

TEK RETIREE NEWS

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A Newsletter for and by Tek Retirees

November 2015

TRVP Past and Present

By Louis Sowa

The intention of this article is to present some of the TRVP history and the present operation. In July 1996 Sharon Beatty was hired temporarily to help develop a program for Tektronix retired employees. She had previous experience with a similar program at Honeywell. Bob Boughman, Tektronix Human resources, announced the program on September 13, 1996. There was a letter sent out to retired employees. Later another letter which included Terminated Vested employees. Terminated vested are those of us that had Tektronix benefits, but were not yet receiving them. The original newsletter was called "ExTek", which is why we have decided to insert that into our current banner. Some thought that ExTek was somehow not appropriate so the newsletter banner was changed to "Tek Retirees News." The original newsletter staff was: Editor Nute Espy, staff members Dick Braniff, Eve Fitzgerald, Louis Sowa, and Jennie Lou Werlein. The TRVP development team consisted of: Warren Collier, Evelyn Marsh, Dick Duggan, Ed and Roz Srebnik, Jess Gard, and Harry Tanielian.

Our stated goal was: *to respond to the needs of the community, to serve the needs of the Tektronix Retiree community which may include physical, social, and emotional needs, and to make our community a better place to live.*

This was an ambitious goal. In the beginning Sharon was engaged full time. There were volunteers in the

office five days a week and were quite active. After Sharon's contract ran out the operations started to slowly contract. We were very fortunate to have Nute as the Editor/Publisher as he had experience and was very capable. I suggested something on the order of a "twenty-five Years ago" article taken from old Tek Weeks. He said "do it" so I started that feature which is now produced by Gary Hoselton. In these early days of the TRVP With the May 1998 newsletter Nute had recruited Peggy Berg to be the Publisher relieving him of some responsibility. I reluctantly agreed to act as editor starting with the August 2001 issue. I think Nute died the following May. Fortunately for TRVP Peggy was an outstanding Publisher and an asset to the organization in other ways as well. By this time several other people had become active, including Evelyn Marsh (now deceased), and Jim Manuel. Many of you may remember the great articles that Judy Watkins has written for us.

After Sharon left, Warren took the roll of "manager" We had team leader for each day, Some other people that became involved are Millie Scott (on line manager), Ray Arnett (database manager) and Neil Robin (webmaster). Ray did an excellent job taking over the database from me, however he has since died. Pete Nelson with assistance from Paul Kristof have taken over responsibility for the database. Most recently Ray Kato has joined us. Gordon Long took over the Publishing responsibility in February 2012 as Peggy retired from that function. Then as of November 2013 Gordon

took part of the editor role as well.

Currently our active members are: Louis Sowa, Pete Nelson, Millie Scott, Neil Robin, Paul Kristof, Ray Kato, and Gary Hoselton. Some other activities that the TRVP has provided are the PALS program (support for home bound), working with local schools with math and science and putting on a yearly luncheon for people that we knew were volunteering in the community. The TRVP has also done a number of one time projects such as helping provide computers for a quadriplegic home in Hillsboro.

Currently our major roll is to continue the newsletter and maintain a database and office.. Our original goal, in addition to producing a newsletter was to become active in the community. Sharon Beatty was an excellent promoter. She worked with the community and Tek retirees to match retiree skills with those needed in the local area.

HELP NEEDED

JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

Editor: Ray Kato has accepted the roll of editor. Thanks Ray

Publisher: assemble and format the newsletter using Microsoft Publisher. I could also be of some assistance if desired.

Office Assistant - General office help

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Death Notices

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 at 503-627-4056. Or you may send an email to: tek-retirees@tektronix.com

