

# TEK RETIREE NEWS

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A Newsletter for and by Tek Retirees

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## Germany-- Grand Circle Tour

By Judy Watkins

### The Trip

This year we took a river boat cruise between Vienna in Austria and Amsterdam in The Netherlands with Germany in-between, covering 948 miles of waterway and going through 66 locks. We traveled the Danube River, the Rhine, the Main (pronounced Mine), and the Rhine-Main-Danube Canal.

The Rhine-Main-Danube Canal fulfilled the dream to establish a navigable link between the Rhine and Danube Rivers. On July 31, 1992 the last dam was opened at Beilingries and the water which had once flowed separately in the Rhine and Danube flowed together in a single waterway.

### My overall impression of Germany

Germany appears to be a prosperous country. Overall the towns are new, modern and very neat and clean. In every village and city construction is visible by the huge cranes working everywhere. Every family has one car or more. BMWs, Porsches, Audis, Volkswagens, Hondas, and Toyotas are commonly seen. The people dress the same as we do in the States (maybe a little better...most people on the streets are very well put together). The children have scooters, skateboards, bikes, and other toys that we have. If I were to list a disappointment, it would be the lack of shopping opportunities for German-made memory type items. They have coo-coo-clocks, music boxes, and beer steins but from there, the selections are slim. All of the stores have the same items we have here but more expensive because of the relationship of the Euro to the dollar. The people are very friendly, the country is beautiful, and there is sooooo much history there.

We found the weather in November to be the same that we left behind in Oregon. Days were in the 50's and 60's and the fantastic fall colors of reds, oranges, and yellows covered the hillsides and towns.

### What did we see?

Every day we visited and toured the towns and cities along the rivers where history

dates back to the Romans. Many of the cathedrals, abbeys, and medieval buildings date back to the 1100's. Although much of Germany was burned and destroyed during WWII, an amazing amount remained untouched and is beautifully preserved. There have been magnificent restorations to most of the significant historical buildings that were damaged during the war.

A highlight of the trip for me was our visit to Nuremberg. Although the history here goes back to the 11<sup>th</sup> century when it was the base for Emperor Heinrich III's Bohemian Campaigns, it is best remembered for its role in Nazi Germany. In Nuremberg we visited Hitler's Nazi Party Rally Grounds where his most famous speeches were made from its stage. Everything is bigger than life from the huge stadium and parade grounds to the half-round building that was built to look like Rome's Coliseum but much larger where rallies were to be held. For Hitler everything was the biggest and best that his imagination could create. The old news reels and books can't begin to capture the size and grandeur.

In Nuremberg we also visited Room #600 in the Nuremberg Palace of Justice where the International Military Tribunal indicted and tried the twenty-four Nazi leaders as war criminals from November 20, 1945 to October 1, 1946.

In Heidelberg, the Heidelberg Castle is one of the most impressive historic landmarks of Germany. Though it is largely in ruins, it sits grandly on a mountain overlooking the city. Parts of the castle date back to Charlemagne and in the cellar is a huge wine barrel with the capacity of 58,124 gallons.

Today, the Heidelberg University has 30,000 students and is one of the finest in the world. It was founded in 1386 but the university as it looks today was completed in 1933 funded by donations from the United States. Following WWII the city was headquarters for the U.S. Forces in Europe.

We arrived in Mainz on 11-11 and at 11:11 a.m. on that day was the beginning of their

yearly Carnival which is equivalent to our Mardi Gra festival in New Orleans. Everybody in town was dressed in costumes, some with the big heads, some in period-dress, etc. and at the opening the entire square was packed tight with people singing loudly, drinking wine and beer, and swaying in unison to the music. I thought I was doing well to find a spot right in front of the Grand Stand but I almost got crushed in the merry-making.

Johannes Gutenberg was a native of Mainz and a new museum that just opened in 2000 houses the Gutenberg printing press and three copies of the Bible that he printed on his first movable type printing press.

The section of the Rhine River that flows through the Rhine Gorge between Mainz and Koblenz is unique because of its abundance of ancient castles and forts. In

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### William "Bill" Polits

William (Bill) Polits who passed away May 2, 2005, was born September 4, 1927 to James and Verna Mae Polits in Portland, Oregon where he graduated from Benson High School in 1946. He served in the Navy for two years training radar operators. He graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

Bill started at Tektronix as a summer employee in 1950 while still a student at OSU. He began full time in 1951. In 1959 he was named Engineering Manager for the Instruments Division and in 1966 was named Vice President of Engineering. In 1971 he was named Vice President of Manufacturing, retiring in 1984.

