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Behind The Flight Line

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Yep, you read the cover of this edition of the Silver Lining correctly. This is the farewell issue. The newsletter as you know it will cease to exist. Although this doesn't mean my duties as newsletter editor are ending. What it does mean though is the method of delivering club news is changing for the better.

From now on club news and updates will be published online in what is called a blog format under the title of; ***HCH News***. Some of you may not be familiar with the term "blog" and wonder what the heck that even means. However I'm willing to bet even if you spend just a small amount time on the net you've seen a blog, but just didn't know that's what it's called.

The big question now is; how does this affect you, the club member? Consider the update more like a perpetual newsletter where articles and club information will be posted on an as need basis. Not only will this change allow for a timelier and better flow of information to the membership, it will also allow readers to leave comments or ask questions regarding specific articles or news tidbits right on the blog. Another nice feature with this new format is the

On the Cover:

A collage of every newsletter done by the current HCH editor

ability of a reader to quickly and easily search the archives for past postings.

Those in attendance of the annual club meeting on February 24th got a glimpse of the new format and unanimously voted to allow me to go forward with the transition. I'm excited about the change, mostly because it greatly streamlines the information delivery process. The webmaster will no longer need to post each new edition to the webpage and the secretary will no longer need to send email alerts to the membership when new editions of the newsletter are posted. Those guys are now totally out of the loop, thus making their jobs easier.

I've had fun over the years putting together the newsletter. By the way if you had not noticed, the cover of this edition is a collage of all the newsletters that yours truly has done for the club. Unfortunately I don't have any copies of newsletters done by previous editors to add to the collection.

Looking at that collage, it just seems like there should be a lot more newsletters there. However I did only do four editions a year. There they are; all 48 editions in order from earliest to latest.

Someone asked me if I was sad to see what I developed, come to an end? Nope! Not at all. It was time for the newsletter to go. Cool new web features have made that method of news delivery obsolete. Plus I don't think anybody would believe the

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number of hours I would put into creating a single edition. I had simply grown tired of going through all that. The new format will allow the same amount of information to be delivered but at a small fraction of the workload.

Some of you are probably wondering just how is this going to work? Up to this point club information had been bundled into one neat little package and you received an email notice when it was available to read online.

How will you know now when something new has been posted? There are two ways: One, you can make *HCH News* one of your favorites in your web browser, then simply check in once in a while. The second and preferred way is to become a subscriber. By doing so, every time a new post/article has been added, you will receive an email notification.

Subscribing is quick and easy. When you visit *HCH News*, on the right side you will see a heading that says "*Stay up to date*". Simply enter your email address in the provided box and click on the "follow" button. Once you do that you will immediately receive an email asking you to confirm. You must confirm in order for it to work. You can also unsubscribe at any time.

Please keep in mind *HCH News* is a separate entity from the regular HCH webpage so nothing is changing there. This new format is being hosted on a free blogging service called Wordpress; so

Mike, the new webmaster, and I have very little control over how it functions. In other words if *HCH News* isn't working correctly on your computer or your not getting the email alerts, unfortunately there is nothing we can do about it. Wordpress is an extremely popular blogging package and doubt anybody will have issues.

There is one other modification that I need to mention regarding this format change. Much of the R/C general interest type stuff that filled many pages of the Silver Lining will be absent from *HCH News*. Most of that content will now be published on my own blog that I started a couple months ago called All RC Flight. I sent out an email to the membership when that first went live, inviting everybody to check it out. I've been very busy publishing articles there and will continue to do so. I simply don't have the time or the brain cells to create original content on a regular basis for both sites.

I hope you become a regular reader and subscriber of my blog as well. I'm not making any money but hopefully some day that will change with some sponsors/advertisers. Then maybe all that hard work will help offset the cost of my R/C addiction. I'm not holding my breath on that one though, because it takes a lot of readers to get to that point.

Here is a link to ***HCH News***:
<http://hchnews.wordpress.com>

Here is link to my blog; ***All RC Flight***:
<http://allrcflight.wordpress.com>



Tips and Techniques

Protecting Hinges

Petroleum jelly often has been used on pinned hinges to prevent epoxy glue from sticking to the hinge joint; however, it is difficult to get just the right amount on the hinge and to make sure the hinge is completely coated. A very cool way is to melt the petroleum jelly in a small dish such as a dessert dish (an oven-safe type, of course). Use only enough to melt to a depth of about 1/6 of an inch. Fold the hinge and dip the pinned end into the melted jelly. Remove and touch the hinge to a paper towel to remove excess. In a couple seconds, the petroleum jelly cools and has penetrated the hinge. You now have a completely coated hinge joint that epoxy will not stick to.

—From Gene Davis, Newsletter of the National Association of Scale Aeromodelers

Airplane Cleaner

5 cups hot water
½ cup ammonia
1 cup rubbing alcohol
1 oz. of Dawn dish detergent

Mix all the ingredients in a clean milk jug; pour enough into a small spray bottle for field use. This solution cuts through the old buildup on the underside of your airplane, and leaves it squeaky clean. Caution: Dawn seems to be the only dish detergent that cuts through the oils and does not leave a residue on the model.

