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One thing I really get enjoyment out of is teaching someone who really wants to learn. I have had employees over the years who just wanted to get by, or thought they already knew everything and refused to learn better ways to do the job. I don't have any patience with that and it made their time in my employ shorter than it needed to be. I have attended probably a hundred training classes over the years in many technical aspects of my trade. Since I was the one paying for these classes and the time away from work as well as the cost of lodging and meals while away from home, I was there to learn as much as possible. I always immersed myself in the topic and often left with a few new contacts who were like myself and whom I could share questions and problems with later. I still keep in touch with some after more than 20 years.

Not everyone learns the same way.

Some people like to read books and some prefer hands-on training. I don't mind reading instructions if they are written in English and not translated from Chinese but I still prefer to work along side someone who has mastered the skill I'm trying to learn. I'm living proof that flight training works best this way.

When teaching someone, I prefer to let them do the testing or assembly and for me to help. If you've ever been in the passenger seat while someone else was driving and then realized you had no idea how you got to where you are, it's a little like that if you just watch someone test and repair something. You'll get something out of it, but not nearly as much as if you did it yourself. Safety is first with anything electrical or mechanical so that discussion happens before you open the toolbox.

I see lots of prank videos where the new guy is made to look like a goof because someone sent him for a bucket of steam or a left handed pipe wrench and I'm not a big fan of that. It is just wasted time and a strike against the professionalism of the person who should be training them.

The trade skills I've acquired are something I value most in my career. I have assisted masters on things far out of my area of specialty and learned how to be a good helper on those tasks. That's something to be proud of. That's a life you can hang your hat on.

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