

# TEK RETIREE NEWS

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A Newsletter for and by Tek Retirees

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**Guernsey** (continued from Aug issue)

*by Dave Spinks*

## Overseas Experience Taught Adaptability

One area in which the American influence has not been particularly felt is in the method of childbirth for Guernsey mothers -- clinically speaking, that is. Insofar as delivery equipment is concerned, the two countries are probably very much the same. However, an American mother would note these differences.

Childbirth takes place either in one's home or, more generally, in the island's maternity home. Assisting at birth would normally be a trained and well-qualified midwife -- a doctor would be in attendance only if some difficulty was expected. A woman has a choice, of course, but it seems more prefer a mid-wife than a doctor for the actual delivery. A doctor enters the picture for post-natal care.

It is in this period that we see other interesting contrasts. For one, all the mothers are in a large ward, one on each of the two floors of the maternity home. There are no private rooms. The mothers are generally not allowed out of bed for 4 to 6 days. Mothers cannot feed their babies during the night; the last feeding is about 10 p.m., the next one about 5:30 a.m.

During the mother's 10-12 day confinement (this is to give the mother plenty of time to rest and recuperate) a father can see his child only once, usually during the first visiting period after the baby is born. The next time the father sees his child is when he comes to take his wife and baby home.

When a mother enters the maternity home, she is required to bring with her two complete daily changes of clothing for her new baby (or babies). In the evening, when each father finishes visiting his wife, he takes the soiled clothing home, washes it, and brings clean sets back the

next evening. It is quite amusing to watch 15 or 20 fathers file out of the building after the visiting period, each carrying his little bag of "goodies." Speaking for my wife and myself, if we have another child, we would prefer the Guernsey system to that of the US. With no intent to slight or under-rate the American medical profession, it is our feeling that Guernsey's more relaxed attitude and approach to childbirth, both before and after, tends to make the whole ordeal far easier on parents and family combined.

All three of our children were born in the 4-1/2 years we lived on Guernsey; boy, girl, boy, in that order. Such birth entitles them to a rather unique distinction of dual citizenship. They are US citizens by reason of their birth to American parents; they are also British citizens by reason of their birth on Guernsey (*viz.*, British) soil. This dual citizenship can be retained for the rest of their lives or until such time as they renounce citizenship of one country or the other. Voting, holding a public office, or joining the military service are just a few of the several things that would automatically disqualify their citizenship in the other country. Meanwhile they are free to live and travel in either country with entitlement to all the usual citizenship privileges.

The items touched upon in the preceding paragraphs, though indicative of some of the basic contrasts between Guernsey and the US, are but a few of the many more things that could be said. It is, for the most part, a strictly factual accounting of our observations and experiences.

Since our return to Portland, my wife and I have been asked by many people: "Was your experience on Guernsey, and all the ramifications pertaining to it, both business and personal, really worth it?" Our answer to this is an unqualified "Yes!"

While admittedly there were times of frustration and discouragement for us all, there was also before us -- as individuals,

as a family and as a group -- the ever-present challenge to make "a go of it" in spite of the difficulties we encountered. In achieving this aim, perhaps our best cue was taken from the men who pioneered Tektronix in Portland. Certainly theirs was no easier task.

It has been said that "travel is a real education." Strictly speaking, our experience on Guernsey was not so much one of travel, but it was a real education! From it we learned a number of things about British and European business practices, about foreign attitudes and customs, about people from other lands. We learned, too, adaptability, adjusting ourselves to different living conditions, economic conditions and social conditions. To any person or family contemplating living overseas this factor is all-important, from the family breadwinner right down to the youngest child. We are indeed grateful that, through Tektronix, this education was made possible.

But, strangely enough, one of the most interesting things we learned was about America - how our country is thought of and looked on by people (in this case, mostly British) on the other side of the Atlantic. We learned about "ourselves" through newspapers, magazines, radio and TV. As one can imagine, seeing America as others saw her was most enlightening and, I might add, not altogether complimentary. The irony of it was that in many cases what we saw and heard was true. Fortunately, in the eyes of most Europeans the image of America, while tarnished in some respects is, on the whole, quite good.

Living outside the US as we did was the most interesting and most challenging experience of our lives. We have gained greater insight, tolerance, and understanding of other people, places and things, and of ourselves. Now that we have returned I am certain it will help us to be better citizens. If our experience did nothing else, this in itself will have made it all very worthwhile.

## TekWeek 50 Years Ago

From 1963

*condensed by Gary Hoselton*

\* State-of-the-art acquisitions: F&M has purchased a numerically-controlled **Weidemann turret punch press**, including a Hughes programming unit and a Friden Flexowriter. Hole dimensions and locations from Tek drawings are coded, then a tape is punched on the Flexowriter which tells the Hughes unit where to position the Weidemann's tools. Accuracy and repeatability are excellent, reducing inspection costs. Prototype panels can be quickly fabricated. The Tektronix Electrochemical department has obtained a **Reichert metallograph**, a metallurgical microscope, manufactured in Austria. It can magnify to x2000 using a zirconium arc lamp, and will be used for studies of heat treatment, metal-to-glass seals, and quality control and failure analysis.

