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This is my sixth year as Editor and the magazine is still able to maintain a good standard. This is not due to my efforts but to the authors of the technical articles, the general articles and of course the authors of the regular columns. The regular columnists provide about half the magazine each month and theirs is the contribution that shows the breadth of Amateur Radio as a hobby in Australia. We would not have a magazine without them. Thanks to you all.

When I took over from Bill Rice in 2000, articles were just ahead of the publication needs and if it had not been for Drew Diamond VK3XU and Peter Parker VK3YE there would have been little technical content. Today we still have a steady flow of articles from Drew but with contributions from Dale Hughes VK2DSH, Jim Tregellas VK5JST, Keith Gooley VK5OQ and many others I am now able to think about what goes with what in a particular issue.

I do not seem to get too many brickbats so the magazine must have a good balance. However there is still not much on microwaves and digital modes submitted to AR.

It was pleasing during the year to be asked by the RSGB for permission to use material from AR in a new book on aerials and have requests from other overseas magazines to reprint material from AR.

The magazine is produced by the Publications Committee and the Editor. The Publications Committee meets monthly to review material submitted to AR, allocate vetting officers and review the last available issue of AR. This is to make sure we keep the standards as high as possible. While everyone works hard, special thanks are due to Bill Roper VK3BR who is secretary of the Publications Committee and receives and distributes articles as they are submitted to the magazine. Bill also prepares the final diagrams to the magazine's standard. He keeps the files of articles being vetted and those available for production.

Finally, we need to record our continuing reliance on Gill Nieman who does all the setting up of the magazine for printing. All credit for the layout is hers, so while I determine the content, Gill sets it up to be eyecatching and easy to read. Thanks Gill. John Nieman looks after the advertising and the distribution.

Since we placed AR on the Newsstands we have been able to make a small profit to help with production costs and we are selling a slowly increasing number of magazines each month.

So all in all we have had a good year. It has been pleasing to have Ted Thrift VK2ARA Director and Michael Owen VK3KI President attend most of the Publication Committee meetings.

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