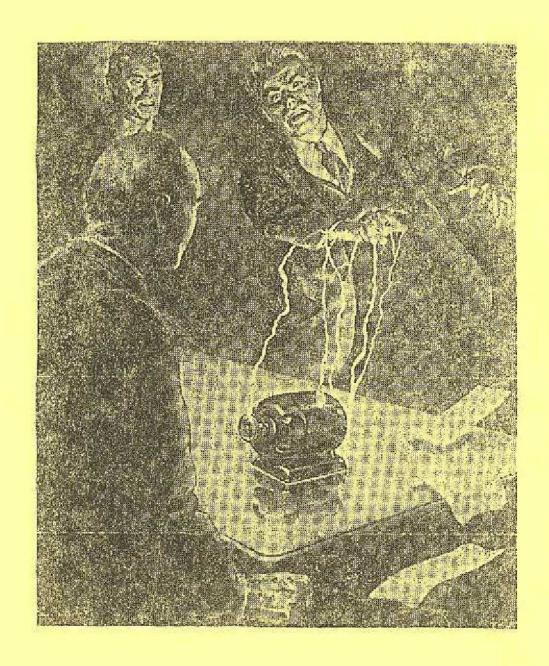
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THE HENDERSHOT MOTOR MYSTERY

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Today the world has forgotten a man named Lester Hendershot, who invented one of the most amazing motors of all time-a motor that ran without any detectable fuel input.

ook, daddy, it won't work." voice of the chubby fouryear-old as he placed the toy airplane in his father's lap. -

The youthful parent picked up the toy and examined it with the practiced eye of a mechanic.

'Don't worry, son," he said comfortingly to the little fellow, "we'll build one that will work.",

Later the father, whose name was Lester Hendershot, did build a toy airplane that worked. And the thing that made it work is today one of the most baffling mysteries in the entire field of invention. For the propeller of that toy airplane was turned by a tiny motor powered by neither fuel, spring, nor elastic band. It drew its power, so it was claimed, from the earth's magnetic field.

This was the first working-model of the Hendershot fuelless motor. Later, its story, like an exploding star, suddenly burst forth upon the front pages of every large newspaper in the country, shone brilliantly there for a few days, and just as suddenly passed into the limbo of things forgotten.

Why? Here was an invention that might have revolutionized the entire field of motive power; not only in aviation, but in the automotive,

transportation, and industrial fields Disappointment filled the as well. Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh tested the motor at Selfridge Field, Detroit. So did Major. Thomas Lanphier, Commandant of the Field. Both were very favorably impressed with the results of the tests. Pilots and mechanics at the Field who aided in the construction of the motor said they believed it to be the greatest invention of the age, and all appeared sure it would be a practical success as an airplane motor.

> On February 25, 1928, The Detroit Free Press said in a copyrighted article that the powerful Guggenheim interests had arranged for an immediate conference with Lindbergh, Lanphier, and Hendershot. Other powerful groups of financiers were said to be intensely interested. And then suddenly, for Hendershot and his motor-oblivion. Again, why?

Let's look at the record. Lester Jennings Hendershot, who was twenty-nine years old at the time. lived in a little house next to the railroad tracks in West Elizabeth. Pennsylvania. Of formal schooling he had very little. Several years, previously, however, he spent a few months at Cornell University, where he took courses in mechanics. A "free lance" worker, he was

never long employed in any particular job. At various times he worked as a fireman and an engineer on the railroad, inspected concrete, did electrical work, and worked in the mills near Pittsburgh. During the first world war he was a bugler with a machine gun company, but he did not get overseas.

During his early twenties, the idea of a machine which would operate from "earth currents" came to Hendershot in a dream. But it was not until November, 1927, that he started working to make that

dream a reality.

His laboratory and workshopconsisted of a crude work bench in the cellar of his home. He placed the bench near the furnace where it was warm. From early morning until late at night he could be found there working at his inven-

In a few weeks the miniature model was finished. It was constructed from the parts of a wornout radio which his uncle had given him. It ran. He found, however, that it had one serious fault. It would always operate when pointed north and south, but would not turn a wheel when pointed cast and west. Hendershot sexperimented for two years before he could overcome this defect.

The motor operated on the principle of a compass, Hendershot later explained. He always steadfastly maintained that there was no

tion, "The force that energizes it is the same force that pulls the needle of a compass around, and there is nothing mysterious about that," he stated flatly again and again. The revolutionary feature was a hitherto unknown manner of winding the armature.

Hendershot went on to explain that during his experiments he learned that by cutting the same line of magnetic force north and south he had an indicator of the true north-not the magnetic north of an ordinary compass. By cutting the magnetic field east and west, he found he could develop a rotary motion. He persevered until he had built a motor on that principle, that would rotate at a constant speed, predetermined when the motor was built.

For several weeks the little motor rested in a toy airplane upon a small table in the living room of the Hendershot home. Then one day D. Barr Peat, of Bettisfield, the air mail port near McKeesport, Pennsylvania, heard about it. He came over to see the model and waxed enthusiastic at once. A few weeks later he and Hendershot were at Selfridge Field, where permission had been granted to build a model large enough to operate an airplane.

. The model was built and tested. Those present at the tests were convinced that they had witnessed a bona fide demonstration of fuelmystery connected with its opera- less power and that they stood on

the threshold of a new era which it would bring to pass. Newspapers spread the story far and wide.

Orthodox scientists pooh-poohed the idea, at first. "Interesting if true," and "impossible practically," were the most frequent comments heard from them. Later they tore into it with a vengeance. Dr. Michael I. Pupin, Professor of Electro-Mechanics at Columbia University, pretty well summed up the opinion of his learned scientific brethren in his statement to the Associated Press, February 26, 1928; "According to my knowledge of science I cannot understand how sufficient power can be generated in this manner to operate a heavy object. I do not understand it and fail to place any importance in it."

But Dr. Frederick Hoffstetter, head of the Hoffstetter Research Laboratory, of Pittsburgh, went much further. He went, in fact, to New York and hired a lecture room of a large New York hotel. He had come, he told his audience, to expose a fraud. The learned doctor brought with him and exhibited models of the Hendershot motor. He demonstrated that they wouldn't work. And to clinch his arguments, Dr. Hoffstetter announced that he had found, concealed in one of the models, a carbon pencil battery.

This statement was misleading. It is true that, several years before, Hendershot, having no evidence of the good faith of his visitors, had stuck into his motor various devices

to lead them away from the real idea he was working on. But in the Selfridge Field tests, there had been no means of concealing anything in the motors built by the mechanics employed by Major Lanphier.

Having done what he considered to be a good job of proving Hendershot to be a fraud, Dr. Hoffstetter packed up and returned to Pittsburgh. A few days later Hendershot's name dropped out of the newspapers completely.

That should have ended the matter. And so far as the general public is concerned, it most definitely did. But to a few thoughtful people several questions still remain unanswered. Charles Fort, in his book "Wild Talents," raises several of the most pertinent ones.

Fort emphasizes the fact that: Hendershot was backed by Major-Thomas Lapphier, U. S. Army, Commandant of Selfridge Field; During tests at the Field, a model of the motor generated enough power to light two 110-watt lamps, and another ran a small sewing machine. Major Lanphier stated that he had helped to make one; of these models and that there was nothing fraudulent about it. To the suggestion that the motor was stealing power from some big broadcasting station Major Lanphier replied: "We thought of that, but we ran it for twenty-six hours, when the stations were going and. when they were not, and we got the same results."

