

# Tek Retiree NEWS

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A Newsletter for and by Tek Retirees

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## Be a VOLUNTEER at the World's largest pre-college science fair, Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2004

In just three months, more than 1,200 of the world's most promising scientists will come to Portland to present their scientific research. They will present findings in the areas of computer science, gerontology, botany, engineering, chemistry and more. Most of these scientists have new data to share with the world, and about 17% will receive patents for their work. However, few of these scientists have even hit the legal age to vote. Students will be competing for scholarships, tuition grants, internships, scientific field trips and the grand prize: a trip to attend the Nobel Prize Ceremonies in Stockholm, Sweden.

Intel ISEF brings together students from nearly 40 countries to compete and exhibit their own research findings. At least 40 Oregon students will have the opportunity to compete and represent the state. Never in the history of the fair has the event been held in Portland, and it has been 40 years since it visited the Pacific Northwest when it was held in Seattle in the early 1960s. The recent expansion of the Oregon Convention Center will provide an excellent facility to accommodate the many activities of the fair.

Hundreds of volunteers are needed to support this event May 9-14. General volunteers are needed throughout day and evening hours in the areas of computer equipment and communications support, security, ushering and crowd control, and exhibit floor operations to name a few. Both conversational and technical interpreters are needed. Over 1,200 judges are needed to interview the students, view their work, and make the hard decisions in 14 scientific categories. Judges must hold a Ph.D, M.D. or equivalent, or have 6 years of related experience.

To register as a volunteer or judge please visit us at: [www.intelisef2004.org](http://www.intelisef2004.org). The Volunteer and Judge tabs will lead you to registration forms and other information. Any questions can be emailed to [volunteer@intelisef2004.org](mailto:volunteer@intelisef2004.org) or call (503) 439-4208.

## Costa Rica

*By Judy Watkins*

Costa Rica is a beautiful country with lush forests, plants and flowers of every description. I was very impressed with my visit. There are unlimited things to see and do there and the people are friendly.

Costa Rica a land of cool cloud forests, wonderful beaches and majestic rain forests. Huge plantations and small farms alike grow coffee and bananas as well as fruits and vegetables of all varieties. Their golden pineapples are the sweetest, juiciest and best in the world. Brahma cattle are raised for beef and Holsteins for milk and cheese. This country produces all of its own food as well as exports to other countries.

Tourism is second only to the income realized from Intel's presence in the country. Bananas, coffee and textiles are next, in that order. Costa Rica has reserved 12% of its area as National Parks to ensure tourism doesn't ruin the natural beauty and wildlife population for future generations.

The two weeks we spent there were wonderful and I would recom-

mend it highly as a prime vacation spot.

Facts about the country:

- Schools are free of charge, including college or trade schools. 28% of the countries budget is spent on education and they have 97% literacy. The other 3% is accounted for by illegal immigration from Nicaragua.
- Medical is free of charge paid for with a 9% payroll deduction that they call Social Security. (Not the same as ours.) This deduction also covers the retirement benefits. Doctors work for the government from 7:30 to 1:30 each day; with a private practice in the afternoon. A member of our tour group needed a doctor. The doctor came to the hotel room, stayed for 2 ½ hours and administered an IV and gave her three prescriptions. The cost of the visit, IV and drugs came to \$130.
- The military was abolished in 1948 giving the country resources to spend improving the country's standard of living.
- The average income is \$200 a month and the minimum wage is \$180. The largest professional group is teachers who earn \$650 a month and have very good retirement benefits. The country has a very large middle-class and a family with two working can earn as much as \$1,400 a month.
- Gas costs \$3 a gallon and is regulated by the government. Texaco and Shell stations are everywhere but the cost is never posted. We were told no matter where gas is purchased, the price remains the same.

What did we do there?

Our trip started in San Jose at the National Museum. The museum is located in the building that was once the Bella Vista Fortress where in 1949 the abolition of the military was announced. Today displays of pre-Columbian ceramics and items from the colonial eras are found there.

The National Theater was completed in 1897 from money raised from taxing coffee. The theater is modeled on Paris's grand Opera Grainer and is indeed beautiful with its red velvet and gold interior.

The Poas Volcano is located about twenty-three miles from San Jose. The roads getting there were narrow and windy but the scenery was outstanding. The volcano is located Poas's crater is more than a mile wide and is said to be the second largest in the world.

