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00:00:00,506 --> 00:00:07,166
[Music]

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00:00:07,666 --> 00:00:09,986
I was lucky enough to grow
up in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

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00:00:09,986 --> 00:00:12,036
My stepfather worked
on the Apollo program.

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00:00:12,436 --> 00:00:15,536
And I was lucky enough to
see every Apollo flight

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00:00:15,536 --> 00:00:16,806
to the moon with my own eyes.

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00:00:16,946 --> 00:00:18,256
My degree is in education.

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00:00:18,736 --> 00:00:19,686
I was a carpenter.

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00:00:19,876 --> 00:00:23,526
I left carpentry and
decided that I wanted to go

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00:00:23,526 --> 00:00:24,266
in a different direction.

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00:00:24,536 --> 00:00:27,306
One of the things we do, in
addition to setting up exhibits

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00:00:27,576 --> 00:00:30,276
and maintaining them, is we
get to talk to the public

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00:00:30,276 --> 00:00:31,266

about what we do here.

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So one of the things
we have here

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that helps us greatly
is a 3D printer.

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So we take a model that we
can't find anywhere else.

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00:00:37,776 --> 00:00:38,786

We print it here.

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00:00:39,176 --> 00:00:43,926

And my skills as a model maker
come in where I can detail those

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down and accurately
portray what that spacecraft

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00:00:47,466 --> 00:00:49,166

or astronaut looks like.

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00:00:49,736 --> 00:00:53,756

It's a good way for us to put
real hardware in a viewable way.

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00:00:53,986 --> 00:00:56,316

I loved airplanes long before
I could fly one legally.

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So for me the closest I could

get was to build a model of one.

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00:01:00,116 --> 00:01:03,416

And for me to have a 3D model
in my hands was a way to spin it

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00:01:03,416 --> 00:01:06,996

around and see that tactile
interaction with the model.

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So it just hooked me even more.