

The Bendix E-Beam

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New Archival Storage Facility for the BRF Collection.....by Bill Mackey

The dedicated BRF Archival Storage Facility at 1414 Key Highway is now finished and is being used weekly. The room comprises approximately 600 square feet (18ft x 33 ft) with 23 shelf units, a conference table, 15 chrome chairs, a desk, 6 file cabinets, a computer with printer and scanner, A/C, and rugs.

Raytheon Communications donated the desk, chrome chairs, and file cabinets to our cause. The Carroll Mansion Museum donated the 23 shelf units (18 inches deep x 7 ft. high x 3 ft wide). BRF members donated the remaining items. Former Bendix employees made special monetary donations to help defray the cost of construction of this facility. Would you like to make a special contribution?

The shelves now contain the many boxes filled with archival material donated by former Bendix employees. Boxes are organized by product lines: ATC, Communications, Radar, Fuze, COMSEC, Divisional Marketing, Organization / People, etc. The process now is to inventory each box and enter its items into our database for easy future access by subject, contract or key words. Future sorting progress is essentially limited only by the availability of Bendix volunteers to do the work! If you would like to help, contact Bill Mackey of Jerry Woodall. We meet every Thursday at 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 1414 Key Highway. Come join us.

Web Site Activity.....by Jim Dalmas www.hometown.aol.com/bendixradio

Twelve new web pages have been added to the BRF web site since the last issue of the E-beam in October 2003. Over 4000 hits (visitors to web site) have been recorded since the web site was established in 2002. The main publications page is regularly updated to reflect the latest information available including regular updates to the Joint BRF/BMI Membership list.

The twelve new sites are:

The BRF Archive Room

2004 Southern Region Reunion

60 Years of Bendix Contracts Listing

Photo Quiz

Bendix Radio in WW II.....by Maryland Historical Society

Bendix Radio Radar History.....by Chuck Greenslit

TCAS.....by Emory Reed

Stormy Weather.....by Chuck Greenslit

Bendix Radio Phased Array Radars.....by Jim Dalmas

The Bendix Radio Air Force.....by Guil Vogt

A Trip to Shillong, India.....by F. J. Willey

Project Mercury.....by Don Saunders

Links have been added on our web site to the following sites:

100 Years of Electrical Engineering in the IEEE Baltimore Section.....by Merrill Skolnik

Bendix Radio is included in this interesting talk.

Governor O'Connor's Address at the Bendix Radio "E" Award Ceremony 8/10/42

Angelo DelNegro.....Volunteer of the Year.....by Bill Scott

The Baltimore Museum of Industry announced their year 2003 volunteer awards on April 18, 2004. Our own Angelo Delnegro was presented the Museum's highest award for his many services dealing with the various Museum financial duties he so expertly assisted the Museum.

Visit to Elton Oakes.....by Guil Vogt

On April 28,2004. Wally Johnson, Jake Chapman, and Guil Vogt visited Elton Oakes at his home in Parkville. Elton had contributed two significant items to our archives, the 1942 copy of a Bendix phone book and a December 1968 listing of all personnel. These are the only data we have showing the personnel employed at their respective dates. We wanted to thank Elton for them and see if he had any more gems in his records. It turns out he did, some 1950's vintage departmental Christmas mailing address lists, a book showing all Bendix home radio and television schematics, and a compilation of transformer assembly processing guides.

We had an enjoyable visit for the better part of the afternoon, and found out how he came to work at Bendix. Elton lived in Springfield Massachusetts and had a friend who had come to Baltimore and was working at Bendix. His friend let him know that Bendix was in need of some one to solve a problem in the manufacture of the coils used in their radios. Elton took a train to Baltimore and hired on the day he arrived. He stayed in the YMCA that night and later found an apartment. He used public transportation until he could buy a car. The year was 1938 and Bendix was located on Fort Ave in two buildings across the street from each other. Elton was born in July 1907 and will soon be 97 years old. He retired in July 1976 and lives with his daughter in the house he and his wife first purchased.

Museum and BRF Membership and the BRF Mailing List.....by Bill Scott

The 2004 joint BMI Museum and BRF Membership now stands at 156 persons. See the web site for a listing of these members. Have you Joined? If not, contact Bill Scott for information.

Our mailing list consists of over 1500 names of former Bendix Radio employees or friends but we are sure it is still incomplete. If you know of someone who would or might like to receive future issues of this newsletter please provide his or her name, address, telephone number, and email (if available) to our Membership Secretary, Bill Scott. Thanks for your help in getting the word out!

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