Coffee plantations cover the sides of the mountain leading to the Poas Volcano. We stopped to visit one and discovered more about the history of coffee and its affect on the country. The coffee beans begin with beautiful white flowers that turn to green then a bright red. Coffee is picked in November, December and January so we were able to pick some of the red beans that were ready for harvest.

In Grecia we visited a church that is made completely of metal. There is only one other like it in the world. The church is painted a deep red and is trimmed in white. The church's alter is made of marble. The church is unique and worth seeing.

Just three blocks from the church we visited a farmer's marketplace where fruits, vegetables and meats were sold. The market had fruits

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# Tek Week 25 Years Ago

Jan. 5, 1979

## TERAC gives help after plane crash

The Tek Employees Radio Amateur Club (TERAC) will meet tonight (January 5) at 7:30 p.m. in the Technical Center (50) auditorium.

Dale Justice and Dave Lievsay will describe the support given by local amateurs during the recent Portland plane crash emergency involving a United Air Lines' DC-8 jet on December 28.

Mar. 2, 1979

## Women Engineers to hold workshop

A workshop, "Understanding Power Systems," will be presented by Dr. Alice Armstrong for members of the Society of Women Engineers on Saturday, March 10.

The all-day session will be held at Beaver-ton Far West Savings and Loan building on Cedar Hills Blvd. beginning at 9 a.m. Registration fee of \$25 includes special workshop materials and lunch.

## The Gadget Corner

### Wireless A / V in the Home

By Warren Collier – Exclusive to TRN

As a devout public broadcasting fan, I often listen to public radio, and I enjoy "Prairie Home Companion" and "The Tappet Brothers" as well as other shows. For a long time I have thought it would be fun to tape the broadcasts that I will miss because of other activities. But how to do it?

An ordinary audio tape recorder isn't programmable, and my VCR is not designed to program timed recordings from the A/V inputs – only from the usual broadcast and cable channels.

Well, how about using the radio's audio output signal to modulate a low-power TV transmitter? It just happens that relatively low-cost off-the-shelf hardware is available. I have a small unit on order. (Delivered cost about \$80.) It takes 2-channel audio and/or single-channel video and uses it to modulate any of the commercial UHF or cable channels. [The usual application for this unit is security systems (remote cameras) and the like.]

Once I'm set up, I'll leave the radio turned on and tuned to the desired radio station, with the audio output signal modulating my UHF unit. My VCR will be programmed to come on at the desired time and record the UHF frequency (channel) that I have selected. Of course it will be a channel not used in the PDX metro area, such as 36 or 40. No picture, but I don't need it – I just want the audio.)

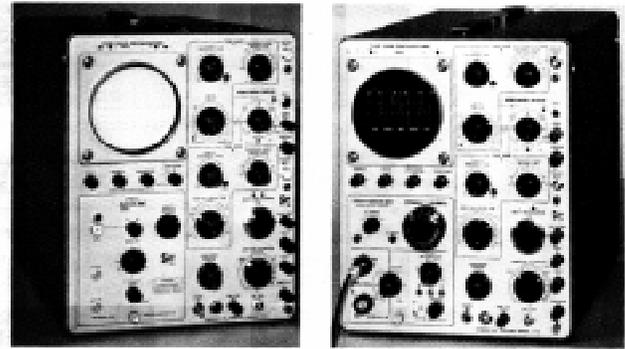
Another possible use for this unit is to "broadcast" a movie to any or all of the TV sets in my house. I could watch a DVD on a TV set in the family room, while my wife watches it at the same time (in sync) in her sewing room. All I have to do is connect the A/V outputs from my main TV to the inputs on the little modulator, while she watches on the selected UHF channel.

Obviously there are a lot of applications for something like this. If you're a dedicated gadget-lover, just use your imagination!

**TRVP Office Hours**  
**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

For further information, call Marci Donalson, ext. 1219 Walker Road.