Again, Fort points out: "If the thing were a fraud, it would seem that it would have to be obviously a fraud." Here was a simple little contrivance weighing less than ten pounds. It was made by the mechanics of Selfridge Field, under directions. Couldn't they quickly have determined if it were a fraud or not?

And wasn't it extraordinary—or significant—that Dr. Hoffstetter should have traveled so far and gone to so much trouble to expose a fraud, claiming that it would be capable of destroying faith in science for a thousand years? Faith in science destroyed by whom? An unschooled young fellow whom most of the world had never heard of before? "What I pick up," concluded Fort, "is that there must have been an alarm that was no ordinary alarm somewhere."

Lastly, Hendershot dropped out of the newspapers by way of a story that was very strange indeed. On March 9, 1928, the newspapers responsed that Hendershot was a patient in the Emergency Hospital, Washington, D. C., recovering from temporary paralysis. He had sustained a severe electrical shock while demonstrating his motor in the office of his attorney in the Washington Loan and Trust Building. Ninth and F Streets. The shock had temporarily paralyzed

his arms, legs, and palate, and he could not be discharged for several weeks. Isn't it singular, in view of the charges made by the scientists, that a bolt, estimated at two thousand volts, should have shot from the motor and temporarily paralyzed its inventor?

So, to this day, a gigantic question mark hovers suspended over the story of Hendershot and his motor. The truth of the matter will probably never be revealed, for those who know it are not likely to talk.

A careful study of the matter leads to a number of different conclusions, any one of which may be true. Manufacturers of combustion motors, seeing ruination ahead, may have gotten together and bought Hendershot off. Or, the producers of motor fuels may have combined and bribed him to drop out of the picture. Orthodox scieng tists, seeing some of their pet theories headed for the ash can, may have found some means of keeping him quiet. Or perhaps, as Fort suggests, Hendershot possessed some wild talent, some power of mind over matter, which caused the motor to run while in his presence.

But certainly, under no circumstances, do the facts sustain the conclusion that the Hendershot motor was a fraud. Therein lies the mystery.

THE END

The editors of FATE wish to point out that if you liked this story, you will find our big new sister magazine OTHER WORLDS much to your liking. It features science fiction.

THE SO-CALLED HENDERSHOTT MOTOR

Associate Gaston Burridge

For more than 25 years, Loster Hendershott and "The Hendershott Motor" have appeared to be an enigma wrapped in an obscurity tied with a contradiction. They still are. Most people are surprised to learn that Lester Jennings Hendershott is alive. He is very much so. Not only is he actively alive, but at 57, he is deep in his experiments with his device - a device which has come to be erroneously known as a "motor". To call Hendershott's mechanism - or "electricism" - a motor, only adds to the enigma. Long ago, it was termed by a most orthodox scientist, "more properly a generator than a motor". Somehow, "generator" never caught on. It has always been "The Hendershott Motor". Probably, it will remain so. In addition to generator, the arrangement may be properly called an apparatus, a system, or a device.

It seems to me it would be quite incorrect to say Hendershott deliberately created the enigma. It would also appear wrong to say he has ever done much to help clear it away! The enigma has suited Hendershott's purpose because he does not know, he says, what he has! He does not know, he says, how it works. Neither does he know, he says, how to duplicate it consistently, or in different sizes. "I am not one of these slide-rule boys," he told me. "I don't know how to figure these things out first. It is pretty much a 'cut and try' proposition with me."

Whether Hendershott knows what he is doing or not; he has evidently oreated "a something" which has seemed interesting enough to othe. ers, for they are, at the present time, seeking to duplicate his accomplishments. I know of one such effort being attempted in New Jersey, another in the Bay region of California. Whether either o f these will "beat Hendershott to the Patent Office" remains to be seen. Whother a patent will truly protect such a device or not is highly problematical. While it might certainly prevent large scale outside manufacturing and sale, it most certainly would not prevent private or individual manufacture and use! Of course, our patent laws do protect - in theory - against individual duplication of any patented article, but - in practico - it is quite impossible to accomplish such protection. Once anyone has learned how to tap a basic source of energy for his private use, and sets the knowledge forth in a patent - which he must do to obtain it - the world will not beat a path to his door, so much, as to the door of the Patent Office, for there they can learn the secret for 25%1 Sconer or later, every inventor of such a device comes to realize this fact. He is thus between two fires. Both are equally hot. Either is bound to consume him sooner or later.

This, I believe, is why so many of these systems have died with their inventors. Few men have learned - perhaps it is impossible for them to learn - that he who gives most, receives most. All of us are too close to the jungle for such thinking. However, denying a truth does not obliterate it.

What makes up a Hendershott "motor"? There are some basket-woven, flat coils of insulated wire. These, no doubt, are inductances of some sort. What is the size of the wire or how many turns of it on each "pancake" there may be, Hendershott does not say. There are some stainless steel rings - "non-magnetic" stainless steel - and some pieces of "stick carbon". There are some short lengths of "Alnico" or equivalent, permanent magnets. There may be - and probably are some electrical condensers among this plethera of parts, but Mr. Hendershott does not say, nor are their capacities hinted at. Too, there may be other accouterments well hidden from prying oyes. I would be surprised if there were not! It would appear there are no moving parts which deliver the power, hence the lack of any true resemblance to a motor. The device manufactures an electrical current which Mr. Hendershott told me would power either an electric motor or light an incandescent lamp. In fact, he has pictures of himself holding the device in one hand and a lighted bulb in the other. He also has pictures of the device placed on a pile of lumber, and allighted lamp above it.

There also appears to be within this device some very critical features. For instance, as Mr. Hendershott told me, "Sometimes, I wind on too many turns of wire. Then, the thing won't work at all. I take some of the turns off. Maybe it works, and maybe not. If it works it soon burns out. That is my greatest trouble - the thing burning out." One immediately wonders if it is possible the potential of the power source changes frequently?

What powers the Hendershott device? If Mr. Hendershott knows even has any idea - he hides the knowledge well. He says he doesn't know. He also hastens to comment that any scientist who has watched his apparatus in operation, doesn't know cither! He does not name any scientist who has watched his device in operation. common explanation of the source of its energy has been from "the magnetic lines of force of the earth". If such is the source, Nikola Tesla, the great electrical inventor, once commented, "such a force would have to be measured in 'mouse-power'". There are two other possible sources. One is earth electricity, the second, atmospheric electricity. It was Tesla himself who ostablished there were such charges in each. He learned the earth's charge was positive, the atmosphere's, negative. Tosla also learned Nature had a means of maintaining the earth's full charge continually. If he e v o r satisfied himself how this was accomplished, it remains one of his many secrets.

There is a possibility the earth may be an "electro-magnet", rather than a permanent one. If so, there is also a possibility its power could be considered above the "mouse" classification. Dr. Edward C. Bullard of the National Physical Laboratory in London, presents a theory accounting for the earth's possible electro-magnetic field. Briefly, Dr. Bullard says the earth's liquid or semi-plastic core is highly radioactive. This radioactivity generates enough heat so motion in the form of convection ourrents is set up. These currents provide the "excitement" necessary to make electro-magnetism a possibility. Thus, in theory, at least, there are possibilities of a source of power to operate Hendershott's apparatus. It may well be, while its potential is theoretically great, like the power from the sun, its actuality is small. It is also possible, while its potentiality is great, the cost of collecting it or converting it, is also great, because our present methods of using energy are so crude. We seem to waste much more than we use. As yet, we have not overcome the "friotion of use!"

