

The following is a fascinating story of one perspective of Joe Papp's free energy machine scam. It was written by someone with a front row seat who was once a believer and unfortunately took years to really get past the false excitement. At one point, Joe Papp's phony free energy machine (said to run on some kind of gas without consuming it) blew up and killed a man as famous physicist, Richard Feynman observed. Joe of course blamed it all on Feynman. Joe Papp scammed people for a generation - some of those scammed learned to play along and scam still others. Like most free energy con men, Joe's real skill was coming up with excuses for decades of delays and then suing and blaming former supporters. Along the way, so many wishful stories of secret success sprung up, that there are still FE people today who believe that Joe Papp had something but that the secret was lost. This excuse is made for dozens of other free energy con men - it involves the explanation that the inventor is a total genius, but bad at business and bad at keeping supporters).

## **ENGINE, ENGINE - WHO'S GOT THE ENGINE**

*The Never Ending Joe Papp Saga*

By Frank Rutkowitz

Truth is a very definitive word. To most it means telling what and how an event or events actually happened. To some it means never telling a lie. To the Sabori's it meant telling people what they wanted to hear and then collecting the money for listening to their tale. In this case — how they have the technology to run a gas plasma engine.

Joe Papp was truly an extraordinary person. Actually he was downright crazy. But he did have a vehicle to demonstrate the power of his secret gas formula. P. T. Barnum would have been proud to make his acquaintance because Joe (like the Sabori's) never gave a sucker an even break. Over the years (20+) Joe demonstrated his various engines between California and Florida to the absolute amazement of everyone who saw them run. There were many skeptics, but no one could actually prove that what he had was not the real thing. Along the way he convinced many to invest in his wonder machine. The exact amount probably will never be known, but the IRS who had a lien on his estate calculates it to be in the millions. In defense of Joe, everyone who worked with him on his engine swears that it was real. And it probably was. It was Joe who was not real. For some unknown reason(s) every time he was offered serious money to turn over the engine and its secret gas formula he disappeared. Probably, because he never knew the secret of how to mix the gas.

Eventually he tied up with a company called UPC located in Tulsa Ok. and again he did a disappearing act claiming UPC was frauding him. About this time frame Jimmy Sabori came into the picture with a substantial investment to UPC for a licensing agreement to sell and/or lease the (yet to be manufactured) engines. After putting up over \$300,000 (of someone else's money of course) Jimmy realized he and others had been taken. He made

contact with Papp and tried to make various deals with UPC so that everyone involved could have a piece of the action. As time went on and UPC kept stringing Jimmy along, he kept gathering evidence to prove UPC was a fraud. The evidence he had compiled was enough to sink UPC many times over. But as usual, there was no money to hire an attorney and take the culprit's to court. I found an investor who was willing to put up \$5,000 to be used for legal expenses if I would put up my land in Boulder Creek, CA as collateral. I put up land and ACE's got the \$5,000 with a promissory note to pay back Mel Martinez (the investor) \$7,000 within one year. Only \$3,500 of the \$5,000 made its way to the attorney. The remaining \$1,500 went into Jimmy's pocket.. To make a short story shorter. Ace's won hands down giving Jimmy the right to cut any type of agreement he wanted with Joe Papp. Jimmy never paid back the investor and my property was liened. Various smalltime investors now came into the picture - with many already in the picture - to keep ACE's and Joe Papp going financially until the big day when Joe would again demonstrate his wonder machine. Some of the local investors who supplied pocket money were Ernie with \$5,000 – friend of Tad's - Tom Fleissner with \$17,000, Ed Kain (who is now deceased) with \$10,000, Tad Weiss with over \$30,000. I gave ACE's free office and storage space for over two years plus over \$1,500 of phone bills and plane tickets - \$1,000 - and supplies and whatever else was needed.

Finally the big day arrived and Jimmy told myself, Tad, and Tom that the engine was ready to run and to get plane tickets to Florida for its inaugural. Jake - who was down in Florida working with Joe on getting the engine ready to run - called back to California to talk to Jimmy. When confronted with the "inaugural" he said, "Jimmy must have had one to many" (drinks that is). Jake claimed - and rightly - that the engine "was more than a month away from completion." Though there were 3 people in the room, Jimmy adamantly denied ever saying anything about when the engine would run. Tom and Tad flew down anyway to see the unfinished engine.

The big day finally came and went. Joe was extremely cooperative and gave a superb series of demonstrations. The guest list even included the likes of Bogart Kiplinger of the famous

Kiplinger News Letter. None of the investors came up with a dime. The main reason was the Sabori's. The investors only wanted to do business with Joe Papp. Joe of course could do nothing because the Sabori's had a legal 49 percent of all Joe's action.

