

The Bendix E-Beam

*News from the Bendix Radio Foundation
working for the Preservation and Presentation of the History of
the Bendix Radio Division and Bendix/AlliedSignal Communications Division.*

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We, the BRF volunteers, would like to express our deepest thanks for your continuing support of the BRF's efforts to document the history of the Bendix Radio Division and Bendix/AlliedSignal Communications Division.

BRF Archival Collection turned over to The Baltimore Museum of Industry

On 12/31/16 BRF turned control of the Collection to BMI. This “turn-over” was the commutation of a 16 year effort to collect, sort, catalog, file, software search development, and website development to house the Bendix Radio, Bendix Communications, and AlliedSignal Communications impressive history. The Collection will remain in the BRF Archival Room located at the secure BMI Archival Storage Warehouse located at 1919A Annapolis Rd, Baltimore, MD. BMI has assigned personnel to become familiar with the Collection and the Search Software so they will be able to respond to researcher inquiry data requests. For the near future, the BRF Group will continue to meet on Thursdays to continue various tasks with the Collection and help the BMI personnel become familiar with the Collection. Your financial support, by being a *Joint BRF/BMI Museum* Member or Donor, has made this Collection and construction and maintenance of the BRF Archives possible. Your continued financial support will help BMI maintain the BRF Collection.

Major BRF Objective of a Permanent BMI Exhibit Accomplished

BRF/BMI now has a permanent *Bendix Radio* Exhibit, in the BMI Decker Gallery, opened August 2014 summarizing the history and “Technology Firsts” of *Bendix Radio* in the Baltimore area. Our BRF sixteen year presence at the BMI always had the goal of a permanent Bendix Exhibit in the main Decker Gallery. Your strong financial past support has allowed BRF to achieve that goal of a permanent first-class Exhibit we all can be proud of. With your tax deductible contribution to the BMI through our BRF organization we can continue to present the best image of *Bendix Radio* in Baltimore on a par with – if not better than – the other Baltimore organizations in the gallery.

On October 1, 2010, a temporary BRF Exhibit documenting “*Bendix Radio / AlliedSignal – 60 Years in Baltimore*” was opened in the BMI's Communications Gallery. BMI closed this exhibit in June 2015 after approximately 5 years on display. The Home Radio display cabinet and the other physical artifacts from this exhibit remain on the floor of the BMI's Communications Gallery for everyone to enjoy. The Bendix Automobile Radio exhibit, documenting the history of the radios built by Bendix plus a running video of the production history, remains in the BMI Automobile Gallery.

BRF Archival Facilities Relocated

We are very pleased and satisfied with our new location. As stated in the previous E-Beam Issue #25, the BRF Archival Collection with all boxes, artifacts, furniture, computers, etc. was moved from 1414 Key Highway to 1919A Annapolis Rd. location. This was part of the total movement of the BMI Archival Storage facility to this location. Reference the layout and photos on the last pages of this E-Beam. This warehouse now contains the BMI and BRF Archival Collection storage in one location.

Collection Status

The BRF Archival Excel Database provides easy access by BMI personnel and the BRF designed macros provides easy search and location capability. This Excel Database is available on the BRF Database computer located at the BMI Archival facilities located at 1919A Annapolis Rd. Every entry includes the unique location of that entry within the BRF Archive. BRF will provide these same Excel data files in our new Website for everyone to search from home. All items in the collection are accessible on site by contacting the BMI Director of Collections at 410.727.4808.

BRF Archival Collection

A listing, presented here, identifies the various quantities of items within the BRF Archival Collection Database. As new items, documents, etc. are received they will be added to the collection. It is from this collection that artifacts, photos, and the technical text was formulated for the permanent Bendix Radio Exhibit in the BMI Decker Gallery.

BRF ARCHIVAL COLLECTION

675.....	Artifacts
150.....	Print File Boxes
.....	..... 2,680 Folders
.....	..... 292,000 Sheets
75.....	Titled Periodicals
.....	..... 1,250 Issues
79.....	Audio Visual File Boxes
.....	..... 30,000 Negatives
.....	..... 8,000 Pictures
.....	..... 3,500 Slides
.....	..... 100 Large Motion Picture Reels
.....	..... 44 Video Tapes
2,968.....	Drawings
190,000.....	Drawing Release Cards
72,500.....	Aperture Cards
15,000.....	Engineer's Log Book Issue Cards
60,000.....	Microfiche Cards
45,000.....	Employee Records
924.....	Manufacturing Specs
1,123.....	Purchasing Specs

Web Site Activity

BRF has completed the validation of our Collection and established a site layout for our new Website. Over the next several months we will be implementing the progression of the new changes and additions as each new website section is finalized. This information will be identical to the BRF Database contained in the BRF Database computer located at the BMI. The only variation is the structure of the Search engine included with each.

BRF and BMI Joint Membership

We are looking forward to your continued support of the BRF through yearly BRF/BMI membership and your donations for the new, permanent Bendix Radio Exhibit in the Decker Gallery. The 2016 BRF and BMI Joint Membership totaled 78 members: 37 Household Family Memberships and 41 Individual Senior Memberships plus an additional 29 persons who made monetary donations. For the previous 2015 year, the membership totaled 88 members. Please keep us informed of any address or email changes.

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