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Globus Parks Tour

Exploring America's Great Parks

(continued from Nov issue) by **Judy Watkins**

Monument Valley has been the setting for more Western movies than any other site in the U.S. and it is one of the most impressive large-scale landscapes anywhere in the Southwest. Movies such as Stagecoach, The Searchers, Easy Rider, Forrest Gump, Dr. Who, and many more have been filmed there. There are 29 named formations that resemble familiar images such as Bear, Rabbit, Elephant Butte, Rain God Mesa, the Thumb, and Stagecoach. We stayed at the Goulding Lodge that was established in 1928 and was the place where John Wayne stayed when he made the movie Stagecoach. Every room in the lodge looks out over the monuments and the sunrises and sunsets are special.

On our second day in Monument Valley we took a 4-wheel tour through the monuments. The drive was 17 miles long and 13 miles was on a dirt road. Our three-hour tour was rocky and bumpy but the scenery made it worthwhile. The cluster of vast sandstone spires and buttes, and the contrasting smooth orange sand of the empty desert was picture perfect.

Arches National Park contains over 2,000 natural sandstone arches and formations, including Balanced Rock, Park Avenue, Double Arch, and the Delicate Arch. The Delicate Arch is the most famous and most photographed in the park. We hiked up a trail about half a mile to get the perfect photo, and it was worth the hike. Although some of the arches can be seen from the road, some walking is required to get the full benefit of the park.

Custer State Park, SD is South of Mt. Rushmore, and at 71,000 acres is one of the largest and most unique state parks. It is the home of 1,300 buffalo and Harney Peak, the tallest peak in SD is found there. While at Custer State Park we stayed at the State Game Lodge, President Calvin Coolidge's Summer White House before he

approved the construction of Mt. Rushmore. Our stay at Custer State Park included a "Buffalo Safari". Our group was taken by open jeeps far into the hills where we witnessed a large herd of buffalo stretched across the plains and drove into their midst. Our guide spoke to us about the history of buffalo and their protected status in the park. Next we traveled to a chuck-wagon cook-out in the hills and while driving we spotted bighorn sheep, wild turkeys, whitetail deer and elk. A western group played instruments and sang for us while we ate our dinner.

Crazy Horse Memorial is 17 miles from Mt. Rushmore in the South Dakota Black Hills. The mountain sculpture was started in 1948 by Polish designer and sculptor, Korczak Ziolkowski (pronounced: jewel-cuff-ski) and the project currently remains incomplete. When the carving is finished it will be the largest sculpture of its type in the world, measuring 641 ft. long and 563 ft. high. The project is being built totally with private funds with no donations nor help from the government and that accounts for the slow progress. Ziolkowski died in 1982 (he worked 34 years on the project) and the work is being carried on by his widow and five of his seven children. Blasting continues on this project. Crazy Horse's face was finished in 1998 and since then work has focused on the horse's head.

Mt. Rushmore: Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota is a National Park and a symbol of our nation's freedom and independence. The presidents, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln are carved into the mountain, each face is 60 ft. high. In 1927 Calvin Coolidge approved the project and work continued until 1941. The artist, Gutzon Borglum, spent the last 14 years of his life on this sculpture, but due to the artist's death and the country's entry into WWII, the project ended, leaving it incomplete. In the "Sculptor's Stu-

dio" at Mt. Rushmore, the artist's scale model of the planned project is displayed. The presidents were planned to be busts to the waist. The monument now has lapels on George Washington's jacket but nothing more has been done below the heads.

Our visit to **Deadwood, South Dakota** is worth mentioning. Deadwood today has a population of 1,270 and has been restored to its once historical city of the West. During the gold rush of 1876 people like Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane roamed these streets. City tours today tell of the town's rich history and the buildings have signs where the significant gun fights occurred. Today Deadwood has more than 80 gaming halls to complete the old-time atmosphere and legalized gambling began in Deadwood in 1989. We had lunch in the Midnight Star, owned by Kevin Costner and took time to enjoy the town.