—From the Utah Valley Aeromodelers, Lehi UT

Links to key HCH web pages

HCH News

<http://hchnews.wordpress.com>

Home page

<http://hollycloudhoppers.org>

Officer contacts, Announcements, Weather, Club Dates, Club document links, Etc

Members Only (password protected) <http://hollycloudhoppers.org/members.html>

Financial report, Meeting minutes, Club roster, Gate code

Classifieds

<http://hollycloudhoppers.org/classifieds.html>

Field Operation Rules

<http://hollycloudhoppers.org/documents/Field%20Operational%20Rules.pdf>

Newsletter Archives

<http://hollycloudhoppers.org/newsletters.html>

Club Frequency Usage

<http://hollycloudhoppers.org/documents/clubfreq.pdf>

Web page help

http://hollycloudhoppers.org/help_faq.html

Membership renewal

<http://hollycloudhoppers.org/renew.html>

Facebook Page

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Holly-Cloud-Hoppers/289670371113020>

Things to Ponder

By Scott Rhoades

For the past few years I've been adding an axiom to each edition of the newsletter that I called things to ponder. I found these during my travels around the net and developed quite a collection. With the traditional newsletter coming to an end I'm going to clean house and just post them all as part of the farewell. Enjoy!

If you're an atheist and swear on the bible, have you committed perjury?

If something was miss-spelled in a dictionary how would we know?

The glass is neither half full or half empty. The glass is too big.

If horrific is akin to horrible, why isn't terrific akin to terrible?

Will you die if you get scared half to death twice?

Isn't Disneyland a people trap operated by a mouse?

Was the only reason God gave us a shin is to find things in the dark?

Why does slow down and slow up mean the same thing?

Do you need a silencer if you are going to shoot a mime?

Why do scientists call it research when they are looking for something new?

If you got into a taxi and the driver started driving backward would the taxi driver end up owing you money?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

If quitters never win, and winners never quit, than who is the fool who said, "Quit while you're ahead"?

Whose cruel idea was it for the word lisp to have an S in it?

Bad decisions make good stories.

I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.

Does a clean house indicate that there is a broken computer in it?

On electric toasters, why do they engrave the message "one slice"? How many pieces of bread do they think people are really gonna try to stuff in that slot?

Is it true that the only difference between a yard sale and a trash pickup is how close to the road the stuff is placed?

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In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

How come we never hear father-in-law jokes?

If at first you don't succeed, shouldn't you try doing it like your wife told you to do it?

The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four Americans is suffering from sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends, if they're okay, then it's you.

Why do they say new and improved? It can't be new if it was improved can it?

If you don't repair your brakes right away should you make your horn louder?

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.

If I agreed with you we'd both be wrong.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

I thought I wanted a career, turns out I just wanted pay checks.

Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "If an emergency, notify:" I put "DOCTOR".

Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America ?

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.

Hospitality: making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine. †

In The Know

By Scott Rhoades



- Not much to report from this year's club meeting. Tim McAuley was elected to serve a second term as club president. I was re-elected to another term as newsletter editor and was voted to serve a double duty as club vice president too. Stephen Rivette remains our club secretary/treasurer. Joe Savine was elected to club safety officer and Mike Wizynajtys was elected to take over webmaster duties at Larry Pittman's request.
- At last year's field prep party several members put in some serious hard work to remove the wall of brush that existed between the flying field and Mackey Rd. This project was tackled to make the field visible from the road in an effort to decrease the theft and vandalism that plagued the club the previous fall and winter. I'm glad to report the hard work has paid off. Since the clearing project we have not had a single incident of theft or vandalism.
- The Russian Autumn olive bushes that were removed at last year's clearing project are relentless and will continue to grow back. To make sure the flying field, pavilion, storage containers, etc remain visible from the road, there will be a maintenance cleaning of the same area at this year's field prep party on **Saturday April, 20 @ 10:00am.**

To make this a quick and easy job we're asking all able bodied HCH members to come out and lend a hand. To tackle this year's project we'll need people to bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, lopping shears and weed whackers. Hopefully chainsaws won't be necessary this year however it wouldn't hurt if some guys brought saws just in case. Everybody should wear boots and bring a sturdy pair of gloves. With plenty man power; this will be a quick and easy job to ensure another vandalism less year.
- All club dates for 2013 have been set and that calendar can be viewed on the front page of the HCH website. Note that some dates have been altered slightly from their usual location on the calendar.
- If you consider all other parts of this newsletter fluff and you skipped right to this section, just to read club news, I suggest you go back the front and read "Behind the flight line". As of this edition the Silver Lining will cease to exist and you'll need to know where to get your club news.
- That's all for this "In the Know" thanks for reading and we'll see you at the new and improved newsletter. †

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