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bill.sloman@xxxxxxxx wrote:

On Sep 11, 3:20 am, "Michael A. Terrell" <[mike.terr...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:mike.terr...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

bill.slo...@xxxxxxxx wrote:

Jim Thompson wrote:

Poor baby, you're just full of excuses. No one will hire you because you're incompetent. Face up to it, go over and sit in the corner and suck your thumb ;-)

Jim-out-of-touch-reality-Thompson thinks I'm not being hired because I'm incompetent. When he expresses an opinion outside of electronic design he's wrong almost all the time, and he's failed to get it right this time too.

This is another example of why people give you so much shit. You can't just say you disagree with Jim, you have to be the biggest asshole on the newsgroup about it.

There's a lot of competition for the that particular honour. Jim's a leading contender – nobody else admits to having reported one of us to the FBI for "dangerously anti-American" attitudes.

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I'm sure you America bashing posts had already been detected by more than one government agency.

Your contributions about my career are pathetic exercises in malicious imaginative fiction, so you don't really compete. Phil Allison is seriously obnoxious, but since he doesn't seem to be actively malicious – as Jim is – he's has to settle for second place.

Don't sell yourself short. Phil is only a contender, when compared to your level of being obnoxious.

Jim is working.

Lucky him.

You aren't.

I've noticed.

So have we, and all your prospective employers who did a search on your name. Then they saw the real you, and didn't hire you.

Jim is working state of the art.

Barry Gilbert and Geoff Widlar comes a lot closer to defining the state of the art. Jim works for people who can't afford to have someone that good on the staff. I've used a few of Jim's designs, and dumped them gratefully when someone else did the job right.

And you use you pink and purple UFO to visit 'Nessie' every day. One

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of Earl Schibe's best paint jobs, BTW.

You barely remember the art. Every time you post another attack on someone's skills, it shows how little you are capable of comprehending, these days.

As if Mike Terrell would know. He does technician's engineer-envy to perfection, with the obligatory element of not knowing what is actually going on – as evidenced by his adulation of Jim's journeyman skills.

Yawn. I didn't envy the engineers. In fact, I despised some of them for releasing half finished designs to the floor. That was why I was transferred to the engineering department before their first DSP based design was released to production. The design worked, but was a nightmare to build and test. My job was to fix that, and I did it. I pissed off some of the older engineers, but the manufacturing engineers backed me up, and the production, and test departments were pleased with the changes. Some of the engineers were top notch, and others reminded me of you. They were the ones let go in the first layoffs.

I knew some of our other products better than the current engineers did. I wrote so many request for engineering change orders on them that I was banned from engineering. It lasted a whole two days before they needed help on one of those products.

Rather than ask questions about new technology, you drone on about the antiques you worked on. How often do they sell a brand new Electron Microscope built on a 35 year old design?

I was working at Cambridge Instruments when they revolutionised scanning electron microscope design by using a computer – eventually a PC – to do the detailed knob-twiddling. That was around 1985, some 23 years ago now. I am aware that things have changed since then, as you'd know if you could understand the technical stuff that I do post.

Don't flatter yourself, Bill. Your idea of technical 'stuff' is a

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sick joke. Computer controlled instrumentation is the norm, these days.

If anyone is out of touch with reality it's you, for thinking your outdated skills still matter. You should join one of the European antique radio newsgroups. There you might find someone who appreciates your out of date skills.

I got into electronics when planar transistors had become cheap and widely available, used one of the first MOSFETs to go on the market, and went on to take advantage of every new development I could lay my hands on. My most marketable skill has always been finding new ways to solve problems, and that is a skill that isn't likely to go out of date.

I 'got into' electronics when it was mostly tube, but made the transition to solid state by reading the used EE college textbooks I picked up at thrift stores. A lot of the engineers I've worked with wanted to know why I didn't have a degree. I spotted problems, and provided the solutions, rather than just whine about something not working.

The Peltier-junction-based thermostat I put together in 1993 was the first published design to use a microcontroller to deal with the control problem posed by the fact that the watt-per-amp efficacy of a Peltier junction changes with the temperature difference across it. Jim Williams' subsequent application note for the LTC1923 refers to the problem, but doesn't include the equation to work out what the efficacy actually is (as my paper did – and I had to derive it for myself, not that it was all that complicated to do). I still hope to get a chance to do something else equally interesting.

Not that you'd have clue about what I'm talking about.

Yawn. Tell everything you know me about DSP based diversity telemetry receivers, the FIR filters, the firmware, or the digital spectrum display that was mostly software based. How about the 90 MHz A/D converters that followed the analog microwave tuners? Ever design one? FWIW, have you ever even seen one? that receiver had over a dozen processors doing various jobs.

You played with a simple electronic cooler. Was it certified for space applications, or approved by NASA for life critical missions?

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There are two kinds of people on this earth:  
The crazy, and the insane.  
The first sign of insanity is denying that you're crazy.

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