

In Memoriam



William D. Taber
1918-1992

William D. ("Bud") Taber died on August 31, 1992. He was well known in our industry, particularly in the 60s and 70s when he and his company, Taber Manufacturing and Engineering, participated in many AES conventions.

Bud was one of the fortunate few who had two separate careers—both based on his interest and love of the

work. His first 25 years gave him an opportunity to indulge his interest in trains and railroading. As an engineer for Western Pacific, Bud enjoyed piloting such trains as the "California Zephyr" through California's magnificent Feather River Canyon.

During his first career Taber's hobby involved many aspects of sound recording. A natural machinist, he designed and built disk recording lathes, lead screws for existing equipment, and the amplifiers to drive the cutters. He was a member of the Sapphire Group, an organization of recording engineers.

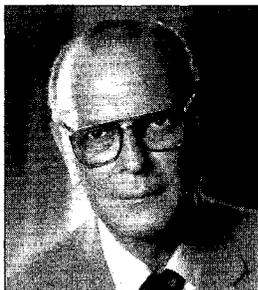
After retirement from the railroad, his second career led him to provide service and sales of components to the magnetic recording industry. Some of his work involved the relapping of magnetic heads and the manu-

facture of new replacement head stacks. The Taberaser, a degausser for tapes of all widths, became a fixture in the industry, and his company was an exclusive distributor of STL test tapes for many years.

In the late 70s Bud sold his company and lived in retirement in Hawaii and in Leggett, California, where, in the summer months, he continued his interest in fine machinery—in this case, the collecting and restoring of classic automobiles. All of us who worked closely with Bud will miss his humor, enthusiasm, and inventiveness, but we will always remember his friendship and help.

Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Polly, and his two sons, Bill and Frank.

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Karl Schwartz
1907-1992

Karl Schwartz, AES fellow, died on November 4, 1992, after a long illness. With his death we lost a man who was the innovator of many new systems and technology in the field of film and associated sound tracks. He developed the "Klangfilm Eurocord II" light sound camera with associated rack amplifiers, the Klangfilm Rotosyn system for starting, running and stopping perfotape recorders with a film

projector in full synchro-mode. In the 70s he also worked on the optical sound tracks for Super 8 film. Schwartz had some 60 patents in his name, including the famous patent DRP 969.673 of 1941 on the "Magnetfilm-Laufwerk."

After his studies at the technical University of Aachen, he worked at Siemens from 1939 until 1952, first as development engineer at Siemens-Klangfilm in Berlin and Emmendingen (near Freiburg), and then as chief engineer. After that, Siemens appointed him technical chief manager of the Safa-Palatino Filmateliers in Roma. He was also consulting engineer for sound reinforcement installations at Siemens/Italy.

In 1955 he became chief engineer of IFU AG Tonstudioteknik in Remagen, and from 1962 was also responsible for the new duplicating plant. He worked as technical director

of the Geyer-Werke in Hamburg (from 1966-1977), planning and organizing a new plant for duplicating cassettes.

Based on his skilled engineering in these fields, he was appointed chairman of FAKI AA5 and VTFF (German Standards Subcommittees). At the end of his successful career, Schwartz received several awards including honorary member of FK TG (German society equivalent to SMPTE) in 1979, the Silver Medal of VDE (the German Society of Electronic Engineers) about the same time, and the AES fellowship in 1989. In his usual friendly manner, Mr. Schwartz always gave a helping hand to colleagues and collaborators. His widow, Ursula, and his many friends will miss him a great deal.

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