Devils Tower in northeastern Wyoming, is about 33 miles NW of Sundance on US 14. It is 1,267 feet tall with a summit of 5,114 feet above sea level and has 1.5 acres at the top. Devil's Tower was named a National Monument in 1906 by Theodore Roosevelt. The park includes 1,347 acres and has 400,000 annual visitors. About 1% of the visitors climb the rock's crevices.

Cody, Wyoming and Buffalo Bill

Center: Cody, WY is the eastern gateway to Yellowstone Park, and in Cody we visited the Buffalo Bill Center of the West. The museum is very unique and interesting place. It is made up of five separate museums and each one is a wonder on its own. The museums include: Buffalo Bill Museum, Draper Natural History Museum, McCracken Research Library, Plains Indian Museum, Whitney Western Art Museum, and the Cody Firearm Museum with more than 3,000 guns. On the grounds around the museum is Wm. Cody's boyhood home and a beautiful sculpture garden.

TekWeek 40 Years Ago

condensed by Gary Hoselton

Total Arab Oil Boycott! *OPEC nations stopped oil deliveries to The Netherlands, which is the distribution point for Europe, and to the United States and some other parts of the world last November. The United Kingdom imposed a 3-day workweek due to dwindling coal supplies, though Guernsey plants continued five days but turned out all lights during breaks and meals. The Netherlands banned Sunday driving and rationed gasoline, and Howard Mikesell, Tek Benelux manager, said Tek facilities have reduced fuel use by 25% by "being smarter and going slower". K. S. Liu, sales engineer in Taiwan, beats the fuel shortage by carrying three instruments at a time on his Lambretta 175 Scooter. In Beaverton, Tek commenced hourly shuttle service around the industrial park and to the Sunset plant, Tri Met started running commuter buses from Forest Grove and downtown Portland to Bldg 45 cafeteria, and Tek set up a carpool matching service with Cal Hongel picking up people en route from Battle Ground in his Citroen.

Tek Grows! *Information Display Division at Sunset plant absorbs Calculators, which are growing, and Machine Control Group, which Tek is withdrawing from market. Two temporary buildings were assembled at Sunset for ex-

pansion of Calculator engineering and IDD engineering. TEK 21 and TEK 31 Calculators were introduced at a London press conference, demonstrating linkages to digital processing oscilloscope, 4010 Display Terminal, and the 31/10 Graphic Calculator System; all were lauded by an editorial in London Financial Times and inquiries poured into Beaverton House. *Grass Valley Group in California, premier maker of television switching systems, merged with Tektronix's Communications Division. Tom Long, general manager, says GVG will stay where it is and will expand. Tek and GVG exhibited and gave papers at the World-Wide Television Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where Tek products were seen in nearly every booth. *Measurement Systems Division has shipped several S-3260 Automated Test Systems which average \$175k each, with more in production. Jim Fischer, Marketing Development Manager of MSD, said Tek shipped its first automated systems in 1964, consisting of a sampling scope and some Tek-made boxes for \$20k, and device complexity and market demands have increased tremendously in ten years. *Intel options 20 acres in Aloha for a semiconductor plant in Oregon, and Tek options 265 acres in Wilsonville for a new plant location; both options contingent on regulatory approval of industrial use. *Tek 3Q, ending March 2: sales up 32% from last year at \$80.4M, earnings up 16% at \$5.7M or 66¢/share, unfilled orders up 44% at \$70.4M, and total employees up 24% at 12,346; all restated to include Grass Valley Group.

Yellowstone Park was the first national park and was established in 1872. The majority of the world's geysers are found in Yellowstone Park, the most famous being Old Faithful. The park is the home for grizzly bears, wolves, elk, and a herd of about 3,000 buffalo. Our first night in Yellowstone Park was spent at Mammoth Hot Springs. The main attraction there are the many hot springs terraces where mineral-laden hot water runs over the stones. Many terraces can be seen from the road and there are walking trails for closer viewing. A large herd of elk lives at Mammoth year-round and they roam freely around the cabins and camp grounds, down the streets, and they congregate in what was once the Parade Grounds of the old Fort Yellowstone (fort existed from 1872 to 1886). While there we stayed in individual small cabins with front porches complete with rocking chairs. Twelve cabins formed a circle with a lawn in the center where a community of ground squirrels lived...what fun it

was to watch as they scampered in and out of their holes.