So they came back to San Jose broker then when they left with a whole lot of BS as to why they had failed. By now Joe realized that the Sabori's were a deficit rather than an asset. ACE's kept sending money to Joe in order to keep the bill collectors off his back and to give everyone breathing room while ACE's and Joe were out. hunting up new investment money. When ACE's could no longer keep Joe living in the life style he was used to, Joe went out looking for new blood to quench his thirst. Holding to an agreement meant nothing to Joe. Over the years he had signed many agreement's and usually abided by none. Before he died, he supposedly signed an agreement with an ex-con named Sparrow for \$10,000 for the rights to Joe's share of technology. Jake Sabori buried Joe with a credit card because he died broke. Unbeknownst to the world, had Joe lived, he

could not mix his own gas because he could not remember some of the steps. Supposedly, he had destroyed the formula due to a pending - one of many - lawsuit. To say Joe Papp was paranoid is akin to saying Hitler was a little crazy.

The legacy of Joe was to live on, thanks to the Sabori's. They had the secret. They possessed the equations of Joe Papp. Even though he had destroyed the original equations he had rewritten them – so he said. Considering Joe Papp was not a scientist and knew nothing about scientific notation and/or physics did not in any way alter the faith of the Sabori's even when two other scientists said Joe's notations were a lot of garbage.

The dictionary describes the word “fraud” as deceit, trickery, and intentional deception. Knowing fully well that the documents they had were not worth the paper they were written on, the Sabori's charged ahead telling investors that they knew how to mix the gases and make the engine - which they didn't have - run. Enter Ken Dollar. The now head of UPC and one of the truly great con artist to con the Sabori's. He claimed he also knew how to mix the gases and was half way through building his own engine. Russ Hunt a neighbor of Jimmy's lined up an attorney investor named Dennis Dirrico who intern had several investors who were anxious to get in on the wonder engine number two. After the Sabori's went to work with Ken Dollar in Oklahoma and brought along \$160,000 of investor monies, they soon found out that they were being given a run around by Mr. Dollar. He not only could not mix the gases, he couldn't even finish the engine he was building. But more importantly they all had a good time. Jimmy brought his wife and daughter with him and Jake went by himself because his wife had a real job back in California. Giving the Sabori's a \$160,000 Carte Blanche is akin to giving a sex maniac a credit card to a brothel. Both of the Sabori's wives were paid consultant fees – though neither of them had anything to do with the engine - along with Jake's girlfriend Barbara. Everybody got a cut of the action except the investors who ended up with a pocketful of Sabori BS. The whole episode was a repeat of Florida. Jimmy brings his family and Jake brings himself. Because Jake could not stand Jimmy's wife and her him, Jake rented his own apartment in Florida where he spent most of his time golfing and of course drinking and time to time dining on \$50.00 lobster dinners. Like Jake, Joe Papp could not stand being around Jimmy's lovely wife Marla. Because Marla could not mix socially with Joe Papp, she was forced to wile away her time at the beach.

Jimmy estimated – at the time - that there were approximately 100 investors who have put. money into ACE's to the tune of around \$400,000. The last group to invest was headed up by Gerry White with the same results. No engine running arid no money left.

Keep in mind that most of these events happened twelve to eighteen years ago. When I said Gerry White was the last group to invest it was in that time period that I was affiliated with Sabori. Since then there have been many other fish.

How could two people with no formal or practical education constantly get. people from all walks of life and backgrounds to invest, thousands of dollars into their venture? They sold the concept. of the big picture and overlooked the significant details or simply lied about them. In other words, they were Dream Merchants. Their main hook was to show

video tapes of what. Joe Papp had accomplished and tell everyone they could do the same thing because they had the technological rights and know how.

Another key player who's name should have been mentioned earlier is Mike Studley who was one of the many who had worked with Joe Papp back in the past. When the Sabori's went to Oklahoma to work with Ken Dollar, their great claim to fame was that they had in their possession the famous Joe Papp overlays. These were colored transparent diagrams that overlaid on each other to show the sequence of the gas mixture. The Sabori's had been telling the world that they had the overlays. Not so. Mike Studley had them and finally gave them to ACE's while they were in Oklahoma.

The above has been a very condensed chronicle of the Sabori's operating style but it is a monument to their manipulative skills.

## FACT SHEET

### I. PHYSICISTS

Two physicists viewed the equations and formulae of Joe Papp with the same independent conclusion. Useless garbage.

Carol Brucks – a long time associate of Jimmy's - consulted a physicist her son knew. I used my wife's cousin - who flew out from Chicago - to analyze the notes of Joe Papp. He said, "had I not known Frank, I would have throw them into a garbage can. The equations are totally worthless." Jimmy, Jake, and I were in his hotel room when this statement was made.