Someone has said, "point of view is everything." Well, if not everything, then a great deal. Digging out "facts" is often dependent upon the tint of the lenses in one's glasses. Here is what I mean. Early in Hendershott's experience he was taken to Detroit's Selfridge Field to demonstrate his "motor" to Major Thomas G. Lamphier, Commandant of the Field. The Major was interested in the device, but never claimed any sponsorship of it. Shortly, Detroit newspapers carried stories that the technicians at the Field had constructed a device under orders of Major Lamphier and under instructions from Hender - shott. This motor worked according to press releases of that day.

Being interested in this point, after considerably difficulty, I located, now Colonel and retired, Thomas G. Lamphier. In answering direct questions from me, Colonel Lamphier informed me that no Hendershott device of any sort was ever constructed at Solfridge Field under Hendershott's instructions while he, Lamphier, was Commandent. Lamphier said, "The only device ever at the Field was one which Hendershott brought to the Field - and it was proved a fake at an eastern University Laboratory."

I laid this information before Hendershott. He remarked, he could not understand it at all, because the device was built at the Field, by Field technicians. That he, Hendershott, did not even so much as wind a single coil of it. That the completed device did work -- just as the newspapers had reported. Thus, are enignas built:

A Washington, D.C., newspaper carried a story on March 9th, 1928, relating Hendershott was recovering in a Washington hospital from a 2000-volt shock sustained while demonstrating his device in the of fice of his patent attorney, presumably to interested capital. I have in my files a letter from a newspaperman, long with one of the leading Pittsburgh daily papers, which states Hendershott was not

taken to the hospital for any such shock treatment at all, but for a lunacy test. Strange as it may sound, Hendershott was not found "guilty", and was released. One is often quite surprised at the tip of Justice's scale!

Whether Hendershott's device is ever developed to a point where it is, or can be, understood and used for 'everyday purposes', both he and it will always be 'between covers'. This comes about through Charles Fort having devoted several pages to Hendershott in his book, "Wild Talents", last chapter (32). Fort doesn't "plug" very hard for Hendershott, but does bring up several points which might otherwise be overlooked. I asked Hendershott if he had seen that which Fort had written about him. Hendershott replied that he had. As Hendershott answered several other questions relative to the publication, I thought I no ticed a bit of impatience both in his tone of voice and general attitude. This indicated to me he was not overly pleased with the words he read.

The January, 1950 issue of "Fato" magazine carried a story on Hendershott. My investigations lead me to believe this story was based upon the account in the Fort book along with those of several news - papers published in 1928. When I brought this story to Mr. Hender - shott's attention, his reply to my questions were evasive. I gained the feeling that Hendershott knew Mr. Fleming, the article's author, but for some reason was displeased with either the piece, or the results according from it. There may be an interesting story lying buried here!

In the May, 1953, issue of "Fate" magazine appeared an advertisement from the "Utility Engines" professing to have plans for sale of a so-called Hundershott motor. Suddenly, all mail was rejected by the address of the "Utility Engines" 1 I asked Hendershott about this matter. He told me he learned of it soon after the advertisement was published. Soon after that he learned about the plans they were selling and using his name. They were doing this, Hendershott claimed, without his permission or consent. He told me that he promptly informed the postal authorities of the circumstance. "They must have done something about it, for I heard nothing more about them," he said. Hendershott was quite emphatic to me regarding the plans put out by the "Utility Engines" not being of his device. He was so emphatic, in fact, I felt he, like the maiden, "didst protest too much". Thus, the ol! hound dawrg's nose! went to the ground! I n due course it came up with the information furnished by an acquaintance of Hendershott's to the effect that Hendershott had remarked at the time, while the "Utility Engines" information was not his device, "it was pretty d --- close !"

I have had the "Utility Engines" material before several competent radio and electronic men. They say the diagram of connections a redefinitely within the radio band of frequencies. They comment that the device would undoubtedly work = if close enough to a powerful radio transmitting station. I also know of several who have been trying for months to "make something out of the prints", but so far, have failed to do so. These men are trained in electronics a h d

radio techniques. If the plans are as close as indicated by Hender - shott's remark, some one may "stumble" across the right answers. Who knows?

The afternoon I met Hendershott he was in his front yard taking some pictures of his young sons with a new Poloroid camera. I am pretty sure the camera was new, because the pictures were not turning out well. Hendershott is a rather short man, balding somewhat, and of a rather rotund build. His eyes are dark brown, alert, and at times picroing. He seldom smiles. When he does smile it is a wan smile, and not vory generous in amount. Hendershott gestures a great deal with his hands, and shakes his head negatively often. I felt he distrusted me greatly. This became more evident as I laid before him more and more of the information I had. Many of my questions Hendershott refused to answer point blank, referring me to his attorney. When these same questions were laid before his attorney, the attorney also refused to answer them. Why, only time will tell. I think I know.

Probably, there is "something to" the Hendershott device, or any other of its nature. Whether that "something" is of great potential or not, remains to be seen. Fantastic amounts of energy lay all about us. Mankind seems only to have learned to use energy in huge quantities, wasting most of it. The more "civilized" he has become, the greater his energy use - and waste. It is quite evident, if he continues to multiply and continues to require more energy, he will have to look for it in some new places, or entirely revemp his machinery. There appear certain basic dangers for man along the pathway of using atomic energy - dangers of processes and uses getting out of hand, these blowing himself and his planet to Kingdom Come. There may be as many dangers along the pathways of earth electricity, electromagnetism, atmospheric electricity, or solar power, but somehow I have a feeling there are not. Everything we have, everything we know, was put together once. As far as we have learned, the putting together process has consumed considerable of that which we know as "time". Perhaps "hurry" has been the tune of the piper - and we haven't asked the price!

A STORY OF PREE ENERGY

By Associate Ed Skilling

On a warm July evening 1958 a telephone call from a friend and business associate startled me. The gentleman, an orthodox scientist, Dr. X to protect his identity, who had obtained his Doctorate at Columbia University, asked me to see a free-energy device in which he had just invested considerable capital for a three month option to buy a 50% interest.

After signing a secrecy agreement I met with Lester J. Hendershot and saw the Hendershot Motor. Dr. X chose to rename it the Hendershot Fuelless Generator, which was more descriptive of the device.

Les Hendershot in his sixties was a simple, sincere individual with a lovely wife and four wonderful children. I had expected to meet a fast talking con man who, I thought, was about to take my friend for his money.

The story of the Hendershot Motor as it was called in the late 20s can be found in Charles Fort's book "Wild Talents" and in the files of the Detroit "Free Press" and the New York "Times". "FATE" Magazine carred an article on it by Associate Gaston Burridge in January 1950. The rate article renewed interest in the unusual device, much to Hendershot's sorrow, as he was plagued by all sorts of people, from business investors to weirdo religious fanatics who ascused Les of causing earthquakes, floods and famine.

The unit that Dr. X had seen operate with a power output of 300 watts was partially disabled when I first saw it, due to Dr. X's insistence on seeing the manner in which the coils were assembled. My part in the program was to duplicate the unit and attempt to produce power in the same manner. To save time we were to rebuild the disassembled coil and try to get it working again as well as build a duplicate model. My only interest was academic so there was nothing to lose but my sanity.

