

FAASTeam presents:

The Need for Transition Training and the Story of the X-15 Rocket Plane

EAA Chapter 96 will hold a short business meeting at 10:00 AM. All are welcome. The program will begin with a discussion on the need for transition training. The speaker will then present "The X-15 Rocket Plane, Flying the First Wings into Space" which tells the enthralling yet little-known story of the hypersonic X-15, the winged rocketship that 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 Plane restores these pioneers, and the others who made it happen, to their rightful place in the history of spaceflight.

Event Details

Sat, Mar 15, 2014 - 10:00 am

EAA Chapter 96 Hangar

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Directions: FromArtesia (91) Freeway, exit north at Wilmington Ave, then turn left on AlondraBlvd. Enter via a gate in the fence along north side of Alondra Blvd across from Dwight Ave. Justinside the fence, make a quick left turn and follow the fence westbound to thelast hangar (EAA).

A message from the National FAASafety Manager

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