



THE SOCIETY OF FLIGHT TEST PROFESSIONALS

A MODEST PROPOSAL FOR PREVENTING THE DILUTION OF EFFORT AMONG LIKE-MINDED
PROFESSIONALS AND FOR MAKING THE SOCIETY MOST BENEFICIAL TO FLIGHT TEST

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT

Given that

1. Flight test is a unique discipline among technical endeavors
2. Flight test is fundamentally a team sport
3. Flight test is a complex activity that requires the telling of stories to distill its patterns and principles

The formation of a singular Society of Flight Test Professionals (SFTP) will best serve the improvement of safety, the development of flight test teams, and the sharing of information.

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MISSION STATEMENTS

SETP

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To prevent accidents and loss of life by **improving** safety, design and **flight test of aerospace vehicles** and their related systems.

To provide a forum to **disseminate information** to those in the **aerospace industry** for the benefit of **all aviation users**.

SFTP

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SFTE

The Society of Flight Test Engineers is a fraternity of engineers, whose principal **professional** interest is the **flight testing of aerospace vehicles**.

The objective of the Society is the **advancement of flight test** engineering throughout the **aerospace industry** by providing **technical and fraternal communication** among **individuals**, both domestic and international, in the allied engineering fields of **test operations, analysis, instrumentation and data systems**.

MEMBERSHIP GRADES & DUES

SETP

SFTE

	Student Member: Annual dues, \$15
Provisional Associate Member: No fee (?), 3 years to achieve experience necessary for Associate Member or Member status	
Associate Member: Initiation fee, \$40 Annual dues, \$125	Associate Member: Annual dues, \$55
Member: Initiation fee, \$125 Annual dues, \$135	Member: Annual dues, \$55
	Senior Member: Annual dues, \$55
Associate Fellow: Annual dues, \$135	
Fellow: Annual dues, \$135	Fellow: Free lifetime membership
Honorary Fellow	
Corporate	Corporate \ Affiliate Member

SFTP

1. SETP membership provides access to the SETP Scholarship Foundation.¹
This is a major benefit of SETP membership, and one that should be considered with due diligence. The primary assumptions regarding the Scholarship Foundation include:
 - a. The member is/was an active test pilot.
 - b. The member is/was paying the dues prior to the event leading to the assistance.
 - c. SETP dues are significantly greater than SFTE dues.
2. SETP is inherently exclusive. That is, membership is meant to be for a narrowly defined set of individuals, excluding all but pilots actively engaged in specified flight test activities.
3. SFTE is inherently inclusive. That is, membership is meant to be for a broadly defined set of individuals, including current students.
4. **SFTP** membership can capture the benefits of each of these approaches by adding the concept of membership TYPES to the existing concept of membership GRADES.