Aguila, Ester S. –d10/14/2015 @ Tek 23 years

Breeze, Robert “Bob” –d8/20/2015 @Tek 18 years

Churchill, James Frank –d9/30/2015 @Tek 35 years

Duerden, William H. – d6/11/2015 @Tek 20 years

Forsberg, Charles Alton - d10/24/2015

French, Rick L. –d9/27/2015 @Tek 32 years

Johnson, Betty –d8/20/2015 @TEK 9 years

Kidd, Deane Elton - d8/10/17/2015@ Tek 42 years

McRae, Robert James—d9/15/2015 @Tek22 years

Martin, Lana Sue –d6/24/2015

Mickey, Nancy– d6/9/2015@ Tek 14 years

Phillips, Richard Edger—d10/9/2015

Pooley, Dick—d10/26/2015 @Tek 31years

Root, Frank Joseph Root-d 8/30/2015 @Tek 15 years

Swanson, Richard P.—d-9/19/2015 @Tek 22 years

Swartzfager John – d8/19/2015@Tek 31 years

Wetzler, Ronald Gene d8/22/2015 @Tek 31 years

Yong, Mi Kim—D9/9/2015 @Tek 20+ years

30 Years Ago

From 1985 Tekweek,

condensed by Gary Hoselton

Tek products on show! Tek exhibited at the 8th International Conference on Software Engineering, Imperial College, London, showing a line of Structured Analysis Tools which operate on VAX/VMS and VAX/UNIX systems and priced at \$16,500, requires a 4125 graphics terminal. Rainer Wieland (SDP Engineering) presented his paper “Code Generation from Data Flow Diagrams” at the event, attended by over 800 senior engineers from around the world. Jan Woods (Trade Shows) accepted Best Booth award at Northcon/85 show in Portland’s Memorial Coliseum, attended by 14,000, where Tek exhibited the 1240 and DAS 9100 Logic Analyzers, the new 2430 digital oscilloscope and the 2465 and 2230 from Portable Instruments, and our capabilities in etched circuit boards from Forest Grove and general and high-tech magnetics from Special Support Manufacturing (S²M). Lots of excitement in the Tek booth (leased from Floating

Point Systems because it had lots of interior space for setups) at the 127th SMPTE (Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers), where customers saw and demo’ed to their friends the new SPG-170A NTSC Sync Generator, 751 Aural Monitor, and WFM-300 Component Analog Waveform Monitor and other new TV products. People literally lined up four and five deep to view the 751 with its electro luminescent panel that displayed ten parameters using bar-graphs.

Teks making things happen! Fresh out of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute in 1962 with an MSEE, Arnie Frisch (Computer Based Instrumentation general manager), with Morris Engelson (Frequency Domain Instrumentation Division manager) founded Pentrix in Brooklyn, New York, to build a spectrum analyzer plug-in for Tek scopes. Tek purchased Pentrix in 1964, and Arnie and Morris came to Beaverton and grew the business. Arnie, now Tek’s first chief engineer, advises aspiring engineers to learn both hardware and software, for the future is in their combined operation. [Tektronix now has eight chief engineers/scientists, which is the top level in a career path established to encourage outstanding engineers and scientists to continue in their technical careers. They are Arnie Frisch (Computer Based Instrumentation

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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Trading Post (1985, 30 years ago!)

WOODSTOVE, Franklin, \$150; baby crib, \$15. 357-0123

HOTPOINT washing machine, \$60; Kitchenett set w/4 chairs, \$15. 656-4567

COMPUTER, TRS-80, Model 4P, portable 2 disk drives, 1 serial 2 parallel CP/M & software, \$575. 647-8901

CHOICE beef, grain fed, cut, wrapped & frozen, by the half, \$1.18/lb. 324-2345

'73 FIAT Spyder, 66K mi, rebuilt engine, redone int, gd body, new removable hard top. \$1500. 646-6789

'75 RABBIT, dependable, 61K mi, new brakes, clutch, burns regular gas, extra studded snow tires. \$1800. 644-0123

GOVT CAMP A-frame on Glade Trail, ski home from Timberline, slps 6+, \$150/wknd. 245-4567

CAPE KIWANDA beach house, slps 6, fully furnished, frplc, w/d, dswh, disp, \$80/wknd, \$240/wk. 244-8901

WILL store a small upright piano in my home, loving care. Jackie, 645-2345

BABYSITTING in my home, off 170th, nr TV Hwy, fncd yd, lunch incl, \$7/day. 642-6789

general manager), who became Tek's first chief engineer in 1981. Others are Val Garuts (Tek Labs), Thomas Reeder (TriQuint Semiconductor), Gene Andrews (Lab Instruments Division), Bob Holmes (Hybrid Circuits Operation), Phil Crosby (Tek Labs), Mayer Schwartz (Tek Labs), and Linley Gumm (Frequency Domain Instrumentation Division).

