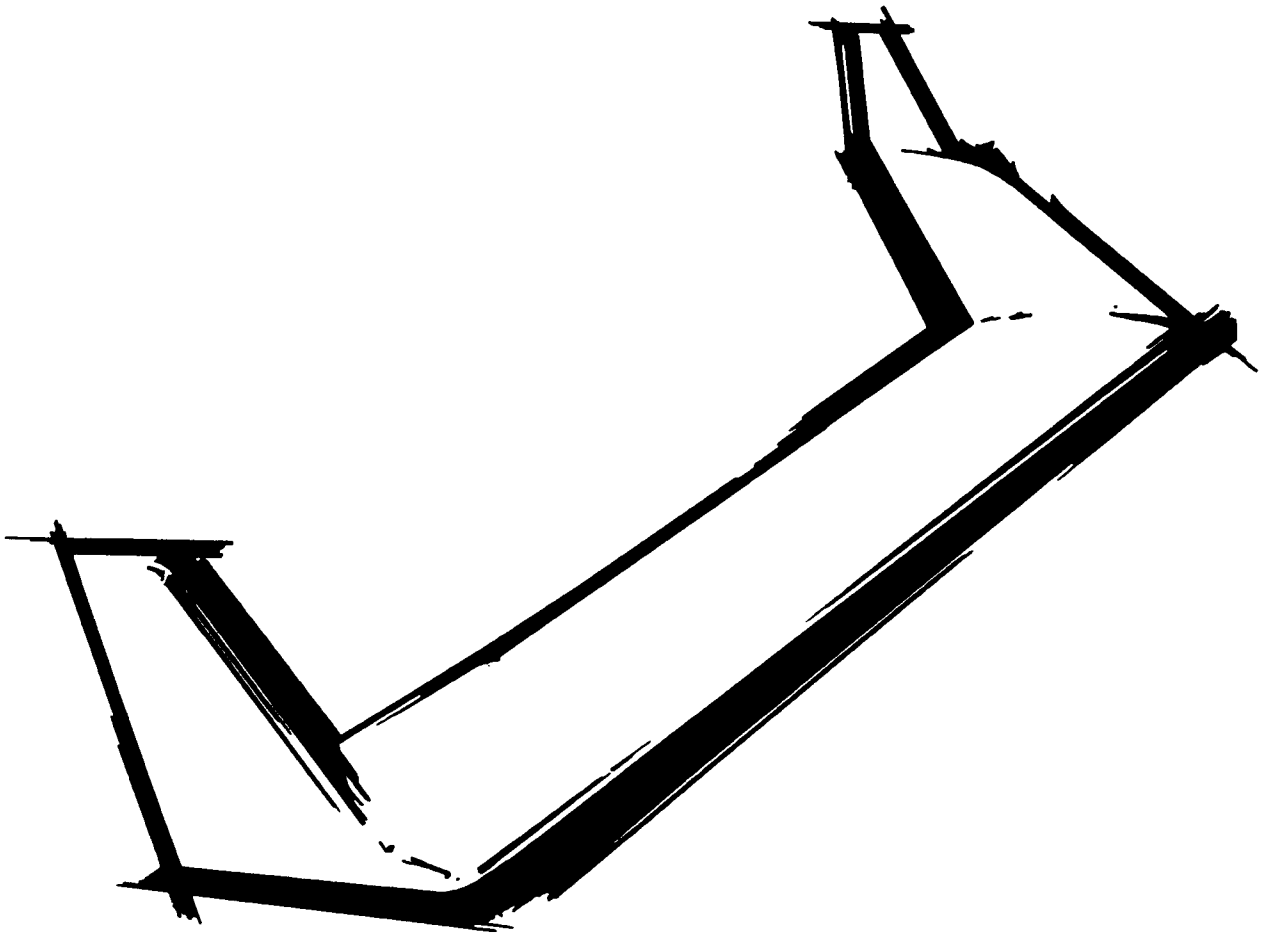


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PREFACE

"On the 'Wing...," after more than four years, remains the only monthly column appearing in the modeling press devoted exclusively to tailless soarers.

"On the 'Wing... the book" is a collection of the articles which have appeared in RC Soaring Digest to December 1992, arranged in chronological order by date of publication. Those few columns which dealt with subjects not directly related to tailless sailplanes are arranged in a separate section.

We endeavored to achieve two goals during the editing process - making the text more readable, and updating the source listings. In addition to all of the diagrams, airfoil coordinates, and computer programs from the original RCSD columns, we have included additional and supplemental information.

Both the monthly column and this book owe their existence to Jim Gray, founder of RCSD, and Jerry and Judy Slates, RCSD's current editor and publisher. It was Jim who accepted our first six "On the 'Wing..." articles en masse, and then continued to support our writing. Jerry and Judy have been wonderful, continuing where Jim left off and enthusiastically promoting the idea of publishing "On the 'Wing... the book." We cannot imagine a more positive experience than being associated with RCSD.

Our own fascination with tailless aircraft has never abated. If this book motivates or encourages another, our efforts in putting it together will be rewarded.

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