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August 2013

Our Travels to New York City, South and Central America Neil and Marsha Robin

This trip was planned a year in advance. We wanted to spend a few days in New York City (NYC), Manhattan in particular, and then we needed a way to get home. We found that Carnival Cruises has a number of trips that leave out of the local cruise ship dock so we said, why not? Carnival has hit some hard times and that makes it attractive for travelers as they lower the rates to attract them. The particular trip selected was a relocation voyage that positioned the Carnival Miracle to the West Coast.

Editors Note:

This is an excellent article with many pictures and illustrations that Neil has put on the web. It is way too long to print in the newsletter. For access to the article go to: <http://robin-wood.com/NY-panama/NY-panama.htm>



Guernsey (continued from May issue) by Dave Spinks

For this reason, as we went about the business of trying to establish on Guernsey the same type of Tektronix as in Portland, every effort was made to recognize and appreciate these differences and, where necessary, mold our policies and approaches to suit the local situation.

As time went by, as the story of Tek was repeated again and again, and as the

word gradually got around the island, it was interesting to note the change in attitude among our own employees and our friends and associates outside Tek. Soon applicants for jobs were literally beating a path to Tek's door to the extent that seldom was the company really hard-pressed to find people to fill jobs. The only exception was that of technical people. Rarely did the company have to advertise for a position, for our best salesmen were our employees.

One of the best - yet simplest - compliments Tek could have been paid was when an employee said, "I actually look forward to coming to work each day and hate to go home." It was a feeling few had ever experienced.

So much for the business aspects of Tek's move to Guernsey. What now about the personal aspect? For instance, what are one's feelings or thoughts when, in a few short hours, he has been transported from one type of environment and way of life to a small, little known island 6000 miles away, with a completely different back ground and manner of living? To be sure, such a sudden transition can be a bit baffling.

Perhaps the fairest way to answer this would be to speak of it mainly in relation to my family and myself, rather than for the four families who were involved, although in many ways our experiences were similar.

Briquettes and Washboards

Arriving on Guernsey in early December 1958, the first dissimilarity to hit us, as we moved into our large, two-story home, was the lack of central heating. Heat was available, of course, but only if we chose to carry a "hod" of coal (about 40 pounds) twice a day from the "coal hole" (coal bin) to each of our four fireplaces located, respectively, in the living room, dining room and in two of the three bedrooms upstairs. At the end of the day the ashes had to be removed from each fireplace, carried out and dumped in the

"dust bin" (garbage can).

Quite aside from the cost of this amount of coal, just the time involved to keep these fires going was enough to convince us very quickly that we should start "doing as the Romans (Guernseyites) do." This meant wearing more clothing (sweater, heavy socks) and having a fire in one room only when you were going to occupy that room for a length of time, e.g., the living room in the evening. This also meant getting accustomed to as much as a 20 degree temperature drop when leaving the living room and going to the bedroom to retire for the night.

In view of this, daytime activities (cooking, ironing, sewing, writing, etc.) tended to center in the one room of our house which was heated all the time, the kitchen. The source of this heat was our Aga range, a large, heavy, coal-fired stove which was loaded once in the morning and once in the evening with a mixture of anthracite nuts (small coal) and Furnacite (like briquettes). Heating the kitchen was a side benefit of the Aga. Actually, its main function was for cooking, plus the heating of all water used for dish and clothes washing and bathing. The stove's only drawback was that it had to be kept going 24 hours a day, 365 days a year! Accordingly, cooking a meal on a warm summer day became a rather hot proposition.