### II. MEL MARTINEZ

Invested \$5,000 for which he was to receive \$7,000 return within one year. Jimmy promised Ford Pollard - Mel's attorney - that he would send him the money within two days. Jimmy (of course) did not and Ford threatened to garnish Jackie's (my wife's) paycheck if she did not make payments of \$250.00 per month to him. She made three payments of which I knew nothing about. When I found out I immediately jumped Jimmy Sabori who intern picked up the monthly payments but not the back payments of \$750.00. Jimmy only made a few payments forcing me to sell the land.

### III. DENNIS DERICCI

Represented a group which invested over \$160,000 so the Sabori's and Ken Dollar could all BS each other while they were collecting a nice salary and paying consultant fees to their spouses and Jake's girlfriend Barbara. It was during this time period that Jimmy bought himself a \$7,000 Ford Tarus wagon while Jake purchased a used Mercedes.

#### IV. BILL HAYWARD

Bill worked with ACE'S for many years and had countless tales of lies and manipulations. The last time I saw Bill was about 1999 and he had just recovered from major heart surgery, so I do not know if he is still alive. If he is still around, he would definitely be a wealth of historical Sabori knowledge. Bill broke away from the Sabori's when they did not give him a cut of the Dennis Dericci \$160,000.

#### V. DAVE BOWEN

Was illegally sold 2,000 shares of ACE's stock for \$2,500.

#### IV. KEN DOLLAR

At a Christmas party thrown at Jimmy's condo, it was publicly announced that ACE's had all but two steps of the famous Joe Papp equations and that Ken Dollar – who was in Oklahoma - had the last two steps and together they would finish Ken's engine and mix the gases thereby making everyone involved totally rich.

What really happened was that Ken - along with ACE's -- didn't know their butt's from a hole in the ground and was milking everyone involved for all their worth. Ken snookered over \$22,000 in wages plus expenses from Jimmy and went on to tell his UPC investors that the engine was up and running in Calif. and proceeded to bilk them for \$25,000.

#### THE GREAT SPLIT

At or around 6-11-1992 the fabulous Sabori's split the sheets, with Jake, Patty – who had taken Jimmy for thousands of dollars – Tod, and Dick Min – a close drinking pal of Jake's - deserting Jimmy. Along the way they took or made copies of everything they deemed valuable. Now for the \$64,000 question. Why? According to Patty, Jimmy was stupid, a liar, a cheat, a fraud, weak, etc. So what else was new? In reality they (the deserters) think that their man Tod (who owns a taco stand and is an engineer of sorts) can run ahead with what he now knows or thinks he knows - from working with Jimmy -about mixing the inert gases. Jimmy claims Tod has nothing. And for once Jimmy is probably right.

So where does that leave Jimmy who claims that he and only he has most of the steps to mix the gases. The deserters claim he is full of crap and has and knows nothing. To that extent they are right.

#### SUMMARY

Its been almost 20 years since I first met Jake & Jimmy Sabori. I stayed with them for almost 7 years in which time I saw them swindle countless numbers of people – including myself. The above article is just a very brief summary of how they operated. Until I ran across the engine on the Internet, I never thought I would get involved again. But it seems Jimmy is still up to his old tricks. Wonder why he was – at least to my knowledge – never sued or arrested for fraud? The answer is simple. He has a video tape of Joe's engine running and hooked to a dynamometer. There are countless people who saw him with Joe when the engine was running. After Joe died, Jimmy just carried on the Papp legacy. A legacy riddled with false accusations and statements. Before Joe died he announced to us that he was running the engine for the last time because he had exhausted his supply of gas. If he had invented the engine and the gas – like he claimed – he should have mixed another batch long before he died. Joe couldn't mix it because he didn't know how. How he got his hands on the gas is anyone's guess. We knew that he used to go to Canada and meet with the Hungarian scientists that had worked on the plasma project in Hungary. Did they give him the gas or did he take it? We'll never know.

Joe was famous for his disappearing acts. Whenever he was funded and had to set up his operation on the financiers property, he always managed to pull up stakes during the night on the pretense that his backers were trying to steal his wonderful engine. In reality they were asking for the technology and were willing to pay handsomely for it. Of course Joe didn't know how to mix the gas, so there was nothing to sell. But Joe usually made out alright because he milked his backers for all they were worth before he pulled out.

In closing, this has to go down in history as one of the slickest scams ever perpetrated on mankind. Because of my limited time and the amount of years that have past, the above mentioned names and places are only a fraction of the events that took place. The engine – while it ran – was real. Many of the people involved were not. Always remember, whatever Joe Papp knew, he gained from others.