

# TEK RETIREE NEWS

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Program



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A Newsletter for and by Tek Retirees

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## vintageTek.org Museum Progress

by: *Ed Sinclair and Stan Griffiths*

In June 2010 vintageTEK was offered museum space located at 4620A SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy (between Shattuck Rd and 45<sup>th</sup>). We have been renovating the suites since; painting, floor leveling, carpeting, and furnishing. We are ready to start Repair and Refurbishment efforts soon, with the four Tek Engineering Benches we have acquired, and deploying some of our 22 technical volunteers.

We are very fortunate for the generous lease offered by another ex-Tektronix employee, our new landlord, Gary Hoselton. Many of you may remember Gary from Semiconductor Test Systems and Medical Products.



Also, vintageTEK.org has received our Determination Letter from the IRS, and we are a full-fledged Public Charity now, capable of accepting donations, unlimited in dollar amounts and variety!

Our space is made up of a Museum Display area of approximately 1,000 sf, a Repair and Refurbishment area of equal size, a 350 sf Library, and finally a Lunchroom and Bathroom area.

We have accomplished this through your generous donations, your purchases of the Tek Spirit DVDs, and several larger donations from supporters such as the Vollum Family, several Tek key individuals, and of course our generous landlord.

Our Team has grown, and we are now on the path to World-Class status for technical museums as a result:

**Julie Kawabata** has agreed to assist us in architecting and managing our library resources.

**Pete Mackie** has volunteered to develop us a Rich Internet Application based website as he has been doing for 30+ years with Seaquest Software. He will provide scalability, the latest in membership communications, blog capability, and MySQL databases to archive, store, and present via our website, all of the conceivable resources we are able to collect as a Museum.

**Dr. Marlene LaCounte**, a retired Educator by training, has accepted an Advisory Board position as a volunteer who is experienced in the grant writing process. Marlene will also be serving with me on the Washington County Museum Science and Technology Industry committee, which I will explain below. She also had a wonderful idea to use our facilities on Saturday mornings as a "Geek Academy" to let Fifth and Sixth Grade schoolchildren get a taste of electronics and technology, before we lose them to Wii's and iPhones, etc.

**Kurt Kreuger** has agreed to be our Systems Administrator and already has our network humming. Kurt is also responsible for obtaining our computers donated by Free Geek!

He, also, spearheaded our receipt of a 1U Commercial Server for digital archival using our SCSI Array in the server cabinet acquired from the Tek Country Store. Pete Mackie has overwhelmed us with visions of an OSX Server, a world class website, and hosting our own website, along with upgrading us to some very exciting and scalable technologies.

**Our Volunteers** have assisted a great deal since last June: Kurt Kreuger, Randy Dawson, Bob Ross, Bill Gellatly, Ahne Oosterhof, Devon Sinclair, and Jim Nesbitt.

Our telephone number is: 503-705-4651, but we do not have regular telephone service due to this being too expensive! We have a \$7 Tracphone (pay as you go cellphone) on the reception desk in case any volunteer's families needed to contact them. Unfortunately, I have never heard it ring, but am getting messages on the phone from plenty of wrong numbers. The best way to contact us is on my cellphone 503-209-5894.

**Mobile Museum.** As I mentioned earlier, Marlene and I have been nominated to serve on the Washington County Museum Science and Technology Industry committee. When I heard they were interested in developing a Mobile Museum to spend the school year touring Fifth and Sixth Grade classrooms around the county, I proposed to help. Since their focus was to develop Science and Technology Exhibits, both at their newly proposed Museum location in Hillsboro, and the Mobile Museum touring the classrooms, I volunteered to act as Program Manager in the development of the Mobile Museum, in exchange for Exhibit Space in the Mobile Museum for vintageTEK.

