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Tektronix measures up as a leader in the testing industry. The company, widely known as Tek, is the world's #2 maker of test and measurement equipment (behind Agilent Technologies), including digital multimeters, logic analyzers, and signal sources. In particular, Tektronix is the world's largest maker of oscilloscopes (display screens used to check electrical equipment); it offers them in all shapes and sizes, from handheld units to large laboratory models. The company also makes video test equipment, wireless field test equipment, and curve tracers. Its Maxtek Components subsidiary makes hybrid circuits for the automated test industry.

A Howard Story

by Dorothy L. Johnston

One 'story' that I enjoy telling folks, happened to me! I was on the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol and had a nasty spill that resulted in my being in a cast from hip to ankle and on crutches. It was in December and I was over at the Beaverton Mall doing some Christmas shopping. I had several bags and was struggling with the bags, crutches and opening the door to leave. This man came over and helped me and asked 'if I'd like for him to help me to my vehicle and I replied, "Thank you Howard, but after I get through the door, I will be fine." He looked a bit surprised and replied, "Oh! Do you know me?" I smiled and said, "Yes, you are Howard Vollum. I'm a Swing & Grave Manager over in CRT." He smiled again and said, "Thank you! But, I can still help if you'd like!" I thought how wonderful it was for him to try to help me not knowing who I was. Not many people of his stature would have been that nice.

Quite some time later, he was in CRT and I was in the cafeteria and he came over to my table, smiled and said, "Well, I see you got rid of the crutches." How very fortunate we all were to have a man like Howard for our BIG boss.

Travel Insurance

By Judy Watkins

When you travel, do you buy trip insurance? What is it that you expect to insure yourself against? Have you read the policy completely and understood what will be covered?

This year we had a medical emergency and my husband spent four weeks in intensive care in Germany. I learned from this experience how much I didn't know about how the bills would get paid, both the medical expenses and my living expenses while I waited for him to heal. I'd like to share what I learned and maybe save you some anxiety when you need it least.

We purchased the trip insurance offered by our tour company but we never believed that we would ever need it. Bad things always happen to other people. Here is a summary of what I learned:

1. Outside the United States you are expected to pay the medical bills and living costs personally before you go home. You can bill your insurance company once you return home.
2. Your primary insurance must be billed first. After they pay or deny the claim in writing the bills can be sent to the travel insurance company. Do you know for sure if your primary insurance honors bills incurred outside the country? Medicare alone does not pay and many supplements won't either.
3. The trip insurance will have limits of how much they will pay for each category. Our insurance limited medical bills to \$25,000

which is hardly a drop in the bucket and we were spending Euros, not dollars (when the dollar was at an all-time low). They allowed \$750 for living expenses not to exceed \$150 a day. That amount almost covered one week's hotel, meals and phone calls, after that I was on my own.

4. Our insurance company allowed \$50,000 to get the injured person home in case special arrangements had to be made, but my ticket home was limited to the amount of the refund due for the portion of the trip not taken. Any difference in the cost of the ticket had to be paid personally and last minute tickets are VERY expensive. In our case, my husband had a nurse that flew with him and he had to have oxygen for the trip. They rode in first class so that he could recline for most of the trip. I rode in the cheap seats in the rear and I was told how lucky I was that it could be arranged that we were able to travel on the same plane.

The next time that you travel, think about what you would do if the worst happened. If you don't understand the fine print of the trip policy, try asking your primary insurance carrier if they handle trip

*(See **Travel** on page 2)*

SPRING ELKS GATHERING

By Marge Livermore

There will be a no host get together on the third Saturday of May, the 19th. Location will be in the back (north) room of Beaverton Elks Club, 3500 SW 104th Ave., Beaverton, OR 97005, beginning at 3:00 pm until

Again we will be requesting a donation to help defray some of the costs for snacks and extra servers. Many people donate not only their time and money but a great deal of energy so we can all enjoy meeting up with old friends and making new ones.

