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...Once upon a time, this group was known for everyone contributing and doing their best to keep the S/N ratio of the group as high as possible. Then the trolls took over and too many of us simply threw in the towel. The S/N ratio of this group in the last year took an even bigger hit when some lost their usenet access due to several major ISPs dropping either their own usenet servers, or dropping whatever free access they'd previously provided through premium servers such as Easynews and Giganews. And above all that, we lost Henry Spencer when he chose to bow out and avoid the trolling trash.

...Today, I want to draw the line in the sand and challenge everyone to start actually **contributing** like we used to not all that long ago. That means actively going out and seeking **real** space history topics to discuss, finding websites or news article of note, and posting links of said. I, for one, have an idea on how I'll contribute that I'll go into on a follow-up post, but for now I'm calling on everyone else here to help bring this group back to a normal semblance of life. This is a chance for us to say, as a group, that we will no longer tolerate how the trolls, retards and neo-nazis have deteriorated this group, and that they no longer have a place here under any circumstances. Our contributions and our killfiles will speak for us, and from this point on that's all they'll get.

...I'm serious on this, kids. Let's at least make the attempt at one last stand against the claims that usenet is in its death throes. If it dies, let's at least go out fighting and on a high note. That same sort of esprit d'corps that made the Columbia Loss FAQ possible almost six years ago is still there. We just need to rally it again and focus it on bringing this group back.

My contribution begins with my next post. What will yours be?

OM

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you GOTTA love this guy. Really.

I have to say that I have been enjoying the Colombia Loss Report discussion.....lots of talk about things way over my head.

I suddenly remembered that I've had email conversations with Mary back in the day, mostly asking questions about things she was working on....those were great to get clarification on things I didn't understand. As I remember things like that I also remember Henry Spencer and being amazed ALL the time.

I would to see more Brad Guth--less drivel here and for that I have hope....but everyone else I look forward to great reading in the years to come.

Maybe every once in awhile I will have something to contribute too....if not, I think I will be happy to simply lurk.....

Doug

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