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### Skunk Works Mailing List

# Re: Let's Just All Get Along....

Date: Sat, 11 Sep 1999 02:12:47 -0400 (EDT)  
From: Mary Shafer  
Subject: Re: Let's Just All Get Along....

On Wed, 8 Sep 1999, Andrew Morris wrote:

> I manage 3 listservs, and periodically members get testy (gee does  
> that word come from Testosterone?).

Probably not, but if it does, remember that women produce testosterone and other androsterols, too, albeit in smaller amounts than do men. I'm a staunch feminist and I refuse to lay all the blame for such situations on men. Testiness is not restricted to those with Y chromosomes and any claim for male-female equality must acknowledge that women can be just as jerky as men (although we usually call it by different names, but the result is the same).

We demand that our testiness be recognized equally! Women can be jerks, too! No free passes for the Y-chromosome deficient!

I point this out because I know that I have sent a testy message or two to Skunk-Works and I don't want anyone to think that I'm going to hide behind the "testosterone made me do it" excuse. Of course, the "UFO messages made me do it" and the "aliens are here made me do it" excuses are still viable, but I'm not Little Goody Two-Shoes and can only

promise to try not to go ballistic unnecessarily. As proof, I apologize for the testy remark about SR-71 rudders not being vertical stabilizers and my sneering remark that anyone who could call the rudders stabilizers was uninformed and admit that the remark was poorly phrased.

I think it's the weather, personally, and the onset of fall, heralding winter.

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"Some days it don't come easy/And some days it don't come hard  
Some days it don't come at all/And these are the days that never end...."

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