Jan. 19, 1979



*TEKTRONIX PATENTS for the Type 535 and 545 oscilloscopes were infringed by the U.S. Government, resulting in a Tek suit in the Court of Claims back in February 1961. The suit was won in 1971 and Tek received a check for \$4.5 million in December 1978.*

## 2004 Tek Retiree Spring Reunion

By Marge Livermore

The spring NoHost get together of Tek Retirees will be held at the Beaverton Elks Lodge, 3500 SW 104th Avenue, Beaverton, OR on Saturday May 15, 2004 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Come show your appreciation and thank Pat and Ron Lowry who made these get togethers possible the past 20 years.

We will again be asking for a \$2.00 donation to help defray costs for light snacks and the hiring of additional serving help. Please RSVP as we need to get the approximate attendance number so the Lodge personnel can be prepared.

We ask that everyone contact another retiree to help get the word out. We are finding that not everyone is hearing about these get togethers. We would appreciate your assistance. If you have a change of address, please call 503-646-3295 or email:

marge.livermore@gtemail.net.

## Tek Retiree Picnic in Shute Park

It is time once again to mark your calendar for the Tek Retiree Potluck in Shute Park in Hillsboro at 11:00 a.m. Be sure to remind all your friends and co-workers to meet you there. It is a Potluck so bring a dish to share, dinnerware and your own drinks. There is lots of parking south of the library and tables close by. See you there.

### Marconi's Cronies

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon  
at J.J.North's Buffet Restaurant  
Northeast Halsey at 105th  
Portland, OR

Contact: Jack Riley for details  
Phone: 503-235-5267

### CRT Luncheons

3rd Tuesday of each month at 11:30 AM  
at the Home Town Buffet located at  
13500 SW Pacific Highway in Tigard, OR

Contact: Jack Neff for details  
1102 N Springbrook Rd. #252  
Newberg, OR 97132-2007  
Phone: 503-538-5130

