

From the Editor

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We gratefully acknowledge Associate Editor Helmut Fendt, who oversaw the review of the Pattermann et al. paper in this issue.

Bernard Paiewonsky

Word reaches us that Bernard Paiewonsky, founding editor of *Technical Soaring*, passed away on August 17, 2016. He was 83.

Bernie was born and raised in the U.S. Virgin Islands and began flying gliders as an undergraduate at MIT. After a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics, he served with the US Air Force in Dayton, Ohio where he continued to fly gliders and helped build an SGS 1-26 kit. In 1957 he was assigned to Elmira, New York to conduct acceptance tests for the U.S. Air Force Academy's first batch of gliders for their newly-formed soaring program. There he met Floyd Sweet, with whom he would later found *Technical Soaring*. Bernie stayed active in aviation throughout his life, flying his Niemi Sisu for many years, earning his FAI Diamond Badge and logging over 3,500 hours in gliders and powered aircraft. He was a dedicated instructor in his soaring club and served as a trustee of the National Soaring Museum in Elmira.

In 1961 Bernie earned a PhD in Aeronautical Engineering from Princeton University and went on to a distinguished career as an engineer and scientist. In the late 1960's he was

First Editor-in-Chief

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts to write that our first editor-in-chief, Bernard Paiewonsky, passed away. In commemoration of him, Judah Milgram wrote the following obituary.

Very Respectfully,

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named Chairman of the Soaring Society of America Technical Board and helped bring technical papers to *Soaring* magazine. A visit to the 1970 OSTIV Congress in Marfa, Texas inspired Bernie and Floyd Sweet to found a dedicated technical journal that could provide a venue both for OSTIV articles and contributions otherwise submitted to *Soaring*. With the help of their wives, the journal was soon up and running with 700–850 subscribers, half of whom were outside the United States. Bernie and Floyd later related the story in *Technical Soaring* ("The Initial Launch of Technical Soaring," Vol. 23, No. 4). Bernie retired as Editor in 1980 and was relieved by John McMasters ("A Letter from the Editor," *TS* Vol. 5 No. 4).

Bernie's work in creating *Technical Soaring* was a gift to the soaring world. He was a good friend to many of us in OSTIV, SSA, and soaring in general, and will be missed. On a personal note, I owe much to Bernie for his generous advice and encouragement when I took on editing *TS* in 2012.

Bernie's first wife Sabina passed away in 1977. He is survived by his wife Mary and children Betty and Adrienne.

— Judah Milgram



Bernie Paiewonsky (second from left) helps rig a Sisu at Harris Hill in the 1960's (courtesy of Betty Kirk).