Bill was a member of the Tektronix Flying Club. He loved skiing, fishing, and sailing.

### Get your Newsletter on Line

A number of retirees are now getting their newsletter from our Web Site.

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

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

[mlscott@easystreet.com](mailto:mlscott@easystreet.com)

## TekWeek 25 Years Ago

November 1980

### Teks aid corrections' program.

Hillsboro—Six Tek employees—Joanne Barnea, Sharon Collins, Andrew Genor, Tina Gulmatico, JoAnne Plass, and Marilyn Rae—recently participated in the orientation for the Volunteer Program at the Washington County (OR) Department of Community Corrections.

Each of them has a regular time commitment to help strengthen the effectiveness of the Corrections Department. They provide supportive aid to probation counselors, alcoholic treatment counselors, and mental health resources to help individuals become responsible, contributing members of the community.

During their orientation, they saw inside the jail, the Restitution Center, and the probation offices. They discovered the expectations and possibilities as volunteers.

Teks who wish to share this experience should attend an orientation for new or potential volunteers on Monday, November 24, and Tuesday November 25, from 9 AM to 12 noon or Monday evenings December 1, 8, and 15.

For more information and location, call Becky Koch, Washington County Department of Community Corrections Volunteer Coordinator, 640-3453.

November 1980

### Tek theft procedures clarified

Recently Tekweek ran a series of articles on thefts and other criminal acts committed on Tektronix property. As a result of these articles, the question has been raised as to "What's the procedure when an employee is charged with stealing from Tektronix?"

Ed Srebnik (Manufacturing Program Manager), who is chairman of the Corporate Security Committee, says this question recently has troubled managers and others in dealing with the theft situation.

"An employee should be placed on indefinite suspension at the time Tek makes the charges," Ed said. He emphasized that this

happens only when Tek signs the complaint or if the crime occurs on Tek property.

If a trial results in conviction, the employee will be terminated (except in unusual circumstances). If found innocent, a special Tek committee will decide whether the employee should be retained.

"It's all spelled out on Page 83 of the Tek Manager's Guidebook," Ed added. "It's standard procedure, but apparently there's been some confusion lately."

December 5 1980

### Migraine headache workshop planned

Teks wishing to stop or control migraine headache pain will be interested in an all-day workshop on Saturday, December 6, 9 AM-4 PM at PSU's DEC auditorium, 1633 SW Park Avenue.

The workshop will be conducted by Dr. Robert Kohlenberg, assistant professor of Psychology, at the University of Washington, and author of self-help manual, "Migraine Relief."

## Germany (continued from page 1)

the four hour cruise we passed 29 major castles and forts and several less significant ones as well as partial city walls and towers from Roman times. We were fortunate because the day was sunny and bright with no fog on the river. It was a perfect photo opportunity.

In Cologne, the magnificent Gothic Cathedral is not to be missed. It was built between 1248 and 1880 and is one of Europe's largest cathedrals. Although the city was bombed extensively during the war this building remained standing with only minimal damage while everything around it was destroyed.

Next door to the Cathedral is the Roman Germanic Museum that houses a vast Collection of Roman culture from the Rhine area. Not far from where our boat docked was a Chocolate Museum and factory...oh what fun! (I found things to buy there!!)

Cologne is known for its large-scale trade fairs, its eau de Cologne and Koelach beer. It is a major traffic center of Europe. Huge Ford and Bayer plants are located there.

In Amsterdam we visited the Van Gogh Museum where the world's largest collection of Van Gogh works are found. The collection includes 200 paintings, 600 drawings, and 700 letters.

I've never in my life seen the number of bicycles in one place before. Everybody rides bikes. I saw a three-level parking structure near the train station where thousands of bicycles were parked so tightly together that I can't imagine trying to find one at the end of the work day.

Amsterdam is very liberal by our standards. Drugs and prostitution are legal. They say that reduces crime rates dramatically. Our last outing was a walking tour at night through the red-light district.

### Activities while sailing

After dinner each evening there was entertainment of some sort in the lounge. During the day, if the ship was sailing, activities were offered such as German lessons, a lecture on Germany. Today, a lecture on the Rhine-Danube Canal construction, a lecture about Germany before and after WWII, a glass-blowing demonstration, and a silver-smith demonstration were offered.

### Family Visit

As part of all Grand Circle tours we visited a local family in their home. This year we went to a "kaffeeklatsch" (coffee, tea, and desserts) at local homes. We were split up and six tour members went to each home. The family we visited lived in a small town, Beilngries, in Germany. The town appears to be prosperous will all of the houses

similar in size and value. The houses here cost \$500,000 American, or \$350,000 Euros. Many of the people in this town work at the Audi plant about twenty miles away.