If you are in touch with other former Teks, please pass the word. If there are any questions, please email me at:

marge.livermore@gtmail.net

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www.tekretirees.org

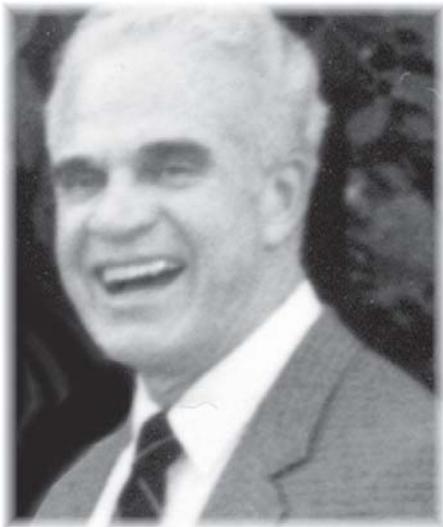
If you would like to join them, send an email to Millie Scott at:

mlscott@easystreet.com

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insurance and ask that they explain the limits and conditions to you. Ask how long you will have to wait for payment.

Lastly, know there are things you will never get repaid for. A wire transfer costs \$30 each. If you have to borrow money to pay the bills the interest on the loan are yours to pay. Arranging the movement of money between accounts and possibly loans are difficult to coordinate from outside the country and not made easier by the nine hours time difference. Be certain that both you and your travel companion know what to do in an emergency. Go prepared and you will better enjoy your trip.



Maurice Iverson Remembered

By Shirley Wallace

The morning that I received the Tek Retirement News, I had been thinking about my dear friend Maurice Iverson. It had been several months since last I had spoken with him. As life often does, I had been carried away with personal obligations and although good thoughts regarding Maury had often entered my mind, that's where they had stayed.

When I browsed the section of those Tektronix employees who had recently passed away, I was stunned and crushed to see my friends name among them. Since I don't know any of his relatives or acquaintances he had outside of the work environment, I quickly went online to see if there was more information. What I found was a cut and dried obituary that mentioned nothing of the true man Maury had been. It was void of feeling and only gave basic statistics concerning the wonderful person I had known. Therefore,

I am dedicating this brief eulogy to his memory. It is the least that I can do.

He walked with a slight limp, but even this infirmity did not detract from his tall and stately persona. A crown of glistening, white hair adorned his head and added to the vision that he was definitely descended from Viking stock.

This was the physical appearance of Maurice "Maury" Iverson, but it was what lay beneath the surface that truly illuminated the man who grew to become a dear friend.

A veteran of WWII who had served his country in the navy, he retained the decent qualities and virtues of that era—a dying breed of mankind filled with compassion, dignity and honor.

Impeccably dressed at all times, Maury took the same care with every other aspect of his life. He was equally dedicated to his work as a mechanical engineer at the Tektronix plant in Vancouver, Washington, his church, friends and lastly, his 1970 Chevelle that like him, was kept in mint condition.

As a person, he laughed as easily at himself as anything else, and although he had a mischievous twinkle in his eye, his humor was of the good-hearted kind with no trace of mean-spiritedness to be found. An example for good sportsmanship, Maury was fun to tease, only shaking his head while laughing when he had been the target of torment. His memorable giggle was infectious.

The Silver Fox, as we who cared affectionately called him, is gone, but for those of us who were fortunate enough to have considered him a cherished friend, he will never leave our hearts.



Rich Amber—Rich sent us an article quite some time ago and due to lack of space we published only a short note. You may now find the longer article on the TRVP web page at:

tekretirees.org

Sorry for the delay.

John Benson—writes about his recent book: 'Cracking Heads' In this dramatic novel, deep inside a remote mountain in New Mexico, the National Security Agency is cracking heads. They've already discovered how to download a person's memory, and now they are just a microchip away from the ultimate invasion of privacy: the ability to read minds! In this not-so-far-fetched high-tech thriller, Cynthia Hoover, a senator's aide, teams up with a country western singer to ferret out a spy. Someone with top-secret clearance is leaking information to America's enemies in the Middle East and must be stopped before they get their hands on the most sophisticated weapon ever developed. Clues lie inside a terrorist's long-term memory and in an abandoned gold mine that is much more than meets the eye. (ISBN: 1 - 4241 - 4627 - 5)

Allan Filson — I enjoy the Newsletter and fondly remember my years working on lab scopes, logic analyzers and emulators at Tek. I was hired out of college in 1979 and laid off in 1988 during workforce reductions. I continued to work in Consumer and Manufacturing Electronics for many years, and even did a stint building performance engines. Rumors of my untimely demise were greatly exaggerated, and I am comfortably retired in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. I can be contacted at:

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Ex-Tek Published Authors

By John Benson

Tektronix is well known for its employees leaving and starting their own companies, there appears to be many who have become published authors, judging by the flurry of responses to a recent query on:

gatesja-list@eskimo.com

a web site for Ex-Tek employees.