Activities! December 6th will be the 18th annual Tek Night at Timberline Lodge, with the entire lodge reserved for Tekers. There will be food and skiing galore, and last year the band played till 3:30 a.m. and Tekers still wanted to continue dancing. Round

trip buses will run from Beaverton. Tek daughters are featured in the Tualatin Hills Synchronized Swimming Club's water ballet show, "the Castaways" from Gilligan's Island at the Sunset Swim Center. They are

Jill Coyle, Rachael Coyle, Lisa Lowy, Melanie Meigs, Tracy Miller, Kimberly St. Romaine, and Erin Turner. 1 Holiday discounts available to Tek employees include \$15 group membership in Costco, 25% discount on Van Duyn's candies at their Christmas Outlet Store, and tickets for Pacific Ballet Theater's "The Nutcracker", plus year around discounts from various merchants and attractions. ITeks entered the Redmond Christmas Parade, winning second place with their float representing 1910 and modern Christmas tree decoration. About 150 Redmond Tek's participated, singing and dancing and manning the float, scrounging materials from the community and preparing during noon and afterhours. IHundreds of IDG Wilsonville Tek's, working thru Clackamas County Health Department, "adopted" 46 families in distress as their Christmas charity, making direct contact with families to determine need and following thru. The families included some without food, some without a breadwinner, and some living in a car. One Wilsonville employee said "Believe me, it puts something like our shutdown days into perspective." ITeks contributed 233 pints of blood to the Red Cross, 98 pints at Walker Road in October and 135 pints at Beaverton in November.

Dear Tek Retiree News,

By Bob Lawyer

I was employed at Tek for 31 years. I retired in 2008 under the Danaher Voluntary Separation Plan.

I was going through some of my old pictures and found three pictures of my 1976 Triumph TR6 covered with Mt. St. Helens ash.

My TR6 was my only car when Mt St. Helens was erupting. It got covered with ash in the summer of 1980 when I was working swing shift in STS at the Walker Road Tek plant. Just before our 12:30am quitting time, our boss told us that it was ashing outside. This was the eruption that put the most ash on the Portland area. When I got off work

and walked to my car, the ash was coming down real thick and there was also a light rain mist falling as well. I pulled my shirt over my face as a filter so I wouldn't breathe as much ash. My TR6 was covered with ash. I opened the car door carefully so as not to get too much ash inside. I wondered what it was going to be like driving home in this stuff. My house was in Oak Grove, about 18 miles away. When I got on the Sunset Highway, a car passed me. It was almost like a whiteout for a short while. I finally made it home and took these pictures of the car in my garage. The ash was really hard to wash off, and was abrasive, but it all came off with lots of careful scrubbing. A few months later, I bought a older car to use as a daily driver and I parked my TR6 in the garage. I had used my TR6 as a daily driver for four years and wanted to make a show car out of it. I spent the next four years doing a major detail job on it. I had never done this kind of thing before. I sort of taught myself how to do it as I went along. When I finally got done in 1985, the car was gorgeous. I entered the car into the 1985 All British Field Meet in Portland, Oregon. It took 2nd place in the TR6 class. I was proud and very happy that my car had won a prize.

In 2002, I drove the TR6 to the Tek Car Show at the Beaverton Campus. I enjoyed the nice comments from my co-workers about my car. A picture of my car even showed up on the cover of the Tek internal web page along with several other cars that were in the show.

I kept the car in show condition. In 2008, for a variety of reasons, I sold it.



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TEKTOPICS which is on the WEB page <http://tekretirees.org/> has some nice reading about operations in Guernsey long ago.

Contact Don Tucker (w7wll@arrl.net) for further info

These were posted on an Australian Tourism Website and the answers are the actual responses by the webmaster, who obviously has a great sense of humor!

Q: I have never seen it rain on TV, how do the plants grow? (UK).

A: We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around watching them die.

Q: Will I be able to see kangaroos in the street? (Germany)

A: Depends how much you've been drinking.

Q: I want to walk from Perth to Sydney - can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: Sure, it's only three thousand miles, take lots of water.

CALENDAR

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

Redmond Breakfasts

8:00 a.m. 1st Monday monthly
Shari's Restaurant; Redmond, OR

1565 SW Odem Medo Way

Spouses welcome

Details: Nick Hughes 541-548-1201

TERAC

6:00 p. m.

Round Table — Beaverton
Weekly on Friday

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