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YEARS

March 1961

Twelve shares of AT&T stock were purchased for \$1032.00.

September 1962

W. J. Degnan reported on the Denver, Colorado meeting which he attended.

November 1962

Mr. Dripps reported on local merger activities.

January 1963

A joint meeting with the IRE was held in Williamstown.

February 1963

The executive committee expressed appreciation of the joint merger committee; W. F. Dripps, W. B. Conover and E. N. Decker for their work and effort in writing the new bylaws.

April 1963

"Lunar Base Technology" was discussed by Dr. Rodney W. Johnson with 46 attendees. Problems and challenges associated with lunar landings were outlined.

June 1963

A joint meeting was held by the three chairmen involved in the turnover from two societies to one. W. Conover, chairman of IRE; W. Degnan, chairman of AIEE; and the incoming chairman of IEEE, W. Dripps were representing their sections.

August 1963

A motion was made to transfer the ownership of the AT&T stock from the former AIEE to the IEEE Berkshire Section.

November 1963

An advisory committee was formed of past chairmen of AIEE and IRE sections per requirements of the current constitution.

December 1963

Ed Goodell closed out the IRE account at the Pittsfield National Bank and wrote a check for \$349.70 payable to IEEE, Berkshire Section.

February 1964

Engineers Week was celebrated with a talk by Lt. Col. J. A. Powers - NASA on Lunar Probes, at the Pittsfield High School. A dance was held at Green Acres. Paul Boswell and Bob Brennan chaired this committee.

March 1964

The IRE records were sent to National IEEE.

September 1964

Forty members heard John J. McLaughlin talk on "Personal Financial Planning" at the Stanley Club.

April 1965

Dr. F. J. M. Sichel spoke on "Communications Within the Human Body".

May 1966

Resolved; That the Berkshire Section express disappointment with the conditions leading to a dues increase.

September 1966

Members in attendance at the September meeting were pleasantly surprised with the first color film release of the Gemini 11 rendezvous and space walk. Dr. Niemann of the NASA Research Center presented an excellent summary of past, present and future space efforts.

October 1966

A field trip to Corning Glass Center, Corning N.Y. was conducted on October 14 and 15. The Elmira - Corning Section of IEEE was on hand to greet the Berkshire Section.

October 1966

The Power Group's Chapter Charter was approved on October 6, 1966.

January 1967

Weston Morrill was elected to the grade of fellow for his Magnetic Core Materials development.

April 1967

A field trip to the Boston Science Museum was attended by 54.

May 1967

Annual meeting on "Flying Saucers" brings criticism of speaker. Comments on "The Sexual Activity of Occupants of Flying Saucers" was objected to. "Propulsion Theory" suggested as a better topic on Flying Saucers.

September 1967

Dr. Robert Osthoff spoke on "Batteries and Electrical Vehicles" at a dinner meeting held at the Stanley Club.

October 1967

Lcdr. Michael D. Porter, CEC, USN gave a talk on "Navy Construction Battalion Activities in South Vietnam" to 40 attendees at the Stanley Club.

October 1967

Executive committee commits to support BCC Lecture Series with 40 season tickets at \$5 each. Tickets resold to members at \$3 each.

November 1967

Our investments are being challenged again. Chairman Reid advised we not sell the stock and take no action.

October 1968

The October 11-12 field trip to NAFEC, near Atlantic City, was attended by 29 members. The night was spent at The Shelburn Hotel on the Boardwalk. Experimental aspects of Air Traffic Control were covered by the National Aviation Facilities Experimental Centers staff. A special hotel fee of \$6 per person was arranged.

October 1969

Mr. E. Stumpek arranged for Charles Neigs of GE Philadelphia to speak on "Project Tactite, The Underwater Sea Laboratory". This included both slides and film.

February 1969

The Engineers Week dinner dance was held at Green Acres with 106 persons attending.

April 1969

Albert F. Rohlfis and Frederick J. Turner received awards for excellence in technical papers they had written.