Within days Bob Ross compiled a list of 21 published authors and it appears a full gambit of genre have been written, from fiction to the highly technical.

Are there any other Ex-Tek published authors out there? If so, get your name on this prestigious list by contacting Bob Ross:

bob@teraspeed.com

and add your name to:

gatesja-list@eskimo.com

The complete list of known publishers and other critical data can be found at

Retiree Deaths

Date: Nov., Dec., Jan., 2006

Alecksen, Mary – d. 12/25/2006
At Tek: 7/7/1969 to 8/31/1982
Bailey, Samuel – d. 12/28/2006
At Tek: 10/22/1975 to 7/23/1991
Benton, John – d. 10/16/2005
At Tek: 5/28/1962 to 9/5/1980
Bennett, Betty – d. 12/9/2006
At Tek: 6/2/1978 to 8/26/1988
Berrigan, John – d. 10/27/2006
At Tek: 4/3/1978 to 4/28/1989
Bringle, Edwin – d. 12/12/2006
At Tek: 10/26/1959 to 8/30/1971
Burton, Francis – d. 1/1/2007
At Tek: 11/21/1955 to 5/14/1965
Carpenter, Alvin – d. 7/27/2006
At Tek: 10/8/1956 to 5/30/1989
Celestine, Charles – d. 12/2/2006
At Tek: 5/1/1961 to n/a
Chaffee, Mabel – d. 11/9/2006
At Tek: 7/28/1969 to 7/28/1989
Chambles, Myrtle – d. 1/15/2007
At Tek: 5/11/1961 to 3/14/1975
Childers, Betty – d. 11/27/2006
At Tek: 7/9/1984 to n/a
Clark, Wayne – d. 11/1/2006
At Tek: 4/17/1961 to 4/29/1983
Comstock, David – d. 7/22/2006
At Tek: 10/14/1968 to 10/13/1978
Cooper, Lula – d. 10/18/2006
At Tek: 5/29/1973 to 1/4/1985
Davies, Allen – d. 1/26/2006
At Tek: 6/1/1960 to n/a
Des Camp, Bruce – d. 10/23/2006
At Tek: 5/14/1973 to 9/18/1987
Dickau, Blanche – d. 11/16/2006
At Tek: 8/11/1966 to n/a
Duane, Rose – d. 11/13/2006
At Tek: 5/16/1955 to 5/16/1975
Elle, Joanne – d. 6/30/2004
At Tek: 9/25/1967 to 5/30/1986

Emmi, Salvatore – d. 1/16/2007
At Tek: 11/12/1973 to 1/12/1990
Gibson, Janet – d. 10/11/2006
At Tek: 11/23/1981 to 8/12/1994
Goodrich, Lloyd – d. 12/21/2004
At Tek: 3/30/1959 to 4/29/1977
Groves, Mildred E. – d. 11/08/2006
At Tek: 7/9/1962 to 8/31/1973
Hahn, Larry – d. 12/19/2006
At Tek: 6/25/1979 to 7/12/1999
Hall, Esther – d. 11/16/2006
At Tek: 4/27/1959 to 6/13/1986
Hanson, Martha – d. 10/16/2006
At Tek: 8/2/1954 to 9/28/1973
Heikes, John – d. 11/24/2006
At Tek: 6/25/1973 to 5/26/1986
Hoskins, Don – d. 10/18/2006
At Tek: 11/13/1961 to 4/26/1991
Hoyt, Mildred – d. 11/30/2006
At Tek: Not Available
Irwin, Lorraine – d. 12/7/2006
At Tek: 6/9/1958 to n/a
Johnson, Mildred – d. 10/9/2006
At Tek: 9/6/1966 to 5/31/1985
Kiffmeyer, William – d. 11/23/2006
At Tek: 12/7/1977 to 5/30/1990
Lamb, John – d. 12/21/2006
At Tek: 6/13/1960 to 9/30/1983
Landers, Claire – d. 10/1/2003
At Tek: 7/23/1979 to 4/13/1990
Larsen, Willa – d. 10/11/2006
At Tek: 1/24/1977 to 4/15/1989
Lees, Deirdre – d. 10/24/2006
At Tek: 9/19/1955 to 11/1/1957
Lockwood, Larry – d. 6/30/2006
At Tek: 6/11/1959 to 1/5/1999
Mc Cormack, Mabel – d. 10/18/2006
At Tek: 2/2/1959 to 2/2/1979

