

Beech 18 (ZS-OIJ) used in the 2009 movie, Amelia

THE Legacy OF A Legend, THE TRIPOF A LIFETIME. *COME FLY WITH ME, WHILE I FLY with Amelia.*

In 1937, Amelia Mary Earhart set out to circumnavigate the globe and disappeared over the South Pacific, becoming one of history's greatest mysteries. Over 75 years after her disappearance, she continues to inspire others to explore, push boundaries and question the status quo.

It is this legacy that inspires Amelia Rose each day to chase her own adventures and encourage others to do the same.

In 17 stops and approximately 24,300 nautical miles, Amelia is currently flying a Pilatus PC-12 NG around the globe, completing the flight that her namesake never got to finish. Along the way Amelia will honor her namesake's tenacity and love for aviation possibilities by awarding flight scholarships to young women around the country through her other passion project, the Fly With Amelia Foundation. Upon completion, Amelia Rose will be the youngest woman to circumnavigate the globe in a single-engine aircraft.

"By recreating and symbolically completing Amelia Mary Earhart's flight around the world, I hope to develop an even deeper connection to my namesake and also encourage the world to pursue their own adventures. Amelia believed that, 'adventure is worthwhile in itself' and it is that type of attitude that spurs us to seek the unknown, push our limits and fly outside the lines.

–Amelia Rose Earhart

In 2009 a biographical film of the life of Amelia Earhart, was produced. It was directed by Mira Nair and starred Hilary Swank^[2] as Earhart and Richard Gere as husband George Putnam, along with Christopher Eccleston^[3] and Ewan McGregor.

In essence the movie took a look at the life of legendary American pilot Amelia Earhart, who disappeared while flying over the Pacific Ocean in 1937 in an attempt to make a flight around the world. The aircraft in which she got lost was a Lockheed Electra L 10.

One of the aircraft used in the film is a Beech 18, now in ownership of Captain Flippie Vermeulen, CEO of Springbok Classic Air.

The history of ZS-OIJ:

BE 18 design from 1937 evolved out of the Lockheed Electra (only 6 flying world wide)

Largest quantity of civilian aircraft ever build - over 6900 build till 1969

The King Air was in production since 1959

Built 1959 only one remaining in airworthy conditions in Southern Africa.

Came to RSA in 1994 N- Registered. A few years later got ZS registered
Refurbished 1994 - aluminium polished
Served in Mercy Air from 1994 - 2010 to support Mission Work and NGO's in
Southern Africa with air-transport
Hrs flown in those years 2200 , three engine changes
2000 long nose extension
2009 involved in Hollywood production , "Amelia" about Amelia Erhard -
with Hilary Swank and Richard Gere
2010 sold to Namibia
2012 stranded in Soussusvlei
2013 recovered

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