

ALASKA UAS INTEREST GROUP



Alaska Unmanned Aircraft Systems Interest Group Annual Meeting

September 1-3, 2015, Fairbanks, Alaska

As the lead for the University of Alaska, Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration (ACUASI) and the Pan-Pacific UAS Test Range Complex, I cordially invite you to attend the 2015 Alaska Unmanned Aircraft Systems Interest Group annual three-day workshop and meeting from September 1–3, 2015. We are excited to host this year's event in Fairbanks where ACUASI and arctic research are located within the University of Alaska Fairbanks Geophysical Institute.

The meeting is open to interested government, industry, and private participants in all fields of unmanned systems and robotics, as well as potential users from a variety of agencies, associations, institutions, and commercial interests who might benefit from the use of these new and emerging technologies.

Themes will include:

- UAS operations in the Arctic; lessons learned, challenges, and opportunities
- The role of UAS in emergency response, interagency communications, and the path forward
- UAS Test Sites; what they mean to the UAS community, and how to work with them
- UAS outside the U.S.; what is happening in Canada and Europe, and what that means to us
- A requirements-driven future and economical and efficient use of UAS technology
- Understanding government, industry, and private unmanned systems and robotics needs and issues
- Exploration and identification of ways we can work together to safely achieve common goals
- The impact on civil and commercial manned and unmanned aircraft activity in Alaska
- The role of unmanned systems and robotics in education, research, science, natural resource management, natural disasters, emergency response, search and rescue and much more
- Working with educational institutions in transforming and shaping the minds of young people through the National Science Foundation's science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) goals

In addition several special meetings will be occurring that you may want to attend:

- The U.S. Department of the Interior will be demonstrating the benefits of UAS for geophysical measurements and natural resource monitoring in Alaska and the Arctic with a full day of presentations on August 31st.
- The Alaska Legislative Task Force on Unmanned Aircraft Systems will convene on the final day of the UAS Interest Group meeting.

We expect the 2015 AUASIG meeting to be a fulfilling and informative event and hope that you will attend. We'll notify you when registration is available at <http://www.uasalaska.org/>. The venue, call for papers, cost and registration, hotel/lodging information, vendor information, and agenda will be announced shortly, as well.

Thank you all for your interest in the Alaska UAS Interest Group. We hope to see you all in Fairbanks this coming September.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Marty W. Rogers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Marty W. Rogers, Director
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Associates, Colleagues & Friends – Mr. Marty Rogers, Director of the Alaska Center for UAS Integration (ACUASI) and the Pan Pacific UAS Test Range Complex (PPUTRC), has asked me to inform you of, and send you his personal invitation, regarding the 2015 Alaska UAS Interest Group meeting in Fairbanks Alaska this coming 1 thru 3 September.

Please find attached, Mr. Rogers' personal invitation, and please do not hesitate to ask any of us here at the ACUASI and PPUTRC for guidance on any matter regarding the planning of your travel to join us this year.

In addition to the Alaska UASIG Meeting, the Departments of both the Interior and Energy will host a full day event on Monday that same week. These two Federal Government agencies have much information to convey regarding ongoing and planned activities in Alaska and throughout the Arctic, and have asked that we extend to you an invitation to join them on Monday, 31 August.

Finally, be sure to plan your trip so that you can take advantage of your travel to Alaska. If time permits, might I suggest looking into taking the [Alaskan Railroad's "Denali Star"](#) either to or from Fairbanks to/from Anchorage. September is Autumn in Alaska, and while beauty abounds at that time of the year, the wildlife is in high gear getting prepared for Winter and can be seen most anywhere you look.

So please, open Mr. Roger's attached invitation, and join us so that we might see you in Fairbanks in September. And if you have any questions at all, feel free to contact myself, Barbara Johnson or Diana Campbell (CC'd), and I promise we'll get you an answer.

Respectfully, Leonard Ligon

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