Several days later, after much sweat and frustration, the original working model and the duplicate unit were assembled and wired to the schematic drawing I made from the original wiring. Strangely enough, I learned that I was the first to make a true schematic using electronic symbols rather than picture diagrams.

Les Hendershot was a clever man with his hands but was not an electronic technician. His knowledge in the field of electronics was learned by tinkering with radios, and either he did not know how to construct an original diagram or he didn't choose to, due to his desire to maintain secrecy. Dr. X and I attempted to get the original unit working in my lab without success. We returned to Hendershot's

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home for further consultation and experimentation. Several hours after arriving at Hendershot's home at about 2 a.m. the 75 watt light bulb we had placed as an output load flashed once. This incident encouraged me onward and it was a lucky chance that it did flash as I would have left the project and filed it away as a hoax. It was not until October 26, 1958, four months later, that I saw a real demonstration of electrical phenomena. Many tests were made between July and October of that year and much investigation to determine the principle involved in the circuitry was carried out. To make a long story short and to save retelling of countless details involved in my experience since 1958, I can say that I know of no one person other than Lester Hendershot who has been able to make a Hendershot generator produce power. Many people have seen demonstrations in many places and at many times, including Mexico City. All have failed to duplicate Hendershot's electrical phenomena.

I have my own pet theories on what principle is involved but have been unable to accept the theory of many who feel that Hendershot was an undeveloped psychic who under certain conditions could produce this ability. My conclusion was reached by means of logical analysis.

Many times in the past and certainly in 1958 while Hendershot was away from his home working, his children were able to turn the unit on and operate a floor lamp and television set in the family living room without Hendershot's conscious knowledge that the device was producing power.

Until it can be proved otherwise, I shall continue to investigate and experiment with ideas based upon my own conclusions. Lester Hendershot died in April 1961, and if there was any known secret to his ability he could not tell us directly.

I have never read or heard tell of any gainful results obtained by means of contacting the departed through mediumship. Much philosophy but little useful technical information can be had in this manner, at least in this writer's opinion. For what it is worth to technically inclined Associates, the details of construction will be revealed now to BSRA. I'm sure others can obtain some results such as occasional shocks from charge build-up in the unit and minute indications of power which is all I could produce. It may be that some one can duplicate Hendershot's ability.

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We are certainly glad to have Mr. Skilling's personal story of his experiences with Hendershot and his "fuelles generator". The schematic diagram and technical explanation will be in the next Journal. We'll still string along with H.P.Blavatsky's opinion that the power for Keeley's fuelless motor was his own ectoplasm, and that Hendershot, like Keeley, was a natural magician. But that's an opinion after all and the facts, I hope, will be brought out by further research. Another Associate, the late J. Gilbert E. Wright detailed his efforts to get technical information through mediums in the BSRA brochure "Two Inventors Return" -- Edison and Steinmetz, 31 pages, mimeo.

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A STORY OF FREE ENERGY

By Associate Ed Skilling Part II, Conclusion

This man, Lester J. Hendershot, was an amazing individual when compared to men with technical abilities acquired by formal education. His native intelligence was extremely high. Charles Fort was certainly correct when he included Hendershot among the rare individuals that have Wild Talents.

His ability to perform technical feats by intuition was developed to a high degree. As an example: If he wished to build an electrical coil that would operate in a circuit at a resonant frequency of say 500 KC he would go to an electronic supply store, pick out a spool of wire from the supply racks, take it home and wind a coil on a form which would turn out to measure in a resonant circuit, 500 Kilocycles. He was able to consistently achieve this phenomena, and as a result of it created a fuelless generator that would produce electrical power.

When compared to T. Henry Moray, Hendershot in my opinion was a giant.

The Associates reading this Free Energy story will learn that Hendershot duplicated the same electrical phenomena that Moray did with far simpler components. Hendershot did not require a secret, exotic type of ionic cold cathode tubes as valves and oscillators which Moray claims is the secret behind his Radiant Energy.

This writer's experience working with Hendershot combined with what is published in Moray's book "The Sea of Energy in which The Earth Floats" leads one to believe that the energy field tapped by these unusual men is one and the same. Both men appear to have suffered similar problems in trying to present to the world, Free Energy. It is most unfortunate that Lester Hendershot did not live to meet T. Henry Moray, as the combination of the Hendershot simplicity of circuitry with Moray's knowledge and theory of Radiant Energy would astound mankind.

Lester J. Hendershot was of the opinion, as expressed to this writer in 1958, that his Free Energy device, the Hendershot Generator, was tapping a magnetic force field. Examination and study of the components used in the Hendershot circuit does not substantiate a magnetic theory.

Tests of the circuit in a strong magnetic influence would not induce a voltage in the circuit that would produce power. After exploring
various facets of magnetic fields in an attempt to induce power into
the device, the search was abandoned. A great deal of study was made
in a search for a theory that would fit the components used in the device. The electrical parts used in the Hendershot circuit, such as:
capacitors, coils, transformers, magnets, solenoids, were studied on
their individual merits to determine their function in the circuit wiring.

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Measurements in the static condition were made of the non-commercial items to determine component values.

BASKET WEAVE COILS

The unique feature of the Hendershot device is the basket weave coils, with cylindrical capacitors built in the center of the coils. (See A & B, Fig. 1) Hendershot did not explain his intent when he designed this part of the circuit. In the early days of his experience, during the late 20s, he used standard broadcast radio coils which he could purchase in the radio supply stores of that era.

A test of the present coil design on a radio frequency resonant bridge or "Q" meter will reveal that the coil out of the circuit will be self resonant in the lower frequency of the radio broadcast band of 500 KC. This indicates that Hendershot kept the present design in the same ratio of inductance that was used in the early days.

Another interesting component is the solenoid coils CH1 & CH2 used in conjunction with a magnet from a radar magnetron with a soft iron bar between the magnet and the solenoid coil cores. During operation of the Mandershot Fuelless Generator, this unit will buzz at a frequency rate dependent upon the air gap between the magnet, iron bar and coils.

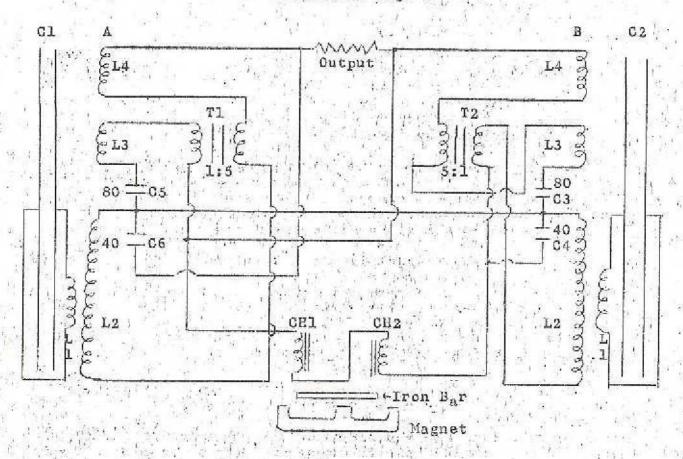
The magnet-coil device was mounted in a frame so that a screw adjustment would move the coil in relation to the magnet, varying the air gap which varies the resonance of this "buzz" frequency. Like the basket weave coils, A & B, the magnet-coil device idea was derived from a telephone receiver used in the early days. A regular buzzer used in a door bell annunciator should serve the same purpose. Hendershot purchased the solenoid coils in a radio supply store and they appeared to have been used in a 110 volt bell ringer.