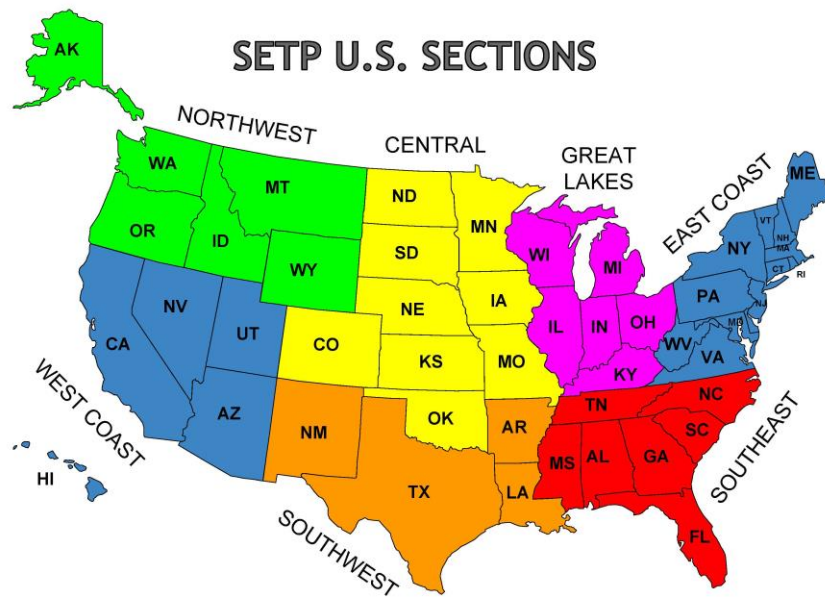
Initiation/Dues	TYPES			
GRADES	Test Pilot*	Test Aircrew*	Test Engineer**	Affiliate
Student	N/A	N/A	\$0 / \$15	\$0 / \$15
Associate Member	\$40 / \$125	\$40 / \$125	\$0 / \$55	\$0 / \$55
Member	\$125 / \$135	\$125 / \$135	\$0 / \$55	\$0 / \$55
Associate Fellow	\$0 / \$135	\$0 / \$135	\$0 / \$55	\$0 / \$55
Fellow	\$0 / \$135	\$0 / \$135	Free Lifetime	Free Lifetime
Corporate	N/A	N/A	N/A	Pro-Rated

*Access to Scholarship Foundation, ** Test Engineer may also be Test Aircrew

¹ The primary purpose of the Foundation is to receive, acquire, manage, administer and expend property and funds for scholarships and other forms of educational assistance to children of deceased or disabled Society members.
<http://www.setp.org/foundation/scholarship-foundation/>

