



Howzit Christmas Slingers!

Sitting near the beach in Cape Town I feel a world away from the past year and Sling Aircraft already after just 7 days of road-tripping through the Great Karoo Plateau and Western Cape of South Africa. My trusty Sling Cycles “Tagati” bicycle strapped to our camping trailer in the hope that my Land Cruiser breaks down and I’ll have to save the day by riding to the closest town to get help for my stranded family..... Actually, I’m quite glad we have not broken down as the Karoo has always formed an almost impenetrable barrier to the interior from Cape Town, and the early adventurers, explorers, hunters, and travellers on the way to the Highveld unanimously denounced it as a frightening place of great heat, great frosts, great floods, and great droughts. Today, it is still a place of great heat and frosts, and with an annual rainfall of between only 50 and 250 mm – it’s pretty dry and unforgiving.

The Karoo weather though, is really the polar opposite to the year Sling Aircraft has had. It’s been a cracker across the globe for Sling. We have taken orders and deposits for over 100 High Wings and will deliver the first 12 High Wing kits in the first quarter of 2022. We are approaching SN360 on the Sling LSA and SN400 on the TSi. We have a standing order with the Sling Pilot Academy in LA to send three LSA trainers per month to the USA market, and have consistently delivered 13 airframes per month in the second half of 2021 in various different formats ranging from Ready to Fly, Quick Build and fully knocked down Kits. Sales continue to outstrip our production capabilities as we strive to ramp up our deliveries. We now employ over 300 people across our two locations in Johannesburg selling, manufacturing and assembling Slings, and are now looking to build one big factory at Tedderfield Air Park to consolidate under one roof and improve efficiencies.

Although Covid continues to disrupt our lives, it has not stopped us living. We have managed to continue to adventure and make our way through challenges. We raced the Ride Joburg Cycle Challenge, we flew and rode Slings through our 9 South African provinces in one short weekend, we started building the first production Sling High Wing with Linda Sollars and her partner Gordon at Sling HQ, we had a Christmas

party between lockdowns over Easter (How many people have had a Christmas party at Easter?) and we once again won awards for building the greatest planes on earth.

While most of the world waits for Santa to make his way down the chimney, and the Australian dads prepare to fight the Christmas kangaroo, I hope you enjoy reading our stories below of adventure, travel and going places.

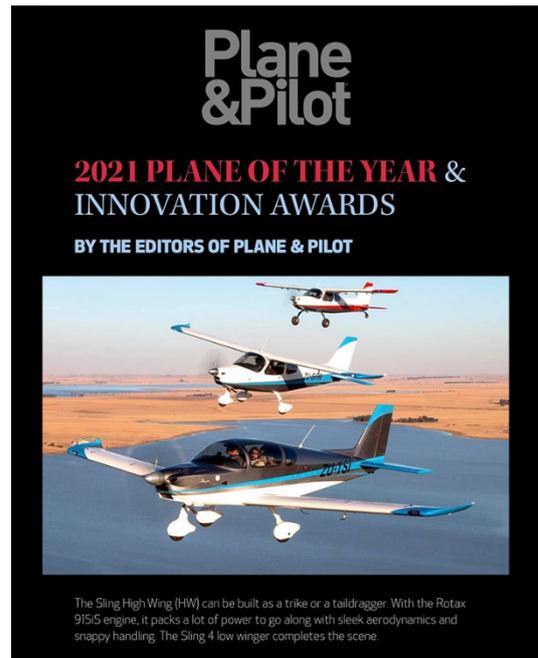
Keep on Slinging!

**Andrew Pitman**

**Director**

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## SLING'S HIGH WING TAKES OFF (PLANE & PILOT)



Congratulations to Guy Leitch of SA Flyer, whose Sling High Wing flight test article published in their July edition, was picked up by Plane & Pilot Magazine in the USA! And better yet, we made the cover! What an incredible compliment to be recognised by one of the world's most famous aviation publications and before they even flown in one!

But wait. There's more! Ending the year on a High (Wing)! An honoree for USA publication, Plane & Pilot Plane of the Year Innovation Awards, is our new Sling High Wing!

"The High Wing takes all of the goodness of Sling's four-seat long-wing model, the Sling 4, and translates it into a high-wing form factor, with the remarkable 141 hp Rotax 915-iS supplying the

motive force. Built as a trike or a taildragger, the Sling High Wing packs a lot of power to go along with sleek aerodynamics and snappy handling."

- Plane & Pilot

Both article are available now on our blog!

Sling High Wing - GO EVERYWHERE TAKE EVERYTHING!

[Read The Plane & Pilot Full Sling High Wing Article Here](#)

[Read The Plane & Pilot 2021 Plane Of The Year Full Article Here](#)

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## SLING HERITAGE WEEKEND RIDE



In a country with 11 different official languages (soon to be 12, once sign language is officially accepted!), Heritage Day is celebrated differently depending upon culture and region. This year, on September 24th, Sling Aircraft celebrated the Heritage Day long weekend in South Africa by doing what we do best – living the Sling lifestyle of adventure and freedom.

We broke free of COVID restrictions, flew around the country anti-clockwise, took our Sling Cycles Tagati bikes and rode in each of the 9 South African provinces in 3 days! The mission began at 05h45 on Friday morning, 24 September, and ended at Tedderfield Airpark on Sunday evening, 26 September.

