

LIFE MEMBER INFORMATION (From most recent)

David Olinger – Mark Olinger

- Joined - early 1971, glider (G) added to CFI in 1972
- Life Member - 2016
- Tow Pilot until November 2012
- Instructor
- David joined Memphis Soaring in the early 70's after a demo ride by John Wilson. David spent many years as an active tow pilot, instructor and all around volunteer. He rarely visited the airport that he was not seen doing something!
- Last solo flight in April 2016 at age 85.
- "Keep your logbooks up to date. You never know when you may need the record."

Monroe David

- Joined – 1999
- Life Member 2015
- Instrumental in starting the Mid-South Soaring Foundation
- MSS Secretary for over 10 years
- "In the years that I have been associated with the Memphis Soaring Society, I have seen the club being renewed many times with new leadership and membership. It seems that the club continues to attract a variety of talent that usually steps up when needed. It's a great bunch of people!"

Trent Whitehead

- Joined – 1999
- Owned a 1-23. Flew the first lengthy cross country from FCY by flying FCY-Classic-FCY in that 1-23
- Life Member 2015
- Very active tow pilot in the 1990's
- Involved in organizing the original Fun Fly Contests
- Worked to create and maintain a turn point list for our area
- Was a major factor in returning gliders, which were grounded, mechanically to service at FCY in the early 1990's (1-26, Lark, Grob., etc.)
- Attended FCY airport commission meetings working on the transaction that ultimately led to the sale of the club's lease/hangar at FCY.
- A driving force in the development of Lawrence Field in the areas of dirt work, tree removal, grass seeding, etc.
- A constant, quiet worker as concerns equipment maintenance, golf cart maintenance, spraying for mosquitos, grass killer around buildings, etc.

Jim Hendrix

- Joined – 1995
- Life Member 2014
- Flew a Standard Cirrus, one of the original hangar lessee's at 4AR5
- Wrote Ops Manual with Robert Williams guidance
- “When I joined the club, I only wanted to fly. I didn't care about club politics or personalities or any of the various things some people sometimes griped about. Just to be able to fly, under any circumstances, was all I wanted and that was a great privilege that the club made possible. The camaraderie and the helpfulness of more experienced members was what made the experience much more enjoyable than the flying alone.”

Nathan Lemmon

- Joined – 1976
- Owned a Libelle
- Life Member 2014
- Ops Officer 1978-79
- President 1980-81, 1992-93
- Yerian Award recipient
- Credited with bringing organization to MSS when it was sorely needed
- “Personally, I think my greatest contribution to the club was just hanging out at the airport and giving numerous rides to anyone that expressed an interest in what we were up to. One of my fondest memories is an afternoon chatting with several members in the hanger at Forrest City and discovering that I had given 6 out of the 8 present their first ride in a glider.”

Bill Lawrence

- Joined 1991
- Life Member 2007
- Tow pilot for all of his active years
- Owned an LS-4
- Yerian Award recipient
- President – approx. 1999 thru 2002 including the process to move to our temporary digs at Cartiliar crop dust strip
- Scouted and located site that is now Lawrence Field
- Facilitated communications for fund raising for 4AR5 doing the bulk of the mailing and communications himself.
- Led a team of other dedicated MSS members to make what is now our home airport a reality.

Roy Hendrix

- Joined – 1983
- Life Member – 2009
- Active tow pilot through the 80's. Notched 29 tows one day is a memory of his.
- Owned a DG...cannot recall the model
- Yerian Award recipient
- John D. Wilson Service Award recipient
- Donor of two tractors
- Was a major donor in the capital campaign for our move to Cherry Valley
- Led a capital campaign in 2014 that offered a matching donation, which allowed the overhaul of tow 1's engine to be completed without debt.
- Satisfied MSS's remaining debt balance to make MSS debt-free in 2016.