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Subject: Re: Digital Streaming Radios

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Not in this case, I'm afraid. I work around a lot of younger engineers, developers, project managers, testers and "user-experience" folks. There's a definite shift of emphasis in their mindsets. Some of it is generational, and some is what's coming out of the schools. A lot of it is the fact that we have let certain industries lapse, thinking we can buy from other countries cheaper than we can make ourselves.

No, America has lost a lot of its engineering talent. And what's left often is more passionate about gadgetry and new features than they are in building and maintaining robust infrastructure. It's more exciting to them to make stuff that "looks neat" than it is to make stuff that is durable and reliable.

I do agree with you though too, in the fact that a lot of American companies have chosen to outsource manufacturing to other countries and this has had a huge impact. It's not just that engineers have chosen to lose skillsets, it's also partially that they aren't needed if the companies that employ them don't require the skillsets 'cause they are outsourcing. That's a big part of the problem, in my opinion.

But still, I think my big beef right now is not so much on that aspect as it is with companies (and the engineers that work for them) designing equipment that isn't reliable and won't last in the long run. So much throw-away junk these days.