

Re: Hobbyist electronics courses... extinct?

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Bill Gray wrote:

> Roger Dewhurst wrote:
>> "Pooh Bear" <rabbitsfriendsandrelations@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>> news:43B46C42.C4D47219@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
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>>>Charles Schuler wrote:
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>>><longjohnstuartmill@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>>><news:1135887749.193666.188480@xx>
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>>>>>After asking several dumb questions on this newsgroup, I realized I
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>>>> was
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>>>>>going to need some extra help if I was ever going to learn this stuff.
>>>>>So I searched for an electronics course in my community. I couldn't
>>>>>find one. I found a million yoga classes, but no basic electronics
>>>>>courses. My only options seem to be an electricians' ticket or an
>>>>>engineering degree, and I'm not ready for either of those. I live in
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>>>>>city with ~75 000 people.
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>>>>>Do you think my problems are due to the community's size, or is this a
>>>>>problem in most areas?
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>>>>>It is becoming more difficult to find community college courses in
>>>>>electronics in most areas. These courses were typically offered for
>>>>>"technicians" and this area of employment is shrinking.
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>>>>>In terminal decline would be more accurate.
>>>>>
>>>>>Graham

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>> Surely someone has design and repair electronic devices. People must get
>> some training somewhere. Industry, in a general sense, cannot function
>> without technicians. Engineers may design things but technicians are
>> necessary to build them and fix them when they go wrong. A society with too
>> many graduates and not enough technicians supporting them does not function
>> very well. Too many chiefs and not enough indians!
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> American industry will just outsource it to China or India. There're
> plenty of technicians there.
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> Bill,
> Phoenix

Yup. The 'suits' don't give a shit about ppl who spent their lives honing their skills when they can get a better bonus by improving tomorrow's bottom line.

Until there's fundamental culture change in how western businesses are run, don't expect any job to be even remotely secure.

I wouldn't advise *anyone* to get into engineering in the west these days.

Graham

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