

HRSC Webmaster's Report for April 25, 2018 to May 28, 2018

SUMMARY

Access Blocked for Problematic IP Addresses

- Access to our website has now been blocked for eleven problematic IP addresses. These addresses had been making excessive access, and were noted at the [Abuse IP Database](#) as being potentially harmful. There has never been any evidence of actual damage to our website, but it was felt better to err on the side of caution.

Other

- Apart from the above, there was no unusual webmaster activity during this reporting period.

WEBMASTER ACTIVITY

Access Blocked for Problematic IP Addresses

As noted in the summary, access to our website has now been blocked for eleven problematic IP addresses that were making excessive access. These are the addresses and the organizations they represent:

IP Address	Organization	Country
5.39.85.81	OVH SAS	France
37.59.55.128	OVH SAS	France
37.187.56.76	OVH SAS	France
82.80.249.219	Bezeqint Hosting	Israel
82.165.25.77	1&1 Internet SE	Germany
91.121.79.160	OVH SAS	France
94.23.40.23	OVH SAS	France
142.4.215.116	OVH Hosting	Canada
176.31.126.56	OVH SAS	France
178.79.176.192	Linode	UK
188.165.233.34	OVH SAS	France

Updates and Changes to Website Pages since last Report

- Made topical updates to pink splash section of the Home Page.
- Made routine additions to the Archives page for online Bridges, 2014- photo gallery, board minutes, treasurer's reports and webmaster's reports.
- Made updates to upcoming event information and added past event photos and reports where available.
- Created and posted the May online Bridge.

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Email, Hotline and Website Administration

- Made routine mailing list updates and eBridge distribution for May, and other email transmissions, including the slate of board candidates for member voting and the subsequent report on the outcome of the voting.
- Handled routine Hotline emails about retiree deaths, address changes, membership renewal not working, incorrect information in member database, requests for links to be added to our website, etc.
- Performed a routine check of the entire website for dead links, and corrected five.

As previously noted, there are still quite a few dead links in older Archives items, but mainly restricted to missing images for online Bridges in the Archives older than November 2014. Ted Rees has provided a few old photos from 2004 and 2005, as well as eBridges during the period February 2004 to January 2014. However, these eBridges have photos embedded in them, so it would be a major effort to extract these and match them up with online Bridges—I do not propose to do this!.

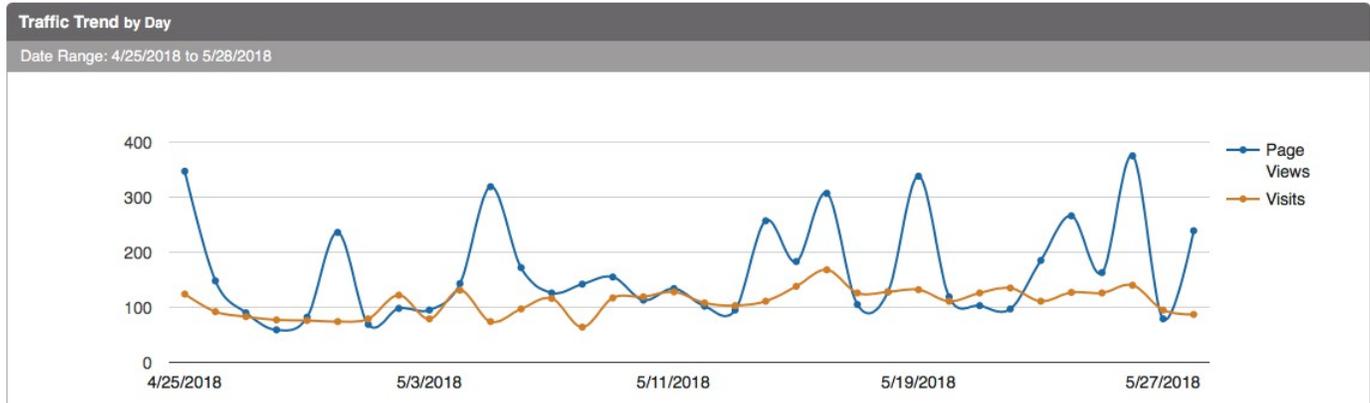
The simplest thing would be to post the eBridges provided by Ted. However, posting eBridges would break the rule that we no longer post eBridges online—only the online Bridge, which does not have information such as lists of member email addresses. However, it might be acceptable to post these eBridges, since even the most recent would be almost four years old.