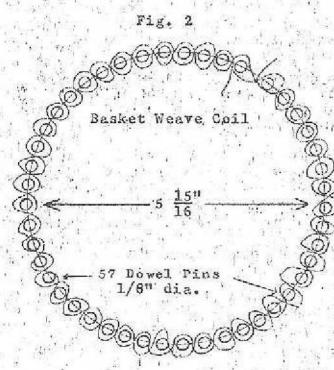
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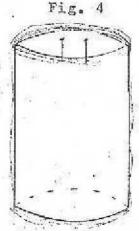
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A STORY OF FREE ENERGY

HENDERSHOT'S FUELLESS GENERATOR

by Ed Skilling

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In the 1920's Lester Hendershot invented a free energy device which was called the Hendershot Meter. It was described in Charles Fort's book, Wild Talents, and in articles in the Detroit Free Press and the New York Times. Fate magazine (Jan. 1950) had an article by Gaston Burridge on the device.

This man, Lester J. Hendershot, was an amazing individual when compared to men with technical abilities acquired by formal education. His native intelligence was extremely high. His ability to perform technical feats by intuition was developed to a high degree. As an example: If he wished to build an electrical coil that would operate in a circuit at a resonant frequency of, say 500 KC, he would go to an electronic supply store, pick out a spool of wire from the supply racks, take it home and wind a coil on a form which would turn out to measure in a resonant circuit, 500 kilocycles. He was able to consistently achieve this phenomena, and as a result of it, created a fuelless generator that would produce electrical power.

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Lester J. Hendershot was of the opinion, as expressed to this writer in 1958, that his free energy device, the Hendershot Generator, was tapping a magnetic force field. Examination and study of the components used in the Hendershot circuit does not substantiate a magnetic theory. Tests of the circuit in a strong magnetic influence would not induce a voltage in the circuit that would produce power. After exploring various facets of magnetic fields in an attempt to induce power into the device, the search was abandoned. A great deal of study was made in a search for a theory that would fit the components used in the device. The electrical parts used in the Hendershot

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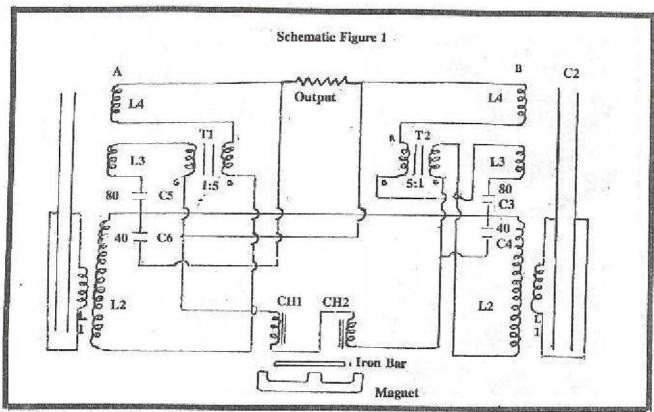
The unique feature of the Hendershot device is the basket weave coils, with cylindrical capacitors built in the center of the coils. (See A and B, Fig. 1). Hendershot did not explain his intent when he developed this part of the circuit. In the early days of his experience, during the late 20s, he used standard broadcast radio coils which he could purchase in the radio supply stores of that cra.

A test of the present coil design on a radio frequency resonant bridge or "Q" meter will reveal that the coil out of the circuit will be self resonant in the lower frequency of the radio broadcast band of ? KC. This indicates that Hendershot kept the present design in the same ratio of inductance that was used in the early days.

