

End of an Era + AI 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.

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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!’

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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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