Editor's Letter

We have recently changed the post office from which the bulk mailing of **THE AZALEAN** is made. The change reduces the drive required for the editor and associate editor to get an issue in the mail from 110 miles to 3 miles. The process is essentially the same, but the bulk mail begins its journey to members at a different bulk mail facility than before. Some March issues took longer than usual to be delivered, but our inquiries indicate that the reason was "uncertainty" in the bulk mail delivery requirements of the bulk mail facility or post office in the vicinity of the receiver, not where the mail originated.

We also still have the more severe uncertainty of whether we have enough articles on hand for an issue when the deadline for receiving material is reached.

For these reasons we have decided to advance the deadline for receiving materials for publication in **THE AZALEAN** by two weeks. The new deadlines will be as follows, beginning with the December issue:

October 15 for the December issue
January 15 for the March issue
April 15 for the June issue
July 15 for the September issue ❑

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