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Fullerton/SoCal 2013 Safety Recap, and The X-15 Rocket Plane

The first portion of the program will be a review of safety events in and around the Fullerton area for 2013, and a look ahead to 2014. Also, a presentation of the FAA's current safety Hot Items. Next, with the Soviet Union's launch of the first Sputnik satellite in 1957, the Cold War soared to new heights as Americans feared losing the race into space. "The X-15 Rocket Plane, Flying the First Wings into Space" tells the enthralling yet little-known story of the hypersonic X-15, the winged rocket ship that met this challenge and opened the way into human-controlled spaceflight. Literally pushing the boundaries of air and space technology to heights and speeds which had proven fatal to others before, the X-15 and its pilots expanded flight to nearly Mach 7 in speed and more than 67 miles in altitude. They were able to safely guide an aircraft manually through reentry from suborbital space to a pinpoint landing, making the later success of the Space Shuttle a reality. Michelle Evans puts a human face on the feats of science and engineering that went into the X-15 program, and introduces us to the largely unsung pilots of the X-15. By the time of the Apollo 11 moon landing, thirty-one American astronauts had flown into space—eight of them astronaut-pilots of the X-15. The X-15 Rocket

Event Details

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Plane restores these pioneers, and the others who made it happen, to their rightful place in the history of spaceflight. The FAPA Grill Team will be serving a hot dog dinner beginning at 6PM, at the AFI hangar. There is a modest fee for this event

Directions: AFI Main Hangar, next to self-serve fuel island west of the terminal building.

A message from the National FAASafety Manager

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