Speaking of clothes washing brings to mind another of our various adjustments to Guernsey living. When we first moved into our house, which we leased completely furnished, there was no washing machine. Until we were able to purchase a machine, a period of about six months, my wife did all our washing by hand, using the kitchen sink as her washtub, and a washboard as her "agitator". Water extraction was accomplished by a hand-cranked wringer and drying was done outside by the sun in good weather; in rainy weather clothes were draped over a wooden clothes dryer set close to the stove in the kitchen. Things were usually dry enough to iron in a day and a half

TekWeek 50 Years Ago

From 1963, condensed by Gary Hoselton

News in the Tek world! *Good progress was made constructing the **Electrochem** building, with the basement built in April including a long trench to collect acid wastes for treatment outside the building. Steel was erected in May and roadwork commenced in June for parking and access. Clarence A. Schaad of Ross B. Hammond Co, ironworker superintendent on the job, was presented the Guildsman of the Year award. *Also in June, work commenced on the **Process Waste Control** plant and lagoon and the **Chemical Storage** building and storage yard. The lagoon will provide 10 day storage for treated effluent from buildings 19, 46, and Electrochem, after which the effluent will drain into Beaver creek. *Tek's **new sewage plant** on Karl Braun Drive was tested with water drawn from Beaver creek. Within minutes, after churning by the aeration paddles, astounded Tek Facilities engineers saw soap suds rise on the surface of apparently clear water, already processed thru the Cedar Hills and Beaverton sewage treatment plants. The culprit was a cheap foam-causing ingredient in household detergents called alkylbenzene-sulfonate or ABS, already banned in Germany, which passes right thru sewage plants. Oregon's Senator Richard Neuberger recently introduced a bill in Congress to ban ABS in the U.S.

Tek's new sewage plant is now on line, processing sewage from the Tek campus, the bowling alley on Walker Road, the Cloud Nine cafe and adjoining cleaners on Cedar street, and the trailer court on Jenkins road. You can avoid ABS by obtaining detergent brand names and ABS content from Mary Cullen's Cottage feature at the Oregon Journal. ***International:** Tekintag, our European marketing headquarters, moved to the entire third floor of an ultra-modern office building in Zug, Switzerland, followed by overseas marketing moving to St. Peter Port, Guernsey, and named Tektronix, Ltd, with our Swiss field office and some European accounting functions remaining in Zug. The warehouse for Beaverton-made products also moved from Heerenveen to Guernsey. Tektronix Australia, Pty. Limited, has opened in Sydney, with Al Hannmann as manager. ***Mid-morning power failure:** On Germantown Road, Bonneville Power Administration maintenance workers accidentally dropped a pole across the 115,000 volt line feeding the Portland General Electric St. Mary's substation, which, in turn, feeds the Tek campus. Back feeding power over other lines restored some power but with low voltage conditions, and it was an hour before the main feeder line was restored. Many areas were dark, employees found things to do outside, and the main telephone switchboard battery-backup worked. F&M Secretary Gloria Hanna said "one fellow held the flashlight so I could read the Operating Manual section that covers time reporting when a power failure occurs."

using the latter method.

Pounds, Quid, Shillings Complicates Shopping

Cooking relates to food, food relates to shopping, and so we arrive at the next adjustment to Guernsey life, learning the Guernsey monetary system (which, incidentally, is the same as England's). If this was difficult for us as Americans in a foreign land, let it also be said that even some English people have trouble with it at times. In the beginning it was perplexing enough just learning the names and values of the basic notes and coins; matters were further complicated, though, by trying to learn the slang terms for these items, the use of which is widespread.

To illustrate: We here in America generally refer to a five-cent piece as a nickel, a ten-cent piece as a dime, twenty-five

cents as a quarter, etc. In similar fashion, the basic English note, which is a pound (\$2.80), is also known as a quid; a shilling (\$.14) is a bob; sixpence (\$.07), a tanner, etc.

The biggest difficulty lay in learning to think in terms of the English system instead of automatically converting every price into US dollars and cents. This only comes with time and usage, and for us probably two years passed before we were "converted". This same principle applies, incidentally, when one is learning to speak a foreign language.

Shopping was a unique experience for an American woman, especially for groceries. First, there are no supermarkets; most of the stores are about the size of our little neighborhood independents. Secondly, with one or two exceptions, these stores do not afford one-stop shop-

ping facilities as with many places in the US. If you want vegetables and fruits, you go to the green-grocer; if you want meat you go to the butcher shop; for drugs and medical supplies you go to the chemist; for bread you stop at the bakery and for general groceries at the grocery store. With a few exceptions, all stores and businesses (except banks) open about 9 a.m., close at 12:30 (employees go to lunch), open at 2 p.m., and close at 5:30 p.m. On Thursdays all stores are open mornings, closed for the afternoon.