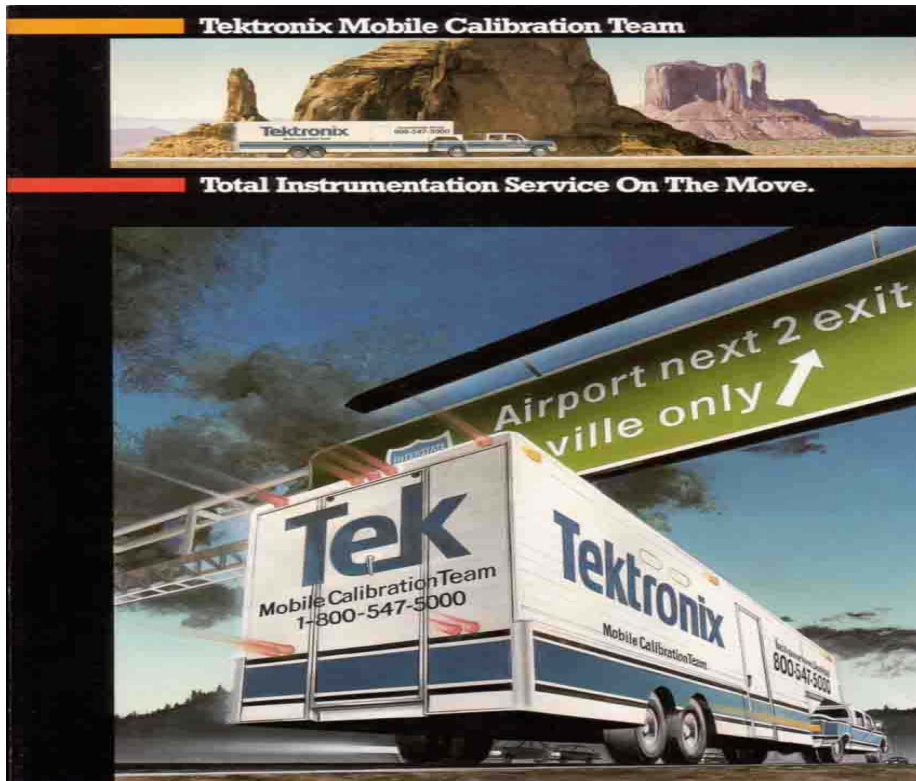
The Museum Board has accepted our offer, and we begin work next week, for a 2012 introduction! For those of you still working at Tek in 1987, you may recall I consulted for Ed Vaughan in Stan Kouba's Service Organization (Merlo Road) to develop the Mobile Calibration Team trailer concept to deliver on-site service to Tektronix customers. I am proposing a similar vehicle combination for the Mobile Museum.

### TekRetiree Newsletter Staff

The Newsletter staff is in the office on Wednesday's only from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Here is the trailer I built for Tek Service:



An early picture of our main display area:



Here is some of our Repair and Calibration Area



We were pleased to have hosted TRVP for their monthly volunteer meeting, and supplied free coffee, like Tek used to do. The donuts were fresh, but everyone seemed to be watching their figures, or something! Hope you enjoyed your tour.

Finally, David Garrido ( who has done a wonderful job with: [www.classictek.org](http://www.classictek.org))

Stan, and I met recently, and are negotiating a new cooperation agreement between us, that may strengthen both sites' abilities to combine to present a world-class Tektronix gateway for vintage Tektronix instruments! We are excited to once again be in cooperation to bring our "customers" what they are looking for in classic Tektronix scopes.

Call us anytime for a Museum Tour, donations or questions.

### Ashland (October 2010)

*By: Judy Watkins*

Have you ever been to Ashland, Oregon and enjoyed their Shakespearean Festival? Don't let the name put you off. Yes, they have Shakespeare plays with a variety of comedy, tragedy and history, but they also have classic new plays that illuminate the American experience and musicals. The theater district has three main stages that have productions at 1:30 and 8:00 PM daily, February through October.

For people living in the Portland area or beyond, a mini-vacation of several days might be a way for enjoying the plays. Two plays could be enjoyed every day and while there you might also enjoy the many local wineries where tours are available. Also of interest is the walking tour of Ashland's historic railroad district.

