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To AAHS Membership,

This Summer issue of the *AAHS Journal* is essentially one quarter late. The tardiness being driven by a number of factors, the greatest of which is lack of content. We rely on our members to contribute (or recommend) articles for the publication. When there is a lack of these, you editorial staff scrambles to find articles that are relevant to our mission.

In evaluating the publication schedule, the staff, with concurrence of management, has determined that the best way to get back on schedule is to combine the Fall and Winter issues. We regret the need to take these steps, but feel it is a necessary one to take at this time. While we have a number of articles in hand for this combined issue, please feel free to contribute additional material. If we do not use it in the upcoming issue, I'm sure we can find a place in future issues.

We know that the most common hesitation about contributing is that "I'm not a writer." That doesn't mean you don't have a story to tell, just that you need the help and support from a collaborator that has some writing skills. And, the AAHS has several of these individuals that are willing to help in this endeavor. We, therefore, encourage you to write your story down in your own words and send it to us. We'll find someone to work with you to flesh out the story into an article for publication. So get busy telling your story.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to recognize the "unsung" individuals that help make the publication of the *AAHS Journal* and *FLIGHTLINE* possible. Without the efforts of Earl See, John Hazlet, Job Conger and John Lyons, the quality and consistency of these publications could not be achieved. These volunteers, and others waiting to step in and help allow the Society to achieve its objective of documenting American aviation history. A BIG thank you to each of them.

Respectfully,

Hayden Hamilton
AAHS Managing Editor