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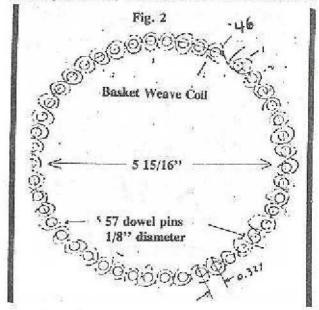
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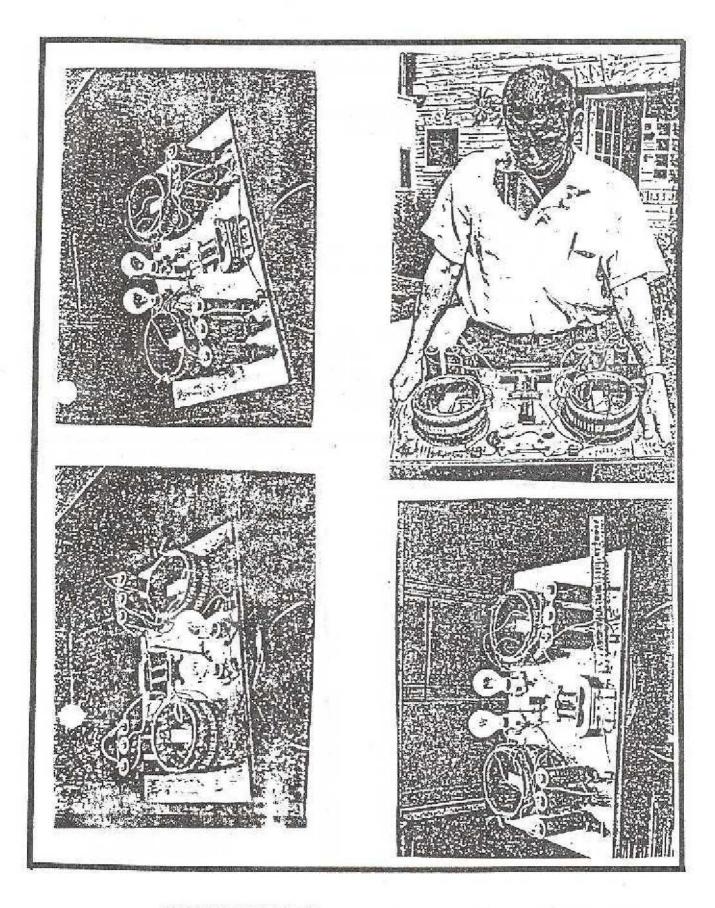
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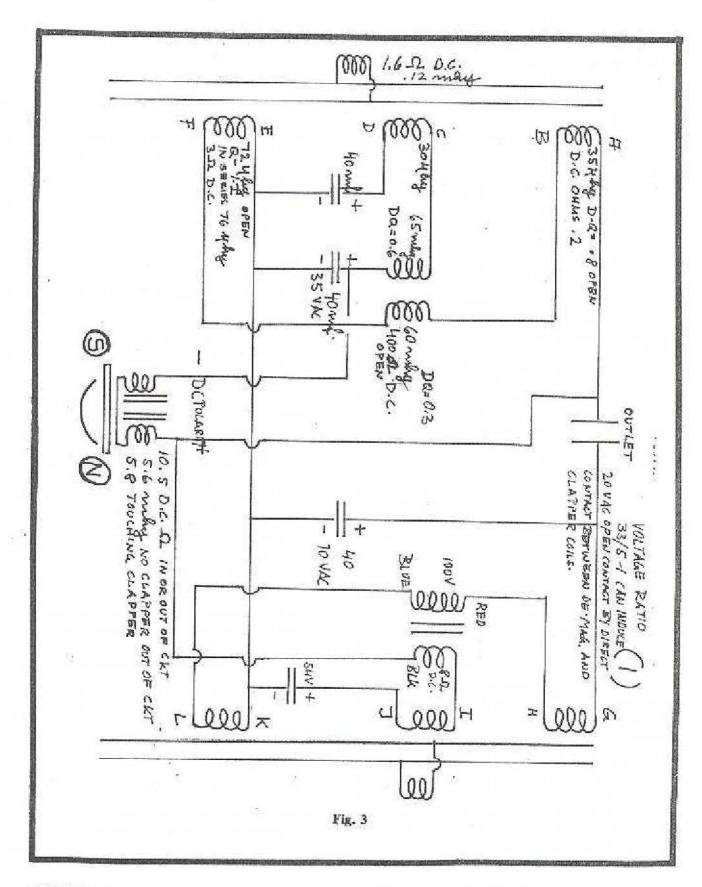
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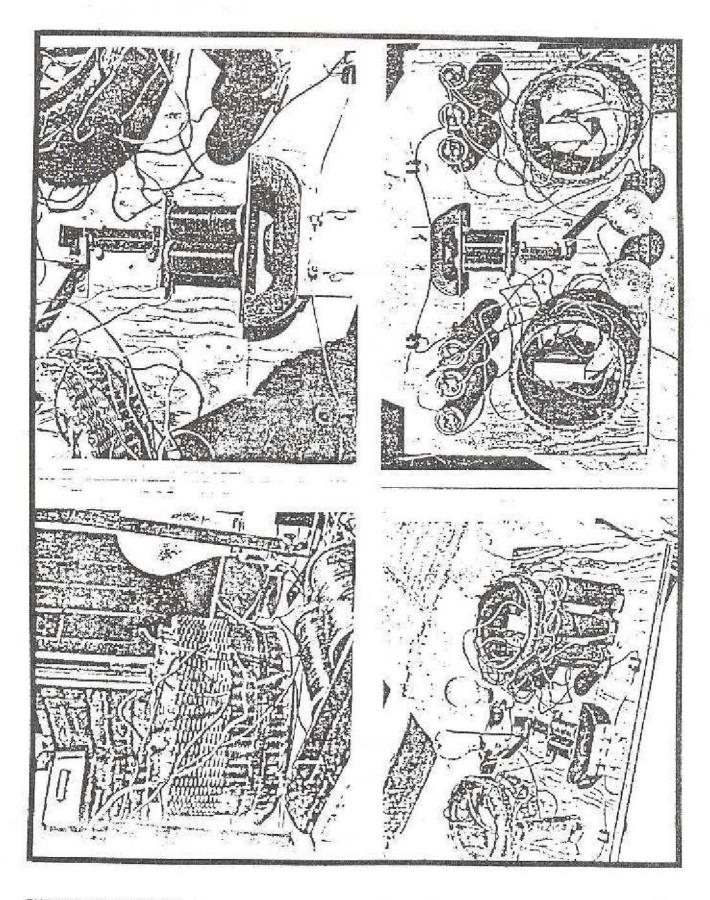