March 1970

Mr. Plummer contacted Mr. Arnold Whitaker of Grumman on a future presentation lecture and film on the LEM - Lunar Excursion Module".

May 1970

A. B. Whitaker of Grumman Aerospace Corp., Long Island, N.Y. presented "Lunar Module System - Impact on Apollo Mission".

August 1970

"Free Loaders" - Mr. Renak was asked to work with Mr. Manimaethu to collect for unpaid dinners at the annual meeting.

October 1970

"Product Engineering" reported ASME as reviewing the need for existence of professional societies.

March 1971

The 1965 Massachusetts tax rebate was received but the 1969 rebate was not.

June 1971

Mr. Howard C. Barnes, vice president in charge of engineering, at American Electric Power Service Corp. spoke on "Research and Development in the Electric Power Industry".

September 1971

The presentation "Benefits of IEEE Membership" (or what do I get for my \$25) was made by National Vice President of IEEE, Robert H. Tanner.

May 1972

Mr. James D. Parker, Staff Consultant Telecommunications - CBS Television Network talked on "How Satellites Provide Live Television Coverage of World-wide Sports and News Events".

December 1972

"The Concorde SST - What It Is", was presented by Mr. Brian L. Perry of the British Civil Aviation Authority at the 1896 House.

February 1973

Chairman Les Jump reported, "Our lowest attendance was 40 at an evening meeting and the best attendance was 140 turning out to hear one of our senior members, Gene Peterson speak".

September 1973

Mr. Art Peltosalo, vice president and group executive from GE Power Delivery Group spoke on "A Management View On Professional Engineering Societies".

March 1974

Honorable Silvio O. Conte spoke to the engineering society at the Lenox House on the Fuel Crisis.

May 1974

A field trip was arranged to the Hudson Valley Wine Company.

May 1975

W. Terrill from GE Valley Forge Works presented the current capabilities of "Solar Energy".

September 1975

The 1920's practice of having all section programs for the year listed on a program card and distributed at the start of the program year was rekindled.

January 1976

William J. McNutt was elected to the grade of Fellow for his contributions to the design and standardization of test procedures of power transformers.

January 1976

Joseph D. MacDonald nominated Ed Stumpek for Region 1 Area C chairman.

January 1976

Dr. Paul G. Agarwal, from the Electrical Engineering Dept. of General Motors Corp. talked on "Vehicle of the Future, the Electric Car".

March 1976

Letter from Wayne Harju to M. D. Dillick - "Engineers Week 1976 was extremely successful ... best Engineers Week ever in Berkshire County ... I wish to commend you ...".

October 1976

The very first Berkshire Section Newsletter (of the current series) was prepared by Leonard Wiggins and its form and content was discussed at the August 25 EXCOM meeting. Those present at this meeting were Edd Ptak, Bill Kennedy, Bob Degeneff, Andy Lyke, Joe MacDonald, Joe Slocik, George Sauer, Leonard Wiggins, Al Litster, Bill McNutt, Tom Brennan, Dave Dillick, and Royal Morse.

October 1976

A suggestion to create an IEEE Berkshire Section scholarship available only to Berkshire Section members and their immediate family was introduced by Joe Slocik. May 1977 saw three \$100.00 scholarships being awarded. This is in addition to the \$250.00 annual donation toward the Karl B. McEachron Memorial Foundation Scholarship.

January 1977

Bill Dudley, an investment executive of First Albany Co. talked on "The Unpredictable Stock Market".

Spring of 1977

The executive committee and the professional activities committee approved the purchase and distribution of the booklet titled "The ABC's of HOW YOUR GOVERNMENT WORKS". Copies were sent to every member of the section.

May 1977

The Berkshire Section of IEEE awards a scholarship. The first recipient of this newly initiated \$100 scholarship (chosen by the luck of the draw) was Robert F. Koch. The recipient must be a son or daughter of a current member of the section.

November 1977

Two additional scholarships were awarded. The two winners were Paula Komlosi and Wade Fiegel, each receiving a \$100 check.

November 1977

Dr. Kenneth B. Goldblum spoke on "Plastics in Electrical and Electronic Engineering".

