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TO: Barry/Minet Phillips – Benchmarks Editors

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RE: Letter to the Editors - Kudos on Transition to Electronic Publishing

I'd like to offer my heart-felt congratulations to Barry and Minet Phillips for switching to electronic publication of the *Benchmarks*. Among others, vivid colors in the photographs add a nice touch. Not to complain about black-and-white photos in the print version but, I like the colors!

I would also like to commend their recruitment and selection of articles that present a variety of views for New Mexico Surveyors. With the diversity of opinions and viewpoints presented, it is unlikely that everyone will agree with all the content. I see that as a healthy feature of the Newsletter.

As a frequent contributor to *Benchmarks* I need to adapt to electronic publishing. Specifically, I need to be more careful with the embedded links. Recently a link in an article I submitted failed because the file name I posted began with a capital letter but the link I submitted began with a lowercase letter. Any attempt to follow that link was not successful until I "fixed" it by posting a second – duplicate – file with a filename that matched the link.

Another hit-or-miss detail is including the actual URL in an embedded link. There are several occurrences in my recent "Digital Future of Surveying" article in which a word is underlined to indicate an active link to another web site. Sometimes an embedded link works but other times (for whatever reason) it does not. I will therefore always include the actual URL of any additional site I am recommending for the reader's consideration.

If you were frustrated by a dis-functional link embedded in the "Digital Future of Surveying" article in the September 2018 issue of *Benchmarks*, you can download a "working" version of that article from my web site - <http://www.globalcogo.com/3D-future.pdf>.