An Evening with the Future of Vertical Lift

Donald Grove, Chief Tiltrotor Test Pilot, Bell
V-280 Valor First Flight Build-up: Preparing for a Technology Demonstration

And

Dr. Jinggen Zhao, Aeronautical Engineer, Sikorsky Aircraft, A Lockheed Martin Company
S-97 RAIDER® Rotor Low Speed Vibratory Loads Analysis using CFD-CSD

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Don Grove is Bell's Chief Tiltrotor Test Pilot and lead test pilot for the V-280 Valor concept demonstration. A 21-year Air Force veteran, Don has been with Bell since retiring in June 2013. A distinguished graduate of USN TPS, Don conducted developmental testing in HH-60G and CV-22 aircraft while in the US Air Force. At Bell, he was lead Bell test pilot on numerous V-22 concept demonstration test programs, including live weapons fire, aerial refueler, and engine inlet barrier filter. As lead test pilot for the V-280, Don has been integral to the design and test of the aircraft, conducted first flight in December 2017, and continues to expand the flight envelope of Bell's next generation tiltrotor to this day.

Jinggen Zhao is a staff engineer at Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin Company. His current main role is on methodology development for rotor performance, loads, and vibration. Before his current role, Jinggen worked at Advanced Rotorcraft Technology focusing on tool development for rotorcraft simulation and comprehensive analysis. Jinggen has PhD degree from Georgia Institute of Technology. Jinggen will talk about coaxial rotor unsteady rotor loads presented at the recent AIAA SciTech conference in San Diego.

Location:
Texas Star
1400 Texas Star Parkway
Euless, TX 76040

Dinner Menu:
Herb Roasted Turkey with Savory Gravy, Vegetables, Salad
Coffee, Tea, Water & Dessert

Social 6:00 PM
Speaker/Dinner 6:30 PM

Price:
Members $27
Member Couples $47
Non-members $37

Payment required in advance. Tickets purchased after RSVP deadline will incur an additional $5 fee.

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RSVP by 5:00pm Tuesday, March 26 if you plan to attend.
If you have any issues with the form, email Rick Mullen at rmullen@bellflight.com or call 817-280-5197
Tickets are available by payroll deduction for Bell Helicopter Employees only.