Subject: Re: The Men Who Built America
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Steve Wozniak realized he got lucky after co-founding Apple. He took the pile of money he made from it and decided to live the life he wanted to live. He has my utmost respect.

Steve Jobs wasn't content with the one-in-a-million bit of luck and set out to prove it wasn't a fluke. OK, eventually he did prove it wasn't a fluke but it took him many decades to do it. He also burned through a lot of other people's money on the road to prove his point.

Gate's products were so awful for the first few decades that I moved my personal computers to Linux. Bad enough having to deal with miserable Microsoft products during the day at work but there was no way it was following me home.

Going back to RCA, it still amazes me that it was such a massive, huge company but still controlled and run by one person, David Sarnoff. When he retired from the board the company just couldn't seem to do anything right. Don't know if that started while he was still on the board or if it was right after but RCA didn't seem to be able to do anything right in the 1970's.

Before the 70's? They were the 800 pound gorilla that had their hands in everything. Before the 70's you couldn't imagine a world that didn't have RCA.