Mead, Robert – d. 10/26/2006
At Tek: 7/1/1958 to to 4/29/1983
Miller, Linda – d. 9/20/2005
At Tek: 8/15/1966 to 9/22/1995
Minty, Vivian – d. 12/13/2006
At Tek: 10/30/1961 to 12/23/1968
Peters, Shirlee – d. 12/28/2006
At Tek: 3/19/1956 to 4/29/1983
Pinion, Pearl – d. 1/9/2007
At Tek: 5/28/1962 to n/a
Powell, W – d. 1/24/2007
At Tek: 2/26/1962 to 5/24/1994
Robertson, Barbara – d. 12/18/2006
At Tek: 2/19/1962 to 5/1/1984
Robideau, Winifred – d. 9/13/2006
At Tek: 12/17/1973 to 4/21/1988
Stanley, Nadine – d. 10/9/2006
At Tek: 6/6/1977 to n/a
St Clair, George – d. 12/26/2006
At Tek: Not Available
Talbott, Jerome – d. 10/28/2006
At Tek: 11/24/1969 to n/a
Tillman, Georgia – d. 11/8/2006
At Tek: 2/27/1973 to 6/9/1995
Van Winkle, Robert – d. 1/17/2007
At Tek: 8/28/1978 to 3/29/1991
Voss, Bernice – d. 12-5-2006
At Tek: 6-6-1960 to 4-29-1983
Wahl, Helen – d. 1/6/2007
At Tek: Not Available
Walton, Rachel – d. 1/11/2007
At Tek: 9/16/1968 to 5/10/1985
White, Robert – d. 9-29-2004
At Tek: 3-12-1952 to 7-18-1979
White, Edward – d. 4/1/2005
At Tek: 10/29/1977 to 9/29/1989
Wilson, Marial – d. 6/4/2005
At Tek: 1/26/1959 to 2/3/1978
Zoucha, Georgia – d. 10/31/2006
At Tek: 3/11/1968 to 7/26/1985

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Known published authors are:

Auel, Jean
Benson, John (Benson S. Forbes)
Engelson, Morris
Feucht, Dennis
Getreu, Ian
Griffiths, Stan
Hayward, Wes
Hill, Rose (Rose Marie)
Keller, Pete
Kerman, Steve
Laroff, Gary
Leventhal, Roy
McClellan, John Little (Larry)
Moak, Alan
Nystron, Richard
Okada, Kitt
Ramirez, Robert
Richmond, A.E. (Eddie)
Staric, Peter
Trudel, John
Winnigstad, Norman

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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

them. Please include your signature and Social Security Number.

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Attn: Tektronix Group
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Providence, RI 02940
Phone: 1-866-867-6860

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BE SURE TO GO TO PAGES FIVE, SIX, and SEVEN for information about Tek Authors, Pictures from the Christmas Elks gathering, and a letter From Rich Amber

Editorial

By Louis Sowa

Pals

We have a program to send birthday and Christmas cards. If you or someone you know would enjoy receiving these cards please let us know.

TRN Mailings

We at the TRVP have taken over the management of our mailing list. We are eliminating mailings with duplicate addresses i.e. husband and wife. If this is not satisfactory for you let us know and we will send newsletters to both. We are trying to cut down on postage. We now have enough people getting their newsletters online to pay for the website in postage savings.

Published authors

There are over twenty known ex-Tek published authors, see the short article in this TRN and the more complete listing of their accomplishments on the web version of our newsletter at: www.tekretirees.org.

Also on the web are several pictures from the Christmas party at the Beaverton Elks. The web version often has extra material as there is no added expense as there is with the paper version.

