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From the Editor...

I have, since taking the job as editor in late 1995, been curious about the beginnings of the publication. With the help of the former editor, Mike Crum, I tracked down the first co-editor of the *JTM*, David Bloomberg, now a professor emeritus of Western Illinois University. David provided the rationale for starting this new journal seventeen years ago and helped to fill in the blanks in the time line to get to this current issue.

This information became part of the research that is presented in the last article of this issue and was the direct result of a conversation with my co-author on this article, Cindy Randall, more than a year ago. Besides providing a historical perspective for readers, the article compares the *JTM* to numerous other publications across a set of objectively measurable, published characteristics. Perhaps this same data and analysis can serve as a benchmark for a different editor at some point in the future. We hope that you find the material interesting.

There are four additional articles in this issue that should be of interest to you. The topics range from the problems international air express carriers face dealing with customs procedures to the funding of the United States highway network. Thank you to all who had a hand in bringing this issue to press and a special thanks to the members of the *JTM* editorial review board for your continuing support and dedication to the quality of the *JTM*.

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