**Activities!** \* The Engineering bridge team, consisting of Russ Fillinger, Carlo Infante, Bob Shand, and Ned Minamoto, defeated the formidable Systems & Planning team who were Fred Lum, Les Miller, Gary Greyerbiehl, and Joe Harvey. \* One-hundred six attended the **Tek Golf club** banquet at the Beaverton Elks, with Bud Wall (Manufacturing Planning) winning the grand prize, a golf bag. \* **Fotobugs**, the Tek camera club, will screen slides of member's recent European trips, with critique to follow. \* **Bowlers** Jenny Herb (Component Selection) and Kay Bartmess (Capacitors Pilot Production) lead the Scopettes,

Judy Hazel (Assembly Plant 1) and Judy Ford (Assembly Plant 1) lead Tek Women's, and John Winkleman (MSE) and Glenn Prit (Finals, Plant 2) lead the Tek Men's leagues. \* **Tek Rockhounds** have a field trip to Clear Creek, meet at Vernonia junction west of Sunset hwy. tunnel. \* The 57th boat has been built from the **Tekaqua** Boat Club's mold, it is a reasonable way to build one's own boat. \* **Discounts**, from Tek receptionists: 1963 Shipstands & Johnson Ice Follies tickets available at discount, performances at Memorial Coliseum. Tickets are \$1.50 for two Tek group nights for the newest MGM CINERAMA production "How The West Was Won" at the Hollywood Theatre. Skating classes begin May 7th for Tek's at \$5 for four lessons, register "under the bridge" at Lloyd Center ice rink. 1963 Portland Rose Festival lapel buttons are \$1, includes admission to Portland Beavers vs. Seattle Rainers baseball game at Multnomah stadium and chance to win the Rose Festival Queen's Buick LeSabre convertible.

**Teks making things happen!** \* Verna A. Nyseth (Assembly, Plant 3) represented Tek by giving a pint of her rare type AB-Negative blood at the grand opening of the new Pacific Northwest Red Cross Center, 4200 SW Corbett, Portland. Hers was among the first five pints drawn, the others coming from rare blood donors representing Lewis & Clark College, Portland Police, US Marine Corps, and Pacific Power & Light. The event was covered by several TV stations. Blood Program Chairman Don Pratt (CMI Planner) encourages Tek's to donate in the Building 45 cafeteria for two open heart surgeries, which call for 30 pints each.

4. Never provide your credit card or other financial information to someone who calls or contacts you claiming to be from tech support;

5. Never give up your password on the phone. No legitimate organization calls you and asks for your password;

6. Put your phone number on the National Do Not Call Registry with the FTC and then report illegal sales calls to the FTC; and

7. Never respond to internet pop-up solicitations.

If you think you have been scammed:

1. And you have already downloaded malware, get rid of it. Update or download legitimate security software and scan your computer;

2. Delete anything the computer identifies as a problem. Change your passwords, even passwords for other accounts;

3. If you paid for bogus services with a credit card, call your credit card company and ask them to reverse the charges. Check your current and future statements for any other charges you didn't make and ask to reverse those too;

4. If you believe that someone may have accessed your personal or financial information, visit the FTC's identity theft website and file a complaint with the FTC at [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint).

Finally, be aware, that similar to the timeshare/travel membership scam, after being scammed by the first person, you may receive a call from someone else saying they know you've been scammed by the first company and that they can assist you in getting your computer protected and your money back—it's the same scam all over again, trying to get a second bite at you.

### Editorial Emeritus

*Louis Sowa*

A number of changes are in process with the TRVP. We have moved, however are still in building 22. Gordon Long has taken over the responsibilities of the editor and of the publisher. So there are some style changes but the TRN should remain mostly as it has been.

It has been a challenge and an excellent learning experience for me serving as the editor for the past thirteen years. I am still going to be involved and remain the acting manager of the TRVP.

### On-line Tech Support Scams

*by Lori Chavez*

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If you get a call from someone who claims to be a tech support person, hang up and call the company yourself on a phone number you know to be genuine. A person who creates a sense of urgency or uses high pressure tactics to convenience you to act immediately is probably a scam artist. When you receive a call or internet message:

1. Don't give control of your computer to a third party who you did not call or contact;

2. Don't rely on caller ID alone to authenticate a caller. Criminals regularly use

spoof caller ID numbers that make it appear they are calling from legitimate companies or a local number when they are not even in the same country as you;

3. On-line searches for technical support may not be the best way to locate legitimate companies to provide technical support. Scammers sometimes place on-line ads to convince you to call them. They pay to boost their rankings for search results to be directed to their websites and phone numbers. This makes it appear that those are legitimate companies. If you want tech support, look for a company's information on their software package or receipt;

## Globus Parks Tour – July 2013

### Exploring America's Great Parks

by Judy Watson

This year we were looking for an easy trip with minimal flying and we decided to visit the parks in the western United States. The parks tour included many national and state parks and other places of interest including: Grand Canyon National Park, Monument Valley, Moab and the Painted Desert, Arches National Park, the Crazy Horse Memorial, Mt. Rushmore, Custer State Park, Deadwood, S.D., Black Hills National Forest, Devil's Tower, Cody Museum (home of Buffalo Bill), Yellowstone National Park, Grand Tetons National Park and Jackson Hole, Salt Lake City, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks. Our tour started and ended in Los Vegas where we stayed at the Treasure Island Casino/Resort.

