

DA40 completes round-the-world flight (update)

On June 20, we reported on Marc Aurel Lehmann and Karl-Heinz Maxwitat and their quest to fly around the world in Marc's DA40XL.

We are pleased to report that they returned safely to their home base of Bienenfarm, Germany, on June 27th, thereby joining such illustrious single engine aircraft earthrounders as Wiley Post, Dick Rutan, Mike Melville, and Steve Fossett.

Their flight highlights the practicality, reliability, long distance cruising comfort and fuel efficiency of the Diamond Star and generated some interesting data:

Total time aloft:	148:07 hrs
Number of flight days:	23
Number of legs flown:	25
Number of countries visited:	14 (plus 9 overflights)
Total distance flown:	20595 nm
Average groundspeed:	139 kts
Average fuel burn:	8.3 gph
Longest leg:	2250 nm in 16 hrs 52 minutes (Japan to Alaska)

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There are now three successful Diamond Earthrounders, Marc and Karl-Heinz with the DA40, a Swedish team in a DA42, and Diamond's Swiss Distributor, Phillip Sturm, in an HK36 motor glider.

For more information, visit www.earthrounders.com

For more information on Mr. Lehmann's around-the-world flight, visit www.flugzeug-weltumrundung.de

For more information on Diamond Aircraft, visit www.diamondaircraft.com



Karl-Heinz Maxwitat and Marc Aurel Lehmann



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Around the world in 40 days... in a DA40! 2250 nm nonstop from Japan to Alaska!

Marc Aurel Lehman took delivery of his DA40XL at Diamond's London, Ontario facility last summer. Currently he is back in London for some scheduled maintenance and upgrade of his G1000 with Garmin's new SVT (Synthetic Vision Technology).

What is unusual about this, is that the return to London involved flying completely around the world!

Marc and Karl-Heinz Maxwitat started their latest adventure on May 11th, 2008, flying some very long legs, with stops in Croatia, Greece, Kuwait, Dubai, India, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, Alaska and Northern Canada. In total, the circumnavigation took approximately 150 flight hours and covered over 20,000 nautical miles.

Their longest leg, surely a record, was a non-stop flight from Japan to Nome, Alaska, a distance of over 2250 nm, flown in 16 hrs 52 minutes.

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The return to Europe, is planned with nonstop legs from London to St. John's, and St. John's to the Azores, off the Portuguese coast.

For more information on Mr. Lehmann's around-the-world flight, visit www.flugzeug-weltumrundung.de
For more information on Diamond Aircraft, visit www.diamondaircraft.com



Karl-Heinz Maxwitat and Marc Aurel Lehmann in London, Ontario



Marc Aurel Lehmann, in Kuwait



The view over Phuket, Thailand