Apart from flying planes and riding bikes, we immersed ourselves in the beauty of South Africa's geography and the spirit of its people. This is our adventure!



[Watch "The Sling Heritage Weekend Ride" Here](#)

[Read The African Pilot Full Article Here](#)

## THE SLING AIRCRAFT EXPERIENCE



Meet Paulo Nogueira, fellow Slinger and one of our most recent Sling TSi owners. Paulo was so excited to take delivery of his Sling, he threw a party in celebration!

If you love your Sling Aircraft as much as Paulo, please be sure to keep in touch and send us your photos, stories and flying adventures. You too could be featured living the Sling lifestyle! Happy flying Paulo!

[Watch "Paulo Nogueira's Sling TSi Celebration" Here](#)

## SLING TSi - NO MATTER THE MISSION



As pilots rise through the ranks and through aircraft of ever-increasing sophistication, one question remains constant: What is next? And one answer will always resonate: More. More speed. More capability. More power. More capacity. The Sling TSi encompasses all of these qualities and has become an aircraft with an uncompromising mission: To offer unrivalled performance, safety, comfort and reliability to any pilot, no matter the mission. The Sling TSi is not simply more aircraft. It is more of all the reasons you fly.



[View The Sling TSi Updated Brochure Here](#)

[View The Sling TSi Webpage Here](#)

## NETHERLANDS BASED SLINGERS



### Sling High Wing - High End Bouwpakket

"De nieuwe bij Sling Aircraft ontwikkelde High Wing is internationaal ingeslagen als een bom. Want van deze in kitvorm leverbare hoogdekker werden er korte tijd ruim negentig besteld. Twee daarvan kome binnenkort ingekrat naar Nederland."

- Ruud Vos (Piloot En Vliegtuig)

[Lees Hier Het Volledige Artikel Over Piloot en Vliegtuig](#)

## THE PASSION BEHIND THE PRODUCT



### Kit Packing

We wish that the packaging of your Sling Aircraft kit was as easy as adding a satin bow to make it look pretty. The fact is that proper packing and preparation for shipment requires a large degree of know-how, and in some cases knowledge of some fairly specialised processes. Introducing our Kit Packing team

who go above and beyond to ensure your kit is packed correctly from start to finish.

[Watch "Welcome To The Sling Aircraft Kit Packing Department" Here](#)

### **What Would You Like To See?**

Itching to see more of our aircraft and facilities? Then look no further! Meet Eugene, our Sling Aircraft content creator. It's his job to make sure the world has a front seat view to the many exciting moments experienced on the daily here at HQ. We want to hear from you though. What is it that you would like to see more of? Drop us a comment or send us a message and we will make sure your video wish list is made into a movie!



[Watch "What Would You Like To See At Sling?" Here](#)

[Contact Us With Your Suggestions Here](#)

## **MEET THE SLING TEAM**



### **Tshegofatso Phiri** **Electrical Specialist**

Introducing Tshegofatso Phiri, our Electrical Specialist whose expertise has her assembling your instrument panels and centre fuselage looms! "What I love most about working at Sling Aircraft is experiencing everything from the beginning up until the end product, knowing I built those panels and being able to see those planes fly." This is Tshegofatso's story

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**Vernon Vere**  
**Draughtsman**

Introducing Vernon Vere, a Draughtsman in our Research and Development team. Whether it be designing panels or construction manuals, Vernon takes great pride in his role at Sling Aircraft and constantly strives to achieve the highest quality in our quest for perfection. This is Vernon's story.



[Watch The "Sling Aircraft R&D Department Staff Interview" Here](#)

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## SLINGERS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE



**Mark Trollip (Sling 4 Owner - South Africa)**

"I had the pleasure of collecting my Sling 4 from the Sling Aircraft AMO after they attended to my MPI, night ATF and snags that I had noted. I have been a Sling fan from the very first time I was fortunate enough to own one - and I have to say that I have watched them grow from strength to strength.

A truly proudly South African company run by very passionate people. I came to collect my Sling 4 from the AMO and I was blown away by how shiny and spotless my aircraft looked and then even happier once I took to the skies. She purred like a kitten all the way home and all items I had listed

for attention were resolved brilliantly! In fact, even some I had not noticed, had been taken care of anyway.

Well done to the Sling Aircraft AMO! It was a true pleasure dealing with Bonisiwe as well as Sean, who is meticulous in his approach to troubleshooting and resolving any issues I had raised. Keep it up guys!"

[Contact Our AMO To Book Your Aircraft MPI Here](#)

## SLING TAKING YOU PLACES



Living the Sling Lifestyle? Want to let the world know your adventures? If you love your Sling Aircraft as much as these guys, please be sure to keep in touch and send us your YouTube links, photos, videos, stories, and flying adventures. You too could be featured living the Sling lifestyle and maybe, we will even throw in a free Sling Aircraft branded cap!





[Living The Sling Lifestyle? Tell Us About Your Adventures Here](#)

## MERRY CHRISTMAS SLINGERS



The team at Sling Aircraft wishes you a very Merry Christmas by doing what we do best - living the Sling lifestyle of adventure and freedom! We hope that wherever you are and whoever you're with, you too are celebrating the festive season in true Sling style!

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