Although accommodations are plentiful in Ashland, rooms are very expensive. I would suggest staying just ten miles away in South Medford or Phoenix where rooms are much more affordable. Tickets for the 2011 season will be available beginning in December at the OSF Box Office (541-482-4331) or check it out online at [osfashland.org](http://osfashland.org). Shows for the next season include:

#### Shakespeare:

Measure for Measure  
Julius Caesar  
Henry IV part 2  
Love2 bor2's Lost

#### Other:

The Imaginary Invalid  
To Kill a Mockingbird

Osage County  
 The African Company Presents Richard III  
 The Language Archive  
 Ghost Light a world premier  
 The Pirates of Penzance (Gilbert and Sullivan)  
 Willful (August to October only)

**Letter to the Editor**  
**Nostalgia**

*by Neil Robin*

During the late 1970's I led the engineering of several digitizer products such as the 7912AD and 7612D. We had plenty of pressure from customers as they had deadlines to meet such as the Kirkland AFB "Trestle" project which was waiting to test Air Force One and needed our product. Recently our family took a road trip to some of New Mexico's science establishments and we talked to a few old timers there. You can find a write-up at: <http://robin-wood.com/Southwest/newmexico.htm>. This may be of interest to you if you were involved some 33 years ago.

**How about a short trip?**

*By: Judy Watkins*

How about a road trip that might take in Kahneeta, Crater Lake, the many waterfalls along the highway from Crater Lake to Roseburg, and Wildlife Safari in Winston before heading home again on I-5?

Another "cheap" trip is flying to Las Vegas on Allegiant Air (only flies on Monday and Friday)...fares are about \$49 one way...then The Orleans Hotel that has rates of about \$39 per night. It is not on the strip but has free bus service to the strip. The Orleans has a big bowling alley and ten movie theaters. They also have the casino and such but just a few hundred dollars would take a person on a four day vacation...of course drinking and gambling cost more but going someplace can be fun just for the sake of going.

So many people enjoy the big ship cruises, but we went to Alaska and the Panama Canal and for me they were great disappointments. If an expensive boat ride is the goal they would be great. If you want to see scenery and history the possibilities are very limited. I really like the land tours and am sure the one we take next month will have lots of interesting things to share.

**Nike continues to Expand into the Tek Campus**

We at the TRVP do not have a lot of access to internal Tektronix activities, mostly

**Retiree Deaths**  
**Aug, Sep & Oct 2010**

**Adamson, Juanita** – d. 09-22-2010  
**Bennett, Paul D.** – d. 05-13-2010  
**Burger Duane R.** – d. 09-08-2010  
**Cook, Delores M.** – d. 02-10-10  
**Entler, Paul D.** – d. 08-13-2010  
**Fritsche, Paul** – d. 08-13-2010  
**Guisinger, Neil** – d. 06-2009  
**Hanna, Gloria** – d. 10-11-2010  
**Haroun, Albert N.** 08-11-2010  
**Helm, Dorothy** – d. 08-30-2010  
**Jackson, Frances L.** – d. 08-27-2010  
**Kleve, George (Bud)** – d. 09-24-2010  
**Knighten, Betty Jo** – d. 07-12-2010  
**Koehler, William P.** – d. 09-16-2010  
**Lingle, John G.** – d. 08-10-2010  
**McCabe, John J.** – d. 08-15-2010  
**Reich-Myers, Juanita** – d. 09-10-2010  
**Rowland, Paul C.** – d. 08-05-2010  
**Sayer, James A.** – d. 07-24-2010  
**Smith, Ann** – d. 07-25-2010  
**Smith, Paul M.** – d. 08-13-2010  
**Tabshy, Samuel** – d. 06- 10-2010  
 At Tek: ~30 years  
**Tanner, James R.** – d. 07-02-2010  
**Thompson, Thomas A.** – d. 07-10-2010  
**Tinsley, Duane** – d. 08-20-2010

**Trapp, Helen W.** – d. 09-19-2010  
**Walsh, Francis H.** – d. 07-18-2010  
**Willer, Allen L.** – d. 09-22-2010

**Death Notices & Address Changes**

We are no longer able to get death notices, length of service at Tektronix, or address changes from Tektronix data base.

We would appreciate any assistance retirees or members of their family can provide us. We have posted here the information we found in obituaries in the local newspapers and from family members or friends who have notified us.

