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'History Detectives' Turn to Cal Poly Engineering for Help on Amelia Earhart Mystery

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Crews from the PBS show 'History Detectives' have landed at Cal Poly for filming on a new episode on Amelia Earhart.

Earhart, among America's first female pilots, captured headlines and hearts in the 1930s. She went missing over the Pacific in 1937 during an attempt to fly around the globe. The famous aviatrix came to Cal Poly in 1935 and 1936 for repairs to her airplanes.

For the 'History Detectives' episode, Cal Poly is currently testing a piece of landing gear found off the coast of Hawaii to see if it could be connected to Earhart. Crews were on campus filming March 4, and made a stop at the Kennedy Library to view Earhart photos and other items in the library's archives.



Watch the History Detectives Web site for details on when the episode will air in the future.

Cal Poly Kennedy Library University Archives Photo of Amelia Earhart with Cal Poly faculty (far left) and students outside the campus Aeronautics lab/shop in the 1930s.

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