The Trailing Edge

Wrapping up the impromptu 'Memories' issue and turning once again to the future.

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A magnificent sunset photo of a 1/4-scale Rhönbussard taken at Oltingen, Switzerland by Andreas Skaletzka. Use of this photo facilitated by the tireless efforts of Peter Simon, the owner and pilot of this gorgeous aircraft. Read more about it's fascinating provenance below.

No sooner than it got under way, the August issue is now over. We hope you enjoyed our informal trip down memory lane and, once again, we encourage you to record your own memories along these same lines and have them featured in a future issue of RCSD. Thank you, so much, to all those who

contributed such great stories. We simply could not do this without you. Finally thank you, the reader, for eagerly gobbling up each issue that we somehow manage to cobble together each month.

As you likely know by now, *The Trailing Edge* is where we feature just one photo each month that captures that wonderful, end-of-day feeling when all is well with the world. Even if we do say so, we think we have outdone ourselves this month, which features Peter Simon's gorgeous *Rhönbussard* at sunset overlooking Oltingen, Switzerland. The beautiful photo was taken by Andreas Skaletzka.

When asked about the aircraft, Peter provided a most intriguing answer: the builder was 'unknown'. The same was the case for the year of construction: also 'unknown'. Then all became clear when Peter said 'it was found in a barn in Bern, Switzerland in 2014'. Peter — who started flying models at 12 and continuously for the 44 years since then — brought the *Rhönbussard* back to life through what was an undoubtedly a very challenging project. But now it once again flies beautifully. This is such as fascinating project, Peter, and we really hope that you'll take the time to tell the whole story in the pages of RCSD at some point.

Thanks to both Andreas and Peter for enabling us to use this beautiful photo.

In The Store



This is the <u>April</u> edition of the becoming-more-famous-by-the-day and very collectible *RCSD Cover Photo T-Shirt*. It features Pierre Rondel (who again provided the cover *this* month) launching his *Shinto* at the Col des Faïsses in the French Alps. Or you can get the <u>January</u>, <u>February</u> and/or <u>March</u> editions if you prefer. All proceeds go to keeping RCSD forever free. We ship worldwide.

Of course, readers will notice that we have at least four additional issues for which there is not yet a *Cover Photo T-Shirt*. That's nothing more than having too much on the go and not enough time to get through it all. But if you're super keen to be the first to add the May, June, July or August *Cover Photo T-Shirts* to your collection, please don't hesitate

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So how did we do? <u>Let us know</u> your thoughts. Thank you all so much for reading and until next time...fair winds and blue skies!

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