**This was a question started by Ryszard Zadow Who runs the Rutan Aircraft Flying Experience Museum (**[**RutanAFE@gmail.com**](mailto:RutanAFE@gmail.com)**) He has summarized it and includes some other deep water feats – like Australia-New Zealand.**

**David Orr:** I’ve always considered the North Atlantic or any deep sea crossing in a single kind of stupid – the stupidest was the crossing of the Southern Oceans by Dick and Mike – I was tempted to cross when I owned a Defiant for 12 years but was too busy with family and career. My earlier notes are in library item **29SIII3** Nov 2013: Discussion on flying the North Atlantic.

**These folks have flown the Atlantic twice:**

PATRICK C. & LINDA ELLIOTT 33 Smoke Lane, Reigate, Surrey RH2 7HJ England 1737-243074 [l.p@talk21.com](mailto:l.p@talk21.com) Long-EZ:G-LGEZ 900 hrs O-320-D3G Dunsfold Aerodrome [EGTD]

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**Library item 29SIII5** Sep 2011: Round-the-Worlders the Elliotts – by Rousseau

**Prior Member of Central States:** JUAN R. RIVERA 3611 Hunters Sound, San Antonio, TX 78230 210-492-8022 210-289-1517 was: San Diego, CA Long-EZ:N7047Q 975 lbs 1050 hrs O-320 California/Florida to Europe Sep '89 (Kit Plane Nov 1990 pg 52) Castroville Airport (T89)



**29Kit Plane** Nov 1990, page 52: "Atlantic Long-EZ Crossing".

Varieze:N24RW 3900 hrs. **flew to Ireland and back.** TOLCHIN M.D., SIDNEY “BADWEATHER” 9804 Grandview Dr., La Mesa, CA 91941-5622 619-448-9222 Retired USN, Neurosurgeon, Antartic survival.



**Article 29EM2:** Jul 1999: Crossing the Atlantic in an EZ in 1987 by Sid Tolchin

**Article 29SIII9** Dec 2009 Flight to Shannon by Sid Tolchin

**This guy flew to Europe from South America and then to Oshkosh:**  
DeBERDT, ANDRE JOSEPH Long-EZ: DeRegistered: PP-ZAD flew to OSH a couple of times, crashed and died in Chile or Peru doing aerobatics over a runway

**3CS24**: Jul 1995, Central States issue 39 pgs 22,23: "Brazil to Dakar, Senegal in a Long -EZ by Andre Debert.

**3CS45:** Apr 1996, Central States issue 42 pg24: “PP-ZAD to Europe and USA” (part 2) Andre Debert. **If you look up the prior month – please scan me a copy.**

**25CS4:** Jul 1996, Central States issue 43 pg 27: "Condolences" on death of Debert in Chile.

**3CS35:** Jan 1998, Central States issue 49 pg 18: "Andre DeBerdt Honored (Posthumously)".

MIGUEZ, LUIZ CARLOS C.P. **Moved from:**70, San Jose dos Campos, S.P. Brazil 55-12-321-6410 Long-EZ:PP-ZEZ O-235 115 hp,  **my notes say he has flown Atlantic both ways**

**Probably one of the first:**

Long-EZ:N388TT 900 hrs O-235 was KOCH, JOHN R. Rt 1 Box 505, Rockford, WA 99030 206-291-3109 Flew the North Atlantic both ways. worked for Spokane Airways 509-838-3658 near Spokane Airport **I had the impression he had friends in other Long-EZs, but have not confirmed.**



MELVILL, MICHAEL W. “SPACEMAN”& SALLY [mike.melvill@gmail.com](mailto:mike.melvill@gmail.com) 661-289-2273 [TombiSally@Gmail.com](mailto:TombiSally@Gmail.com) [sally@zenmods.com](mailto:sally@zenmods.com)  24120 Jacaranda Dr., Bear Valley Springs, Tehachapi, CA 93561-8309 661-972-5608(Mcell)661-821-0782 661-821-1805(H) [slongez@gmail.com](mailto:mslongez@gmail.com)Long-EZ:N26MS 4500 hrs

**3SA29** Jan 1998, page 44: "Mike and Dick's 'Round The World EAA

Friendship Tour, by Mike Melvill.

