

# The Bendix E-Beam

*News from the Bendix Radio Foundation  
working for the Preservation and Presentation  
of the History of the Bendix Radio Division*

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## **Many, Many Thanks**

The Bendix Radio Foundation wishes to sincerely thank all of you who have called and sent emails wishing the Foundation every success in archiving and eventually displaying the history of Bendix in Baltimore. It has been encouraging to receive such positive feedback as well as a number of valuable suggestions for better accomplishing the Foundation's mission. As a result of insights gained by doing preliminary sorts on material received, potential subcommittees are being identified to concentrate on pulling together coherent sub-collections. Shortly we will be putting out a call for assistance in the sorting and identifying the significant amount of material that has been received. Some of the sources that have made contributions are found in the following paragraphs.

## **Collection from Raytheon**

The Foundation is very pleased that the Raytheon Company, who owns the former Bendix business on Joppa Road, was kind enough to donate 23 transfiles of information along with 11 large product display boards to the Museum. The historical product displays boards were prepared for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bendix Radio Division in 1986 and remain in excellent condition. The transfiles contain primarily negatives and photographs from the 1950s and 1960s and are a welcomed resource for historical research as well as for future displays. Also included were reasonably complete collections of publications such as the "Bendix Beam", Allied-Signal Horizons, etc. We will be posting the complete listings of the publications soon to identify missing issues that are needed.

Bill Perich is the former Bendix employee who has been designated to coordinate between Raytheon and the Bendix Radio Foundation. We look forward to the receipt of additional materials that should be forthcoming over the next several months. Bill, many thanks for your efforts to help preserve Bendix in Baltimore.

## **Honeywell's 'Bendix Book' Materials Returned**

A couple of years ago Bryan Wiggins visited Bendix to collect material for his book, *Pioneering Safer Skies, the Bendix Aviation Legacy*. The attractive and informative soft back book was published with a copyright date of 2000, and the collected source material not incorporated in the Redmond display was stored in eight cardboard boxes in Honeywell's Redmond, Washington, Airline Avionics Products (remains of Ft. Lauderdale) headquarters. Through a sustained effort by members of the Bendix Radio Foundation, this valuable material was shipped to the Baltimore Museum of Industry arriving on April 4<sup>th</sup>. It contains much of Bendix' early history and is a valued addition to the collection.

Using the information from Raytheon and Honeywell along with documents and reports donated by a number of individuals, we have now assembled over 50 boxes of historical information and artifacts. This is an outstanding beginning to archiving the six-decade history of Bendix in Baltimore starting 1936 and running to 1998. It is worth noting that the number of technological "firsts" for Bendix Radio is truly outstanding and these will be integrated into a Bendix display planned for the future.

If you have material or artifacts you would like to contribute to the museum or know of someone who does, please contact one of the ad hoc committee members below. Also, visit the continually upgraded web site at [www.thebmi.org/bendix](http://www.thebmi.org/bendix). Thank you for your support of *preserving and presenting the history of Bendix in Baltimore*.

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