

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - Sequoia Foyer
7:00am - 8:00am: Thursday, 24 September 2026

8:00am - 8:30am - Sequoia Ballroom
OPENING CEREMONIES: SETP President
Kelly Latimer (F)

SYMPOSIUM TEAM INTRODUCTION
General Chair:
Andy Edgell (AF), Virgin Galactic

Symposium Chair:
SqN Ldr Oli Payne, RAF (M)

Thursday Chair:
Adam Francki (M), Stratolaunch
SESSION I - 8:30am - 12:00pm

8:30am - 9:00am
“Fail Fast, Field Faster: Agility and Adaption in the AGM-190A Campaign”
Capt Maximiliano Salinas, USAF (PAM)
Alexis Towne, Modern Technology Solutions, Inc.
Heath Honaker, Modern Technology Solutions, Inc.
Chris Ankoviak, Modern Technology Solutions, Inc.

9:00am - 9:30am
“No-Notice Test Acceleration; Turning Years into Weeks”
Lt Col Daniel Prudhomme, USAF (AM)
Maj Matthew Bliley, USAF (PAM)
Brian Jeziorski, Dept. of the Air Force

9:30am - 10:00am
“Real-Time Evaluation in Gripen E Spin Testing”
Henrik Wänseth (AF), Saab AB
Christian Slettebo, Saab AB

10:00am - 10:30am - Coffee Break

10:30am - 11:00am
“The Safety Paradox: Flight Testing Pegasus”
Ed Grabman (F), Bombardier
Ryan Grabman, Bombardier

11:00am - 11:30am
“Old Jets, New Tricks: Accelerating Human-Autonomy Teaming Flight Test Using Modified Legacy Aircraft”
Maria-Elena Sisneroz, USAF Test Pilot School
Lt Col Spenser McIntyre, USAF (M)
Maj John Stevenson, USAF

11:30am - 12:00pm
“Unleashing the Fury: YFQ-44 From First Taxi to First Shot”
Mark Stucky (F), Anduril Industries
Shane Ehler (AF), Anduril Industries

12:00pm - 2:00pm LUNCH - No formal luncheon

SESSION II
2:00pm - 5:00pm: Thursday, 24 September

2:00pm - 2:30pm
“525 Relentless Snow Testing Lessons Learned”
Patrick Lindauer (M), Bell
BJ Lewis (M), Bell

2:30pm - 3:00pm
“SURF-A Testing”
Doug Rybczynski (AM), Honeywell Aerospace

3:00pm - 3:30pm
“JetZero Pathfinder: Developing BWB CLAWs Using Subscale Aircraft”
Bret Davenport (M), JetZero
Zack Kraus (M), JetZero

3:30pm - 4:00pm - Coffee Break

4:00pm - 4:30pm
“Putting the Thing on the Thing: Custom Flight Test Displays - Initial Deployments and Lessons Learned”
Christopher Caps (M), The Boeing Company
Adam Bergamini, The Boeing Company

4:30pm - 5:00pm
“Making the Warthog Uglier: The Story of the A-10 Probe & Drogue Refueling System”
Lt Col Luke Haywas, USAF (AF)

THURSDAY EVENING NETWORKING DINNER
Adventure Lawn at The Disneyland Hotel
6:30pm - 11:00pm

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CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - Sequoia Foyer
7:00am - 8:00am: Friday, 25 September 2026

Friday Chair:
Jim Young (AF), Mmo Aviation Services, Inc.
SESSION III - 8:00am - 11:30am

8:00am - 8:30am
“Autonomous Collaborative Platform Development and Testing”
Maj Tyler Brown, USAF
Jacob Cornell, Dept. of the Air Force
Capt Thomas Kyle, USAF

8:30am - 9:00am
“Flight Test Preparation of the L-39 ACE Aircraft”
Bennett Leong, ITPS Canada
Giorgio Clementi (F), ITPS Canada

9:00am - 9:30am
“Transforming and Transferring Risk: Lessons from F/A-18 AGCAS”
LtCol Kenneth Endicott, USMC (M)
Maj Brian Walpole, USMC
Maj Joseph Tom, USMC (PAM)
LtCol Timothy Burchett, USMC (M)

