



Letter from the Editor

A glance at the contents column may leave some of you wondering why, in remembering NASA's birth in 1958, we fail to look back and reflect on its achievements, triumphs, trials and tribulations. It's all about confidence in the future and, with none of you denied a rich wealth of information about NASA's history on all manner of platforms, I felt it was time to focus on what's up and coming.

Which is why I decided to look forward, not back, and use the example delivered by the government in pushing through launch sites on British soil involving UK companies in rocket stages and delivery platforms which can produce a lot of business for this country over the next several decades. That's looking forward and that's what we do in abundance in this issue.

Some of those issues generate many questions and I ask readers to listen to The Interplanetary Podcast (interplanetary.org.uk) hosted by Matt and Jamie where I discuss these aspects at great length. In fact, this is an opportunity to direct readers to the podcast where current astronomical happenings abound, an excellent appendix to this magazine.

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