**Grand Canyon:** The Grand Canyon in Arizona is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It is 277 miles long, 18 miles wide and more than a mile deep in some places. The colors in the canyon run from reds, purples and yellows and are spectacular to see. While at the Grand Canyon we stayed in individual log cabins located on the South Rim. The cabins had rustic, wooded settings and their locations allowed for easy walking to the rim of the canyon, dining rooms and gift shops. The park provides continuous and free bus service for anybody who doesn't want to walk or would like to explore other parts of the park. Sunset and sunrise bus tours through the canyon are available as well as mule trips to the bottom if time allows.

**Painted Desert:** Much of the Painted Desert is located in the Navajo Nation of Arizona, and the area that we visited is about 30 miles North of Cameron and near the Grand Canyon. The Painted Desert derives its name from the multitude of colors ranging from lavenders to shades of gray with vibrant colors of red, orange and pink. It is a long expanse of badlands, hills and buttes and although nothing grows there, it is a beautiful landscape of a rainbow of colors.

...to be continued next issue

## Death Notices August, September, October 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.

The newsletter staff is in the office on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each week. You may call us on Wednesdays or leave a voicemail any time at 503-627-4056.

Or you may send an email to:

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

**Arendell, Leonard** — d. 05-09-2013

At Tek: 9 years

**Berg, William** — d: Not Available

At Tek: 16.5 years

**Ermini, George:** — d. 11-11-2012

At Tek: 30 years

**Farnett, Nicholas:** — d. 10-4-2013

At Tek: 27 years

**Gard, Jr., Jess Jewell** — d. 08-13-2013

At Tek: At Tek: 35 Years

**Garrettson, LaVerne M.** — d. 10-08-2013 At Tek: 18.4 years

**Heidinger, Gary** — d. 07-17-2013

At Tek: 33 years

**Homan, June** — d: 09-09-2013

At Tek: 18 years

**Horn, John Jacob** — d. 07-30-2013

At Tek: 33 years

**Huserik, June Jeanette** — d. 07-20-2013

At Tek: 15.75 years

**Keyser Kenneth** — d. 03-06-/2013

At Tek: ~30 years

**Koehler, Paul W.** — d. 12-19-2012

At Tek: 18+ Years

**Lee, Hee Jin** — d. 11-03-2010

At Tek: 15+ years

**Mahnaney, Bonnie** — d. 09-09-2013

At Tek: ~18 years

**Olmsted, Austin W.** — d. 09-24-2013

At Tek: 32 years

**Sheldon, Elsie Mary (Smith)** —d: 10-12-2013 At Tek: ?

**Thomas, Wayne C.** —d. 03-05-13

At Tek: 36 years

**Trowbridge, C.R.** — d. 10-02-2013

At Tek: 25.4 years

**Wong, Bruce Luen** — d. 10-20-2013

## 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

### Tektronix Retiree Volunteer Program

M/S 22-037  
PO Box 500  
Beaverton, OR 97077 - 0001

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### Trading Post (50 years ago!)

2-BDRM: poss. 3, 2A, carport & util. bldg., chicken house & barn, 2 wells, orchard, \$12,500. Elmer, ext. 7477 or MI 4-0123.

4-BDRM: 2 baths, Calif.-style, Eichler contemp. surrounds, spring-flowered courtyd, near Tek, \$24,000 292-4567

'57 CHEV. wagon, 2-dr., r/h, gd. cond., 1 owner, \$650. ME 9-8901

'60 VESPA GS: loaded, low mileage, \$3250 OBO. MI 4-2345 aft. 3:30 or wknds.

PIANO: \$50. Frigidaire range with built-in trash burner, \$25. MI 4-6789.

POINTER PUP: pick of litter, \$50, remaining pups \$5. JE 8-0123

LONESOME LITTLE CHICK: 1 mo. old, free. MI 4-4567

### Editorial

Since the Guernsey article took 3 issues to publish, the on-line version for this month has the full text.

New articles are always welcome and are printed / edited as needed.

Also welcomed would be volunteers to work with the TRN staff.

I wish to thank Louis for the many (13) years of dedicated effort for this publication.

You can contact me at:  
[gordondalong@Yahoo.Com](mailto:gordondalong@Yahoo.Com).

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

December 6, 2013;

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All Tek Retirees and spouses are welcome. Gratuities gladly accepted.

See you there,  
Al Foleen

### Tektronix Retiree Volunteer Program

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Beaverton, OR 97077- 0001

Quarterly Quote: Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter. M. Twain

### CALENDAR

#### 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

#### 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

#### TERAC

6:00 p.m.

Round Table — Beaverton  
Weekly on Friday

#### 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  
1301 E Fulton St, Apt # 233  
Newberg, OR 97132 - 1870

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