I am taking an action to consider this over the summer, and make a recommendation at or in advance of the August board meeting

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WEBSITE STATISTICS

Site traffic report for April 25, 2018 to May 28, 2018:



The peaks were from the following organizations:

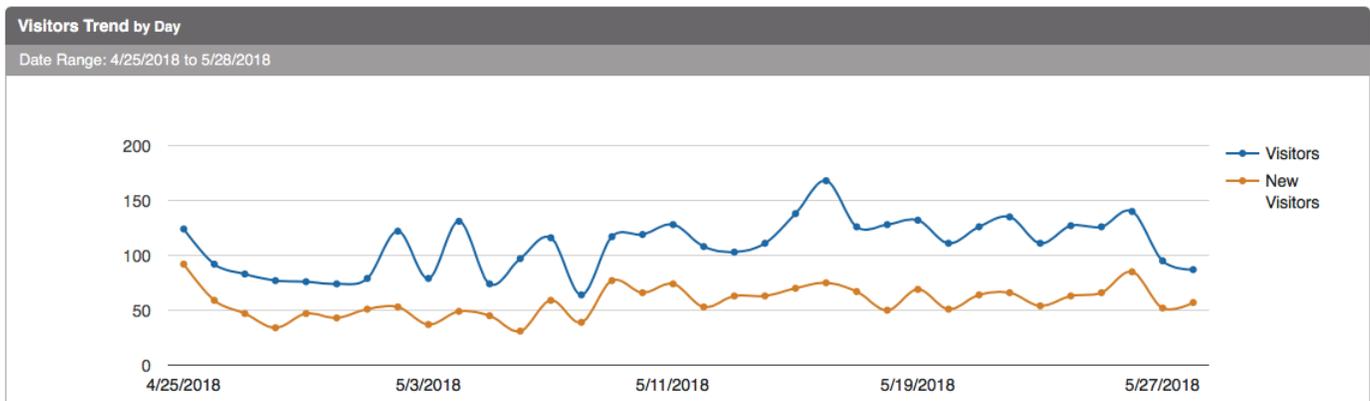
OVH Hosting, Canada – NOW BLOCKED

ISP Côte d'Ivoire, Côte d'Ivoire – NOT AN ABUSE RISK (No negative reports at Abuse IOP Database.)

OVH SAS, France – NOW BLOCKED (This organization has many IP addresses.)