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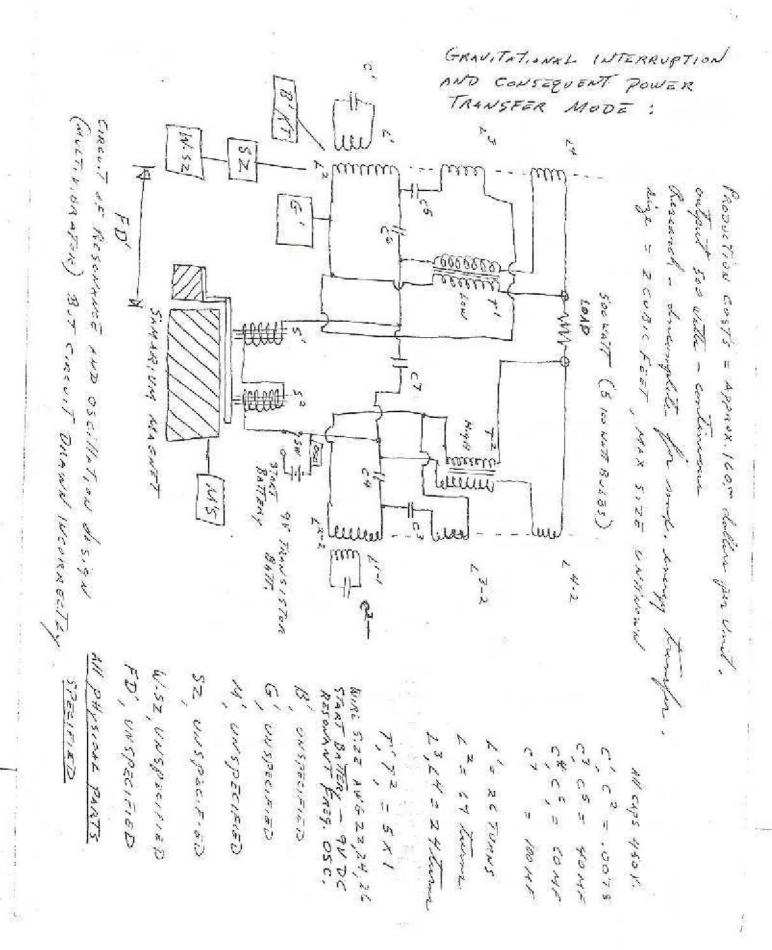
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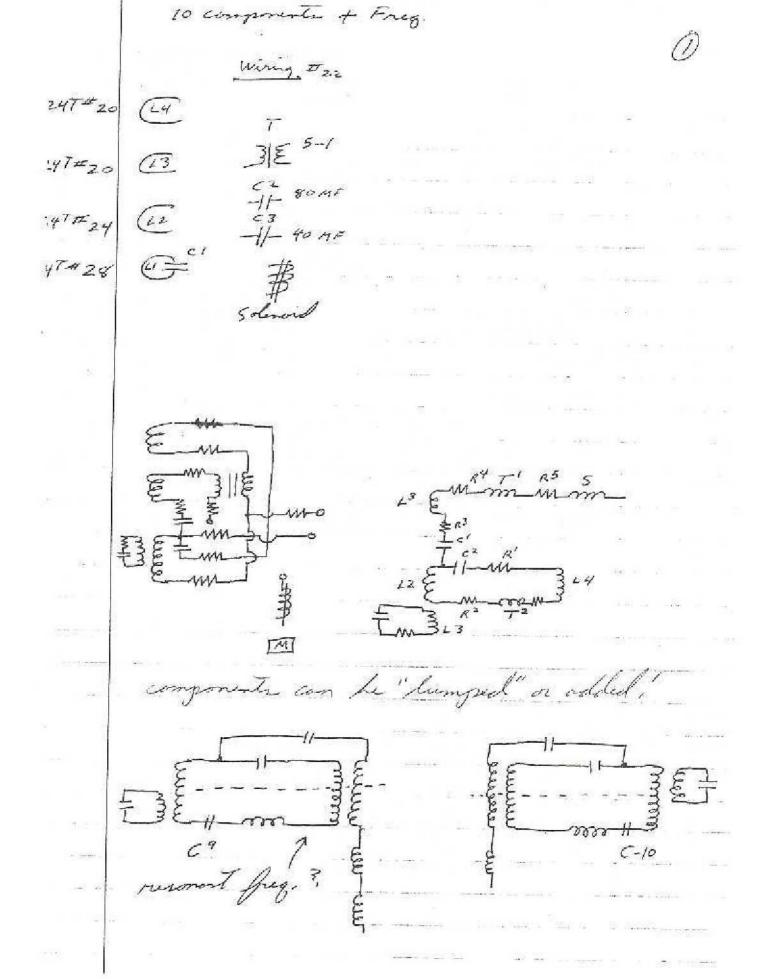
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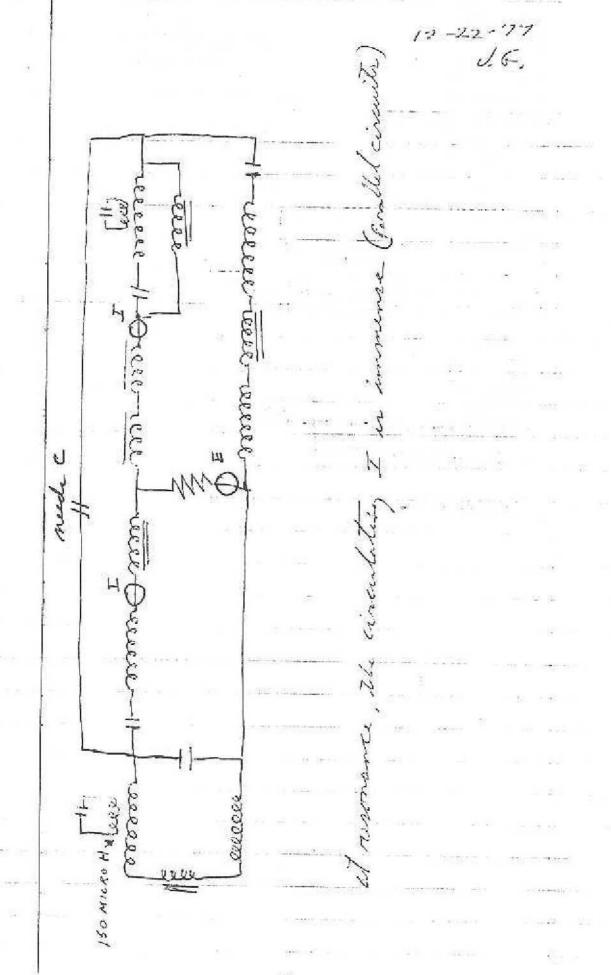


