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2019 Jesualdo Martinez Award

European Chapter



Mr. Gerard Desbois

Perhaps best known for being a member of the crew of the maiden flight of the Airbus A380 in April 2005, Gerard DESBOIS has just completed a long and illustrious career in flight testing. After graduating from the French civil aviation university "ENAC" in 1979, Gerard started his career as a test data analyst in Aerospatiale in Toulouse. He was nominated by Henri PERRIER, himself famous as a member of the crew of the first flight of Concorde, to undergo training at EPNER, the French flight test school at Istres. Gerard graduated from there at just 29 years old, the youngest Test Flight Engineer ever to be qualified. With his Test Flight Engineer license in hand, Gerard went on to be involved in many of Airbus's defining projects, and was a member of the first flight crews for the A319 and A340-600 (which he describes as the most beautiful of the Airbus family) before becoming responsible for the A380.

Since the certification of the A380, Gerard was responsible for the small but committed team of Test Flight Engineers at Airbus, before taking the decision to deservedly retire in 2019.

However, Gerard's commitment and passion for aviation has not been limited to his professional activities. He is a talented author and has published two books and numerous reviews, telling stories of his life in aviation and by doing so reaching out to the next generation of pilots and flight test engineers. He is a proficient pilot and has flown on many types, and can be seen at airshows across France in the summer season flying as a member of the Crazy Piper team, where his enthusiasm and generous spirit infiltrates yet more young people. He is involved in restoring historic aircraft and is the patron of several such projects. He is a member or leader of many small organizations defending aerospace and securing the future for passionate aviators. And last but not least, he is involved in several charitable organizations which use aviation as a way of inspiring disabled children.



Jesualdo Martinez



SFTE 50th International Symposium

10-14 June 2019

Toulouse, France

In conjunction with the [European Test & Telemetry Conference \(ETTC\)](#) with admission allowing attendance to both events

Website: <http://www.sfte-symposium-2019.com/en/index.html>

Registration

Symposium Short Courses

Hotel Mercure Compans

Monday 10 June

~~Courses 1 and 2, in parallel, from 9am to 12am~~ **CANCELLED**

Courses 3 and 4, in parallel, from 1:30pm to 4pm

Scientific Program

Social Program

Wednesday Evening 12 June

Guided Tour and Reception Downtown Toulouse

Thursday Afternoon 13 June

Aeroscopia Museum



Thursday Evening 13 June

Gala Awards Dinner

Restaurant "Les Ecuries de la Tour"

Friday Morning 14 June

Airbus Tour



Tickets for Paris Airshow Trade Days Available

Tickets for 17-20 June trade days are now available

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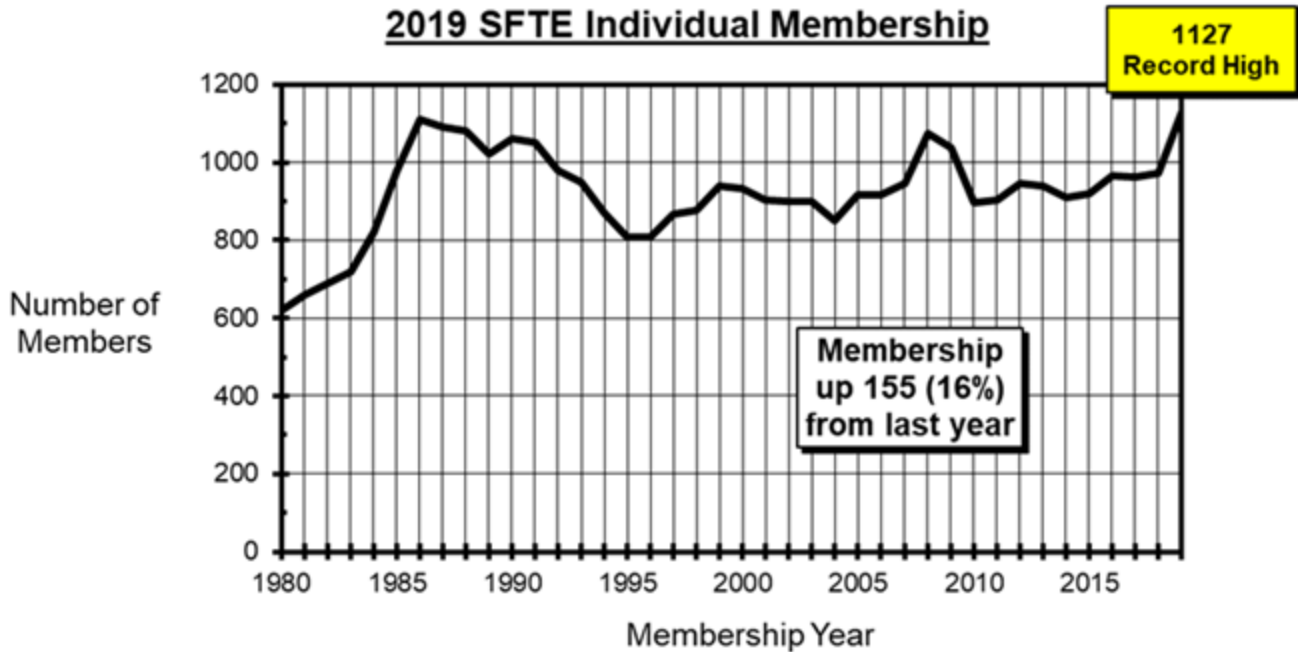
https://www.siae.fr/en/general_info/prices.htm

Individual Membership

SFTE Total Membership = 1127

A new SFTE Record!

Previous high of 1100 members in 1986



50th Anniversary Member Renewal Items for 2019!

Make sure you renew your membership this year to receive the following member items to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of SFTE.

Don't worry, if you would like to renew early to receive your items early your membership will be extended from its annual due date.



50th Anniversary Patch for all Members



50th Anniversary **Personalized** Member Certificate for Members, Senior Members, and Fellows

This classic format from the beginning of SFTE returns but with the special 50th Anniversary logo designed by the SFTE Coastal Empire Chapter.



New SFTE App in the Works

A new SFTE App is being developed. The Beta version will be rolled out in Toulouse

- > **Automated Airspeed Calculator**
- > **Return of the SFTE Paper Database**
- > **Future growth capabilities**

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2019 Calendar

7 June

North Texas Chapter - 1st Friday at the Flying Saucer, Fort Worth, 6pm

10-14 June

SFTE 50th International Symposium, Toulouse, France



15 June

AV Chapter at Lancaster Jethawks Baseball Game, 6pm, RSVP [Ryan Kessler](#)

20 June

South Florida Chapter – Monthly Meeting at Twisted Trunk on PGA



17-23 June

[Paris Airshow](#)

5 July

North Texas Chapter - 1st Friday at the Flying Saucer, Fort Worth, 6pm

18 July

South Florida Chapter – Monthly Meeting at Twisted Trunk on PGA

6-7 September

SFTE/SETP/AIAA Southwest Aerospace Symposium, Keynote Charlie Bolden, UT Arlington, TX

2020 Calendar

4-7 May

Flight Test Safety Workshop, Denver, CO

Fall

51st Annual SFTE Symposium – St. Louis, MO



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Have some Flight Test news or Chapter Events to share?

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