9:30am - 10:00am - Coffee Break

10:00am - 10:30am
“Cypher Forge: Hunting Uncertainty With Adaptive AI Test Agents”
Brig Gen James Valpiani, USAF (M)
Lt Col D. Isaiah Harp, USAF (AM)
M. Christopher Cotting, DARPA
Andrew Wissink, Dept. of the Army

10:30am - 11:00am
“That Just Doesn’t Look Right: First Flight of the Airborne Sensor Test Bed”
Todd Lardy (AF), MIT Lincoln Laboratory
Thomas Washington (AF), MIT Lincoln Laboratory

11:00am - 11:30am
“Capturing Ground-Based Schlieren Imagery to Visualize XB-1’s Shock Waves”
Tristan Brandenburg (M), United Airlines
Jason Reicheneker, Boom Supersonic

LUNCHEON: 12:30pm - 2:00pm
Sequoia Ballroom

SESSION IV
2:30pm - 5:00pm: Friday, 25 September

2:30pm - 3:00pm
“Analysis of an Uncrewed Mishap During Ground Test: A Case Study”
Donald Costello (M), University of Maryland

3:00pm - 3:30pm
“C-130J Landing Loads Testing”
Andrew White III (AF), Lockheed Martin
Mark Sasscer (M), Lockheed Martin

3:30pm - 4:00pm - Coffee Break

4:00pm - 4:30pm
“The More Things Change...”
Billie Flynn (F), ITPS Canada
Rogers Smith (F), SmithsAero

4:30pm - 5:00pm
“Flight Testing the Turn-Back Maneuver in the Embraer EMB-312 (T-27M) Tucano”
Maj Fernando de Castro Assis, Brazilian Air Force
Col Rodolfo dos S. Sampaio, Brazilian Air Force (M)

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXER
Conference Area - The Grand Californian Hotel
8:00pm - Midnight

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CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - Sequoia Foyer
7:00am - 8:00am: Saturday, 26 September 2026

Saturday Chair:
Elliot Seguin (AF), Wasabi Flight Test
SESSION V - 8:00am - 11:30am

8:00am - 8:30am
“X-59 Lessons Used”
Nils Larson (F), NASA
James Less (M), NASA

8:30am - 9:00am
“Safety Investigation Discipline and Redesign of a 1911 Wright B Flyer”
Hank Griffiths (AF), The Boeing Company

9:00am - 9:30am
“Initial Flight Test Results of a Universal Ground Collision Avoidance System: Or, What Can You Get for the Price of a White Castle Burger These Days?”
Mark Skoog, Level 5 Autonomy Labs
Scott Howe (M), Level 5 Autonomy Labs
Mark Chivers (M), ITPS Canada
David Sizoo (M), David Sizoo Aviation Consulting

9:30am - 10:00am - Coffee Break

10:00am - 10:30am
“Unmanned and Blind, But Not Unseeing: Safety Chase for MQ-25 Stingray First Flight”
LCDR Jillian Lewis, USN (AM)
CDR David Chapelle, USN

10:30am - 11:00am
“Trust But Verify: eVTOL Model Validation Flight Test and Methodology Development in Hover and Wingborne Regimes”
Zachary Reeder (AF), Joby Aviation
Andrea Pingitore (AF), Joby Aviation
Cuyler Dull, Joby Aviation

11:00am - 11:30am
“Danger Makes Us Safe”
Art Tomassetti (F), Time2climb

THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING WILL BEGIN UPON ADJOURNMENT OF THE SYMPOSIUM

AWARDS BANQUET - SEQUOIA BALLROOM
Reception 5:00pm / Banquet 6:30pm

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Wednesday: 23 September, 12:00pm - 8:00pm
Thursday: 24 September, 7:00am - 5:15pm
Friday: 25 September, 7:00am - 5:15pm
Saturday: 26 September, 7:00am - 12:00pm
(Reopens at 5:00pm for the Banquet)

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WELCOME

Welcome to The Society of Experimental Test Pilots' 70th International "Report to the Aerospace Profession". Andy Edgell (AF) and his Symposium Team have developed an exceptional program with both formal and informal venues to allow a formal exchange of information, as well as facilitate networking and renew personal and professional friendships. Our goal is for you to enjoy this gathering and, most importantly, that you can gain some fresh perspectives to allow you to conduct flight tests more effectively and especially, more safely.



Kelly Latimer (F)
SETP President, 2025-2026