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A Visit to Kentucky – June 2006

By Judy Watkins

Summers for the past five years have included a trip to visit my father in Oklahoma. This year I made a detour and stopped to visit my mother's sister in Radcliff, Kentucky.

As it happened, we spent my birthday together and she took me to Bardstown, Kentucky to see the Stephen Foster Musical which is considered to be the musical of Kentucky. The musical was held in a beautiful state-of-the-art amphitheatre in the My Old Kentucky Home State Park. Stephen Foster was famous for the songs: Oh! Susanna, Camptown Races, Beautiful Dreamer, My Old Kentucky Home and others. The program took us back to the 1850's with beautiful and colorful costumes as the music filled the night. The show is definitely a must-see when in the area.

Radcliff is located very near Fort Knox (35 miles from Louisville) and the U.S. Bullion Depository. The depository doesn't look anything like what I imagined. It is just a huge, gray and rather plain building sitting in the middle of a huge field with a double barbed-wire fence around it. The U.S. Treasury Department began construction of this building in 1936 and the Gold Vault was opened in January 1937.

American soldiers have occupied the Fort Knox area as early as the Civil War. The first fort was built there in 1862 and it has been a military post since 1903. It was during WW I, January 1918, when the government established a field artillery center there.

The Patton Museum of Armor and Cavalry is located in the Fort Knox area. The museum galleries feature a variety of armored equipment and vehicles, art, and other memorabilia of mechanization to the present. The Patton Gallery contains many

personal items used by General Patton throughout his life.

Although my visit there was short, I enjoyed the things that I had the opportunity to see and the country there is beautiful. The state has 52 State parks and every kind of landscape to enjoy from mountains to shores. I would certainly recommend a visit to Kentucky if you get the chance.

Meet Rose

Submitted by: Pat McGrath

The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder.

I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being.

She said, "Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?"

I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze.

"Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked.

She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, and have a couple of kids..."

"No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age.

"I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake.

We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me.

Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up.

At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three-by-five cards on the floor.

Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know."

As we laughed she cleared her throat and began, "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing.

There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die.

We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it!

There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up.

If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight.

Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change. Have no regrets.

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www.tekretirees.org

If you would like to join them send an email to Millie Scott at:

mlscott@easystreet.com

The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets."

She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose."

She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives. At the year's end, Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago.

One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep.

Over two-thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be.

These words have been passed along in loving memory of ROSE.

REMEMBER, GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL. We make a Living by what we get, we make a Life by what we give.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage. If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

"Good friends are like stars . . . you don't always see them, but you know they are always there."

KAIULANI'S SECOND HAWAIIAN ADVENTURE

By: Mark Balcom
November 2006

In 2003 the sailing vessel Kaiulani set sail for Hawaii from Astoria, Oregon for the first time with a crew of three. The trip was a text book example of what to expect in sailing conditions and weather. All of the normal problems not previously exposed by coastal cruising raised their heads and demanded attention, deck leaks, inadequately bedded window frames the need for larger batteries, etc. These were all addressed and the ship's electronics suite was updated; a new DSC capable VHF radio, and GPS which could interface the VHF, RADAR and chart plotting computer program and a new auto pilot to replace the older unit which did not survive the marine environment. In 2005 Kaiulani and her crew set sail for their second Hawaiian Adventure with a fourth crew member added.

Addendum: For the return to Oregon, Susan is replacing AnnaLee who is flying back due to time issues. Susan provides the following nautical biography: "I learned to crew the Adventuress (a 100'

schooner in the Puget Sound) about 10 years ago, and have been on her (a few days at a time) a few additional times since then. I was also a guest for a week on a sailboat in Greece about 10 years ago, but there wasn't enough wind to sail, so we just motored from island to island. I enjoyed my time aboard the boat, but there was never any work to our "sailing". We didn't even have to stand watch because we were in port every night.

"I have been boning up on nautty terminology, so expect to be able to swear like a sailor by the time I get to Hawaii. In addition, I've been reading the little "Skipper Saver" booklet put out by the U.S. Power Squadrons and thus am reminded of how much I've forgotten, as well as how much I never learned. It has a fine little section to help me review my First Aid and CPR skills. In short, I hope, and expect, to learn a lot on the Boat. "My father was a merchant marine whose first "sail" was to China at the age of 17. So, while I have sailed only a very few times in my life, I grew up hearing about his adventures, and reading about the sea. This is my first "blue water" opportunity, I sure hope I like it!"

