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## Second leg of rose-painted plane's round the world flight starts

### Pilot to visit 88 year-old father in Canada

On August 1, private pilot Uwe Thomas Carstensen from Hanover in Germany will set off from Sydney on the second leg of his round the world flight. He aims to cover some 30,000 kilometres (16,200 NM) in his single-engine rose painted plane in 45 days. The route covers Indonesia, South-East Asia, Taiwan, Japan, Russia, Alaska, Canada and Greenland. The trip is scheduled to finish on September 14 at Langenhagen Airport in Hanover.

Sixty-year old Carstensen is flying the second leg of his adventure with a new co-pilot. Hans Christian Albertsen (59) comes from Immenstedt near Husum in North Germany. They have been friends since the third grade and already flown together in Germany, Scandinavia and Czechoslovakia. During the scheduled 135 flying hours in the narrow cockpit of their Cessna T206H they will face plenty of aeronautical challenges. For example the longest non-stop flight of the round the world trip at 10.5 hours. Some 2,400 kilometres (1,300 NM) separate Petropavlovsk on the Russian peninsular of Kamchatka from Nome in Alaska. As the Cessna's range, despite extra tanks on the wing tips, is only 1,850 kilometres (1,000 NM), an extra tank will be put in the baggage hold of the small plane in Sydney. Australian pilots use this "ferry tank" for transporting small aircraft from the USA. Flying over the Bering Straits to Alaska, the little rose-painted plane will cross the international date line.

After all the experience gained during the first leg of the trip between mid-March and the end of April from Hanover via the Middle East, India, South East Asia and right across Australia, Uwe Thomas Carstensen feels well up to the job.

- Start of the second leg on July 31 in Sydney
- New on board: Co-Pilot Hans Christian Albertsen from Husum in Germany
- 135 flying hours still to complete. Longest flight: 2,400 kilometres taking 10.5 hours
- Pilots to visit German Foundation for Global Population project (DSW) in Cambodia
- U. T. Carstensen to bring a message from Hanover's mayor Stephan Weil to its twin city of Hiroshima
- Pilot to visit his 88-year-old father in Canada
- Return to Hanover is scheduled for September 14



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