

The Trailing Edge

Some timely thoughts as March turns into April.

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1/4.5 scale, 4m wingspan ASH26 from F. Deffner in Germany. It's perched on a slope in the Lavaux area above Lake Geneva. (image: Alexandre Mittaz)

We strive very hard to keep RCSD a COVID free zone. Don't get us wrong — it's one of the defining moments of our collective lifetimes — but we're also quite sure that you're getting all the information you need from sources much better than us. So that's the last we'll mention it. That is, other than with at least some vaccine-enabled relief in site, the various restrictions which have been in place around the world are either beginning to ease off, or will be in the predictable future. Without for a moment forgetting the tragedy which has befallen so many and the attendant, incalculable loss to their friends and family, the end finally being in sight is wonderful news for all of us. It also means...**time to get outside and fly!**



This one minute video shows how to make RCSD available for offline reading — yes, you can still enjoy RCSD even when travelling where the internet **isn't**.

More than ever, some fresh air and camaraderie is just what the doctor ordered and we're fortunate to participate in an activity which promises both. The slope or field awaits. But that doesn't mean you have to leave RCSD behind in the shop. Did you know you can take it with you and enjoy RCSD offline as this short video illustrates?

The beautiful image for *The Trailing Edge* this month is provided by Alexandre Mittaz. If that name rings a bell it's because Alexandre also provided the magnificent 'Springtime in Switzerland' photo which graced our March cover. We'll let Alexandre tell the rest of the story:

"The picture was taken on Sunday the 7th of February, 2021 a few moments before sunset. The slope is located in the Lavaux area, above Lake Geneva (or Lac Léman as we say it in French). The model is a 1/4.5 scale, 4m wingspan ASH26 from F. Deffner in Germany. Deffner is well known for his 6m DuoDiscus, now produced by RC Flight Academy. He makes these from his private molds. Flying weight is about 4.7kg unballasted, around 6kg

ballasted with a steel joiner. Airfoil is HQ DS, layup full carbon Hardshell wings. Great model, very fast in high dives, a pleasure to pilot and to watch." Thanks, Alexandre, it's a great photo and an inspiring story to go with it.

Heartfelt thanks all the contributors to this month's issue. Readers, please don't forget to add a few *Claps* for those stories you really enjoyed. Writing *Responses* to articles is also a great way to interact with the authors. And please consider contributing a story of your own — everybody has a least one ripping yarn to share, right? The May deadline is **2021-05-16** and it will be here before you know it.

Our Managing Editor Terence C. Gannon kicked off this issue talking about his aspiration to grow a global audience for RCSD. Another way of doing that is our *Events* page. You can find it right up there on the menu bar. Please add your event no matter where it might be here on Planet Earth. Just [send us your details](#) and we'll make sure your listing goes up promptly. We support new listings with our social platforms, so it will really help get the word out.



The RCSD Cover Photo T-Shirt for March is [now available in the RCSD Store](#).

As always, we are obliged to peddle a little merch — it's one of the ways we use to help keep RCSD free for all. We have *RCSD Cover Photo T-Shirts* for [January](#), [February](#) and now [March](#) on sale. The latter has that beautiful

'Spring in Switzerland' photo by Alexandre Mittaz mentioned above. All proceeds support the operating costs of RCSD. Don't like black t-shirts? Let us know and we'll create one you want in one of a range of colours almost bound to include your favourite.

If you don't want to miss the May issue when it comes out, please [subscribe to our mailing list](#). Also, follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) for even more complementary content.

That's it for now — how did we do? [Let us know](#) your thoughts. Thank you all so much for reading and until next time...fair winds and blue skies!

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