SPECIFICATIONS

Length overall: 36 feet.
Length at the water line: 32 feet.
Beam: 10 feet.
Hull design: modified fin and spade rudder.
Displacement: 14,000 pounds.
Construction: glass re-enforced plastic.
Draft: 4.5 feet.
Ballast: 5,500 pounds.
Sailing rig: Sloop with a mast height of 52 feet.
Working sails: main and 110% Genoa jib.
Storm sails: Tri-sail and storm jib.
Auxiliary power: 24 HP Faryman diesel.

Electrical power is stored in two 125-Amp-hour batteries and provided by two 75-Watt solar panels and a 65-Amp engine mounted generator.

Fuel capacity is 42 gallons with 10 more carried on deck.

Fresh water capacity is 35 gallons with another 25 carried on deck and replenished by a 1.5 gallon per hour water maker.

Navigation equipment includes two GPS units, LORAN C, RADAR, SONAR (depth sounder), computer chart plotter, two auto-pilots, and traditional celestial navigation equipment.

Theoretical hull speed is 7.5 knots, cruising speed is 5 knots.

(To be continued in upcoming issues)

Tax Aide Volunteer Opportunities

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers provide free tax preparation services to millions of low and moderate income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Electronic filing and on-line counseling are also offered by the program. With over 32,000 volunteers and 36 years of continuous service, AARP Tax-Aide is AARP's oldest and largest volunteer program. It now serves 1.9 million taxpayers annually at about 8,500 sites. Program volunteers also answer tax related questions year-round online. This free, confidential service is available nationwide.

The program offers a range of meaningful leadership and tax counseling opportunities such as: Tax Counselor, Local Coordinator, Technology Coordinator, Communications Co-ordinator, and District Coordinator.

Qualification requirements for being a tax aide:

- Computer literate or at least skilled typing.
- Willing to work at least 40 hours during the tax season, which is about 10 weeks long so that breaks down to about 4 hours a week, many aides work more.
- Must take training every year, first year "basic income tax" class, ensuing years can either take the refresher courses we offer or re-take the basic. Basic class is 5-6 full days of training (8:00 to 4:30) and is offered during the week or on Saturdays.
- Training usually starts the very first week in January. All aides every year must pass a test which is an open book test done generally at home. The class work and materials are all provided by the IRS. Some training classes are in computer labs and during instruction they switch to actual use of the software in doing taxes. Other instructors teach tax law and techniques first and then on the last day spend a whole day on the computers running sample problems with one proctor for each 4-5 students for assistance and guidance.

My guess is that 90% of the new aides pass the test, but I have never seen a perfect test score so it is not an easy test. The instructors are tax aides themselves (such as myself) or can be CPA's donating their time as an instructor although they are not aides. Additionally now and then an IRS employee is an instructor. EVERYONE has to pass the test even if you are already a licensed tax practitioner in Oregon or a CPA or an

Anderson, Nancy – d. 9/8/2006
At Tek: 9/19/1966 to 5/24/1994
Bittick, Charles – d. 12/24/2005
At Tek: 6/18/1979 to 8/2/2000
Brannigan, James – d. 7/3/2006
At Tek: 7/5/1977 to 7/31/1993
Briot, Laura – d. 8/25/2006
At Tek: 9/18/1967 to 1/5/1979
Brown, Marie – d. 1/7/2005
At Tek: Not Available
Cho, Hee – d. 4/20/2005
At Tek: 5/1/1974 to 3/23/1990
Connor, Gertrude – d. 11/22/2002
At Tek: 6/17/1968 to 7/11/1986
Cramer, Ruby – d. 6/27/2006
At Tek: 4/2/1979 to 4/27/1989
Crisman, Omega – d. 7/15/2006
At Tek: 3/12/1973 to 12/31/1990
Curran, Marian – d. 8/26/2006
At Tek: 3/31/1969 to 6/20/1986
Devine, Milton – d. 12/6/2002
At Tek: 3/2/1966 to 2/11/1983
Ernster, Eugene – d. 12/21/2005
At Tek: 1/24/1983 to 12/6/1993
Felkel, Bonnie – d. 8/23/2006
At Tek: not Available
Fillinger, Betty – d. 10/9/2006
At Tek: 8/10/1959 to 10/16/1997
Gunkel, Harold – d. 9/20/2006
At Tek: 1/1/1950 to 1/2/1950
Hadley, Betty – d. 8/10/2006
At Tek: 8/23/1976 to 6/27/1986
Hammitt, Bobbie – d. 8/8/2006
At Tek: 2/26/1976 to 12/30/1988
Harding, Constance – d. 3/1/2006
At Tek: 3/4/1959 to 4/29/1983

