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## SWEDISH PILOT HEADS TO CAPE OF GOOD HOPE IN VINTAGE AIRCRAFT

Johan Wiklund takes off 1 September from Barkarby Airfield in restored 1935 biplane

**Stockholm, Sweden, August 28, 2015**– Swedish adventurer and SAS airline pilot Johan Wiklund continues his remarkable journey, flying his antique De Havilland DH60 Moth from the North Cape in Norway to the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa. But he’s not just in it for the adventure: Cape to Cape will donate all proceeds after costs to the “Make Reading Cool” initiative for schoolchildren in Red Hill, South Africa.

The trip echoes the feat of another dedicated aviator, Gösta Andrée, who started his Cape journey from Barkarby Airfield outside Stockholm in a similar Moth biplane on 12 September 1929. In fact, Wiklund is using similar technology and is even wearing a copy of Andrée’s flying garb – a brown suit jacket and pants.

*“Andrée’s flight was unprecedented. He didn’t have GPS or other high-tech equipment,” Wiklund says. “With only maps and a compass to rely on, he flew thousands of miles in an open-cockpit biplane, over relatively unknown territory. Andrée overcame challenges, made new friends, learned new things, and seems to have had great fun too. I plan to do the same.”*

Wiklund will fly through Europe to Crete and on to Egypt, continuing with stops in countries such as Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Botswana before reaching South Africa. Wiklund plans to land at the Cape of Good Hope on 24 October at 15.10 local time – just like Gösta Andrée. Follow the trip **live** on [Flightradar24](http://Flightradar24).

Cape to Cape has set up its own [crowdfunding initiative](#) on FundedByMe to finance the flight and raise money for the [Children’s Book Network](#) project “Make Reading Cool”. The project funds tools, workshops and books for schoolchildren with limited resources in the Red Hill settlement outside Cape Town.

For more information and to find out how you can help, visit [www.capetocape.net](http://www.capetocape.net) or follow Johan on Twitter: [@FlyCapetoCape](https://twitter.com/FlyCapetoCape) Press contacts: Peggy Oskarsson / +46 70 833 0269 / [press@capetocape.net](mailto:press@capetocape.net)

*Cape to Cape 2015 is a one-of-a-kind flying adventure from the North Cape in Norway to the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa. Its purpose is to promote cultural exchange and hobby aviation while inspiring others to embark on their own adventures, big and small. The goal is to help schoolchildren benefit from the adventure of reading.*