

Notes from Edison Tech Founder, John Harnden –

- The 2013 Annual Steinmetz Day was observed at the Edison Tech Center in April. These observances are a result of the City of Schenectady’s Proclamation in 2006 to honor Charles Steinmetz on his birthday, April 9.
- There was also a concerted effort during the year to locate the manuscript completed by Dr. Susan Staffa on the Westinghouse Family connection in Schenectady, circa 1850. ETC staff member Steve Rockwell made a concerted effort and traveled to Pittsburg, where (with the cooperation of the curator of the Heinz Museum) he was able to find the Westinghouse collection. There was a copy of this sought after manuscript. We hope to publish this volume. Because of the impact of the Westinghouse Story we plan to create a permanent exhibit to highlight the contributions made to electrification by the two Westinghouse sons in June 1886.
- Our thanks to Dr. Nancy Fitzroy for her generous contribution of the Elek-Trak that was used in the 2013 Schenectady Christmas Parade. It was made in 1971 and, with a small amount of clean-up and complete battery charge, it performed flawlessly in the parade. We have been hearing reports from people who have gotten over ten years of service from their batteries in this equipment and many people are still very pleased with the product. Twenty thousand of them were manufactured by GE before the business was sold to Wheel Horse. There is a new museum being developed in Washington State for pure electric antique vehicles. Their board has in their possession 70 vehicles; one director prizes his Elek-Trak over any of his other vehicles.
- One can locate any number of museum activities, which would seem to border on the lack of necessity – one is called the International Spy Museum; another is the 300 million dollar movie-TV museum being implemented for opening in November of 2014 in Los Angeles. Lastly, a group of people on Long Island have put together a plan to rehab some of Tesla’s equipment and have received funding from Concerned Scientists based on the west coast so the one on Long Island will be called East.
- We are quite behind in remembering a number of co-workers and individuals who have passed away in the last several years. We have inquiry as to why this is something we should try to do. As a result of the very mobile society, particularly in the elder community, people are downsizing and moving, and are often unable to locate others who are doing the same thing. If you have a question concerning possible location of someone we may be able to be of some assistance.

In memory of the following friends and associates:

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