

Calendar of Events

January 16, 2026	Monthly Tech Council Meeting 07:00 AM - 08:00 AM PST techcouncilchair@sfte.org <i>Monthly meeting of Tech Council. Contact techcouncilchair@sfte.org to be added.</i>
January 16, 2026	SFTE Board of Director Meeting 08:30 AM - 10:00 AM PST Ben Povall, secretary@sfte.org <i>Monthly Board of Directors Meeting.</i> <i>For dial in details please contact secretary@sfte.org</i>
January 22, 2026	Pax River Chapter - 2026 Kickoff Social Pax River Ale House 04:00 PM - 06:00 PM EST Alex Speyer, paxriver@sfte.org
January 30, 2026	Atlanta Chapter 2026 Kickoff - Meet-and-Greet with Jen Uchida! Republic Social House 437 Memorial Dr SE Atlanta, GA 30312 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM EST Jennie Mitchell, atlsfte@gmail.com <i>On Friday, January 30th we are excited to invite you to a meet-and-greet networking event with Jen Uchida. Jen is a fellow flight tester and is the immediate past president of SFTE International. Jen will be in Atlanta and would love to connect with you all over some food and drinks! We hope you can join us!</i>
February 4, 2026	Atlanta Chapter - 1st Wednesday Happy Hour Rocky Mountain Pizza 1005 Hemphill Ave NW Atlanta, GA 05:00 PM - 07:30 PM EST Jennie Mitchell, atlsfte@gmail.com <i>1st Wednesday of the month!</i>
February 5, 2026	AV Chapter - 1st Thursday, 6pm Bravery 05:00 PM - 08:00 PM PST <i>Alternating months, odd months at Bravery, even months at Local Craft Beer (LCB)</i>

February 5, 2026

Arizona Chapter - Monthly Virtual Meeting / Chat

06:00 PM - 07:00 PM MT

Arizona Chapter,
sfte.az.chapter@gmail.com
<https://meet.google.com/csn-vjcg-jxa?hs=224>

February 5, 2026

Wichita Chapter Social Event

Tor Brewing
222 South Commerce Street
Wichita, KS 67202
05:30 PM - 07:30 PM CST
SFTE Wichita Chapter,
wichita@sfte.org

Come join local flight testers for a Social Event at Tor Brewing, with special guest SFTE President Jeff Canclini

February 6, 2026

North Texas Chapter - SFTE/SETP First Friday Beer Call

The Flying Saucer Draught Emporium

111 E 3rd St
Ft. Worth, TX 76102
06:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST
North Texas Chapter,
northtexas@sfte.org

Join us on the First Friday of even-numbered months at the Flying Saucer Draught Emporium!

February 12, 2026

Flight Test Safety Committee - Quarterly Board Meeting

NA
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST
Keith Gittemeier,
kgittemeier@gmail.com
Quarterly meeting to discuss upcoming Flight Test Safety events and report outs from the various sub committees.

February 12, 2026

Seattle Chapter - 2nd Thursday Happy Hour

Jules Mae's Saloon
5919 Airport Way S
Seattle, WA 98108
04:00 PM - 07:00 PM PST
Every 2nd Thursday of the month!

February 13, 2026

SFTE Board of Director Meeting

08:30 AM - 10:00 AM PST
Ben Povall,
secretary@sfte.org
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting.

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February 20, 2026

Monthly Tech Council Meeting

07:00 AM - 08:00 AM PST
techcouncilchair@sfte.org
Monthly meeting of Tech Council. Contact techcouncilchair@sfte.org to be added.

March 5, 2026

North Texas Chapter - SFTE/SETP First Thursday Beer Call

The Tipsy Oak

301 E Front St

Arlington, Tx 76011

06:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

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Bravery

05:00 PM - 08:00 PM PST

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March 27, 2026

Southwest Aerospace Symposium 2026

University of Texas, Arlington

TBA

The Society of Experimental Test Pilots, in collaboration with the North Texas Chapters of AIAA, SFTE and Southwest Chapter of VFS is pleased to announce the Southwest Aerospace Symposium will be held on 27 March 2026 in Arlington, TX.

This year's Symposium Co-Chairs are C.R. Davis (AF), SETP and James Sergeant, AIAA.

This is an official call for abstracts.

Each technical presentation selected is given a 30-minute slot, including 25 minutes for the technical presentation and 5 minutes for questions from the audience.

No proceedings are published for this Symposium therefore formal written papers are not required.

