

## Editor's comments

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On the opposite page is the call-for-papers for the XXXI OSTIV Congress. The Congress will occur between 8 and 15 August 2012 at the site of the FAI World Gliding Championships for the Open, 18m and 15m classes in Uvalde Texas USA. All OSTIV members and non-members, as well, are encouraged to submit papers for presentation. These papers, then, form the core content for future issues of this journal.

After the Congress call-for-papers, appear the OSTIV presentations to be given at the Soaring Society of America Convention in Reno Nevada USA between 2 and 4 February 2012. This event is being organized by OSTIV Honorary Member Bernald **Smith**.

The first article in this issue, by Jim **Short**, documents the enthusiastically received 2011 celebration of the 1911 record soaring flight by Orville Wright over the Outer Banks of North Carolina USA.

The article by Peter **Wooley**, reprinted from John Roake's *Gliding International*, revisits the controversial variable-geometry wing as applied to gliders. The article chronicles the work of long-time aero-dynamicist W. A. T. 'Fritz' Johl.

This issue continues the publication of papers presented at the 2010 OSTIV Congress in Szeged, Hungary. In a two-part paper, François **Ragot** carefully explains his views on the total energy variometer. Do not be put-off by the detail because there are many practical gems for the glider pilot therein. Associate Editor Mark **Maughmer** located the reviewers and supervised the review of the paper and Matthieu **Scherrer** assisted Ragot in revising the paper.

To assure accuracy of the published articles, each senior author received a galley-proof for corrections-only prior to publication. I applaud the team that produced this issue on time: associate editors, peer-reviewers, authors, copy-editor/layout person, printers and distributors. Thank you!

You are invited to send the editor comments on papers so a useful dialogue with the author(s) can occur in *Technical Soaring*. Guidelines for comments can be found at [www.ostiv.org](http://www.ostiv.org) (**editor**).

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Finally, it is my pleasure to announce that, beginning with the next issue, Dr. Judah Milgram, long-time OSTIV member and publisher of aeronautical engineering text books ([www.cgpp.com](http://www.cgpp.com)) will become the OSTIV Chief Editor and *Technical Soaring* Editor-in-Chief. For the foreseeable future, I will continue to manage *TS* online. It has been my honor to serve OSTIV and *TS*.

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