

Report of Assistant Administrative Officer  
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Our district is rightly proud of our flagship publication, "Mark 5." But a controversy is raging over the costs associated with producing and mailing each edition, including the costs of dealing with returns due to wrong addresses, people who move without updating their new locations, and people who leave D5 for other reasons.

The technically adroit members of our district bridge would be satisfied to go to electronic distribution, either foregoing print copies altogether, or requiring members who want print copies to ask for them and/or pay the additional costs associated with mailing.

Others argue that too many of our members would be cut off from reading the Mark 5 because they are not computer literate, or for other reasons dealing with either the inability or reluctance to read material delivered over the internet. Many older members do not even have computers.

Other suggestions raise more basic questions such as whether other types of communication, such as brief newsletter format can be used for notices, calendar events, and other short items of information for members, with the more colorful full editions reduced to two or three a year.

Besides being debated by a barrage of emails among bridge members, this topic will be the subject of a meeting of the district IT committee in September. Members who are interested in commenting should send their comments to D/Lt/C Guy Thompson, JN.