

Stand By

Originally scheduled for this issue of *TIGHAR Tracks*, the concluding installment of our series on the Earhart Electra is waiting on further research. Parts One (*TIGHAR Tracks* Vol. 11 No. 2) and Two (*TIGHAR Tracks* Vol. 11 No. 3) traced the many changes in the external appearance of Lockheed 10E Special c/n 1055 from its delivery in July of 1936 to its disappearance a year later. Part Three will document the evolution of the airplane's internal fuel and communications systems and that (surprise, surprise) is proving to be very difficult indeed. So far, we have most of

the fuel system documented through Bureau of Air Commerce inspection reports, a few photographs and a blueprint schematic found in the Purdue University Archive Special Collection. The communications gear is proving much tougher to pin down, in part because of the many post-loss proclamations by various parties as to what radios and accessories were and were not aboard for the final flight. We're getting there, but it's taking longer than we thought it would. We'll publish Part Three as soon as we're sure we've got it right. 🐾