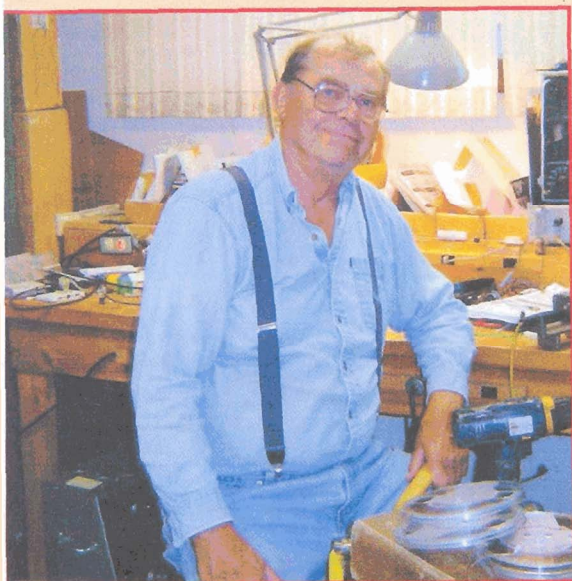


RFB&D: At Their Service

After RFB&D's transition to digital recording equipment, RFB&D volunteer **Jim Hulbert** noticed the readers in RFB&D's Lois C. Klein Studio (Orland Park, IL) struggling with tight quarters. So, he immediately designed and built new work stations with updated features, such as pull out drawers for keyboards.

Jim, a retired Illinois Bell technician who also built an airplane in his garage, has gone out of his way to help RFB&D for the past 33 years. He has not only been a reader and generous supporter, but he has repeatedly traveled all over the state (sometimes driving over 200 miles!) to handle technical problems with telephones, faxes, recording equipment, studio furniture and other general maintenance issues.

Assistant Studio Director Shirley Watson says with a laugh, "Give Jim a piece of wood, and he'll build something amazing with it." Jim's other contributions to the unit have included carved reindeer and exquisitely hand-made clocks for its annual fundraiser. "RFB&D is really blessed to have him as a volunteer, donor and friend. He is generous, creative and considerate. He cares deeply about recording and our studio."



Jim Hulbert

For Jim, the matter is simple. "RFB&D is a good outfit serving members who amaze me with their ambition and accomplishments. When I see a need for something to be done, I simply design a way to fix the problem. There is great satisfaction in it."