

From the Editor

This issue of *Technical Soaring* is the first since the retirement of Prof. Ward Hindman as Chief Editor, and a few words seem in order.

Ward has been at the helm for as long as I can remember and during this time was almost solely responsible for *Technical Soaring* as we enjoy it today — an interesting, timely, and high quality journal. We have Ward to thank for the introduction of all-electronic manuscript submissions as well as the online version of *TS*. Ward's commitment to rallying the troops and getting an issue out every quarter, rain or shine, while maintaining a high technical standard, shows in every one of the issues he put out. This will be a tough act to follow, but at least he's left us in a good place to start.

Fortunately, Ward will continue to be involved, having taken on the task of getting the complete set of *TS* back issues online. He also intends to get out and fly his HP-14T. We wish him all the best and look forward to hearing soon about the 5000m diamond altitude climb that will complete his diamond badge.

Acknowledgments

Technical Soaring gratefully acknowledges the Royal Aeronautical Society for extending permission to reprint the article by Fritz Johl ("A Further Case for Variable Geometry") from the January 2012 issue of "The Aeronautical Journal".

Much appreciation goes to Jim Kellett for serving as Associate Editor and overseeing the review of Christoph Santel's paper, "A Review of Low-Cost Collision Alerting Systems and their Human-Machine Interfaces".

As always, we thank our peer reviewers — you know who you are!

And, above all, thanks to our authors for their hard work and contributions.

OSTIV Congress XXXI

The following pages contain the Call for Papers for the next OSTIV Congress, to be held 8–15 August 2012 in Uvalde, Texas, the site of the FAI World Gliding Championships for the Open, 18m, and 15m classes. All OSTIV members, and non-members as well, are encouraged to submit papers for presentation. Papers presented at the OSTIV Congress frequently find their way into *TS* so we hope you will consider submitting an abstract.

ESA Workshops

We have word that that this year's Experimental Soaring Association (<http://esoaring.com>) Eastern Workshop will be held July 20–22, 2012 at Mifflin County Airport, Pennsylvania, USA. Contact Mark DeAngelo, +1 724-630-6923, mpd5047@psu.edu, for more information.

The Western Workshop will be Aug. 31–Sept. 3, 2012 at Mountain Valley Airport, Tehachapi, California USA. Contact Dan and Janice Armstrong, +1 661-821-0346, armstronghagen@sbcglobal.net, for more information.

Submission Format

One change to announce immediately: as we will be setting *TS* in LaTeX, there is no need to worry about the layout of submitted manuscripts. In fact, the best format for review is ordinary single-column, double-space. However, we'll accept just about anything, for example papers formatted in double-column for the OSTIV Congress or other conferences. And just about any data file format will do as well — LaTeX (preferred), MS Word, PDF — we'll work with you as best we can. The goal is to help authors focus on their papers rather on formatting issues. Note, this applies only to the layout — the other style requirements in the submission guide remain. Also, papers presented at the OSTIV Congress will continue to be author-formatted according to the published guidelines.

Back Issues

Back-issues, from Vol. 31, No. 1 (January–March, 2007) to the current issue, are online at journals.sfu.ca/ts/. Earlier issues will be put online as soon as possible.

Please note, while we allow authors to include color figures in their papers, *Technical Soaring* is printed in greyscale. Nevertheless, the online version of *TS* at journals.sfu.ca is in full color.

Comments

You are invited to send the editor comments on papers. News of coming events — anywhere in the world — of interest to *TS* readers is also welcome.

Respectfully,

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