

Truckee Air Show ready to take off

The Truckee Tahoe Air Show & Family Festival is flying into its fifth year on July 9.

This year's theme is Space, Science and Beyond, an exploration into STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Keeping with the theme, the air show's grand marshal will be former NASA astronaut and retired U.S. Air Force test pilot Karol "Bo" Bobko. Bobko became a NASA astronaut in September 1969 and was a crew member on the highly successful Skylab Medical Experiments Altitude Test (SMEAT). The test was a 56-day ground simulation of the Skylab mission, enabling crewmen to collect medical experiments baseline data and evaluate equipment, operations and procedures.

The air show will include world-renowned performers Spencer Suderman (Guinness World Record holder for inverted flat spins), Rich Perkins soaring full speed in the Fire Cat jet, Danny Sorenson with his own designed and built BF9-2 biplane, and Bill Braack racing his Smoke-n-Thunder Jet Car against an airplane.

Huge warbirds will be on display and modern aircraft too.

The show is from 9am-4pm.