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International Flight Test News



Airbus drone air taxi has successfully completed 114 test flights - Pendleton, Oregon

Airbus, along with its rival Boeing and many others, is striving to make flying cars an option for your urban commute. All takeoffs and landings have been self-piloted so there is no pilot either on the ground or in the vehicle. All autonomous from the very beginning. Flight testing continues in the uncongested skies of the Pendleton Unmanned Aerial Systems Test Range. The prototype has a range of around 50 kilometers (31 miles) or about 20 minutes of flight time with fully charged batteries. The battery pack makes up almost 40 percent of the weight of the vehicle. In Europe, the company is flight testing a larger robo-air taxi dubbed CityAirbus. [KUOW](#)



Fourth Bell 525 in Flight Test – Arlington, TX

Bell's (Booth No. N1816C) 525 "Relentless" super-medium-twin helicopter continues its march toward FAA certification, now likely sometime next year. Currently, four test ships are flying with a fifth slated to join the program soon. Overall, test aircraft have accumulated 1,300 flight hours through the middle of September. Approximately six production aircraft are already in work at Bell's Amarillo, Texas assembly facility. [AIN](#)

Chapter News

Rocket City Chapter ULA Tour



**United Launch Alliance Tour
Friday, October 25th**

Tour of ULA's Decatur facility to see how Atlas and Delta Rockets are assembled
Contact Chapter President Derek Donewar^M at djd0020@alumni.uah.edu by 9 October

South Florida Chapter President Presentation



**Dr. Lester Ingham speaks about his
experiences as a Flight Test Engineer in
South Africa**



Date & Time: October 15th, 6 pm
Location: Southern Pig & Cattle Co., 2583 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart, FL 34994
Cost: Attendees responsible for purchasing food and drinks at the restaurant



Job Opportunities



The International Test Pilot School (ITPS) is Hiring!

2020 is set to break all records in terms of training and flight test activities. ITPS is an EASA ATO for Flight Test Training and accredited by SETP and SFTE.

ITPS is looking for FIXED WING TEST PILOTS as well as FIXED and ROTARY WING FLIGHT TEST ENGINEERS. We have a number of full-time positions to fill, but welcome part-time Subject Matter Experts (SME)s too.

Based out of London, Ontario in Canada, ITPS offers a dynamic and stimulating working environment with a variety of flight test training and flight test projects across the spectrum of disciplines. We are an international team of professionals enjoying a friendly and relaxed work atmosphere where competence and enthusiasm are valued and with opportunities for professional development and further training. The positions will include classroom and airborne instruction as well as participation in in-house and deployed flight test projects. Occasional travel abroad will be required. Applications by e-mail may be sent to Shelly Pickering at Shelly@itpscanada.com. Tel ++ 1 519 457 3625



SFTE Technical Paper Database

Toulouse tech papers were available for a while after the symposium directly from Toulouse, but are currently not available but should be uploaded again soon.

Also, to get to the paper download the search must return only one response (so narrow the search if you get multiple responses).

Non-members can purchase tech papers for \$15 each at: <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=rszxy>

Membership

SFTE Total Membership = 1159 New Record Level

4 Year Renewal Option!

Renew for 4 Years and **save \$20** on your membership renewal.

50th Anniversary Member Renewal Items for 2019!

Make sure you renew your membership this year to receive the following member items to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of SFTE.

Don't worry, if you would like to renew early to receive your items early your membership will be extended from its annual due date.



50th Anniversary Patch for all Members



50th Anniversary Personalized Member Certificate for Members, Senior Members, and Fellows
This classic format from the beginning of SFTE returns but with the special 50th Anniversary logo designed by the SFTE Coastal Empire Chapter.

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SFTE Member Level denoted as Exponent (SETP in parenthesis)

ST - Student Member

AL – Affiliate Member

AS – Associate Member

M – Member

SM – Senior Member

F – Fellow

(HF) – Honorary Fellow

(PAM) - Provisional Associate Member

For more info on SFTE member grades & to apply for upgrade:

<http://www.sfte.org/membership-individual/>

2019 Calendar

15 October

South Florida Chapter/SETP/AIAA/AHS – Dr. Lester Ingham, FTE in South Africa, Southern Pig & Cattle Co., 6pm

25 October

Rocket City - ULA Tour, Contact Derek Donewar djd0020@alumni.uah.edu by 9 October

1 November

SFTE/SETP North Texas Chapter - 1st Friday at the Flying Saucer, Fort Worth, 6pm

~~21~~ 14 November

South Florida Chapter – Monthly Meeting at ~~Twisted Trunk on PGA~~ **Yard House in Palm Beach Gardens**

6 December

SFTE/SETP North Texas Chapter - 1st Friday at the Flying Saucer, Fort Worth, 6pm

12-13 December

SFTE Canadian Chapter - 8th Annual ITPS Flight Test Seminar London, Ontario, FREE to Canadian SETP and SFTE Members. Contact Kelly Morrison kelly@itpscanada.com for registration and info

2020 Calendar

4-7 May

SFTE/SETP/AIAA Flight Test Safety Workshop, Denver, CO

Sept.

51st Annual SFTE Symposium – St. Louis, MO



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Have some Flight Test news or Chapter Events to share?

Just send as a reply to this email. Make sure it is public-released information and/or reference a news release. Include names of SFTE members contributing to the events.