

Now and Then

Tech Facts You May Not have Known

The word engineer comes from a Latin word meaning 'cleverness'.

The technology contained in a single Game Boy up until the year 2000, exceeded all the computing power used to put the first man on the moon in 1969!

The first computer hard drive available for the Apple II had a capacity of only 5 megabytes – by our standards today, it would have only been able to hold one or two songs!

Originally, Nintendo was made playing cards, until they eventually designed the concept behind video games.

The first public cell phone call was made on April 3, 1973 by Dr. Martin Cooper. Can you believe that was only 39 years ago? Most calls today are made on a cell phone!

The color television system was developed by John Logie Baird in 1928. Up until the 1960's, it was rare to even own a color TV set! Nowadays, most black and white sets can be found in museums.

The building of the Panama Canal, which links the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, was one of the most difficult engineering projects ever. It is estimated that over 25000 workers lost their lives during the long and dangerous project, with most dying from disease and landslides.

Golf balls have dimples because they help reduce drag, this allows the ball to fly further than a smooth ball would.

Used for water distribution, the Delaware Aqueduct in New York, USA is the longest tunnel in the world (as of 2010). Drilled through solid rock, it reaches a staggering 85 miles long.

To have your picture taken by the very first camera you would have had to sit still for 8 hours!