Retiree Deaths

Date: Aug., Sep., Oct., 2006

Hinkle, David – d. 8/29/2006
At Tek: 3/14/1960 to 2/19/1981
Hookie, Jimmy – d. 9/30/2006
At Tek: 9/21/1966 to 12/10/1999
Iverson, Maurice – d. 9/22/2006
At Tek: 4/26/1978 to
Jensen, John – d. 8/16/2006
At Tek: 10/15/1973 to 6/8/1984
Larson, Virginia – d. 7/11/2006
At Tek: Not Available
Lee, Wayne – d. 8/13/2006
At Tek: 2/20/1978 to n/a
Lewis, Phyllis – d. 6/20/2006
At Tek: 4/29/1974 to 8/15/1986
Magnuson, Helen – d. 9/17/2006
At Tek: 1/8/1962 to 10/1/1982
Margeson, James – d. 10/11/2006
At Tek: 7/10/1961 to 12/30/1983
Mc Clure, Paulj – d. 7/18/2004
At Tek: 4/4/1977 to 1/27/1984
Merkhofer, Ronnie – d. 7/27/2006
At Tek: 1/16/1984 to n/a
Minard, Norma – d. 9/9/2006
At Tek: 1/4/1960 to n/a
Mitchell, Marvin – d. 11/19/2005
At Tek: 5/18/1979 to 6/4/1992
Miyahara, Byron – d. 5/1/2006
At Tek: 8/5/1968 to 5/31/2003
Moore, Henry – d. 7/12/2006
At Tek: 9/10/1973 to 11/27/1993

Moses, Rosina – d. 9/10/2006
At Tek: 6/2/1959 to 4/8/1983
Nelson, L – d. 9/26/2006
At Tek: 10/2/1951 to 4/2/1982
Nelson, Miles – d. 1/27/2004
At Tek: 10/13/1980 to 8/22/1986
Powers, Marian – d. 8/14/2006
At Tek: 1/31/1961 to 11/28/1980
Riley, Florence – d. 9/27/2006
At Tek :Not Available
Ryan, Sharon – d. 10/12/2006
At Tek: 7/7/1980 to 7/27/1990
Scarratt, Donald – d. 8/21/2006
At Tek: 9/15/1980 to 8/12/1994
Snell, Gladys – d. 9/26/2006
At Tek: 5/7/1956 to 1/24/1969
Spencer, Opal – d. 7/16/2006
At Tek: 11/29/1976 to 5/26/1986
Strom, Loyal – d. 9/21/2006
At Tek: 9/15/1958 to 8/22/1986
Thomas, Judy – d. 9/28/2006
At Tek: Not Available
Tillman, Gerald – d. 3/17/2006
At Tek: not available
Towson, Jacob – d. 10/25/2005
At Tek: 1/3/1978 to 6/5/1987
Wilbanks, William – d. 7/26/2006
At Tek: 1/16/1956 to 7/13/1963
Williams, Frank – d. 9/1/2006
At Tek: 2/12/1959 to 7/5/1976
Wootten, Jim – d. 9/30/2006
At Tek: Not Available
Wray, Lorrain – d. 6/30/2006
At Tek: not available
Wyatt, Robert – d. 8/20/2006
At Tek: 3/23/1981 to n/a

Attorney! You need to be comfortable with numbers, you don't have to do the math (the computer does that). You must enjoy being with people. Near the conclusion of your training class you would be furnished with a list of some 35-40 sites that operate in Portland and a form on which you list your 1st three choices of where to work and when. My guess is that almost 80% get their first choice and almost all get one of their 3 choices.

