

## **2. Why switch Website hosts to HDL? Identical? Was it easy?**

Our April 13th switch from Vectec (\$614/yr) to HDL (\$49.95/yr) gave us more capability for less. To be safe, we kept Vectec as a backup until April 30. We overcame some annoying WordPress latency issues by using pure HTML with 1 sec response, rated A by GTmetrix & 100% by Google PageSpeed Analysis surpassing NASA & Langley Website performance. Although a fun learning experience, it's definitely challenging. In retrospect, LAA's at a much better place by reducing our biggest expense.

## **3. Any big worries?**

As a longtime HDL customer, I shared my enthusiasm for HDL with LAA, prompting LAA's vote to switch to HDL. Following our vote, after 27 years with no data loss & little downtime, HDL went down due to fire. Fortunately, I had backed up my personal HDL site so it was back up the next day. HDL plans another 27+ years with no data loss. We all know backups are critical, so we backup our Website (1MB) daily (1 min), as we link to large videos (talks etc.) stored on our private LAA YouTube account.

## **4. Is our website under attack?**

Yes! We block about *5K attacks/mo*, *track offenders via Wordfence alerts & block access* for 5 days. Passwords may also protect info (i.e. Minutes before approval) to only Officers & Board.

## **5. Can LAA members keep up with modern CyberGeeks?**

By all means! Working at NASA, you've demonstrated research & logic skills bringing the Cyber realm within your grasp if you are interested. We welcome your help & Website feedback to [Olaf@cox.net](mailto:Olaf@cox.net). I'll share more in my *LAA talk* June 8 & *here*.