SECTIONS & CHAPTERS

SETP SECTIONS



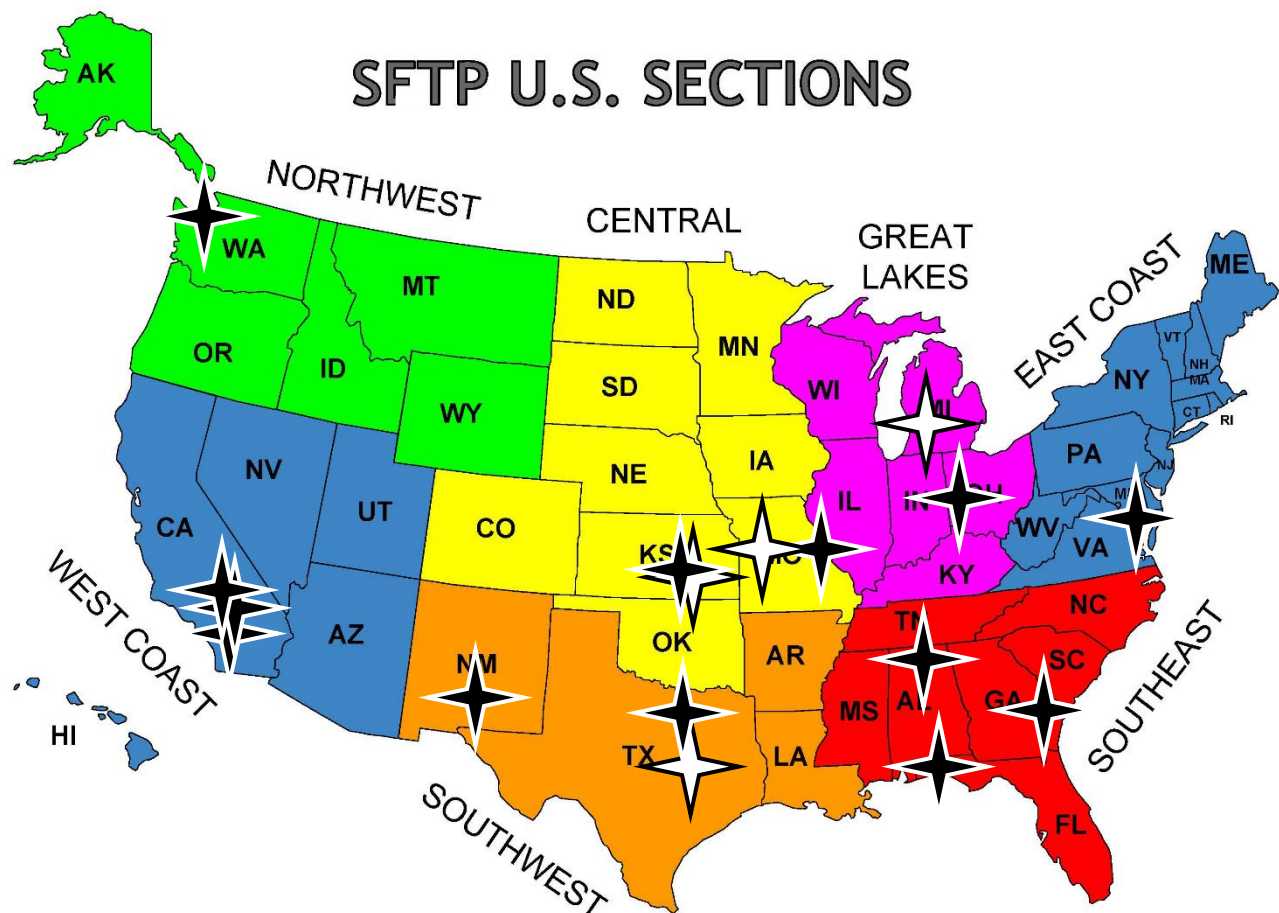
- EUROPEAN
- CANADIAN

SFTE CHAPTERS

- Antelope Valley
- Canadian
- China Lake
- Coastal Empire
- Emerald Coast
- Europe
- Los Angeles
- New Mexico
- North Texas
- Patuxent River
- Rocket City
- Seattle
- St Louis
- Wichita
- Wright
- Student – University of Kansas
- Student – University of Missouri
- Student – West Michigan University
- Student – Texas A&M University

SFTP

1. SETP Sections are broad geographic areas that encourage cross-talk between different locations.
2. SFTE Chapters are local geographic points that encourage local engagement.
3. SFTP, to capitalize on the benefits of both types of organization, will preserve both the Section and the Chapter. Single-chapter Sections will have to decide on the extent of officerships.



CANADIAN SECTION: CANADIAN CHAPTER

EUROPEAN SECTION: EUROPEAN CHAPTER

SYMPOSIA & MEETINGS

SETP

SFTE

Annual Always Anaheim Always last full week in September Central Office heavily involved	Annual Rotates among Chapters ~August to November Chapter heavily involved
Section Every Section hosts each year Various times, offset from Annual Central Office assists	Chapter Some Chapters Sometimes, often close to Annual Completely up to the Chapter

FLIGHT TEST SAFETY WORKSHOP

Annual

Location varies

May for North America, November for Europe (when Europe holds a separate workshop)

SFTP

Annual - September Always Anaheim Always last full week in September Central Office heavily involved
Section - January Hosted by a Chapter within the Section, rotating, if available Always January +/- a few months Central Office assists, Section Leadership heavily involved, Chapter assists
Flight Test Safety Workshop – May Hosted by a Chapter, rotating Always May Central Office assists, FTSC heavily involved, Chapter assists
European Symposium – June??? European Flight Test Safety Workshop – November???

AWARDS

KEEP 'EM ALL

Eta Award

Lloyd Stearman Award

Spirit of Flight Award

Friend of the Society Award

Leroy Grumman Award

Jack Northrop Award

Ray E. Tenhoff Award

Herman R. Salmon Technical Publications Award

Tony LeVier Flight Test Safety Award

James H. Doolittle Award

Iven C. Kincheloe Award

Kelly Johnson Award (Individual Engineer)

James S. McDonnell Award (Test Team)

SFTE Fellow Award