

We ARE BACK!

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Hello to all,

As many of you already know, and as I advised in the last Website Report, SCAUWG.ORG was forced offline for a week or so during August due to an excessive amount of pornographic email spam being received. The condition was serious, for as soon as the contact page was at any time enabled, the result was an immediate, continuous flow of automated email, often at a rate of 2 per minute. This was flooding my email INBOX.

(1&1) Ionos, the host for the site, sensed the irregularity, and as I had additionally reported the spam as phishing, independently, they took the site offline. They advised of the circumstance, described it, where the spam seemed to originate, and how to restore the service, as partially seen below:

*"Country of originating IP: 193.70.x.x (FR), 149.202.x.x (FR), 5.188.x.x (RU)
Recipient domain: scauwg.org, gmail.com, hotmail.com, live.ca, mail.ru*

To stop the sending of e-mails and prevent further misuse of your contract, we have locked the files listed above."

At SCAUWG.ORG we asked our technical advisor to assess the integrity of the [CONTACT US](#) page form and the accompanying CAPTCHA plugin, responsible for stopping automated visitors from sending email.

All site files were also reviewed and assessed for any abnormalities.

The finding was that for whatever reason (not known), the CAPTCHA plugin was not functioning, and using or not using it, did not prevent sending email via the form. A CAPTCHA installation has now been enabled, and if the past week is an example, SCAUWG.ORG has triumphed, No New Spam!

Important to Note: There is absolutely NO SUBSCRIBER or any VISITOR PERSONAL Information of any kind stored on the SCAUWG.ORG site.

One consequence is that site visitor numbers could be skewed! Another, only the words, "access denied" were displayed upon an attempted login whilst the site was locked down. Unfortunately, we may have discouraged some of our "public." We'll have to see how the new upcoming, maybe more accurate numbers look.

I have made a serious commitment to update the site with the material that would have been added had we been up, plus the current additions I make normally. You will find lots of NEW good reading material in [INFO WAREHOUSE 2](#) - [EVENTS](#) - [SHORT TAKES](#) - and even [GPS FLIGHT ADVISORIES](#).

THANK YOU all for your support! In particular, so many good folks helped provide content and spirited motivation during our down time. So Appreciated!! Special thanks to Andrew Pommerantz, Tom Lasser, Mike Carson, Lee Unger, Santosh Kumar, Ed Story, John Himes, Jonathan Williams, Randall "Steve" Nelson, Fernando Morales, and Frank Bagheri.

And thank you to David St.George, executive director from S.A.F.E., who just recently wrote compliments about our [EVENTS](#) page where you will find notice of his upcoming presentation Sept 15 webinar, "Flight Safety is in YOUR Hands." [INFO about it HERE](#). You can visit his [SAFEBlog](#) on our site as well

A reminder: you are invited to participate in the production of SCAUWG.ORG. Just send me a note at contactus@scauwg.org (it works now!) And with that, this has been the official website update report for September 6, 2020

MAY EVERYONE HAVE A GREAT LABOR DAY HOLIDAY!

Thank you,

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