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We've just closed the books on 1986 and, with a clean slate, we're off to fight the tigers of 1987. Along the way we'll savor some victories, taste some defeats and hopefully wind up a whole lot smarter—if a little older.

At this time of year, there is a tendency to reflect on the past as well as contemplate the future. When we do, we as engineers (and electronics engineers in particular) have good reason to be proud of the contributions our profession has made toward making the world a better place to live than when we came along.

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It's nice to be part of a group whose credits include those listed above, and when you think of the tigers that had to be fought (and licked) to get where we are, how tough can those tigers be in 1987?



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