## Retiree Deaths

Date: Nov., Dec. & Jan. 2004

**Adams, Robert** – d. 12/31/2003

At Tek: 8/15/1977 to 09/12/1997

**Allison, Charlene** – d. 10/30/2003

At Tek: Unknown

**Anderson, Donald** – d. 11/14/2003

At Tek: 6/14/1962 to 12/31/1982

**Anderson, Ronald** – d. 01/23/2004

At Tek: 08/12/1968 to 06/06/1986

**Bose, Madeline** – d. 01/15/2004

At Tek: 10/13/1958 to 04/29/1983

**Briggs, Andrew** – d. 01/03/2004

At Tek: 05/19/1958 to 10/01/1981

**Brouillet, Burton** – d. 1/1/2003

At Tek: 1/21/1980 to 3/29/1989

**Bunnell, Elva** – d. 12/29/2003

At Tek: 11/09/1967 to 05/30/1975

**Cameron, Linden** – d. 12/20/2003

At Tek: 10/17/1977

**Carson, Ramona** – d. 11/15/2003

At Tek: 03/19/1951 to 12/31/1997

**Csergei, Eleonore** – d. 12/03/2003

At Tek: 10/09/1978 to 04/30/1996

**Deibele, David** – d. 11/16/2003

At Tek: 03/25/1957

**Estes, Jean** – d. 01/03/2004

At Tek: 10/27/1980 to 02/25/1994

**Gamel, Shirley** – d. 12/13/2003

At Tek: 04/21/1980 to 06/03/1989

**Gillespie, Janice** – d. 11/19/2003

At Tek: 06/15/1992 to 09/01/1997

**Gillette, John** – d. 11/27/2003

At Tek: 09/07/1965 to 07/11/1986

**Goodyear, Clara** – d. 12/02/2003

At Tek: 07/05/1966 to 03/03/1978

**Gorman, John** – d. 11/6/2003

At Tek: 6/30/1968 to 7/28/1978

**Hall, Georgia** – d. 01/14/2004

At Tek: Unknown

**Hawkins, James** – d. 12/04/2003

At Tek: 08/19/1968 to 10/27/1990

**Hegney, Mary** – d. 12/11/2003

At Tek: 04/26/1976 to 05/27/1994

**Hill, Everett** – d. 1/9/2002

At Tek: Unknown

**Howard, Richard** – d. 12/25/2003

At Tek: Unknown

**Hunziker, Verna** – d. 11/23/2003

At Tek: 1/21/1959 to 4/29/1983

**Inman, Richard** – d. 01/17/2004

At Tek: 07/31/1967 to 01/07/1983

**Justice, Emmett** – d. 07/17/2003

At Tek: Not Available

**Kleffner, Betty** – d. 03/21/2003

At Tek: 10/07/1974 to 07/27/1983

**Lake, Geraldine** – d. 11/6/2003

At Tek: 1/15/1968 to 9/27/1985

**Lauer, Jim** – d. 10/10/2003

At Tek: 04/17/1984

**Laughlin, Robert** – d. 10/27/2003

At Tek: 1/21/1985 to 3/3/2000

**Le Brecht, Robert** – d. 10/7/2003

At Tek: 10/17/1977 to 12/20/1990

**Lulow, Alton** – d. 01/05/2004

At Tek: 02/02/1959 to 10/13/1978

**Mc Cann, Mildred** – d. 9/28/2003

At Tek: 6/29/1959 to 7/11/1986

**Mc Kim, Dale** – d. 11/24/2003

At Tek: 10/01/1962 to 01/31/1979

**Mcguffin, Jo** – d. 12/26/2003

At Tek: 06/07/1982

**Miller, Doris** – d. 0/23/2003

At Tek: 10/13/1969 to 3/2/1976

**Min, Kun** – d. 01/02/2004

At Tek: 10/24/1977 to 01/08/1988

**Padgett, Robert** – d. 12/07/2003

At Tek: 01/23/1967 to 09/25/1992

**Peterson, Lillian** – d. 11/28/2003

At Tek: 09/26/1966 to 10/06/1969

**Pond, Earl** – d. 12/21/2003

At Tek: 10/17/1977 to 04/05/1989

**Puschel, Charlotte** – d. 12/04/2003

At Tek: 01/22/1968 to 06/28/1985

**Schuldheiss, Leona** – d. 10/2/2003

At Tek: 7/29/1968

**Scott, Joseph** – d. 9/28/2003

At Tek: 9/8/1980 to 1/31/1991

**Sharp, Pauline** – d. 01/16/2004

At Tek: 12/12/1977 to 05/19/1992

**Smith, Ivan** – d. 6/27/2003

At Tek: 7/21/1969 to 3/27/1992

**Smiley, Jim** – 07/14/2003

At Tek: Not Available

**Starkey, Verle D.** – d. 09/22/2003

At Tek: Not Available

**Stobbe, Marian** – d. 11/15/2003

At Tek: 4/18/1961 to 3/15/1985

**Sylvester, Richard** – d. 01/18/2004

At Tek: 04/24/1958 to 01/31/1990

**Tamagni, John** – d. 0/10/2003

At Tek: 11/16/1988 to 1/21/1994

**Tarpinian, Arthur** – d. 01/07/2004

At Tek: 10/04/1976 to 08/22/1986

**Vesser, William** – d. 07/27/2003

At Tek: Not Available

**Wagoner, Nellie** – d. 11/19/2003

At Tek: 10/07/1974 to 06/28/1985

**Wheatley, Fannie** – d. 11/25/2003

At Tek: 08/18/1969 to 01/03/1978

**Wheeler, Stanley** – d. 12/06/2003

At Tek: 03/21/1960 to 10/21/1976

**Yard, William** – d. 10/23/2003

At Tek: 6/23/1980 to 11/1/1994

11/21/2003

At Tek: 01/27/1970 to 05/08/1970

## Costa Rica (cont)

and vegetables that I had never seen before and we were treated to tastes of all the things that were new to us. The market was clean and the products displayed looked fresh and inviting.

A highlight of the trip was our trip to see the Arenal Volcano near La Fortuna. Arenal is one of the world's most regularly active volcanoes. We stayed in the area of the mountain for three nights and were treated to a light-show not many get to see. The mountain rumbles and roars and makes the sounds of thunder. At night the eruptions throw red lava into the air before the streams of red roll down the mountain sides. It is like watching the fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We stayed in individual cabins that had glassed in front porches with rocking chairs. I can't begin to say how enjoyable an evening is sitting in a rocker on the porch with a glass of wine watching nature's fireworks.

We took a Class 1 raft trip down the Penas Blancas River. The river moved slowly and we had the opportunity to enjoy nature as our raft moved down the river. The trip took just two hours but we saw a three-toed sloth, howler monkeys, a crocodile, eight bats sleeping on a tree, a beautiful owl with a yellow breast and a variety of birds and butterflies.

