

From the Editor

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About this issue

The article provided in this issue of *TS* does not address a specific technical problem but it is dedicated to the history of the German “Akademische Fliegergruppen”. So this time, it’s a light reading.

Being flight enthusiastic, these self-organized student groups contributed a lot to modern high-performance sailplane design; not only through their technical work but also by “producing”

well renowned designers like (just to name a few) Scheibe, Waibel, Holighaus, Lemke or Dirks. And I am sure, the story of the Akaflieds isn’t finished yet. Perhaps some young readers of the article feel encouraged to study engineering and those in Germany to join one of the groups.

Very Respectfully,

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