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"When Amelia Came to Michigan"



"When Amelia Came to Michigan" is the real life story of Amelia Earhart's adventures in Michigan. Our many years of research indicates she was here more than 25 times promoting the aviation industry and opportunities for women in this field. Our lecture and visual presentation begins with her childhood at the turn of the century, her family life and education, early flying experiences, the world records and her 8 years of adventures in Michigan. Over a 10 year period, we collected Michigan newspaper articles about Amelia, also hundred's of photographs, old film footage, plus the music from the 1920's and 30's. This was the era of the Jazz Age, the Charleston, Foxtrot, Quick Time, and Swing.

Amelia's first visit to Michigan was in 1928, after her first transatlantic flight. She came to promote TAC Airline passenger and air mail services. She set 3 women's speed records at the National Air Races on Grosse Isle and was a test pilot for various aircraft. She sold the first Autogiro to the Detroit News and WWJ Radio. In September of 1931 she crashed at the Michigan State Fair grounds. She christened new model cars for the Hudson Motor Company. She was here to cut the ribbon for the opening of the new Continental Airport. Amelia was in great demand to speak to Rotary clubs, women teacher groups, Town Hall meetings, schools, colleges, plus Chambers of Commerce.



Why did she come here so often? Michigan had 40 airports in the 1920's. Michigan also had the suppliers and engineering skills to support aircraft manufacturing and research. Henry and Edsel Ford invited Amelia to tour their aviation operations and the new Ford Airport. After several ticker parades in New York City and various solo flights from Hawaii to Oakland and cross country to Newark, Amelia wrote two books and became a fashion designer. Our 60 minute presentation reveals the life and times of the woman who flew for the fun of it! Call Al or Dave Eicher at 248-333-2010 for lecture bookings. You can also email us at al@program-source.com. There's more information about our company at www.program-source.com. Interested in Michigan History? Visit www.michiganhistoryvideos.com and check out our series of Michigan History Documentaries on DVD.