For anybody that is interested in knowing more of the details of this trip please contact me at judywa@msn.com and I will send you the full ten-pages of details.

## Hospice Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering at Hospice of Washington County is a chance to excel; an opportunity to enrich your life and enjoy the satisfaction of touching the lives of others, uniquely. It is an opportunity to know the richness of personal fulfillment through service to others.

At Hospice, we strive to better serve our community. You can be a part of this organization that benefits all of us.

Hospice of Washington County presents a ten session, 30-hour volunteer training course twice a year. It is taught by a team of healthcare professionals for anyone interested in volunteering their time to care for and support patients and their families during the final stages of a terminal illness. The next class is scheduled for February 25 – March 16, 2006 (Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and

**Arthur, Margaret** – d. 10/29/2005  
At Tek: 4/1/1968 to 3/18/1989  
**Bagley, Sharon** – d. 7/11/2003  
At Tek: 2/14/1977 to 7/6/1999  
**Barton, Katherine** – d. 12/4/2005  
At Tek: not available  
**Baska, Dorothy** – d. 12/1/2004  
At Tek: 11/26/1956 to n/a  
**Bolopue, Virginia** – d. 1/16/2006  
At Tek: 11/6/1961 to 4/29/1983  
**Brubaker, Leonard** – d. 11/1/2005  
At Tek: 6/16/1960 to 5/5/1980  
**Canady, Dorothy** – d. 12/4/2005  
At Tek: 8/15/1966 to 8/22/1986  
**Child, Maxine** – d. 1/11/2006  
At Tek: 11/8/1965 to 7/11/1986  
**Cook, Robert** – d. 12/20/2005  
At Tek: 3/17/1969 to 3/2/1997  
**Davis, Jerry** – d. 10/26/2005  
At Tek: 3/20/1961 to 6/30/1983  
**Durk, Max** – d. 11/5/2005  
At Tek: 8/25/1969 to 5/7/1982  
**Emerick, Charles** – d. 11/6/2005  
At Tek: 9/10/1973 to 5/24/1994  
**Epps, Rowena** – d. 6/1/2003  
At Tek: 3/7/1966 to 2/18/1997  
**Frater, Eugenia** – d. 12/14/2005  
At Tek: 9/23/1968 to 11/15/1968  
**Gott, Lorraine** – d. 1/7/2006  
At Tek: 5/31/1966 to 10/28/1988

## Retiree Deaths

### Nov, Dec 2005 & Jan 2006

**Gray, Lois** – d. 12/8/2005  
At Tek: 10/3/1966 to 7/11/1986  
**Greene, William** – d. 1/1/2006  
At Tek: 5/31/1988  
**Hendrickson, Steven** – d. 11/2/2005  
At Tek: 4/7/1980 to n/a  
**Herrington, Charles** – d. 11/8/2005  
At Tek: 11/25/1968 to 7/28/1978  
**Hollingsworth, Carl** – d. 1/25/2006  
At Tek: 3/9/1959 to 3/20/1992  
**Hudson, Alan** – d. 5/22/2001  
At Tek: 4/25/1980 to 1/19/1990  
**Karstens, Edna** – d. 11/12/2005  
At Tek: 3/19/1956 to 6/3/1961  
**Marshall, Charlene** – d. 11/10/2005  
At Tek: 8/6/1979 to 10/10/1991  
**Martin, Dorothy** – d. 4/29/2005  
At Tek: 10/23/1967 to 8/31/1979  
**Mc Sparran, Rodney** – d. 11/2/2005  
At Tek: 10/2/1967 to 6/26/1981  
**Meeuwesen, Ralph** – d. 1/3/2006  
At Tek: 11/3/1969 to n/a  
**Mellinger, Elsie** – d. 10/23/2005  
At Tek: 11/20/1972 to 8/5/1983  
**Muller, Phillip** – d. 11/28/2005  
At Tek: 9/28/1959 to 1/28/1974