Duplicate TRN's to One Address Discontinued

In an effort to contain mailing costs of this newsletter, we have stopped sending two copies to the same address. The name on the newsletter is alphabetically biased, that is the first name listed in our database

of a given address is used. If you can share your copy with your significant other it will help us to keep the newsletter cost-effective. However, if you really need two separate copies, please contact us and we will re-instate delivery. . Thank you!

Volunteer Recognition April 21, 2007

Information will be mailed soon.

55-ALIVE CLASS

A 55-Alive class has been scheduled for:

March 29 & 30, 2007
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Tektronix Building 58
Conference Room 1NH13 (in lobby)
Instructor: Bruce Hollister

To register for this class (which is (2) four hour sessions) please call the TRVP office at: 503-627-4056 or email us at:

retirees@exgate.tek.com

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

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

Web Page: www.geocities.com/pcboldies/

Some of the EX-Tek Authors and Their Work

Name [Pen Name]	Co-Authors (* = Non-Tek)	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN	Type	Comment
Auel, Jean		The Clan of the Cave Bear	Crown Publishing	1980	0517542021	Historical Fiction	Other editions and publishers
Auel, Jean		The Valley of Horses	Crown Publishing	1982	051754489X	Historical Fiction	Other editions and publishers
Auel, Jean		The Mammoth Hunters	Crown Publishing	1985	0553280945	Historical Fiction	Other editions and publishers
Auel, Jean		The Plains of Passage	Crown Publishing	1990	0517580497	Historical Fiction	Other editions and publishers
Auel, Jean		The Shelters of Stone	Crown Publishing	2002	0609610597	Historical Fiction	Other editions and publishers
Benson, John [Benson S. Forbes]	Forbes, Shari S.*	The Bottom Five	Xlibris Corporation	2003	1401081428	Historical Fiction	Pen name is combined name
Benson, John [Benson S. Forbes]	Forbes, Shari S.*	Mad Cows Come Back to Bite	Xlibris Corporation	2004	1413446345	Fiction	Pen name is combined name
Benson, John [Benson S. Forbes]	Forbes, Shari S.*	Cracking Heads	PublishAmerica, Inc.	2006	1424146275	Fiction	Pen name is combined name
Biehl, Brian	Greenbaum, John*; Besser, Les*; Pollard, Bruce*; and Osann, Robert*	Analysis and Design of Electronic Circuits Using PCs	Van Norstrom Reinhold Company	1984	0442227736	Technical	Brian Biehl still with Tektronix, first author John Greenbaum
Engelson, Morris	Telewski, Fred	Spectrum Analyzer Theory and Applications	Artech House Publishers	1974	089006024X	Technical	Fred, an original co-author, is not listed in the databases
Engelson, Morris		Spectrum Analyzer Theory and Applications	Artech House on Demand	1984	089006024X	Technical	Revision by Morris Engelson only
Engelson, Morris		Modern Spectrum Analyzer Measurements	Joint Management Strategy	1991	None	Technical	
Engelson, Morris		Pricing Strategy: An Interdisciplinary Approach	Joint Management Strategy	1995	0964287064	Business/Management	
Engelson, Morris		The Heavenly Time Machine: Essays on Science and Torah	Joint Management Strategy	2001	0964287005	Religion/Mysticism	
Feucht, Dennis		Handbook of Analog Circuit Design	Academic Press	1990	0122542401	Technical	Available on line at http://www.innovatia.com
Getreu, Ian		Modeling the Bipolar Transistor	Elsevier Science Ltd	1978	0444417222	Technical	Published by Tek in 1976 and available (p/n 062-2841-00). Elsevier issued a photocopied edition.
Griffiths, Stan		Oscilloscopes: Selecting and Restoring a Classic	Stan Griffiths	1992	0963307150	Technical/History	
Hayward, Wes	DeMaw, Doug*	Solid State Design for the Radio Amateur	ARRL	1977	None	Technical	
Hayward, Wes		Introduction to Radio Frequency Design	Prentice-Hall, ARRL	1982	0134940210	Technical	
Hayward, Wes	Campbell, Rick* and Larkin, Bob*	Experimental Methods in RF Design	ARRL	2003	0872594920	Technical	
Hill, Rose [Rose Marie]		A Time to Vegetate	Rose Hill Publications	1993	0963307134	Fiction	
Keller, Peter		The Cathode Ray Tube: Technology, History and Applications	Palisades Press	1991	0963155903	Technical	
Keller, Peter		Electronic Display Measurements: Concepts, Techniques and Instrumentation	Wiley-Interscience	1997	0471148571	Technical	
Kerman, Steve		Color Television and How it Works	New York Sterling Publishing Company	1962	None	Technical	
Laroff, Gary		Choosing Hard Copy Devices for Visual Information Systems	Integrated Software Services Corporation	1984	None	Technical	
Leventhal, Roy	Green, Lynne*	Semiconductor Modeling: For Simulating Signal, Power, and Electromagnetic	Springer	2006	0387241590	Technical	

