

From the Editor

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About this issue

While the mission of *Technical Soaring* is to be an instrument of innovation, documenting ‘recent advances in the science, technology and operation of motorless aviation’, it is also worthwhile to look back every now and then. The article in this issue explores the early history of aerotowing, providing a detailed account based on original sources of Glenn H. Curtiss’s flight experiments in 1922. Authored by Simine Short, a distinguished aviation researcher and historian, this article adds to her extensive portfolio of works on the history of motorless flight.

Her latest book, ‘Flight Not Improbable’ (Springer, 2023), sheds light on the significant contributions of another pioneer, American engineer Octave Chanute. Chanute was instrumental in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, connecting aviation experimenters and promoting the free exchange of ideas and knowledge. For a preview of the book’s themes, readers are encouraged to refer to Short’s earlier article, ‘Flight is Not Improbable: Octave Chanute Combines Civil Engineering With Aeronautics’, published in *TS* Vol. 39, No. 4.

Very Respectfully,

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