

Around the World For ALS: Carol Ann Garrett

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You encounter very few people in life that have the patience and dedication to think about attempting to fly around the world in a small plane. You find even less that are willing to do it for a good cause. That's not the case for Carol Ann Garrett, who has set multiple records in distance flying, going around the world in her J-Model Mooney, all for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

After her mother died of the disease in 2002, she decided to dedicate her life to raising money and awareness for ALS research, something she still continues today. To date, she has circumnavigated the globe three times, and taken ALS awareness to new heights with her aerial accomplishments. Her efforts have given her worldwide acclaim, and she has raised around \$350,000 in the process.

Carol Ann resides in Gainesville, Florida, and is proud to consider herself part of the wonderful Florida aviation community, as well as the community of Mooney enthusiasts. She earned her private pilot license in 1978 and her instrument rating in 1980. In 1996, she completed her commercial license and bought her first Mooney in 2000. Not fully satisfied just to fly, she decided to build her first plane in 2006. Her passion for flying Mooney aircraft, however, is legendary, drawing attention to both her classic models, and how durable her aircraft have been over the years.