

5 Things You Didn't Know About
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00:00:06,710 --> 00:00:05,510

[Music]

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00:00:08,870 --> 00:00:06,720

i wouldn't be here if it wasn't for

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00:00:10,629 --> 00:00:08,880

amelia earhart no i'm not in her direct

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00:00:13,190 --> 00:00:10,639

lineage turns out my grandfather was her

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00:00:16,230 --> 00:00:13,200

photographer for five years before her

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00:00:17,830 --> 00:00:16,240

world record attempt in 1937.

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00:00:19,910 --> 00:00:17,840

and he was supposed to accompany her on

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00:00:21,269 --> 00:00:19,920

the flight but uh at the end she ended

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00:00:23,349 --> 00:00:21,279

up taking extra fuel instead of him and

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00:00:26,710 --> 00:00:23,359

his equipment so that simple decision in

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00:00:28,070 --> 00:00:26,720

1937 because my father was born in 1938

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00:00:30,070 --> 00:00:28,080

meant that had he got on that flight

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00:00:32,229 --> 00:00:30,080

that i wouldn't be here today my wife

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00:00:34,549 --> 00:00:32,239

rebecca and i had two children

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00:00:35,990 --> 00:00:34,559

within 11 months but you don't notice

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00:00:37,990 --> 00:00:36,000

that they're actually four years

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00:00:39,990 --> 00:00:38,000

difference in age

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00:00:41,830 --> 00:00:40,000

my my wife likes to say one was a

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00:00:43,830 --> 00:00:41,840

hand-picked and one was homegrown you

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00:00:45,350 --> 00:00:43,840

got to experience the wonderful miracle

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00:00:46,470 --> 00:00:45,360

of adoption of our son wyatt from

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00:00:48,790 --> 00:00:46,480

ukraine

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00:00:50,229 --> 00:00:48,800

and then the miracle of pregnancy and

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00:00:51,430 --> 00:00:50,239

the birth of our daughter abigail 11

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00:00:53,830 --> 00:00:51,440

months later

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00:00:55,189 --> 00:00:53,840

and we're a very very blessed family

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00:00:57,110 --> 00:00:55,199

i love to fly

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00:00:58,950 --> 00:00:57,120

and that's that's not a secret i'm kind

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00:01:01,430 --> 00:00:58,960

of like the kid who went to the air show

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00:01:03,430 --> 00:01:01,440

and says daddy daddy when i grow up i

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00:01:04,149 --> 00:01:03,440

want to be a pilot his dad looks at son

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00:01:06,469 --> 00:01:04,159

says

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00:01:08,789 --> 00:01:06,479

i'm sorry son you can't do both grow up

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00:01:12,149 --> 00:01:08,799

and be a pilot so that that's kind of me

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00:01:14,070 --> 00:01:12,159

i've been very fortunate over my uh

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00:01:15,749 --> 00:01:14,080

fighter pilot test pilot and uh

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00:01:18,630 --> 00:01:15,759

astronaut career to have had the

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00:01:20,870 --> 00:01:18,640

opportunity to be able to fly 82 types

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00:01:23,670 --> 00:01:20,880

of flying machines so far everything

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00:01:26,550 --> 00:01:23,680

from jets to props to helos to gliders

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00:01:29,350 --> 00:01:26,560

the tail draggers to float planes

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00:01:31,590 --> 00:01:29,360

yes and spaceships but what you didn't

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00:01:34,390 --> 00:01:31,600

know is that i've even had the rare

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00:01:36,630 --> 00:01:34,400

opportunity to fly the goodyear blimp

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00:01:38,870 --> 00:01:36,640

i still have my first car

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00:01:40,550 --> 00:01:38,880

after my freshman year at the citadel in

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00:01:42,950 --> 00:01:40,560

charleston south carolina i came back to

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00:01:45,429 --> 00:01:42,960

southern california and purchased a 1966

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00:01:47,030 --> 00:01:45,439

ford mustang which i've restored over

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00:01:49,350 --> 00:01:47,040

the years it's been a labor of love and

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00:01:51,109 --> 00:01:49,360
i would drive that cross country with my

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00:01:53,030 --> 00:01:51,119
grandfather back to college for the

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00:01:54,950 --> 00:01:53,040
remaining years of school

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00:01:56,789 --> 00:01:54,960
she's got a quarter million miles on her

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00:01:59,109 --> 00:01:56,799
now and still runs like a top and just

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00:02:01,190 --> 00:01:59,119
last month in june we celebrated

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00:02:03,429 --> 00:02:01,200
our 31st anniversary

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00:02:05,429 --> 00:02:03,439
beneath the crusty exterior of this old

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00:02:06,709 --> 00:02:05,439
marine colonel lies the heart of a

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00:02:07,670 --> 00:02:06,719
hopeless romantic when it comes to my

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00:02:10,389 --> 00:02:07,680
wife

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00:02:11,830 --> 00:02:10,399
she's the most uh amazing woman on or

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00:02:14,309 --> 00:02:11,840

off the planet

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00:02:16,630 --> 00:02:14,319

and to show my love for her i suggested

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that we have a our wedding in a scottish

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00:02:20,229 --> 00:02:18,720

castle and so we did

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00:02:21,990 --> 00:02:20,239

and in good marine corps fashion we

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00:02:24,470 --> 00:02:22,000

decided to have a piper at the wedding

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00:02:25,589 --> 00:02:24,480

ceremonies and then we wisely decided

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00:02:33,830 --> 00:02:25,599

that