**Newby, Wess** – d. 10/25/2005  
At Tek: 10/11/1958 to 4/14/1984  
**Oldfield, Dolores** – d. 10/13/2003  
At Tek: 11/14/1979 to 5/17/1989  
**Peterson, Marie** – d. 3/22/2005  
At Tek: 7/18/1977 to 12/8/1988  
**Phillips, Ronald** – d. 12/1/2005  
At Tek: 6/17/1957 to 7/22/1991  
**Raymond, Emma** – d. 12/7/2005  
At Tek: 6/11/1962 to 8/20/1982  
**Reeves, Dorothy** – d. 10/31/2005  
At Tek: 4/30/1951 to 7/25/1986  
**Rolfe, Ruby** – d. 3/15/2005  
At Tek: 10/6/1969 to 7/27/1981  
**Severn, Kerry** – d. 12/2/2005  
At Tek: 1/20/1975 to 6/1/2003  
**Smith, George** – d. 12/23/2005  
At Tek: 4/22/1957 to 10/28/1983  
**Turner, Edwin** – d. 12/6/2005  
At Tek: 2/23/1959 to 4/29/1983  
**Uhrich, Doris** – d. 11/28/2005  
At Tek: 8/1/1955 to 7/28/1979  
**Vandegrift, Henry** – d. 10/30/2005  
At Tek: 5/1/1969 to 7/31/1980  
**Walden, Jack** – d. 11/9/1996  
At Tek: 4/14/1980 to 6/8/1993  
**Wilson, Helen** – d. 11/22/2005  
At Tek: 1/23/1974 to 7/8/1986  
**Yost, Lucy** – d. 10/9/2005  
At Tek: 5/1/1968 to 6/11/1986

one Saturday 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Tuality Hospital & Health Ed building at 427 SE 8th in Hillsboro. Preregister by Feb. 24th.

For additional information call Ann at 648-9565 or email: [anne@hospicewc.org](mailto:anne@hospicewc.org)



**Tom Smith**—My best to Warren, Evelyn, Jess, Ed, and Roz.

When I was in the New Jersey office, a top New York Attorney called to order several 519 scopes.

Howard said the Attorney called several Tek offices and he wanted me to handle it from the N.J. office. One 519 plus camera was shipped to N.J. and handed over to the Attorney group rep.

Meanwhile I transferred to Palo Alto and got a Summons from the U.S. Marshall handling the case. They followed the people hauling the scope and camera to the La Guardia airport cargo area, and arrested the people and confiscated the scope/camera. The people confessed that the units were going to Russia via South America.

## 2006 Volunteer Recognition

Our volunteer luncheon is coming up. If you are a volunteer, or know of someone who is volunteering but not on our mailing list please give us a call so we can invite them to join us for a light lunch and an opportunity to share volunteer ideas.

Date: April 22, 2006  
Time: 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Place: Building 58 Cafeteria

Additional information will be mailed in the next few weeks. If you have any questions you may call us at: 503-627-4056 or email us at: [www.tekretirees.org](http://www.tekretirees.org)

## ADDRESS CHANGE PROCEDURE MODIFIED AGAIN

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

Anyone who is a post Tektronix employee with Retiree Medical and/or Life Insurance or who participates 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  
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 them. Please include your signature and Social Security number.

Mercer Human Resource Services  
Attn: Tektronix Group  
PO Box 9740  
Providence, RI 02940  
Phone: 1-888-835-7837

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## EDITORIAL

*By Louis Sowa*

The quantity and quality of articles submitted has been great. I thought we would get the first installment from a submission by Mark Balcom in this issue, but just ran out of space. Keep the articles coming; it is an important part of the newsletter.

If you have a favorite volunteer organization that has not been featured recently, please send some information about the organization and why you volunteer there. Part of our mission is to highlight volunteer organizations. If you would like to find out more about volunteer opportunities you may want to check: <http://www.volunteermatch.org/>. You enter your zip code and get a listing of some of the organizations that are in your area.

### 55-Alive Class Scheduled

A 55-Alive class has been scheduled for:

April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Tektronix Building 58

Conference Room 1NH13 (in lobby area)

Instructor: Bruce Hollister

To register for this class (which is two four hour sessions) please call the TRVP office at:

503-627-4056

or email us at:

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

There is a \$10.00 fee per person. Taking this class may qualify you for a discount on your car insurance.

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### Annual Tek Retiree Gathering

We will have our 23rd annual Tektronix Retiree reunion as usual on the 3rd Saturday of May. As usual your spouse, friend, or significant other is welcome. We will be requesting a small donation to help defray costs for the extra help and snacks.

Date: May 20, 2006

Time: 3:00 p.m. until ?

Beaverton Elks Lodge #1989

3500 SW 104th Avenue

Beaverton, OR 97005

If you would like to get your 'old group' together, we might be able to assist you in locating some of them.

If you know of any former employee who does not receive the newsletter, please pass this information on or have them contact me. We hope to see you there!

Any questions can be directed to:

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## Calendar

### Marconi's Cronies

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

Where: Peppermill Restaurant  
Farmington Mall

Corner of Farmington and Kinnaman Rd.  
17455 SW Farmington Rd. #26B  
Aloha, OR 97007

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