There are many things to see in Yellowstone and although we didn't have the time to see everything, our visit was memorable. Among the things we saw were:

* Soon after we entered the park we saw a huge black bear walking into the trees near the road.

* Our second night in Yellowstone was at the Old Faithful Lodge. From the window of our room we could watch as Old Faithful performed. That was very special.

* Yellowstone Lake is the largest high-elevation lake in North America. The lake has 141 miles of tree-lined shore and many variations of animals, birds and other wildlife live in and around it.

* The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone is a breathtaking sight that shouldn't be

missed. The Yellowstone River runs 20 miles through the canyon and two beautiful waterfalls are found there, the Upper and Lower Falls are 109 and 308 ft. respectively.

* Hayden Valley is best known for the buffalo, swans, geese, elk and deer that live in the valley along the Yellowstone River.

* West Thumb Geyser Basin is one of the smallest geyser basins in Yellowstone (there is a one-mile walk around it) yet its location along the shore of Yellowstone Lake ranks it as the most scenic. West Thumb, for its size, has it all-hot springs, pools, mud pots, fumaroles and lake shore geysers.

Grand Teton National Park and Jackson, WY: How does one describe the Tetons Mountains? They are the most spectacular things ever and look more like the Alps in Switzerland than anything else that I have seen. They appear to be blue in color and even in the summer, snow and ice can be seen in the form of their six glaciers. Our lunch stop was at Jackson Lodge and the setting was perfect. The huge Tetons stood in the background of a clear, still lake. That is what picture postcards are made of.

Jackson has a population of almost 10,000 and is popular with tourists as a ski destination as well as being the gateway to two national parks. The Jackson Town Square is known for the four large arches made of shed elk antlers. Although Jackson is often referred to as Jackson Hole, the "hole" is actually the valley where it lays, the town is just Jackson.

Our night in Jackson was spent at the Creekside Resort and Spa, it was a special place. The log cabins are new and each cabin has rocking chairs on the front porch. The property has a creek and trees in the Teton mountain setting and is very beautiful. Shuttles were offered for travelers between the lodge and Jackson but we elected to spend our afternoon and evening enjoying the atmosphere of the lodge.

Salt Lake City: While we were in Salt Lake City we enjoyed an orientation tour of the ten acre property of Salt Lake Temple Square. The Latter Day Saints Temple is the center piece of the property and it is a magnificent granite structure that was constructed over a 40-year period between 1853 and 1893. The property is also the home of the famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir that is made up of 360 volunteer members. The auditorium is dome-shaped and the acoustics are perfect. The choir was not there as they

practice on Thursday evenings, but the magnificent pipe organ with 11,623 pipes was being played and the sound was wonderful. The Visitor's Center explains the history of the Mormons arrival to Utah with statues and movies as well as a cut-out miniature of the Temple displaying the inside and its furnishings. Computers for checking genealogy can be found there.

Bryce Canyon National Park is located in Southern Utah and is best known for its red hoodoos and water-carved walls, fins and spires that reflect the moving sun with ever-changing colors. Similar to the Grand Canyon, viewing is from above looking down into a very large and beautiful hole in the ground but the colors in the two parks are very different. Although we had visited this park before, on this trip we visited viewpoints that we had not visited before and walked trails to get the optimal enjoyment.

Zion National Park is 89 miles from Bryce. Zion is different from the other parks we visited because we traveled 12 miles of winding roads to get to the bottom of the canyon and then looked up to see the wonders around us. Zion features massive stone formations and red cliff faces. Sandstone and shale monoliths give the park its power and character. The lack of iron oxide at the upper levels of the sandstone makes the formations almost white at the top. Similar to the other parks, there are a variety of trails to walk depending on ability and time constraints. Many of the trails are paved for easier walking.

