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From: John D'Ambrosia, Ethernet Alliance Chairman  
Subject: Congratulations on Ethernet's 40<sup>th</sup> and the Ratification of the first Ethernet Standard Anniversaries

Dear David and the IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group,

In the chronicles of history, 2013 marks two milestones: the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the invention of Ethernet and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ratification of the first Ethernet standard. Dr. Robert Metcalfe wrote that famous memo on May 22, 1973, credited as the invention of Ethernet, and, the rest, as they say, is history. To date, billions of ports have shipped, and Ethernet is a fundamental networking technology linking the world together.

Such a feat is not easily accomplished. It is the product of hard work and decisions by many individuals, companies, and organizations. On this day, past and present members of the IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group should take a moment to reflect on the significance of their contributions to the history of Ethernet. This group, with all of its technical expertise, dedication, and passion has significantly impacted the world as we know it.

On behalf of the Ethernet Alliance, please accept our congratulations on these momentous achievements, as well as our gratitude for all of the hard work that has been performed over the past 40 years to get Ethernet to its current state. As an organization dedicated to the promotion of IEEE 802 Ethernet technologies, we stand ready to assist the IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group in helping to build consensus, demonstrate interoperability, and promote IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Standards.

Ethernet's best

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John D'Ambrosia".

Yours in Ethernet