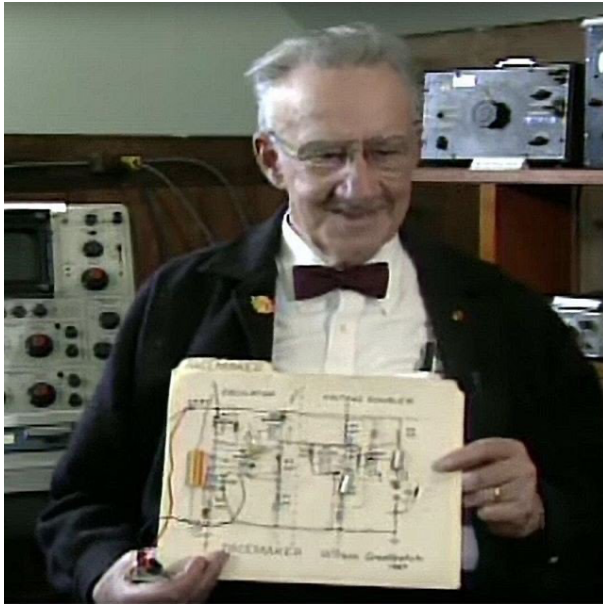


Some Famous People I've Met Over the Years

Gary W. Johnson

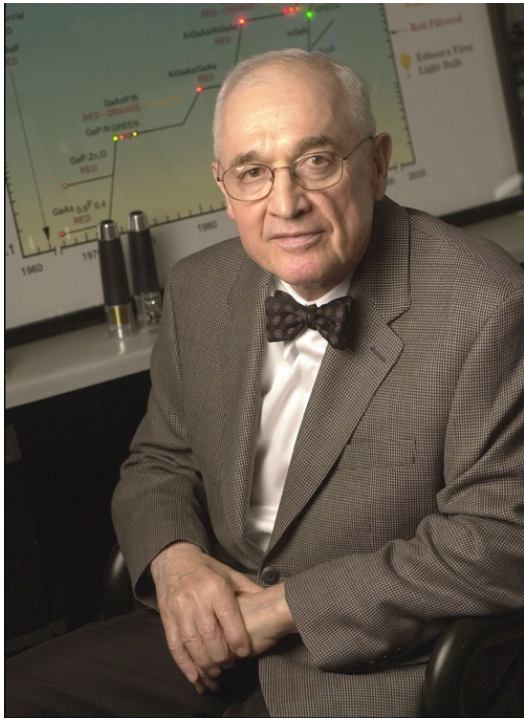
Wilson Greatbatch, famous inventor including the implantable pacemaker. Gave him a presentation at his factory in New York (1996). Very nice man, like visiting with your grandfather. He demonstrated the basic pacemaker for me, shown in the photo.



John Bardeen, Nobel Prize winner and co-inventor of the transistor. Met him while I was at the University of Illinois where he was still a professor. He showed us the first transistor-based circuit in action, an oscillator with little keys for playing a tune. It still worked. (1978)



Nick Holonyak Jr., inventor of the LED. He was John Bardeen's first grad student. Had a beer with him at the University of Illinois (1979).



Edward Teller, father of the hydrogen bomb. Met him in his office while I was working at LLNL. He was very accessible. Hardly anyone could win an argument with him. (ca. 1988).



Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations (briefed him, 2006). Everyone stands at attention when he enters the room. Everyone.



Richard Petty, stock car racing legend. Met him while getting off a plane and got his autograph. Yes, he was wearing The Hat... I spotted it when I looked back down the rows. "That HAS TO BE Richard Petty!" (ca. 1995).

