

From the Editor

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About this issue

In this issue, Steckner's article revisits a familiar assumption in cross-country soaring: that small speed-to-fly errors usually cost little. While this remains broadly true for older sailplanes having a speed polar that quite nicely fits a quadratic polynomial, the paper shows that using this assumption for more modern sailplanes, some of which have a highly non-quadratic speed polar, can result in a significant loss of achieved average cross-

country speed - an insight which should interest any contest and performance-minded soaring pilot.

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Very Respectfully,

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