

Farewell and Thank You to Our Founding Editor, Thomas W. Ryan III

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Abstract

SAE International extends its heartfelt thanks to Tom Ryan for his dedicated work as Editor-in-Chief of the *SAE International Journal of Engines* from 2008 to 2025. His vision for SAE allowed and encouraged the establishment of our journals program in 2008. As the SAE president that year, he saw the launch of our first journals, assuming the leadership for this journal, as well as establishing the beginning of our other journals. His dedication has helped to establish the journal as an impactful venue for academics and industry researchers alike.

Dr. Ryan has been the leading force behind the *SAE International Journal of Engines* since its inception and is now retiring at the end of 2025 after an impressive tenure with the journal. Because of his instrumental policies and practices, Dr. Ryan will be listed on the journal as Founding Editor in perpetuity. We offer our thanks and great respect for his efforts, dedication, and leadership throughout the years.

Dr. Ryan has been working closely over the past year with Dr. Gabriele Di Blasio, our new Editor-in-Chief, who will be leading our journal into the future.

History

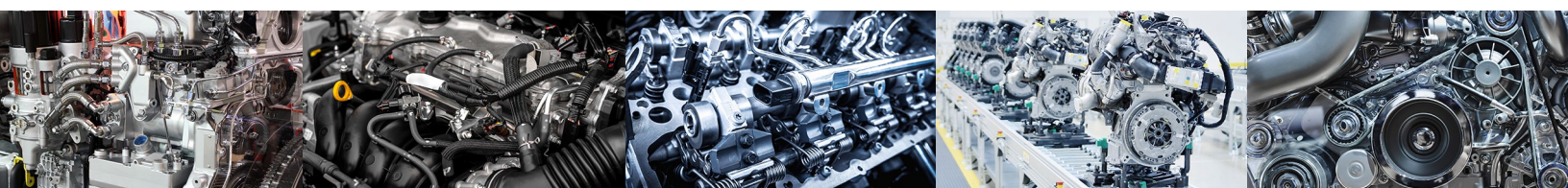
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From Thomas W. Ryan III, Founding Editor

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Dr. Ryan is a mechanical engineer who began his career at Southwest Research Institute in 1979 after spending 2 years as an assistant professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department of the Pennsylvania State University. Over the past 35 years, Dr. Ryan has specialized in the areas of engine, fuels, and combustion technology, with over 100 publications in these areas. Dr. Ryan was the 2008 President of SAE International, and as the SAE president, one of his focused areas was the creation of a “peer-reviewed journal.” This focus was the result of the influence of several university professors who convinced Dr. Ryan that their university tenure committees did not recognize SAE technical papers as “PEER REVIEWED,” even the papers that were accepted to the then-popular “SAE Transactions.” One of the groups of professors suggesting that SAE create a journal did a study that indicated that, in the engine research area, there was almost an order of magnitude difference in the citations to SAE papers than in other “accepted journals.” While I may not totally agree with the current policies of the tenure committees regarding the entire citation process, I do believe that, as an organization representing our members, we should strive to provide them with what is needed to further their careers and perhaps improve the quality of what we provide in the way of technical information.

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From Gabriele Di Blasio, Editor-in-Chief

Dear Tom,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your thoughtful letter and for sharing the history and motivation behind the creation of the *SAE International Journal of Engines*. Your vision in addressing the needs of the industry, academic, and research community has had a profound impact on the recognition and credibility of SAE peer-reviewed journals.

Thank you for your decades of dedication and for shaping SAE into an organization that continues to support innovation and professional growth. It has been an honor to learn about your journey and the principles that have guided your work.

Building on your work, we will strive to maintain the high-quality standard of the journal by introducing elements that can meet the current needs of both industrial and academic research.

Wishing you continued success and fulfillment in your future endeavors.

Warm regards,
Gabriele Di Blasio