

MID-GEORGIA SOARING ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS

ED BARNES SPIRIT AWARD

The Ed Barnes Spirit Award was created in 1988 to honor the memory of Ed Barnes whose passion for soaring became legendary. This award is given to the member demonstrating the most enthusiasm and active participation in the sport of soaring during the past year. Nominations should cite the reasons for selection. Final selection is made by a vote of the 5 members of the MGSA Board of Directors. The Ed Barnes Spirit Award will be presented by the previous recipient.

TOM HULINGS SERVICE AWARD

This prestigious award recognizes extraordinary service to MGSA in various ways during the current year and/or over an extended period. This is a very unique award. A committee of previous Hulings Award winners will make the selection. Over the years, many worthy recipients have been selected and some continue to provide great service to our club. This award to all members including past winners.

JIM NEFFINGER AWARD

This achievement award is presented annually to the MGSA pilot that has flown the longest cross-country flight subject to the specifications to be announced by the prior year winner. He will accept your submission of documentation of your flight during this year that may be worthy of consideration based upon OLC and other documentation needed to verify the flight.

Note: Prior to 2008 the Neffinger Award candidates were selected from pilots participating in the Georgia-Tennessee-Alabama (GTA) race series. Starting in 2008 the Neffinger Award was brought under MGSA's auspices and the candidates were selected exclusively from MGSA.

DAN NUGENT MEMBERSHIP DRIVER

The Dan Nugent Membership Driver Award has been created to honor the memory of Dan Nugent who spent almost 30 years with MGSA and spent most of that time as MGSA's primary diplomat with the City of Monroe, the Airport Commission, but most importantly as the point man driving all things with new membership. He sealed the deal on dozens of new MGSA members over the years and minded the process of induction and coordinated their introduction. He was the perfect gentleman for this task, fostering trust and asserting friendliness to all the new members, and to all acquaintances and longtime friends alike. This award is given to the member driving the most active promotion of MGSA inside our sport of soaring and outside the sport during the past year. Activities such as attending fly in's, presentations with EAA or other flying clubs, or representation with the city or soaring community events like races or SSA leadership should be criteria. Nominations should cite the reasons for selection. Final selection is made by a vote of the 5 members of the MGSA Board of Directors. The Dan Nugent Membership Driver Award shall be presented by the current year recipient.