1 & 1 Internet SE, Germany – NOW BLOCKED

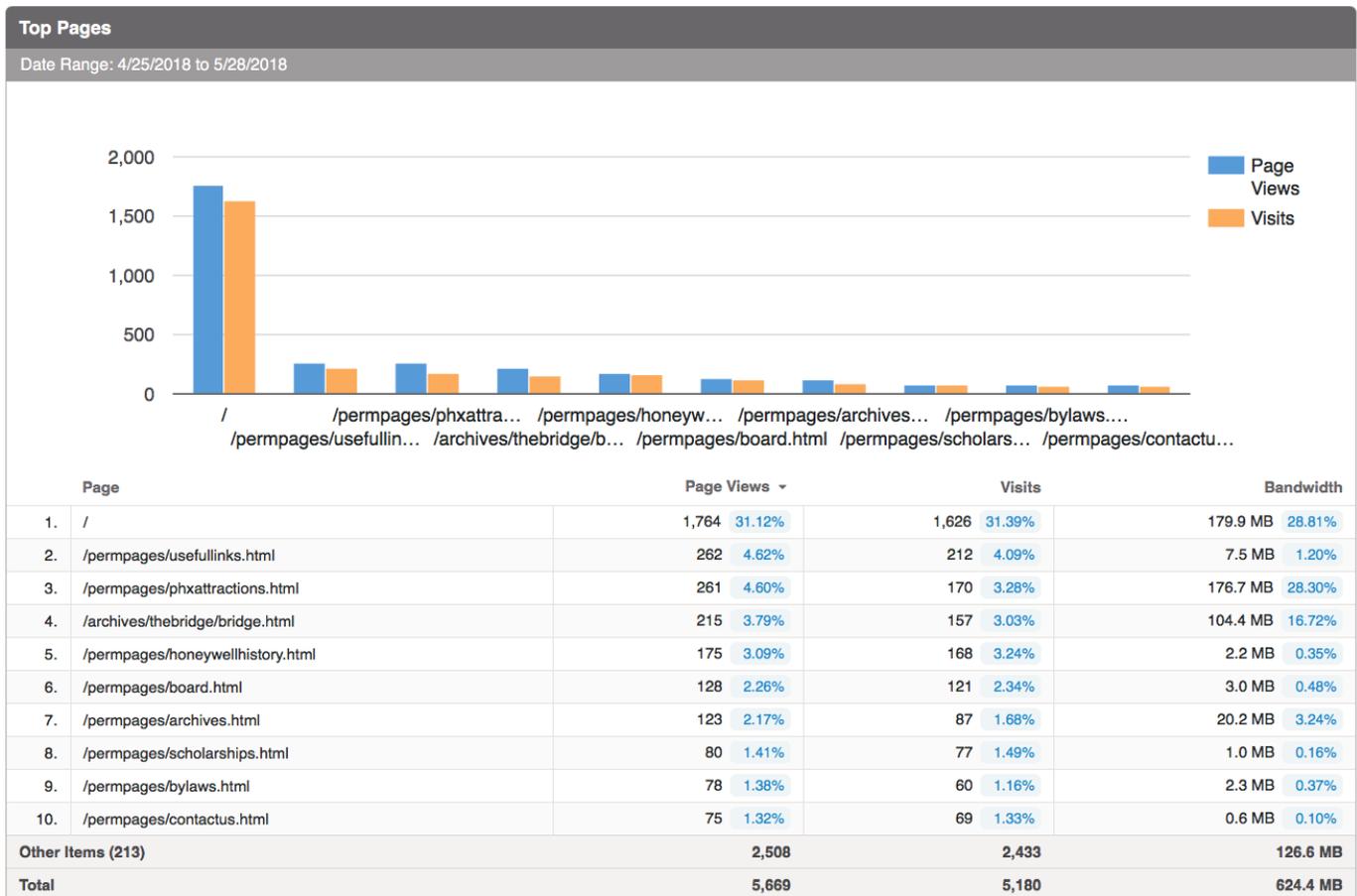
Site visitors report for April 25, 2018 to May 28, 2018:



Visitor traffic did not change markedly this reporting period; up to 110 visitors per day after 93 the previous period and 134 for the period prior to that.

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The most visited pages for April 25, 2018 to May 28, 2018, 2018:



After the Home Page, Useful Links was the most popular page this period, followed Phoenix Attractions, the Online Bridge and Honeywell History.

Other notable items:

- 39% of page views were from the USA, accounting for 70% of bandwidth usage. Germany had 4.9% of page views and 14% of bandwidth. The UK had 9.5% of page views and 1.8% of bandwidth. France had 9.8% of page views and 1.0% of bandwidth.

A previous version of this webmaster's report stated that 71% of page views were from Austria, accounting for 28% of bandwidth usage, and that I would investigate this odd result. On investigation I discovered that I had left the reporting period set to the default of the current day only—when corrected, the results were as in the paragraph above. (The main access on that day was from another OVH SAS location—actually in Strasbourg but showing up in Austria for some reason! I shall block it.)

Within the USA, Arizona accounted for 11% of page views and 29% of bandwidth; noticeably lower than the previous six reporting periods, when Arizona page views were nearer 30%. Valley of the Sun cities accounted for 11% of page views and 29% of bandwidth—the number of page views was down noticeably from the previous level of about 20%. One possible explanation is that with the end of the club year, fewer members have been accessing the website over the last few weeks.