March 1978

Jay M. Pasachoff, director of Hopkins Observatory, Williams College presented "The Sun and Solar Eclipses".

May 1978

James Kent Kresge was the recipient of the \$100 scholarship award this year.

May 1978

Robert H. Ries of the Academy of Applied Science, Franklin Pierce Law Center, presented "Tracking the Loch Ness Monster".

July 1978

W. R. G. Baker Prize Paper award and PES award was presented to Jim Krege, Gene Sakshaug and Stan Miske for a paper on "A New Concept in Station Arrester Design".

February 1979

Six Societies participate in Engineers Week. Edd Ptak solicited involvement from ASME, ASQC, IEEE, MSPE, PGEEA and SPE.

April 1979

Hans Cherney, IEEE-USAB/PAC Coordinator presented "The Engineer in Mid Career".

May 1979

The 75th anniversary of the Berkshire Section was celebrated at the annual meeting with a presentation on "NASA's Technology Spinoffs".

May 1979

Katrin Rouse received the Berkshire Section \$100 scholarship award.

May 1980

Dr. J. Lawrence Katz of RPI's Biomedical Engineering Center presented "Six Million Dollar Man - TV Fiction or Engineering Reality".

October 1980

Region 1 director, Hans Cherney spoke to a member and spouse meeting.

November 1980

Duncan L. Honig received the 1980 IEEE Berkshire Section scholarship of \$100.

January 1981

Luciano E. Zaffanella was elected to Fellow status by IEEE.

April 1981

Mr. Irwin Feerst talked about the working engineers representation within IEEE at a Professional Activities meeting of the Berkshire Section.

May 1981

Russell A. Larson, Program Manager Space Shuttle Activities, Charles Stark Draper Lab, Cambridge, presented "NASA Space Shuttle - A New Era."

October 1981

Kathryn VanAlstyne and David A. Lloyd received the two \$100 scholarships.

January 1982

"Investment Counseling" was the subject speakers from First Albany Corporation, Kidder Peabody Company Inc., Shearson - American Express, and Bache presented to inquisitive attendees."

March 1982

Lewis Cuyler, Director of the Hoosac Tunnel Museum Society, spoke on "The Second Century of the Hoosac Tunnel".

May 1982

Dr. James D. Sullivan of the MIT Center for Space Research spoke at the Holiday Inn in Lenox on the "Voyager Spacecraft - A Journey To The Outer Planets".

July 1982

Theodore Sakshaug and Patricia Brennan were awarded the \$100 scholarships this year.

January 1983

During our membership drive, 15 new members were added. Each new member to receive a \$5.00 rebate from the section. Joe Slocik brought in three new members, winning the competition.

April 1983

"Robotics in GE's Factories-with-a Future" was presented by Vernon E. Estes.

May 1983

Two \$100 scholarship awards went to John Brennan and Paul Leibinger.

May 1983

John Easley cited by local section. Received two awards for his involvement in the Transformers subcommittee of IEEE.

June 1983

IEEE Headquarters complimented our past secretary - Keith French. We were the only section in the U.S. that reported the new officers on time.

June 1983

A petition was submitted to headquarters to form a Computers and Controls Group in our section.

August 1983

The Annual Executive Committee picnic was hosted by Bert Pritchard at the Lodge in Pittsfield State Forest.

September 1983

Alan Boschen reported on his trip to Phoenix Arizona to the annual PACE conference.

March 1984

Centennial medals and citations were presented to Gene Carlson, Bert Pritchard, Edd Ptak and Joe Slocik for continued service to the Berkshire Section.

April 1984

Incoming chairman Carroll Kane met Edd Ptak at the Boston Electro and asked Edd to chair a Berkshire Section Centennial Historical Committee.

June 1984

Three scholarships were awarded this year.

October 1984

A joint Elfun/IEEE meeting sponsored James E. A. John, Dean of Engineering at UMass who spoke on "The Changing Face of Engineering Education" at the Stanley Club to a capacity crowd.