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## **Record-setting pilot to describe around-the-world adventure to support ALS**

EDMOND, Okla. – World record-setting pilot CarolAnn Garratt brings the story of her eight-day flight around the world to Touchmark at Coffee Creek Sept. 10.

Garratt, 60, will speak at 2 p.m. at the Touchmark retirement community, 2801 Shortgrass Road in Edmond. There is no charge.

In late 2008, Garratt fired up her single-engine Mooney aircraft and took off from Orlando International Airport heading west. Eight days and 12 hours later, she and co-pilot Carol Foy touched back down in Orlando to complete a record-setting flight around the world that smashed the speed record for a light single-engine plane.

Garratt, of Lakeland, Florida, and Foy flew 24,000 miles, making only nine refueling stops along the way to break the record that had stood for 20 years.

Often described as a modern-day Charles Lindbergh, Garratt made the flight – her second of three single-engine aircraft flights around the world – to raise awareness for ALS research.

Six years before her flight, Garratt's mother died from ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. ALS robs people of their ability to move their arms and legs. Eventually, people with the disease are unable to eat and breathe.

More than \$80,000 for ALS research was raised from Garratt's flight, speaking engagements and a book she wrote about the adventure called "Upon Silver Wings II."

Two years ago, Garratt made another trip around the world in her single-engine Mooney. This one was at a more leisurely pace, spaced over a period of months during which she made numerous educational presentations about ALS at stops along the way.

Over the last decade, she has raised more than \$300,000 for ALS research.

The daughter of an avid flight enthusiast, Garratt grew up in Pennsylvania and first soloed in 1972. She studied mechanical engineering at the University of Wisconsin and later became a manager with a Fortune 500 company.

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Today, Garratt owns and flies three different aircraft. Logging more than 400 hours a year, she works with students in the Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles program, transports patients through Angel Flights and instructs cadets with the Civil Air Patrol program.

For more information about Garratt's presentation at Touchmark at Coffee Creek, call 405-340-1975.

**About Touchmark at Coffee Creek**

A full-service retirement community, Touchmark at Coffee Creek offers a wide range of homes and lifestyle options and is located at 2801 Shortgrass Road, just off Covell. Touchmark is part of the Coffee Creek 638-acre planned residential development, which includes a golf course, recreational centers and walking and biking trails for Coffee Creek homeowners. For more information, contact Touchmark at 405-340-1975 or visit [TouchmarkEdmond.com](http://TouchmarkEdmond.com).

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