

Biographical Notes

John Barry

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Governor-at-Large

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John Barry, founder and managing director of the John Barry Group Pty. Ltd., is an SMPTE Governor-at-Large.

After completing his education in Melbourne, Australia, Barry went to the Netherlands during World War II, where he served in various capacities, including cameraman, for which he received a commendation from the Netherlands government. From 1945 to 1956, he worked as a newsreel and documentary film cameraman on assignments in the United Kingdom and European countries.

In 1956, when television came to Australia, Barry returned there and became active in setting up television studios. In 1967, he established Birns & Sawyer Australia Pty. Ltd. in partnership with the directors of Birns & Sawyer Hollywood. Later he purchased all shares in the company and changed the name to John Barry Group Pty. Ltd. The company, with headquarters in Sydney and branches in Melbourne and Perth, is mainly involved in the sales, rental, and service of motion-picture, television, and electronic equipment.

Shortly after founding the John Barry Group, he established Barry



Cine Sales (NZ) Ltd. in New Zealand, maintaining offices in Wellington and Auckland. His next step was to form Barry & Warta Trading Pty. Ltd. in Singapore, in partnership with his former general manager, Horst Warta.

Barry joined the SMPTE in 1975. Among other activities, he served as chairman of the Australian Section for the 1980-1981 term. In 1981, he was appointed SMPTE Governor-at-Large. In addition to the SMPTE, Barry is a member of the Australian Cinematographers Society, BKSTS, Producers and Directors Guild of Australia, Film Editors Guild of Australia, and the Royal Motor Yacht Club.

Barry lives in Sydney, but frequently visits the major film and television capitals of the world, and attends conferences and exhibitions to keep abreast of the latest advances in the industry. He is often accompanied by his wife Judy.

At the age of 16, Barry was licensed as a glider pilot. Later he was licensed to fly power aircraft. He specialized

in aerial photography and aerobatics, doing most of his flying with the Kingsford Smith Flying Services and, later in London, with the Redhill Flying Club. Over the years, as he became more involved in business activities, there was not much time to enjoy gliding and flying. At the present time, he engages in more sedentary leisure-time activities, such as reading, listening to classical music, and attending operas and concerts. He also enjoys boating and water sports.

Asked to comment on the SMPTE, he said, "The SMPTE is devoted to further development of technical standards. For me, personally, this is of vital importance, as it affects the day-to-day running of my business. Its achievements to date have been spectacular, to say the least, and after more than 65 years of steady growth, it can take its place with the best of them."

Bengt O. Orhall

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Bengt O. Orhall, president of AB Film-Teknik, Solna, Sweden, is an SMPTE Governor-at-Large, and the Society's first international governor.

Orhall graduated from the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm



Judy Barry enjoying a day's outing with husband John.

in 1965 as Master of Science in Electronics. He was employed by the Swedish Broadcasting Corp. from 1959 until 1975, first as a television engineer, and then as manager of the film laboratory. In 1975, he joined AB Film-Teknik as managing director, later becoming president.

While with the Swedish Broadcasting Corp., he planned and managed the installation for color processing and printing and also founded several regional processing plants. At AB Film-Teknik, he was responsible for establishing a new video department, in which the equipment included the Teledyne CTR 3 for telerecording.

While with the Swedish Broadcasting Corp., Orhall authored a 210-page compendium entitled "The Treatment of TV-Film in Theory and Practice." He is also the author of a number of papers that he presented at SMPTE conferences as well as at conferences and seminars in Sweden.

In addition to his other activities, when Orhall was with the Swedish Broadcasting Corp., he conducted seminars for television producers, cameramen, and technicians, and he has also taught students at the Dramatisk Institutet (the state school for film and television).

Orhall is a Fellow of the SMPTE. Other professional organizations of which he is a member include the BKSTS and the SSFT (Society of Swedish Film and Television Engineers).

Burton Stone

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Burton Stone, president of DeLuxe Laboratories, Inc., is an SMPTE Governor-at-Large. A graduate of Florida Southern College (1951) with the B.S. degree, Stone began his career in the motion-picture industry as a film editor for Hollywood Film Service. Before going to DeLuxe Laboratories in Hollywood, he had held various executive posts in motion-picture laboratories in New York City. He was



president of Allservice Film Laboratory, vice-president of Technicolor Film Services, and president of Precision Film Laboratories. He had also served as general manager of Consolidated Film Industries.

DeLuxe Laboratories is a subsidiary of Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corp. DeLuxe was founded in 1915 and is believed to be the oldest continually operating film laboratory in the industry.

Stone joined the SMPTE in 1959. SMPTE membership is a tradition in the Stone family. Burton is an SMPTE Fellow, his father, James, is a Life Fellow, and son Jeffrey is a member. Burton's wife, Judy, has frequently been a member of the Ladies' Program Committee. She served as chairman of that committee at the 121st conference in Los Angeles in 1979.

Burton Stone is a familiar figure at SMPTE conferences. Among other conference-related activities, he served as hotel arrangements chairman at the 123rd conference (1981) and as banquet chairman at the 121st conference — the same conference, incidentally, at which his wife served as Ladies' Program chairman.

When Stone was located in New York City, he participated actively in New York Section meetings, and he is now active in the Hollywood Section. He is in considerable demand as a lecturer on laboratory techniques, being frequently invited to lecture to student groups at various southern and eastern colleges and universities including Columbia University (N.Y.), the University of Alabama, the University of Kentucky, and many others.

He likes to spend what little leisure time he has in improving his golf game.

Jeffrey Meadows

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Jeffrey Meadows, vice-president, engineering and technical services, NBC, New York, is an SMPTE Governor-at-Large.

Born in Hampshire, England, Meadows is a graduate of Southampton (England) Technical College, where his areas of concentration were communications and electronics. He began his career in 1962 with the BBC in England, where he was involved in the assessment of color systems for Europe and the maintenance and operations of television studios. In 1971, he became chief engineer at BBC's New York office with responsibility for all of the company's technical operations in the U. S.

In 1977, he returned to London as manager of technical services for NBC News, where he supervised the construction of a new broadcast center. Prior to his appointment to his present post, he had been managing director, news operations, NBC news. In that post, he had been responsible for the technical operations in all of the NBC News domestic and foreign bureaus, and he had supervised the technical conversion of many of the foreign bureaus of NBC News to electronic journalism.

Meadows resides in Chappaqua, N.Y. He and his wife, Tiffa, are the parents of a son and a daughter.

Meadows has been a member of the SMPTE since 1971.