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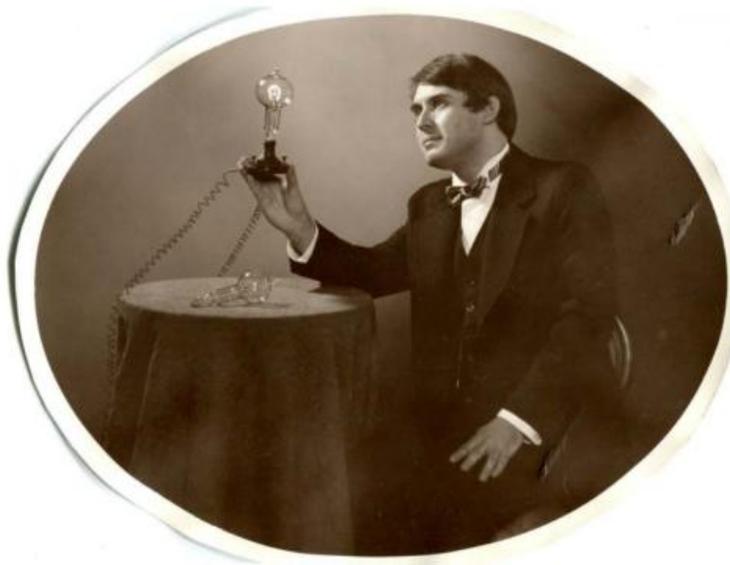
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John Charles Fesler

1952 - 2011

John Fesler passed away in Normal, IL on Monday, January 10, 2011 at the age of 58. The witty, bow-tied Design Engineer for ITC will be missed by many.

Fesler, a native of Bloomington, IL, grew up in Mackinaw, IL with his parents. After high school, he attended Bradley University in Peoria, IL, where he got his BSEE. Shortly after graduation, he joined International Tapetronics Corporation (ITC) in Bloomington.



John Fesler

May 4, 1952 – January 10, 2011

John was an avid historian and musician, notably emulating Thomas Edison. John had the unique privilege to construct several incandescent light bulbs in Edison's lab in exactly the same manner as Edison. John was also a Henry Ford enthusiast, owning a 1980's Shay Reproduction of the Model A Roadster. He absolutely loved playing the tuba, having done so for many years in local area bands.

TAPE HEAD DESIGN

While at ITC, John attended the NAB Convention every year for most of his career with ITC. He also served as an important member/contributor on NAB Standards committees.

Among his contributions to ITC were magnetic head designs that revolutionized cart machine audio performance. After designing the head face as more cylindrical and using wider strips of filler between the pole pieces, John received a Patent, and the ITC 99 Series of cart machines achieved outstanding audio quality – becoming the “standard” for the broadcast industry.

Our best memories of John are his bow-tie, zany wit, and smiling countenance with which he brightened the workplace at ITC. John Fesler is an unforgettable character, loved by all whom he touched and who are deeply saddened by his passing.

John is survived by his beloved wife Charlotte and his mother Ethel.

Haensel Funeral Home in Mackinaw, Illinois assisted the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials in memory of John to the Community Band of Bloomington-Normal, c/o Mike Wallace, 8155 North 1750 East Road, Bloomington, IL 61704. Online condolences may be made at www.haenselfuneralhome.com.

We offer our thanks to Mike Bové for his help with this obit about John Fesler

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