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Letters

Air-traffic-control issue a harbinger?

To the editor:

Congratulations on a superb February 1987 issue with its extensive coverage of air-traffic-control system technology! The in-depth, multi-faceted presentations of the safety systems behind a mode of transportation common to Computer’s readers leads me to believe that this issue captured the attention of us all.

I have this regret, however. When renewing my 1987 IEEE membership, I opted out of the Computer Society, putting a stop to my Computer subscription, having tired of the incessant stream of alienating esotericism in the majority of its articles. Patiently I yearned for a substantive application emphasis. Issue continued to follow issue, each crammed with its continuing, exotic, alienating, esoteric irrelevance—much of which smacked of academic arrogance—with little that I could truly enjoy reading.

After concluding that I had had enough of its reader unfriendliness, I put the ax to my Computer subscription. And wouldn’t cha know? Along comes the thoroughly enjoyable ATC issue!

My hope is that this signals a change for the better in Computer’s editorial content. With my direct link severed, I’ll continue to monitor Computer by “riding shotgun” on a colleague’s subscription (as was done with the February issue), and who knows? Perhaps my mailman might once again greet me, as he’s done in the past, with his comment that puts to rest all speculation about whether the gang at the Post Office peruses our magazines: “Here’s that strange magazine again!”

Peter Kushkowskie
Haddam, Conn.

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—Ed.

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