Those interested in presenting should submit an abstract by 4 February 2026 to:

Susan Bennett, SETP Headquarters

Email: Susan@setp.org

April 3, 2026

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April 10, 2026

Wichita Chapter and SETP Central Section Symposium

The Textron Aviation Activity Center - Olive Ann Beech Gallery

9710 E. Central Ave

Wichita, KS 67206

08:00 AM - 04:00 PM CST

Benjamin Hirsh,

wichita@sfte.org

The SFTE Wichita Chapter and SETP Central Section are hosting a local symposium on April 10, 2026 in Wichita, Kansas! Expect a full day of technical presentations.

There will also be a banquet on the evening of April 9th at a location to be determined. This will be a part of a separate calendar event to be posted soon!

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The 17th Annual Central Section Symposium will be held 10 April 2026. This year's

Symposium Chairman is

Allen Herbert, Textron Aviation (M).

Location:

The Textron Aviation Activity Center

9710 E. Central Avenue

Wichita, KS 67206

This is an official call for abstracts. Each technical presentation selected is given a 30-minute slot (25 minutes for the technical presentation and 5 minutes for questions from the audience). No proceedings are published for this Symposium, therefore formal written papers are not required.

Those interested in presenting should submit an abstract by 12 March 2026 to Tammy@setp.org

May 5, 2026
- May 6, 2026

Flight Test Safety Workshop
DoubleTree by Hilton Fort Worth South Hotel & Conference Center
100 Altamesa Blvd E
Fort Worth, Tx 76134
TBA
2026 Flight Test Safety Workshop
5-6 May 2026
Fort Worth, TX

Call for Abstracts

The Flight Test Safety Committee, a joint committee of SFTE, AIAA, and SETP, is pleased to announce that the North American Flight Test Safety Workshop will be held 5-6 May 2026 in Fort Worth, Texas. This year's Workshop Chair is Tom Currie, Bell.

A Tutorial will be held on Tuesday 5 May followed by a Technical Tour. Technical presentations will be held on Wednesday 6 May followed by an Award Dinner where the Dave Houle Best Paper Award, Tony LeVier Flight Test Safety Award and the Hugh Dryden Flight Test Safety Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented.

This is an official call for abstracts.

For the technical presentation portion of the Workshop, we want to hear from testers on all subject matters.

Each technical presentation selected is given a 30-minute slot (25 minutes for the technical presentation and 5 minutes for questions from the audience). No proceedings are published for this Workshop, therefore formal written papers are not required.

Please send abstracts to the 2026 Flight Test Safety Workshop Chair via Susan@setp.org.

The deadline for abstracts is 4 February 2026 to allow time for appropriate consideration and inclusion in the program.

REMINDER: You do not have to be an SETP, SFTE, or AIAA Member to submit an abstract, so please share with your flight test colleagues.

Tutorial details and the registration site will be available soon!

May 7, 2026

North Texas Chapter - SFTE/SETP First Thursday Beer Call
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06:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST
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June 5, 2026

North Texas Chapter - SSTE/SETP First Friday Beer Call

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June 9, 2026

- June 11, 2026

European Test and Telemetry Conference 2026

Nuremberg Convention Center

09:00 AM - 06:00 PM MEA

Renaud Urli,

renaud.urli@airbus.com

The European Test and Telemetry Conference (ETTC) 2026 is a premier international platform for telemetry, test instrumentation, telecontrol, and data processing, held in collaboration with the SENSOR+TEST measurement fair in Nuremberg, Germany, from June 9–11, 2026. This edition focuses on the evolution of testing industries to keep pace with rapid technological shifts, specifically under the theme of "Transforming Test Methods and Facilities with New Global Market Technologies and AI." The conference has officially issued its Call for Papers, inviting experts to submit abstracts by February 9, 2026, on pivotal topics such as artificial intelligence and machine learning in telemetry, digital twins, 5G and LEO satellite communications, and the integration of new energy systems like hydrogen into testing infrastructures.

<https://telemetry-europe.org/>

July 2, 2026

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September 3, 2026

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October 2, 2026

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October 26, 2026

- October 30, 2026

SFTE 57th International Symposium 2026

Marriott Las Colinas

223 W Las Colinas Blvd

Irving, TX 75039

TBA

2026 Symposium Committee,

symposium2026@sfte.org

Join us in Las Colinas, TX for the 57th Annual SFTE Symposium.

More information including registration coming soon!

November 5, 2026

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December 4, 2026

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