WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A downhole well tool for use in a subterranean well, the downhole well tool comprising:

an actuator assembly configured to displace a member of the downhole well tool, the actuator assembly comprising a first motor, a load yoke displaceable by the first motor, and an elongated position indicator bar having at least one profile formed thereon,

in which friction between the load yoke and the position indicator bar varies as the load yoke displaces from a first side of the at least one profile to a second side of the at least one profile opposite the first side.

2. The downhole well tool of claim 1, in which the member comprises a closure member having at least open and closed positions in which fluid flow through the downhole well tool is respectively permitted and blocked by the closure member.

3. The downhole well tool of claim 1, in which the actuator assembly further comprises a garter spring carried on the load yoke, and the friction between the load yoke and the position indicator bar changes in response to engagement between the garter spring and the at least one profile.

4. The downhole well tool of claim 3, in which:

(a) the friction increases in response to engagement between the garter spring and the at least one profile; or

(b) the friction decreases in response to engagement between the garter spring and the at least one profile.

5. The downhole well tool of claim 1, in which the actuator assembly further comprises a bow spring carried on the load yoke, and the friction between the load yoke and the position indicator bar changes in response to engagement between the bow spring and the at least one profile.

6. The downhole well tool of claim 5, in which the friction increases in response to engagement between the bow spring and the at least one profile.

7. The downhole well tool of claim 5, in which the friction decreases in response to engagement between the bow spring and the at least one profile.

8. The downhole well tool of claim 1, in which a change in the friction results in a corresponding change in electrical current supplied to the first motor, optionally wherein the change in electrical current corresponds to a predetermined position of the member of the downhole well tool.

9. The downhole well tool of claim 1, in which multiple changes in the friction results in a corresponding pattern of changes in electrical current supplied to the first motor, optionally wherein the pattern of changes in electrical current corresponds to a predetermined position of the member of the downhole well tool.

10. The downhole well tool of claim 1, in which a direction of displacement of the downhole well tool member is reversible in response to a change in polarity of electrical power supplied to the first motor.

11. The downhole well tool of claim 1, in which the actuator assembly comprises a second motor, and a first ball screw, and in which the first and second motors are connected to respective opposite ends of the first ball screw, optionally wherein the actuator assembly comprises third and fourth motors, and

a second ball screw, and in which the third and fourth motors are connected to respective opposite ends of the second ball screw.

12. The downhole well tool of claim 1, in which the actuator assembly comprises a second motor, and first and second ball screws, and in which the first motor is connected to the first ball screw, the second motor is connected to the second ball screw, and the load yoke is displaceable by rotation of the first and second ball screws by the first and second motors.