Perhaps the main contrast between the buying habits of an American and Guernsey housewife is that the Guernsey housewife generally buys on a day-to-day basis, the American on a week-to-week or semi-monthly basis. There are two prime reasons for this: (1) take-home pay for many Guernsey breadwinners does not permit quantity buying, and (2) a surprising number of people do not have refrigerators for meat and other perishable foods or, if they do have refrigerators, their size (3.3 cu. ft. average) is limited to storage of smaller quantities. Use of home deep-freezers is practically unknown on the island. In our own house, for instance, the only provision for storage of perishable foods was the larder, a small cool room with several shelves. One of these shelves was fashioned from a thick piece of slate which, because of its natural coldness, was usually the shelf on which we stored our butter and meat. Needless to say, a refrigerator was one of our first major appliance purchases. Shopping, particularly for major consumer goods (furniture, cars, appliances), brought out still another contrast. Until just a few years ago "buying-on-time" was considered taboo by the bulk of the people. If a person couldn't pay cash on the barrelhead, he just didn't buy an item, however much he wanted it. It has been said that the American influence is gradually changing this concept.

Another difference that became immediately apparent as we settled into the pattern of Guernsey living was the voltage. Since Guernsey was 230 volts and all our appliances were wired for 115 volts, nothing would operate without incorporating a step-down transformer in the circuit. Literally, this meant lugging around a 20 pound transformer every time we used our toaster, waffle iron, electric frying pan, mixer, vacuum cleaner, shaver, or hi-fi. On the other hand, we considered ourselves fortunate that we were at least on AC current; several areas of the island were still on DC!

Driving on the left side of the street

was our next hurdle. This however, proved to be a rather easy conversion and soon became quite natural for us. Interpreting and adjusting to the driving habit of the Guernsey people was another matter, though. In short, it seemed to be something like every man for himself, similar to the manner used in Paris. Until about two years ago Guernsey had no traffic lights and even now the two lights that are in existence are purely experimental. Consider for a moment that there are over 15,000 cars confined to 400 miles of roads within an area of 24 square miles, and it would be safe to say that it gets a wee bit congested at times.

(to be continued)

On-line Tech Support Scams

by Lori Chavez

Scam artists are now trying to break into your computer through your telephone lines or internet pop-ups in order to obtain remote access to your computer or convince you to pay for unnecessary software. Scammers set up fake websites, offer free computer security scans, call you directly or send alarming internet pop-up messages to try and convince you that your computer is infected with a dangerous virus. They gain your trust by telling you that they are computer technicians associates with well-known companies such as Microsoft and try to impress you with "technical terms". At best, you purchase a worthless virus scan or protection system, or a virus scan or protection system that is available elsewhere for free or considerably less money. At worst, the scammers may be installing malware, software designed to give criminals access to your computer and personal information stored on your computer.

Once the scammer has gained your trust, they may ask you to:

- * Give them remote access to your computer and then make changes to your settlements that could leave your computer vulnerable;
- * Enroll in a worthless computer maintenance or warranty program;
- * Give them your credit card information so that they can bill you for the fake services, or services you can obtain for free or for considerably less money;
- * Install malware that could steal sensitive data, like user names and passwords; or
- * Go to a website and enter your credit card number and other personal information.

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Death Notices May, June, July 2013

We are no longer able to get death notices or length of service information from the 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, newspapers or from family members or friends who have notified us. In order to ensure accuracy in our reporting we need: the name spelled out, date of birth and date of death. Also, we like to include their length of service at Tektronix when possible. To ensure accuracy in our reporting please leave your contact information – name, email, and/or phone number in case we have any questions.

