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Subject: Re: Northcreek to Discontinue DIY Sales  
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"And you have to admit that there are some laymen that are adamant about the most errant nonsense. They can get pretty argumentative, and some even proudly boast about their lack of technical abilities, as if to equate "ignorance" with "open-mindedness". It can get pretty frustrating when a person attacks you almost violently with an "Earth is flat" argument, as I know you well know."Everything you say is in agreement with what I feel, although I try not to get sucked into arguments any more. I state my case and leave it at that, I'll answer questions but no way will I debate foolishness with a fool. I just don't care anymore about winning useless arguments. Lots of strong opinions, both right and wrong, every place you look. The Internet is an amazing source of information, again both right and wrong. I find that the immediate exchange of info and the ability to interact with people all over the world makes up for some of the bad experiences. You just need to think about what you are reading and question its validity. I have had internet friends submit articles on TL's to the AES and they have been rejected. I have read several reviewer's comments and reasoning for not accepting the article and in my opinion the reviewers had no business saying anything, they were completely incompetent and strongly biased. On the other hand, I have seen totally useless papers published in technical journals by coworkers (with their bosses and other managers as coauthors of course) which add no value to the engineering community and are basically self promoting or just advertisements for the company. So in my opinion "rubber chickens" represent a certain percentage of any group and having something in or rejected by a journal is not the final measure of its worth. George has set very snobbish and restrictive boundaries about where he will accept information.

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