

Members & Guests - As a reminder, our last meeting before the summer will be Wednesday, April 30th, 7:00 pm, at Team Success Charter School, 8231 Lindberg Ct., Sarasota, FLA 34243.

Family, friends, and guests, please join us for our last EAA Chapter 180 meeting until next fall at Team Success. Linda Sollars has told her story around the world and we are very fortunate she will share her life adventure with us on Wednesday, April 30th, 7:00 pm at Team Success Charter School.

The Sling Adventure from Johannesburg South Africa to Oshkosh was featured in AOPA Magazine, May 2025 Edition. The front cover of the Magazine is displayed below. This is a must read story about the flight!!!

Linda's Story

Captain Linda Sollars, MBA, CPCC, ATP, A&P

The year she turned 60, Linda built her dream aircraft at the kit manufacturer's factory in South Africa (Sling) and embarked on an epic 9,000-mile journey, flying alongside two other brand-new aircraft from Southern Africa to the renowned Oshkosh Airshow—crossing 2,100 nautical miles of the Atlantic along the way.

What began as a personal passion project evolved into something far greater, inspiring people of all ages around the world. But beyond the adventure, Linda applied aviation decision-making and quality models not only in the airline and private cockpit, but in her own life—guiding choices that shaped a career, an adventure-filled life, and a mindset of resilience and leadership.

Come hear Linda's story—one of bold decisions, calculated risks, and lessons that just might help you navigate your own path with greater clarity and confidence.

See Pictures of Linda below.

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