End of an Era + Al Alert¹

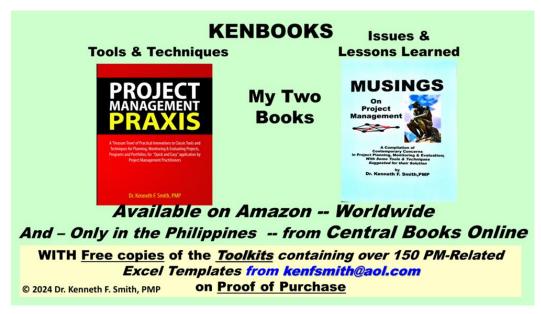
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

14 July 2025

Dear David,

For the past seven years you have afforded me the opportunity to add to the pages of the PMWJ the knowledge & experiences gleaned during and after my extensive project management career; as well as allowing me to share my opinions – *for better or worse* -- on various topics and issues with which I am, or were, acquainted. However, having covered the waterfront on those issues -- at least once, and some several times -- while this may not be my 'last post' I am ready to fade away, as at this juncture I think I have run the gamut on what I can usefully contribute.

The concepts, tools & techniques of yesteryear are still pertinent, and for Project Management newbies, and other readers – as well as for posterity – in addition to past PMWJ editions, my thoughts on PM responsibilities, roles, practices, tools & techniques are also readily available in my two books illustrated below; currently languishing on Amazon's 'worst seller' list.



However, AI is now rapidly replacing my pedantic verifiable processing & analysis, and --coupled with today's computerized approaches -- holds promise for greater efficiency in

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managing projects. Nevertheless, with the Journal as a prime source of -- and reference for -- all things Project Management-related, accuracy & accountability concerns continue. I caution against unquestioning reliance on AI-output dominance gleaned from -- or concocted by - obscure, unverifiable sources. A case in point is this 'close to home' gem I encountered on July 4 when I Googled 'PMWJ July 2025' via Chrome to see if the July edition was available. AI asserted, and -like a live Dunning-Kruger type, or a beguiling pathological liar -- reassuringly embellished:

Did you mean: **pm** july 2025 AI Overview

The "pmwj" acronym is not standard terminology, but if referring to the Project Management World Journal (PMWJ), it's not a monthly publication. The journal is published quarterly, with the July issue typically being the second or third of the year. In July 2025, the PMWJ would likely be focused on topics relevant to project management during that period. [Bold emphasis mine.]

However, a few hours later -- without reference to, and no subsequent trace, or record, of the source of its earlier misinformation -- AI completely changed its 'facts!'

Did you mean: **pm** july 2025

AI Overview

The PM World Journal (PMWJ) is a **monthly eJournal** focused on project and program management. The July 2025 edition of the PMWJ will be published sometime in July 2025, **as it is a monthly publication**. There are no specific details about the exact date of release within July. However, the journal typically includes a variety of articles, papers, and stories related to the field.

[It is difficult enough disputing others opinions; but I can't imagine how researchers, academics, legal entities and others – whose work relies on source verification, footnotes and authentication to challenge deliberate deception in addition to inadvertent errors – can now confidently contend with fabricated 'facts', artificially-created perspectives, hidden moral scruples and ethical biases to produce 'objectively' sound statements, decisions &/or recommendations.]

In any event, while continuing as an interested PMWJ reader -- particularly on issues such as the uses & abuses of **Earned Value** currently in contention -- this is an appropriate time for me to cede the space to others who are more up-to-date, hands-on-experienced, and adept at dealing with these vagaries in the rapidly evolving computerized AI project management working environment.

Thank you once again for the honor & privilege to have been included in PMWJ's pages, and now to reside in its author library (*hopefully not too peacefully!*); and here's wishing you and your team all the best in your new hybrid scholarly PM-related publications venture.

Sincerely

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