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From OM:

On Mon, 20 Nov 2006 00:35:16 -0500, sal <pragmatist@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Oh, absolutely. That's the way one normally does it, for sure; you are correct.

...Saf, just a word of strong advice: "Stuff4" or ~CT, is a known troll who's plagued this newsgroup for going on six years now. His standard tactic is to ask a seemingly innocent, inoffensive question, then twist the topic into a flamfest. If you do a Google Groups search, you'll find dozens of people who've been suckered by his game, most of whom get wise a bit too late for the rest of us, but still eventually killfile him and put him out of our misery. That is, until the next sucker comes along, and...well, I hate to say it, but you're the current next sucker.

Please, just killfile him and be done with him. We'll appreciate you for it.

There are those who appreciate having it pointed out that Newton's Second Law is *not*:

$F = ma$

(or $F = m \, dv/dt$). There are those who appreciate many of the other fallacies I have exposed throughout these years. Even this very thread on "microgravity" exposes a horribly erroneous misunderstanding of orbital physics that has permeated popular understanding, as well as the "experts" at NASA themselves. We could review every single thread that I've posted to here that has degenerated into a "flamfest" and I see the consistent theme that I present the view that I see as accurate history, accurate physics, etc. Anger and hatred spawn from the unwillingness of others to so much as consider the point of view that has been offered. You'd also see that the anger and hatred is only

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present on one side of such discourse. I also consider it important to note that none of the views I've presented are offered as TRUTH. They are offered as my best understanding, where I remain open to the possibility that my beliefs and views are in need of improvement.

For one more case study, consider the current thread about Apollo 13. Here we have the amazing opportunity to ask questions of one of the primary players. The thread itself is titled "Questions about Apollo 13". I have been extremely patient throughout the development of that thread in questioning the notion that the O2 tank rupture was an "explosion", a view that clearly was not promoted by the official investigation. The ramification of this factual understanding is that the Direct Abort option was more viable than NASA and Ron Howard would have us believe. This means that the decision to continue around the Moon may have been an unnecessary risk of killing off the astronauts due to the consumables constraints.

This forum claims to be about history. I am here to discuss accurate history, for the purpose of learning from the past. If we cannot get so much as the straight story on Apollo 13, then we are not improving the probability of getting CEV astronauts home from the Moon in one piece.

These are the basic reasons why I persist in posting my views here in spite of how much hatred is voiced against me. I also take comfort in knowing that accurate facts will prevail, if given enough time. It is easy to show that

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is inaccurate under certain conditions. For instance, you cannot derive the rocket equation from it. You must start with the actual 2nd Law. Likewise I am confident that some future generation will get a good laugh at how the terms "zero gravity" and "microgravity" are used today.

How is it that I post to ssh, and the vocal majority attacks me. I post the very arguments to Wikipedia and they are embraced? By this very forum even!

That is a clear sign to me that this forum is broken.

~ CT

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