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Or you may send an email to:

tek-retirees@tektronix.com

Cornells T. Veenendaal, "Casey", passed on July 2, 2013, at the age of 81. He requested there be no service. Casey educated himself and became a Principal Engineering Scientist, which earned him 12 patents with Tek. During his tenure at Tek, his only manager was Marlow Butler, who believed in him, and fostered his genius. Casey is survived by a Wife of 60 years marriage, two children, three Grand Children, and three Great Grand Children. Casey was loved by his family and admired by his peers, and will be dearly missed.

We, the family, thank you for your thoughts and condolences.

Thank you, Casey Veenendaal (son)

Bessey, William – d. 02-25-2013

Bishop, Dorothy I. – d. 06-03-2013

Carroll, Laurence J. – d. 05-29-2013

Dillon, Alice Louise (Boell) –
d. 06-18-2013

Dodge, Zella – d. 05-19-2013

At Tek: 24 years

Huserik, June Jeanette – d. 07-20-2013

At Tek: 16 years

Kawabata, Julianne (Julie) –

d. 04-04-2013 At Tek: 20 years

Knaupp-Mensah, Gloria M. – d. 05-27-2013

At Tek: 20+ Years

Kroetch, Norma Ann – d. 06-13-2013

Lindsay, Ethel M. – d. 07-20-2013

At Tek: ~9 years

Percy, Vilolet – d: 03-15-2011

At Tek: 5.43 years

Skach, Robert F. – d. 07-13-2013

At Tek: 24.3 years

Stewart, Harry H. – d. 03-26-2013

At Tek: 32 years

Thomas, Kathie (Petra) – d. 05-23-2013

At Tek: 40 years

Veenendaal, Cornelis T. (Casey) –

d. 07-02-2013

Voelz, Carol – d. 04-21-2013

Williams, Del – d. 03-15-2013

RETIREE BENEFIT INFORMATION & ADDRESS CHANGE PROCEEDURE

Retiree Medical and/or Life Insurance

Anyone who is a past employee with Retiree Medical and/or Life Insurance will need to request information 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
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 transferred to Danaher Pension Plan Processing Center with Hewitt. Questions or changes should be directed to:

1-800-580-7526

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Editorial

The lead article on page one of this issue by Neil Robin is very worthwhile checking. It is not possible to print this article with all of the photos and illustrations so go online to the URL in the article.

The whole process of the Guernsey articles was interesting for me. We got little information for several weeks then more started coming in after the initial article was published. This made for a less than desirable publishing process; however the articles were so good that I felt we needed publish them. We are in the middle of the concluding article with this issue. I would like to thank all contributors to the Guernsey series.

I have been serving as the editor of the TRN since August 2001. It has been a great experience and I have learned a great deal and met a lot of wonderful people. In the interest of keeping the TRN interesting and relevant I think we should either have a new editor or at least some help with the editing process. If you would be interested in becoming involved with the editing please let us know. You can contact me at: LSowa39@gmail.com or 503-320-0440.

Tek-Retiree Gathering at Beaverton Elks 3500 SW 104th Avenue Beaverton, Ore

December 6, 2013; Time: 1:30

Please come, bring a friend and enjoy the opportunity to see some of your friends and coworkers. Mark your calendar.

(To help pay the space fee donations would be appreciated.)

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CALENDAR

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6:00 p.m.

Round Table — Beaverton

Weekly on Friday

Previous Tek-Employees Luncheon

11:30 a.m. 2nd Monday monthly

Peppermill Restaurant

17455 SW Farmington Road #26B

(Corner of Farmington

& Kinnaman Rd)

Aloha, OR 97007

Details: Annetta Spickelmier

503-649-2491

Marconi's Cronies

Meet the 2nd Wed of each month

(except July and August)

12:00 p.m.

Tom's Restaurant

3871 SE Division Street

Portland, OR

Jack Riley: 503-235-5267

CRT Luncheons

3rd Tuesday each month

@ 11:30 am

(except June thru August)

Beaverton Izzy's

11900 SW Broadway

Beaverton Town Center

Details: Jack Neff: 503-554-7440

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