

NATIONAL INVENTORS HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION

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NATIONAL INVENTORS HALL OF FAME WILL HONOR GROUP OF HISTORICAL INVENTORS

Innovators of the past receive due recognition

Akron, OH (April 3, 2007)—The National Inventors Hall of Fame announced today it will honor a group of historically significant inventors through induction.

Each year, the Hall makes a February announcement of inductees for the upcoming year. This year, for the second time, the Hall is announcing an additional group of historical inventors who will be recognized during the annual induction ceremony. The Hall's goal is to present a more complete and accurate historical view of innovation in the United States with the additional inductees.

Some of the inventors or their inventions are more readily identifiable to the general public, such as Frank Zamboni and his ice resurfacing machine, Richard Drew and masking and cellophane tape, and John Holland and the submarine. Other inventors, such as James Bogardus and his iron building frame and Thomas Seavy Hall and his railroad signal, may not be as well known. All the inventors, however, had significant influence on society and the economy as their work became popular during their own times.

The inventors and their inventions are:

Samuel Allen (1841-1918), Flexible flyer sled
Alpheus Babcock (1785-1842), Cast-iron piano frame
Laszlo Biro (1899-1985), Ball point pen
Eli Whitney Blake (1795-1886), Machine for crushing stone
Katharine Blodgett (1896-1979), Langmuir-Blodgett Films
James Bogardus (1800-1874), Iron building frame
Charles Brannock (1903-1992), Foot measuring device
John Browning (1855-1926), Breech-loading rifle
Georges Claude (1870-1960), Neon tubing
Joshua Lionel Cowen (1877-1965), Toy train system
George Crompton (1829-1886), Looms
Richard Drew (1899-1980), Adhesive tape
Philip Drinker (1894-1972), Iron lung
Alfred Einhorn (1856-1917), Novocain
Ole Evinrude (1877-1934), Outboard motor
King Gillette (1855-1932), Safety razor
Elisha Gray (1835-1901), Telephone and telegraph improvements
Thomas Seavy Hall (1827-1880), Railroad signal
John Holland (1840-1914), Submarine
Frederick McKinley Jones (1893-1961), Refrigeration unit
Albert Kingsbury (1863-1943), Thrust bearing
Lorenzo Langstroth (1810-1895), Bee hive

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Oliver Lodge (1851-1940), Wireless telegraphy
Auguste-Marie Lumière (1862-1954), Cinématographe
Louis Lumière (1864-1948), Cinématographe
Wilhelm Maybach (1846-1929), Carburetor, radiator
Alexander Miles, Elevator doors
Michael J. Owens (1839-1923), Automatic bottle-making machine
Thomas Pickering (1831-1895), Velocipede
Louis Renault (1877-1944), Drum brake
Jesse Reno (1861-1947), Escalator
John Rogers (1856-1934), Automatic typesetting
Charles Seeberger (1857-1931), Escalator
William Sellers (1824-1905), Improvement in machine tools
Frederick Sickels (1819-1895), Valve for steam engines
Samuel Slater (1768-1835), Cotton mills
Eli Terry (1772-1852), Automated clockmaking
Louis Tiffany (1848-1933), Stained glass
Theophilus Van Kannel (1841-1919), Revolving door
Squire Whipple (1804-1888), Iron truss bridge
Frank Zamboni (1901-1988), Ice resurfacing machine

The group of 41 deceased inventors will be recognized as inductees in the Hall of Fame at a ceremony taking place on May 4, 2007 that will focus on posthumous recognition. Also to be recognized at that ceremony are the deceased inventors whose names were originally announced in February. On May 5, 2007, this year's living inductees will be honored.

The not-for-profit National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation is the premier organization in America dedicated to honoring and fostering creativity and invention. Each year a new class of inventors is inducted into the Hall of Fame in recognition of their patented inventions that make human, social, and economic progress possible. Founded in 1973 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the National Council of Intellectual Property Law Association, the Hall's permanent home is Akron, Ohio, where the inventors in the Hall are honored and from where it administers its national programs, including Camp Invention[®], Club Invention[®], and the Collegiate Inventors Competition[®]. For more information, visit www.invent.org.

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