We would appreciate it very much if you would leave us a message on our voice mail at the TRVP office (503-627-4056) or you may email us information at:

[tek-retirees@tektronix.com](mailto:tek-retirees@tektronix.com)

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through rumor. However, the remodeling of the second floor of building 58 is pretty obvious as they are making a lot of noise. We hear Nike has leased building 55 and the upstairs of building 58. Building 55 has been empty for some time. Tek recently moved out of the upstairs of building 58. The TRVP is still in the Northwest corner of building 58. The South part of the downstairs is customer support, the North

half is mostly empty, except for us and several Tek employees and the Tek Cafeteria in the Northeast corner. It has been very different here at Tek from the old days when parking was very difficult. The parking lots are mostly empty with grass growing up through the cracks. We don't know how many Nike employees will be located here; their occupation should

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**RETIREE BENEFIT INFORMATION & ADDRESS CHANGE PROCEDURE**

**Retiree Medical and/or Life Insurance**

Anyone who is a past employee with Retiree Medical and/or Life Insurance will need to request informaton or make changes in writing to A & I. You must include your signature and Social Security Number.

Tektronix Post Employment Services  
 A & I Benefit Plan Administrators, Inc.  
 1220 SW Morrison St., Suite 300  
 Portland, OR 97205-2222  
 Phone: 503-222-7700  
 Toll Free: 1-800-778-7956  
 Fax: 503-228-0149

**401k benefit**

Anyone who has a 401k benefit must contact Fidelity for information or to change their address directly with them at:

1-800-835-5092

**Cash Balance Plan**

The Cash Balance Plan has been transterred to Danaher Pension Plan Processing Center with Hewitt. Questions or changes shoud be directed to:

1-800-580-7526

**Tektronix Retiree Volunteer Programd**

If you need information or to make changes to your Tektronix Retiree Volunteer Program Newsletter address please notify us at:

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## Editorial

*By Louis Sowa*

The First Tech Barbeque was a success. I received a lot of favorable comments about the event and the food. Steve Schneider from the credit union had said that they, First Tech, would not do any promotion. This was certainly the case. I would not have objected to having some brochures on a table, but they didn't even do that. The big negative was finding it. It was in the building behind the main credit union which they also occupy.

### Nike (cont from page 3)

start about the end of the year. If you have not been to the Tektronix campus in the past several years you will find that the roads have been moved and some buildings are gone, such as building 46 and 47. Many buildings have been sold or leased. The only receptionist area is in building 50.

### 55-ALIVE CLASS Coming

March 14 & 15, 2011  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Bruce Hollister  
Building 58  
Conference Room: 1NH13

### Read Your Tek-Retiree Newsletter On Line

A number of retirees are now reading their newsletter on our Web Site at:

[www.tekretirees.org](http://www.tekretirees.org)

If you would like to join them or change your email address send an email to Millie Scott at:  
[mlscott@easystreet.net](mailto:mlscott@easystreet.net)

## DECEMBER GATHERING AT ELKS

The Tek Retiree gathering has been scheduled for:

December 3, 2010  
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Beaverton Elks Lodge  
3500 SW 104th Avenue  
Beaverton, OR

Donations would be greatly appreciated to help pay the \$250.00 room rental fee. Coffee, tea and water will be provided, no host bar drinks will be available.

Please mark your calendar and come and enjoy the afternoon with us.

## Calendar

### Marconi's Cronies

Meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except July and August):  
12:00 p.m.  
Tom's Restaurant  
3871 SE Division Street  
Portland, OR  
Contact: Jack Riley for details  
Phone: 503-235-5267

### CRT Luncheons

3rd Tuesday of each month (except June thru August)  
at 11:30 a.m.  
at the Home Town Buffet located at 13500 SW Pacific Highway in Tigard, OR  
Contact: Jack Neff for details  
1301 East Fulton St., Apt. 233  
Newberg, OR 97132-1870  
Phone: 503-554-7440

### PCB Design Old Timer's Luncheon

Meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month.  
Time: 12:00 p.m.  
Where: Peppermill Restaurant  
Farmington Mall  
Corner of Farmington and Kinnaman Rd.  
17455 SW Farmington Rd. #26B  
Aloha, OR 97007  
Web Page: [www.geocities.com/pcbaldies/](http://www.geocities.com/pcbaldies/)

### All Previous Tek-Employees Luncheon

2nd Monday of each month.  
Time: 11:30 a.m.  
Where: Peppermill Restaurant  
Farmington Mall  
Corner of Farmington and Kinnaman Rd.  
17455 SW Farmington Rd. #26B  
Aloha, OR 97007  
Contact: Annetta Spickelmier