There are a variety of volunteer positions available and training is provided. Find detailed information online, e-mail: taxaide@aarp.org or call toll free 1-888-227-7669. AARP Tax-Aide is administered through the AARP Foundation. This is a program of the AARP Foundation, AARP's charitable organization. The program's funding sources include the US Internal Revenue Service, AARP, and private contributions

We want to thank Bob Newberry a Tektronix Retiree, for his presentation at the TRVP October Staff Meeting. He gave a very

interesting and informative presentation. He has been a Tax Aide volunteer for many

years and considers it a very interesting and rewarding volunteer project.

PLEASE NOTE

RETIREE BENEFIT ADDRESS CHANGE PROCEDURE

As of 9-1-2005 all address changes must be reported as follows:

Anyone who is a post employee with Retiree Medical and/or Life Insurance or who participate in the Cobra Plan will need to report their changes in writing to A & I. You must include your signature and Social Security Number.

Tektronix Post Employment Services
c/o A & I Benefit Plan Administrators,
Inc.

1220 SW Morrison St., Suite 300
Portland, OR 97205-2222
Phone: 503-222-7700
Toll Free: 1-800-778-7956
Fax: 503-228-0149

Anyone who has a pension and/or 401K benefit must contact Mercer to change their address directly with

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Mercer Human Resource Services
Attn: Tektronix Group
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Providence, RI 02940
Phone: 1-866-867-6860

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Editorial

By Louis Sowa

There has been lots of activity at TRVP for a bunch of 'senior citizens': Ray Arnett has been working on a process to send the mailing label addresses to the mailing organization. This should be the first newsletter using this process. Previously the label information was sent by Mercer. The advantage of the new system is that we at the TRVP will have direct control of the process.

This newsletter should reach you in time for the Christmas Elks gathering. Every ex-Tek and spouse or guest is welcome. I believe almost everyone that does show up will be glad they did. You will almost certainly know a number of those in attendance. If you are concerned that you may not, bring a friend.

We are near the end of another year. The TRVP has been around for over 10 years. We have a good group. If you think you might be interested in joining us call, send or mail us. There is a variety of tasks you may wish to get involved with. If not you can at least come in and see what we do.

We wish you a great 2007!

Annual Gathering at Elks

By Al Foleen

Please mark your calendar for the next Retiree gathering at the Beaverton Elks:

Date: December 8, 2006

Time 11:30 a.m.

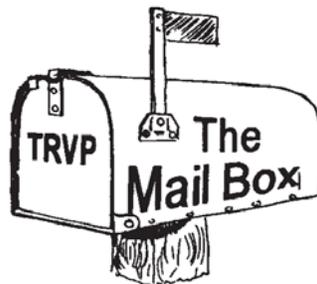
Location: Beaverton Elks

(1 block off Canyon Rd. @ 104th)

No attendance fee

You can have a no-host lunch and visit with your friends, ordering cafeteria style at a very moderate cost. Please join us!

We would like to give a special 'thank you' to Bill Tescher for having been the original organizer for this event and Evelyn Marsh who has been faithful in providing name tags and tracking attendance.



Al Moak—You guys do an excellent job on the Newsletter. I just wanted to thank you. I was laid-off in 1988, found continuing employment at Grass Valley Group, then was laid-off there. Supposedly, I am now retired, but actually I still do a bit of editing here and there, and I am still a pastor also, though I don't have my own congregation. We're in McKinleyville, CA, about 85 miles from Crescent City. Still get up to Oregon once in a while.

Calendar

Marconi's Cronies

Meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month:
12:00 p.m.

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 a.m.
at the Home Town Buffet located at
13500 SW Pacific Highway in Tigard, OR

Contact: Jack Neff for details
1301 East Fulton St., Apt. 241
Newberg, OR 97132-1870
Phone: 503-554-7440

PCB Design Old Timer's Luncheon

Meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
Time: 12:00 p.m..

Where: Peppermill Restaurant
Farmington Mall
Corner of Farmington and Kinnaman Rd.
17455 SW Farmington Rd. #26B
Aloha, OR 97007

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