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**Mike also flew the Proteus to the Paris Airshow and returned**



And then there’s the Jet powered non-stop Round The World flight flown by Steve Fossett:



RICHARD RUTAN “GLOBE TROTTER” 4305 E. Mullan Trail Rd., Coeur d’ Alene, Idaho 83814 805-828-7547(cell) [dick@dickrutan.com](mailto:dick@dickrutan.com) Long-EZ-B:N169SH IO-360-F1A6 3,826 hrs, **Around the Southern Oceans as well as the Voyager with Mike Melvill.**



JEANA YEAGER now in Texas also flew around the world with Dick:



**Canard Pusher issue 53** Oct 1987, page 2: Special copy of Canard Pusher page on Round the World flight.

**Hans Schmidt went around the world in HB-YCT using the more efficient West to East route, then did the reverse, East to West then across and down to South America and then back to Europe – last I have an article.** 

Hans Schmidt changed to a more traditional design that was not stall-proof for his next crossing and crashed on takeoff - died:

SCHMIDT, HANS GEORG Weidstrasse 346 or 13, 5525 Fischbach, Switzerland Canard Pusher issue 52 pg 1 Switz-South Africa, Canard Pusher Issue 54 pgs 19-26, Switz-South America's Cape Horn 1 Millenium Flight? Canard Pusher issue 61 pg19 [www.millenniumflight.com](http://www.millenniumflight.com/) Crashed and killed on takeoff for OSH’07 at LSZR Airport The Long-EZ is owned by another man now

**Library item 29MS49** 7/07 Blurb on Hans Georg Schmid World Record Flights

**Library item 29SA7** Jul’99, Page 23-30: South America ’98 (Part 2) by Hans G. Schmidt – Ecuador to Europe.

**And there is a Starship based in Europe – suspect it flew there.** Registration: N8244LOne time Owner:  Radio Flyer, LLC Location:  Germany  Prior owner?: MOEHLE, ECKHARD Papa [eckhard.moehle@mfw.aero](mailto:eckhard.moehle@mfw.aero) Info@mfw.aero

**Not a Rutan design:** Last checked FAA 2016: TOPP, BRUCE D. 6912 Weston Ln N., Osseo, MN 55311-2955 [bdtopp@comcast.net](mailto:bdtopp@comcast.net) DeRegistered: Velocity XLFG:N125TP IO-540 Flew to Europe 10/09

**Someone else mentioned Yair Gil** Tel Aviv, Israel [goldcozy@gmail.com](mailto:goldcozy@gmail.com) [ensys@netvision.net.il](mailto:ensys@netvision.net.il) Cozy IV:4X-AYG Building lighter weight Cozy IV <http://yairgil.gassner.co.il/indexHigh.htm> who actually lost his nose wheel in Iceland on the way to the US, got a quick replacement and continued on – flew it home too, I believe**.**

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**This seems harder to me than the cross-Atlantic flights:** McCrea shipped his Long-EZ to Europe and then flew to Capetown, South Africa: McCREA, CHARLES RAY Jr. 484 Lake Park Ave #49, Oakland, CA 94610-2730 510-406-4212(Cell)

**If you have been tempted to do the North Atlantic – I have a lot more articles:**

27AP14: Apr 1999, page 163, "Recklessness or skill?" - flying the Atlantic single engine - other hostile environments.

27AP15: Feb 1999, page 61, “Atlantic adventure – Coming to America in a TBM 700”.

29FA8: Aug 1992, page 1,: "Gone Swimming Yet?" about ditching in the North Atlantic." and "Build your own Personal Survival Kit".

29IF1: Sep 1985, page 6: "Light Aircraft Transatlantic Flying, II".

29KP7: Jun 1996, page 26: “Flight of the Lightning – Two Texas Adventurers fly a homebuilt to Europe and back.” By Geoffrey P. Jones.

29MS6: Spr 1989: "Survival Equipment Source List".

29MS46: Dec 2008 AOPA Internet “Artic Rescue saves ferry pilots.”(C337)

29MS47: Apr’09: Boulder, CO to Qatar in a C172 by Ken Gross

29PP4: Apr 1990, page 12: "Masochismo Over The Big Water - Probable joy, possible terror: A day in the life of a seasoned ferry pilot."

29PP5: May? 1990, page 14: "Jump The Big Pond - Ferrying the Atlantic: a nitty gritty diary of 81-mph gusts in Newfound-land, lethal winter weather, and thousands of miles of flight--over water--all alone.

29PP6: Jun? 1990, page 14: "Jump The Big Pond II - Across the Mediterranean and thousands of years of history...with no time to sightsee".

29SA2: Apr 1986, Page 57: "Atlantic Crossing...In A Pitts?"

29SA6: Oct 2000, page 62: “Earth Rounders – Little Airplanes and a great big world” by Budd Davisson.