I wrote yesterday, responding to a question by Lisa Bryan:

> The alternative, of course, is to SAVE the structure. SAVE
> will store the pointers along with the data they point to, so
> that all can be RESTORED later. This is not always my preferred
> solution, since it is not guaranteed to work with IDL upgrades.

It has been pointed out to me by someone who certainly knows
how this works that this is not accurate. RSI does not guarantee
that *code* in IDL SAVE files (i.e., compiled procedures and
functions) will be upwards compatible, but that *data* stored
in such files will *always* be available in future upgrades.

Sorry for the confusion.

Cheers,

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