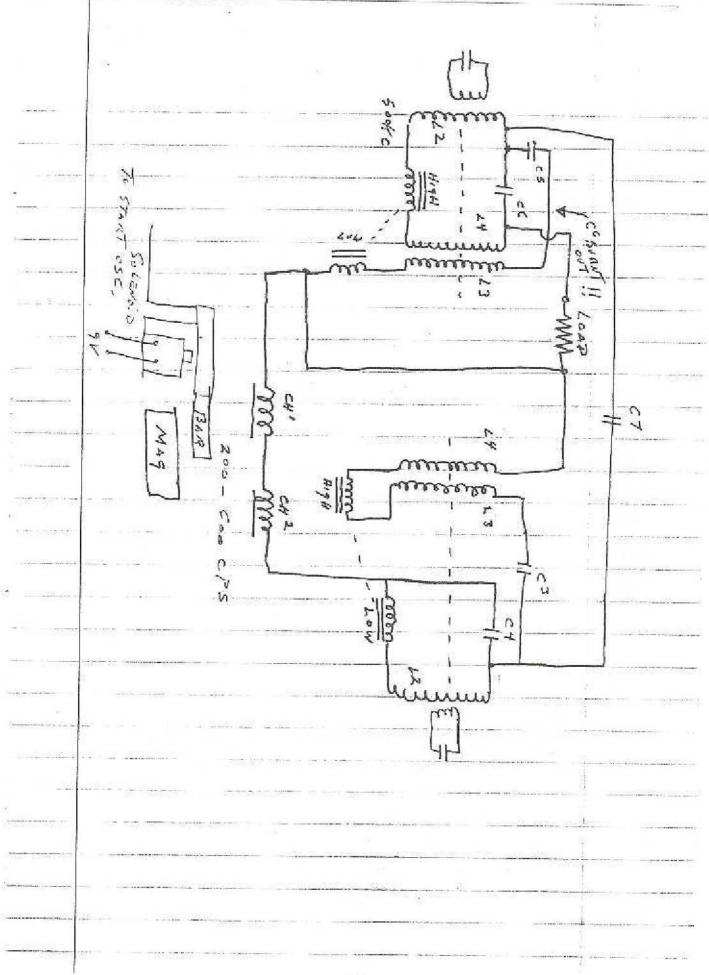


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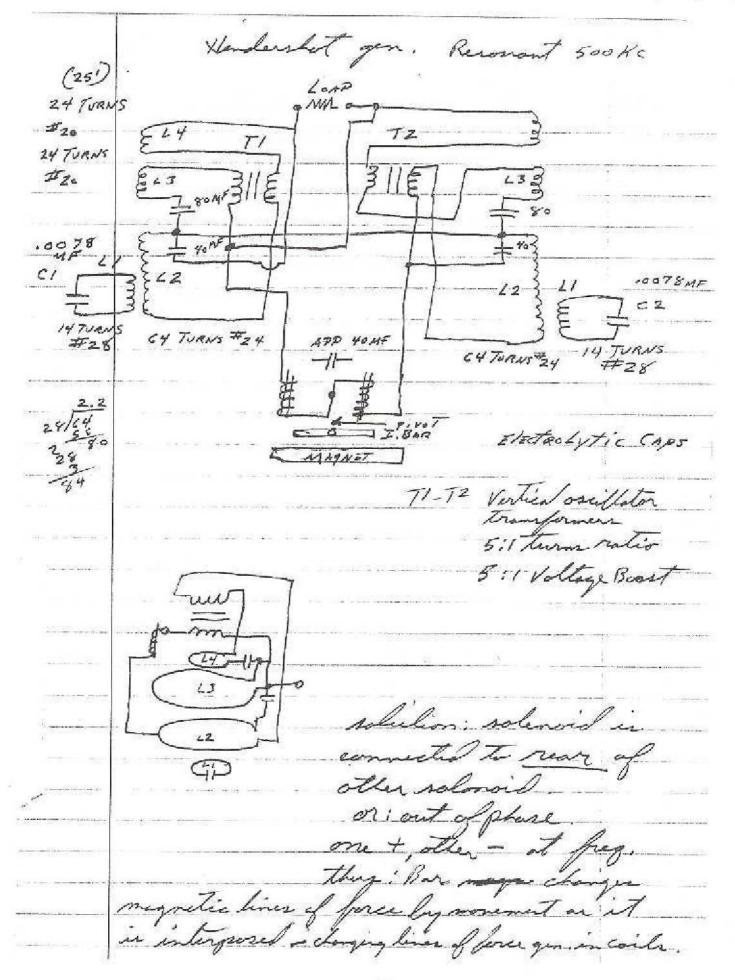
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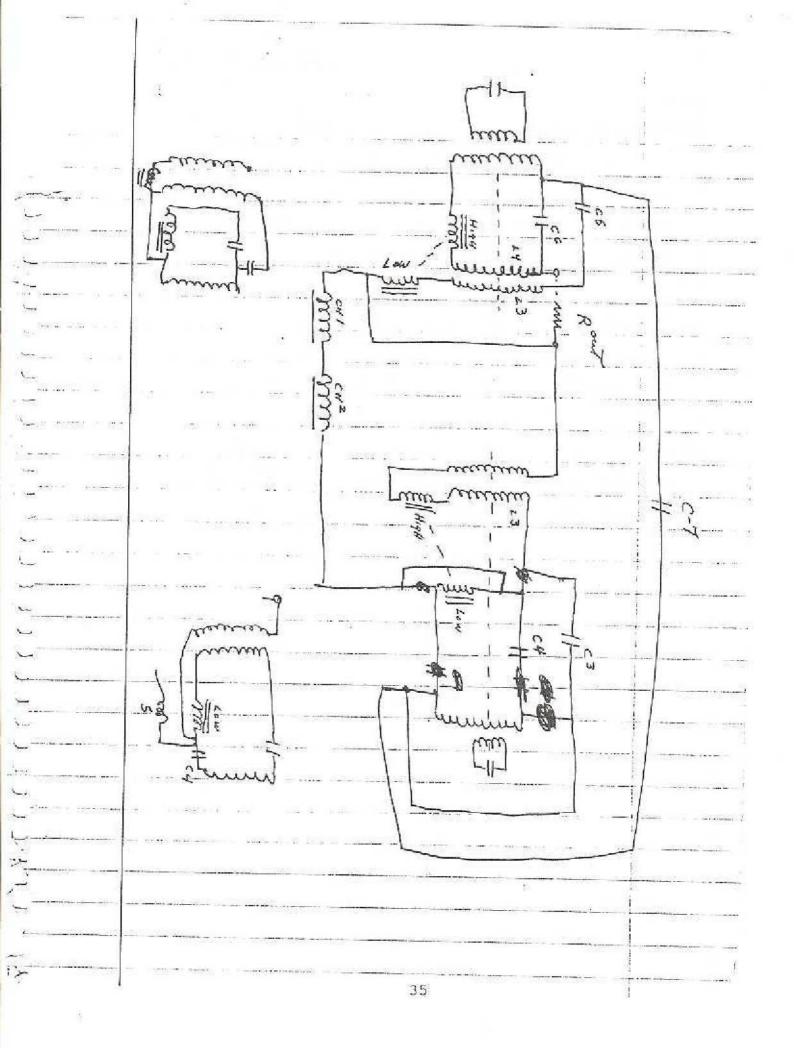
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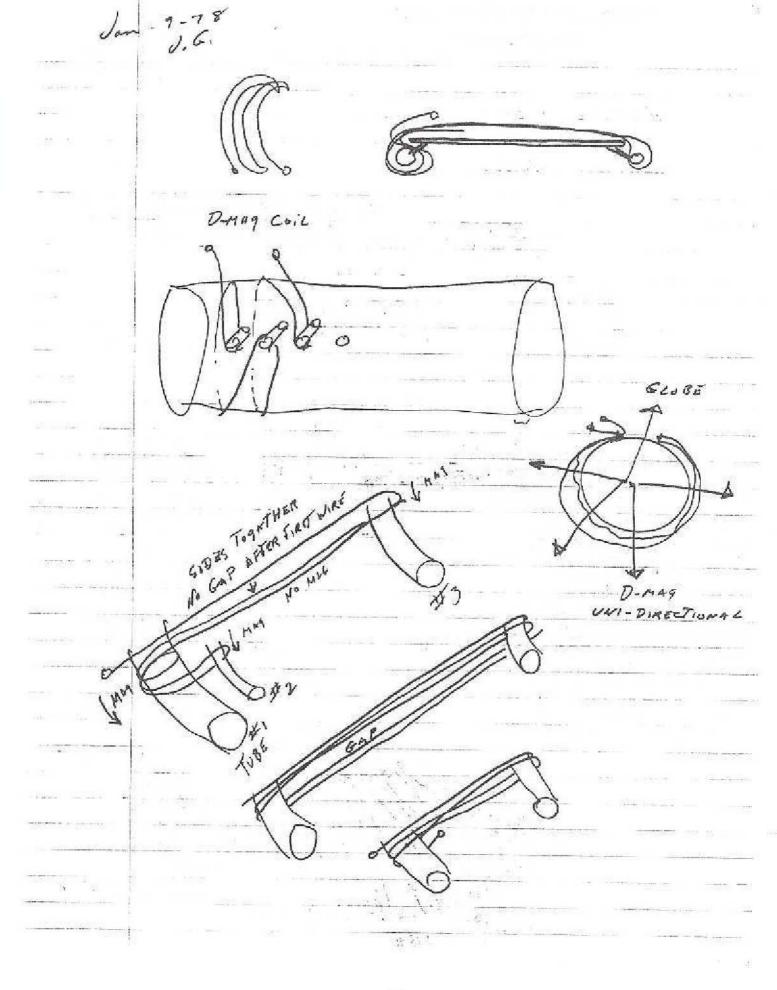
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> 3-7-78 J. G. Stalling.

The proper impedince for a vognetic be apposite the Electrical improduces. Where electrical devices (onternar etc.) Want may impeduce in ohms, the magnetic dipole Warts the absolute. minimum of impedice. (Zero) all devices are minimum impedice disigned for the closest impedince match. (free space = 377 ohms, M = 0) It seem like a minus 377 ohns efite like ground plane ontennar and a magnitic impedence of Zero is a balance point.

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Files (5 %) coil rige dia.

Side (5 %)

Coil rige dia.

Side (5,0)

Coil

Ratio 23

if Pole = 5 24" Then 5 24 x 23 = 132,2

138

128

8/1058 rights

12/32,2

118

12/32,2

A. The size of the poles are critical.

B. The Distance between the wires are critical.

C. The size of poles determine size of coil.

P. The Diameter of coil determine size of poles.

E. Side Windigs are 14 wantle glt for 1/2 (24 or 11/2).

F size of viving 14 worthyll (1/6) or 18 7 (19/2") one 1/2"

5 3/4" = 14.6 centimeters or 2.4 gigacycles approx may frequery! 1/2 Greg. barrowie = 240 Meggreyche berderstet 2 x homoric as : ?

Ingredirer induction of Gravity any coil tends to "Hold "up current in a oscillating circuit (standard electronics) of change of polarity is such that The reach a maximum of efficiency.

(This freq. depends on individual coil) 11-4-7 Nowever, a coil has a impedence relative to high frequencies and is resonate to some small bard smuch higher than the low freq. oscillation where current is maximum 34 FEB The coil at low freg, current maximum will also pick up high resonant frequency to the Stray Radio-frequeries are small and will amount to microvalla priceroange only but the Graville field of the circuit being oscillated at a resonant frequery can add considerable energy as well as The induction of the Earth field. The resonance of such a circuit must . be right for this to happen.

rept. 17,28 The away and hurdershott derices both included a Ocoil where energy "Pickeys" was oblived, and (2) a means of oscillation seconant to that pickup. Envoyant 3 and @ a 'grund' on The divice! The "excited" coil () excites the coil (2) which feeds The question relevant are; B Where in the supposed extra every derived from that overcomes conservation of every that would cause eventual damped oscillation of: Either riech, herdushett, or moray achieved a working system model the letter every must be available Through some means, and Consuration of every in preserved, yet still sept 17, 28 J. Hallings

