

From the Editor

With a message from Tektronix management, we are at yet another change in the Tek Retirees Volunteer Program Newsletter. In a move to improve cost effectiveness, there will be just this and one more issue that will be printed and mailed at Tektronix' expense.

To address this issue, you'll find a self-addressed survey in which we are asking you who receive the printed Newsletter in the mail to help us continue to reach you. I am quite sure that some of you have continued to receive the printed Newsletter because it is your preference. At the same time, I suspect a few of you do not have access to the internet, and consequently count on others to stay in touch with other retirees.

If you'll fill out the survey and mail it back to us, we'll do our best to find the most effective way to reach you.

To the Editor

Bob Meehan writes: The genesis of Gary Spence's need to modify the R7912's scan converter was a visit by the test director from Los Alamos in 1975. Ernie Brunholtz was the FE in Albuquerque who engineered the visit and we all sat around the Systems Marketing Conference room in Bldg. 55 to

listen to his request. Be mindful that none in the room (except possibly Ernie) had "Q" Clearances to discuss anything related to the testing. Regardless, the director proceeded to discuss the R7912.

He opened with the praise to engineering about what a marvelous unit the R7912 was and generalized about how useful the instrument was to the testing programs. AS the Marketing Manager for digital systems at the time I took the lead in asking "What can we do for you, Director?" He said " Well, you get the sensor info out of the instrument and up to the trailers in 250 milliseconds...we need it in 8. Amidst the gasp of all others present I said "WOW! Why do you need it that fast! He paused for a moment then said "Because that's how long it takes 20 feet of concrete to evaporate." Everyone in the room (being wannabe Rocket Scientists) could see the value to the company with a ready-made replacement market for 20-30 instruments @ \$30K after every test.

Engineering took it to heart and solved all the barriers to achievement producing the right instrument for the task.

Neil Robin writes: I was hired to take over the development of the 7912AD, 7612D and other system related products. This program had been dragging out and Tek

management wanted me to get it back on track, which I did. The issues below with the R7912 may have been a part of the previous delay. Our emphasis was adding data output and programmability and maybe only a little interest in the R7912.

It was my understanding that two instruments were destroyed at the underground Nevada test site. Getting data out of harm's way has always been an issue with weapons testing, even back when bomb tests were made from towers. They had to string data lines like guy wires and it had to travel no slower than the velocity factor of the cable which approached the speed of light. Nowadays, they use optical pipes to transport raw data.

I would prefer that my article stand by itself since it's already written and is not intended to cover individual instruments or their issues but an overview of what goes on in New Mexico science. Links are included to explain things like HEMP which the reader can access.

The following link is a review of that trip and includes both scenic tours as well as interesting science. Click [here](http://robinfamily.us/Southwest/newmexico.htm) to access. If reading the newsletter offline, the URL is: <http://robinfamily.us/Southwest/newmexico.htm>

The "Trestle" project has a 44-minute video which describes the work in developing this unique facility.

Bob Beville's Memoirs Available

The VintageTEK Museum website has posted the Bob Beville's memoirs entitled <A CHAMELEON OSCILLOSCOPE CAREER>. It is an interesting read. Here is an excerpt...

A FBI agent phoned the office. He wanted to meet with whomever called on Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, New York. That was me. I arranged an appointment, meeting him in the Officers Club there. Among other missions, he explained, this was a logistics base, a warehouse stocked with a variety of items and equipment ready to be shipped out to other bases. A number of 581 scopes had disappeared from a loading dock. Shown a catalog, I explained this scope was not operational without a plugin. He wanted me to be on lookout for any of them. "Sure will"... (FILE THIS FOR LATER).

VintageTEK Hours

Friday - 10am to 6pm

Saturday - 10am to 4pm

Other times by request

TRVP Hours

Tektronix Retirees Volunteer Program

Thursdays 10-3

Death Notices

Alderman, Gilbert Newton - d1/18/2019 @Tek 22.36 years

Ballard, Richard J "Dick" — d3/26/2019

Buchco, Joan Carol - d3/4/2019

Butler, Diane -d12/2/2016

Freysinger, Gary -d2/20/2019

Hofeld, Lorne R —d3/20/2019 @Tek 31.63 years

Kalimanis, Thomas - d11/21/2018 @Tek 18 years

Kaser, Raymond John - d2/6/2019

Lee, Bong Hee "Bonnie" - d1/19/2019

Sjordal, Jane Ann -d9/6/2016

Thompson, Linda —d4/6/2019

Valentine, Roger Lee - d9/28/2018

Wohlfarth, Paul Dana — d4/24/2019

Zenger, Don Albert - d4/16/2019

CALENDAR

Engineering Breakfast

Wednesday 8AM Beaverton/Hillsboro area. Lively discussion all subjects. For details contact Steven E. Rice pacemakerpete@hotmail.com

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
503-312-8825

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

Ex-Tek & Radio Amateurs

Weekly on Friday 5:30 p. m.
Giovanni's Restaurant
12390 SW Broadway
Beaverton 503-644-8767

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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Dear Readers,

As you can imagine, the cost of printing and mailing the retiree newsletter on a quarterly basis has become quite expensive. Given that a much less expensive alternative exists, where individuals can opt to receive an email or access the newsletter on the website, we are making plans to phase out the mailed version. As such, August will be the last mailed newsletter. *

We intend to continue reaching any retiree or former Tektronix employee, and will seek alternatives. Your feedback will help us to make the best possible decisions.

If you are currently receiving this newsletter by our email notifications, you may disregard the survey. We have every expectation of continuing to reach you.

Bill Gellatly, Editor

MAILED NEWSLETTER SURVEY

- Do you have your own email account? Yes No
- Can you receive attachments with your email? Yes No
- Do you have access to the internet (read news from a public web browser)? Yes No
- Have you tried reading the Newsletter from a common-use computer (such as in a library or care facility)? Yes No
- *If you do not have internet access, and would still like to receive the newsletter by mail, would you be willing to pay a small fee to subscribe to the newsletter? Yes No
- When did you leave or retire from Tektronix: _____
- Any additional comments?

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