Editorial

Al Foleen has promised to send a write up about the plastics department in the early years. We would like to hear from others. One can write in pencil or type on a key board.

Secretary Needed at the TRVP

by Louis Sowa

Our secretary has retired do to health issues. We need a replacement to take and distribute minutes for our monthly meetings. We 'work' on Wednesdays and our monthly meeting is on the first Wednesday of each month at 1PM. There is a great deal of historic Tektronix data, which needs to be organized. If you might be willing to volunteer one day a week to help with either or both of these tasks please let me know at LSowa@earthlink.net or 503-320-0440. Being a volunteer organization we are very aware of the need to be flexible with vacations and other personal time off.

Death Notices November, December, January 2014

Bonnell, Evelyn — d. 10-16-2013
At Tek: 7 years
Bosworth, David J. — d. 08-26-2010
At Tek: 19 years
Bybee, Warren — d. 11-15-2013
At Tek: 27 years
Carmichael, Virgil T. — d. 10-22-2012
At Tek: 11 years
Davies, Wilma — d. 11-01-2012
At Tek: ~10 years
Farnett, Nicholas J. — d. 10-04-2013
At Tek: 30+ years
Foster Jr., Scott E. — d. 12-01-2013
At Tek: 32 years
Haws, JoAnn Kay — d. 11-06-2013
At Tek: 10 years
Johnson, Patricia L. — d. 11-24-2013
At Tek: 18 years
Jones, Virginia Williams —
d. 09-28-2013 At Tek: 16 years

Krueger, Kurt — d. 11-20-2013
At Tek: 31 years
Lockhart, Charles G. — d. 10-19-2013
At Tek: 21 Years
Mardesich, Mary Alderson —
d. 12-06-2012
Martling, Beverly — d. 10-21-2011
McKinney, John B. — d. 11-23-2013
Ornelas, Celestino 'Tono' Edward —
d. 11-19-2013 At Tek: 22 years
Pasley, Ruth Eleanor — d. 06-07-2012
At Tek: 20+ Years
Schink, Chester — d. 11-22-2013
At Tek: 29+ years
Tikhonoff, Nancy T. — 01-17-2013
At Tek: 10 years
Wohlfarth, Sandra L. — d. 09-27-2013
At Tek: 12 years
Wong, Bruce Luen — d. 10-20-2013

William C. Lowe, 72, Dies; Oversaw IBM PC's Birth

An improbable idea that was fulfilled with atypical haste.

William C. Lowe, who supervised the creation of IBM's first personal computer, died on Oct 19 in Lake Forest, Ill. He was 72.

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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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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Upcoming Volunteer Luncheon

This year's luncheon will be held **April 19** in Building 38, there will be a map on the invitation letter. This letter will be sent approximately two weeks prior to the luncheon. If you have not been receiving invitation letters and want to attend let us know at: tek-retirees@tektronix.com or leave a message at: 503-627-4056 with your name and address. The requirement is that you are currently volunteering for any non-profit organization or have done so in the past. The luncheon is sponsored by Tek and the TRVP and is free to you. This year's topic will be taxes (more details in the invitation letter). We have been having some excellent speakers which we expect to continue this year.

55 Alive / AARP Driver Safety

The person who has been doing the 55 Alive classes for us has retired. We have decided not to continue the classes at Tek, however there are a number of other sites in the area some of which are listed here:

ELSIE STUHR CENTER

5550 SW HALL BLVD

BEAVERTON OR 97005-3919

(503) 629-6342 (Call To Register)

CEDAR MILL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

12505 NW CORNELL RD

PORTLAND OR 97229-5651

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TUALITY HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER

334 SE 8TH AVE

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Contact your insurance company to determine how much you can save if you take this class. You can contact AARP on the internet at www.aarp.org/drive and enter your zip code for a class held near you. Persons who are not online should call: 1-877-390-8806, leave a message and a volunteer will call you back to schedule a class. Or call 1-800-723-1955 for more information.

Quarterly Quote: There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full.
H. Kissinger

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

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