



November 1, 2021

Mr. Jay McDaniel and the
SSA Awards Committee

Dear Jay and Members of the Awards Committee:

As the Chair of the SSA Board of Directors, I am writing to let you know that I have selected Mr. Titian Scholtemeyer for the SSA Chairman's award to be presented in the 2021 year. Titian has been a member of SSA for over 25 years and has been a tremendous asset to the SSA's electronic communications efforts. He has been especially helpful in developing sections of the SSA's website that provide significant benefits to all our members. Reasons for choosing him for the award include:

- During the period from 2010 – 2014 Titian served on the contest handicapping committee and created the original online Sailplane Directory with the help of Gary Adams.
- He helped develop the original "Where to Fly" map to allow members to easily locate soaring sites and SSA Chapters.
- In 2010, Titian began the first *Soaring* magazine archive but when Adobe's support for Flash Player ended in 2020, a new format for the magazine archive was needed. In 2021, Titian created a new on-line version with many important features that will serve all of the SSA's members for years to come.
- This new version of the magazine (at <https://magazine.ssa.org/issues>) is really impressive and has the following features. It: (a) is platform independent and thus adaptable for any future hardware changes; (b) is indexed and word searchable; (c) has a special menu of over 70 Dick Johnson sailplane tests; (d) provides many improved digital images for the content; (e) contains the entire history of *Soaring* magazines back to 1937 and finally; (f) is kept updated with every month's new issue and will be so far into the future.

For these reasons, I believe that Titian is very deserving of the 2021 Chair's award.

With Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James C. Garrison". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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