On this trip we viewed iguanas that were different than the ones in Mexico. The male iguanas in Costa Rica are orange and about three feet long. The males and females alike lay high in the branches of trees. We stopped on a bridge that was higher than the trees and had a perfect view of hundreds of the reptiles.

*This article will have to be continued in our May TRN issue. We would like to thank Judy for sending in this story and hope that others of you who are traveling will send in articles of your adventures.*

## Volunteer Recognition

Be sure to reserve April 17, 2004 for the Tek Retiree Volunteer Recognition luncheon. Details are not available at this time, however additional information will be mailed to those we are aware of. If you have not registered with us, please give us a call at 503-627-4056 so we can include you at the celebration.

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### Editors Note:

This issue of the electronic TRN has some formatting differences from the hard copy. We are working to make them look identical. The content should be the same however.



**Mary Lutz**—Still busy caring for my son, lady in rest home and family. Go to club house once a month for dinner. Hope all is well there. I love the news you send. So many to remember.

**Helen Charlet**—I want to thank all of you who put in lots of hours each year to let us know we are remembered.

**Glenore Carrier**—Thank you for the cards thru the glenar. Thank you for all the good things you do for so many. I just lost my husband and partner of 57 years last spring so your remembrances are especially appreciated.

**Dave & Judie Eason**—I was in the field for Tek from 1969 to 1992. I met my wife at Tek as well. Her name is Judith Eason, she retired in 2001. We were both actually laid off but that's life when all the field offices go away. Your idea of a TRVP web site sounds great. We would be glad to read the news on a web site and save the postage, but would like to continue to receive a copy in mail as well. We are living in Florida.

**Bob Meehan**—Reading the article about Dan Senour brings back fond memories. When Imis System Solar Manager in the West, Dan and I negotiated the first S3160 sale to Motorola. I remember we were in the Marriott elevator going to the 1st floor. At the time I was 5'8" & 170 pounds, Dan was 6'6" and 260 pounds. As the doors opened two very small cleaning ladies were in front of the door and when they saw us their jaws dropped to the floor; we must have looked like a don with his bodyguard.

Later there was an occasion which Dan will remember at Pier 101 in Lincoln City. We were in the restaurant waiting in line for a pool table. My quarter was next but the guy up didn't want to let me play. The more I insisted the more enraged he got until Dan sidled up beside me and quietly asked the kid to back off. After he did back I asked him to play me and I cleaned his clock and let him have the table back—all thanks to Dan. He is and always was a 'gentle' giant. I would like his address, please forward to him.

**Don Smethers**—Thank you for all the work you are putting into the TRVP and the Tek Retiree News. Please say 'Hi' to Peggy and Warren. Although I haven't written before I just wanted you all to know that your newsletter is always interesting, please keep it up. I liked

the 25-years ago articles – they were always fun to read. Will they be back? We all look at the deaths with apprehension, and there usually are some familiar names from our work contacts—last time it was Bert Hippe, Bill Vesser and Al Peecher. Have you considered adding the DOB?

As for us, were in good health, busier than ever. Sonjia and I still need to sit down and compare our daytimers each week. After retiring in 1989, I ran my own business full time until 1995. On one of our trips to the Virgin Islands, we were married there in 1992. We still live East of Wilsonville on the Willamette, we're considering building on the Trask river. Sonjia has over 30 years at NW Natural and will retire in a couple of years. We have three children and four grandchildren, all girls. Our weekends are full, I am still racing cars.

### Editorial

The web address listed in this column in the last newsletter was inaccurate; it should be:

[www.tekretirees.org](http://www.tekretirees.org)

There are several events coming up, see the newsletters and the web for more details. The next event is the volunteer's luncheon for which the details are not yet available. See the web or call 503-627-4056 for more information. There is not someone at the office every day so there may be a day or two delay in getting a response. Most people do not want to spend more than one day in the office, after all we are supposed to be retired. We do have a small very dedicated staff.

In this issue we are publishing the "Twenty-five Years ago" column. You may notice the smaller print in order to be able to present more material. We may be changing some of the font type to make the newsletter more compatible for the web. It is intended that the web version have everything that the hard copies do. Eventually we would like to discontinue sending hardcopies to some retirees; however paper copies will continue to be available for all who would like them.