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## Letter from the General Manager

By Harold Orlinsky

Towards the latter part of a baseball game, we stand for the seventh inning stretch. A time to assess the game and to see what is needed to bring home the victory (and for those with talent, to sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"). We sat through 6 ½ innings; we are either feeling excited about the game, or perhaps anxious for the next few innings. We become the Monday morning quarterbacks (wrong sport, I know), but start to second guess what could have happened only if we did something else. The other day, I saw someone wearing a T-shirt. It said, "I root for two teams; The Red Sox, and the team that plays the Yankees". There is just a bit of northeast rivalry here in Connecticut. I wore my Mets hat and they had a chuckle.

And so that brings me to HYPACK. I know, that's a huge jump, but read on...

Every October, we build a new version of the software – an Alpha release at this point, to see what we all have done this year. We challenge ourselves to put a build together at this early stage, to see how it looks and to see what is needed now to make it a successful release in a few months. We're at the seventh inning stretch and I just bought some peanuts to hold me over for the next 2 ½ innings.

There are a lot of things that will be new in the program. For some folks, it will be an easier way to process data, or for others, a new device driver for data collection. When we released 2018, a few bugs crept in, so those had to be cleaned up along the way. There will be dozens and dozens, perhaps a hundred changes and updates that will be included.

The Alpha release is a time we make an assessment of what late stage features programmers are still working on and can be completed in time for the next build. Once it's ready, we will take the program out for testing (and then even more testing), to make sure we get it right. At some point, we will get it to a Beta release, a bit more stable, and begin to show it off. The bottom on the ninth inning is January, when we show it off at the HYPACK Training Event.

Enough of baseball. We're now a few weeks into the football season - the Jets are 1-1 and New England is 1-1. This could be an interesting season here at the Middletown office.

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Harold