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Dear Mr. Beck:

Many thanks for your prompt reply of 3rd with interesting enclosures. It's been many years since I read Jansky's original paper. I'd forgotten how much equipment detail he included. Very kind of you to send a copy.

As a child I remember hard rubber tires on vehicles like Mack trucks. They were all relatively shallow in a radial direction compared to pneumatics. I don't remember the type with holes you describe. Perhaps they never got out to Illinois. In any case, trying to secure these today is hopeless. The pneumatics are still made for benefit of antique vehicle buffs.

At a recent lecture (see attached bulletin) I devoted about 10 minutes to Jansky and his discovery. After the lecture, several people wanted to know if the replica of his antenna was operable, and if so, could star static still be found at Green Bank. One person thought 1981, the fifty year point, would be appropriate for a dress rehearsal! You give similar lectures at several places. The popular interest in this historical stuff is remarkable. Unfortunately, when I realize that most of these young people were born after 1950, it makes me feel like a patriarch.

In any case, thanks again. Maybe we can get together at Green Bank next summer.

Best wishes,

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Sent copy of NASM announcement