart's famous trip. Her name? Amelia Rose Earhart!

It's in the Name

The present-day Earhart is not related to the original, but she shares her passion for flight and airplanes. Amelia Rose has been flying airplanes for more than 10 years. She is also president of Fly With Amelia—a nonprofit company that gives scholarships to young women who want to learn how to fly.

Because of her name, Amelia Rose always felt a strong connection to the famous aviator—and wanted to do something in her honor. So, in 2013, she got the idea to complete the journey that the original Earhart started more than 75 years ago.

"I just wanted to symbolically complete Amelia's flight," she said. "Given my name, I felt like I had to do this."

Preparing for Takeoff

Before her trip, Amelia Rose had a lot of preparations to make. She had to raise about two million dollars to pay for the journey. She also had to practice flying. Sometimes, she used computer simulations to prepare for emergencies such as a fire or engine failure. Finally, in 2014, she was ready.

Aviator Amelia Earhart attempted to fly around the globe in 1937.

Making History

On June 26, Amelia Rose boarded a small airplane with copilot Shane Jordan in Oakland, California. Together, the two pilots embarked on a 24,300-mile journey, which would last 16 days. Along the way, they made 17 stops in 14 different countries.

According to Amelia Rose, the trip went smoothly—thanks largely to modern technology. Unlike her predecessor who used paper maps, Amelia Rose relied on a computer and GPS to guide the way. She was also able

to provide social-media updates about her trip and location as she was flying.

Finally, on July 11, the pilots landed their aircraft in Oakland, California—at the same location where they started.

"We did it!" she exclaimed after they landed.

Amelia Rose Earhart's journey made headlines around the world. And the attention is something she's grateful for. "I hope a lot of young girls are tuning in," she said. "I hope this mission will inspire them to learn how to fly."

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