

How Are We Doing?

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We are now at the halfway point through the year. As many of you are aware, our articles are not being posted on IEEE Xplore in a timely manner. IEEE has made some exciting changes to Xplore that help to optimize the display of manuscripts on mobile devices. Unlike many other IEEE journals, we have been employing an outside vendor to produce

our manuscripts in order to provide what we believe is the best value for our IEEE Aerospace and Electronic Systems Society (AESS) members. However, communication with Xplore seems to have been easier for those other “in-house” journals than it has been for us. Despite the growing pains with Xplore, I believe that our vendor and IEEE will soon solve the issue together, and we can take some solace that the coordination problems we have experienced will make the transition for other vendored journals easier. Looking forward, we also plan to provide rapid posting of all accepted manuscript to Xplore by the end of the year.

Believe it or not, one or two of you have inquired about the Xplore problem. Even Yaakov Bar-Shalom complained, and it takes a lot for him to complain. All these emails got me thinking, and I realized that to provide the best product possible (at least possible given a reasonable budget) for our AESS members, I really need to

hear from all of you. Therefore, we are starting a letter to the editor column in the IEEE AESS Magazine. Truthfully, this idea has been brewing between Peter Willett, Teresa Pace, and me since the beginning of the year. Please send me your thoughts about the *Transactions*; the good, the bad, and the ugly, and we will publish a subset of these comments (i.e., the good ones) in the Magazine each month. OK, we will publish critical comments as well. All kidding aside, we would like your ideas of how we can improve. We do understand that we can do better with IEEE Xplore, our submission to decision time, and our decision to publication time. Hopefully, rapid posting will help.

Nevertheless, we welcome other ideas of how to improve the process. We also welcome your ideas for topics that you would like to see in the *Transactions*, or simply comments about a particular paper that tickled your fancy. Maybe you think a particular paper is deserving of the M. Barry Carlton Award. By the way, the 2011 award will be announced in the October issue. Moreover, your comments could also inform us that we need to solicit certain emerging topics through our special sections.

Please feel free to email me your comments to taes@msubit.net with a subject of Letter to the Editor so that I know you would like it in print. Teresa would like to hear similar comments about the Magazine. In this case, she deserves some flattering remarks as the transformation of the Magazine over the last 1.5 years has been incredible. Actually, some of you were generous to let us know that you noticed. Like anything else, there is still room for the Magazine to improve, and your to Teresa comments will be valuable. In closing, I hope you all have (or had depending when this issue gets into Xplore) a great summer.

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Errata: In the January 2014, the paper “Robust Control Algorithm for a Rotorcraft Disturbed by Crosswind,” was published in the journal *IEEE Transactions on Aerospace & Electronic Systems* (<http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/xpl/articleDetails.jsp?arnumber=6809948>) The order of author on the paper was incorrect and should be Munoz, L. E., Castillo, P., and Santos, O.