

Calendar of Events

- January 16, 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.
- January 16, 2026 **SFTE Board of Director Meeting**
08:30 AM - 10:00 AM PST
Ben Povall,
secretary@sfte.org
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting.

For dial in details please contact secretary@sfte.org
- 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
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!
- 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
1st Wednesday of the month!
- February 5, 2026 **AV Chapter - 1st Thursday, 6pm**
Bravery
05:00 PM - 08:00 PM PST
Alternating months, odd months at Bravery, even months at Local Craft Beer (LCB)

- 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
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- February 20, 2026 **Monthly Tech Council Meeting**
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techcouncilchair@sfte.org
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- March 5, 2026 **North Texas Chapter - SFTE/SETP First Thursday Beer Call**
The Topsy Oak
301 E Front St
Arlington, Tx 76011
06:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST
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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, Te 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

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June 5, 2026

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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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August 7, 2026

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September 3, 2026

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October 2, 2026

North Texas Chapter - SFTE/SETP First Friday Beer Call

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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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