



Things
You Didn't Know About Astronaut
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one thing i love is outdoor activities i

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love rock climbing surfing camping

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backpacking anything that's a challenge

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00:00:16,950 --> 00:00:15,280

that puts me in kind of a circumstance

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that i have to think hard to

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get out of or just enjoy the outdoors so

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those are some of my favorite things

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my favorite vacation ever is camping

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trips with my little sister she's about

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20 years younger than me and we like to

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go out on adventures in the west

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everywhere from montana to utah

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and everywhere in between and we just

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have a ball

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one thing people are surprised to hear

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about me is that i have actually ridden

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a motorcycle solo across the country the

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trip was from north carolina to montana

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and i camped along the way by myself and

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it was a phenomenal trip i learned a lot

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about self-reliance planning and also

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just enjoyed every minute of kind of

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seeing the country go by

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when i was in college i was majoring in

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physics and i took it upon myself to

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build a lightning machine which is also

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known as a tesla coil it's a device that

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was invented by nikolai tesla and it

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produces actual lightning strikes that

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are fairly long

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and i remember it was a summer project

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for me and i invited a bunch of my

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friends over in college to check it out

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and they were all completely baffled at

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one how i did it why i chose to do it

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but at the same time i think they knew

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that it was near and dear to my heart

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i'm kind of a geek at heart

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i studied abroad in ghana which is in

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west africa and that trip was one of the

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most profound experiences of my life it

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taught me the perspective that not

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everything that i had come to know so

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far in life was the same the world round

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and that my experiences and my way of

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seeing the world was just one of many

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ways and i learned about an entirely

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different culture and came to love it

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