McClellan, John Little (Larry)		Roberts Rules of Ordure: A Guidebook to the Social and Political Language of Our Times	Writers' Showcase Press	2000	0595158609	Fiction-Humorous	
Moak, Alan		Comfort from Revelation	Grace Press	1993	None	Religion	100 copies, out of print
Nystron, Richard		G.O.D.: A Guide to Understanding God's Universal Software	Ceshore Publishing Company	2001	1585010251	Religion/Mysticism	
Nystron, Richard		Rik Love's Journal: A Fictional Memoir	PublishAmerica, Inc.	2005	1424107466	Fiction	
Nystron, Richard		The Mother Lode	PublishAmerica, Inc.	2006	142410663X	Fiction	
Okada, Kitt		Spectrum Analyzer	Nikkan Kogyo	1979	None	Technical	In Japanese
Okada, Kitt		All About Oscilloscopes	Kyoritsu Shuppansha	1983	None	Technical	In Japanese
Okada, Kitt	Nabeshima (exSony/Tek)	Waveform Instrumentation	Radio Engineering	??	None	Technical	In Japanese
Ramirez, Robert		The FFT: Fundamentals and Concepts	Prentice-Hall	1985	0133143864	Technical	
Richmond, A.E. (Eddie)		Calculus for Electronics	McGraw-Hill	1958	0070523533	Technical	ISBN on 3rd Ed., 1983
Richmond, A.E. (Eddie)	Hecht, Gary*	Calculus for Electronics	McGraw-Hill	1988	007052355X	Technical	
Staric, Peter		Izdelava Prvih Atomskih Bomb	Tehniska založba Slovenije	1995	863650175X	History	In Slovenian, "The Making of the First Atomic Bombs"
Staric, Peter	Marqan, Erik*	Wideband Amplifiers	Springer	2006	0387283404	Technical	
Trudel, John		High Tech with Low Risk	Regional Service Institute, Eastern Oregon State College	1990	0962677221	Business/Management	
Trudel, John	Ungson, Gerardo*	Engines of Prosperity: Templates for the Information Age	Imperial College Press	1998	1860940927	Business/Management	First author: Gerardo Ungson
Winnigstad, C. Norman		The Area of Enlightenment	Dancing Moon Press	2001	1892076101	Analysis	Sample downloads: http://www.aofe.org/

The above authors are accessible on John Gates Users Group. To join this group go to:
 Contacts (on the Tekretirees Home Page)
 Access Ex-Teks

Three Pictures from the Christmas ELKS Gathering



Letter From Rich Amber

Well, what can I say here... um... OK, here's the short version.

Many Tekkies might remember Rich Amber as the guy who was always wandering from building to building pushing the old Tek 4081 computer and teaching classes for ASAP or PIRATE programs. Others remember him as a technical writer, or an Engineering Services Manager, or a Government Contracts Programs Manager, and still others as someone who could never keep his nose out of anyone's blue sky projects, looking for a way to make everything work better, faster, cheaper. Still others only sat on his lap while he was hiding inside a Santa Clause suit.

I transferred from the Beaverton campus to that experimental division in Redmond in 1983, but I was always back in the Beaverton area trying to get something done for my division. Was I annoying? Sometimes. But often that is the cost of making things happen.

I left Redmond Tek about Xmas break 1996 (with enough vacation time to make my official date of departure the middle of January 1997). I had received a bigger and better offer from a small company in Bend.

I had a nasty stroke in 1999, followed by brain surgery that almost caused me to leave the planet, which might be part of the basis of the rumor that I was no longer alive. But I was indeed alive and kicking around Central Oregon. I was doing a lot of computer consulting and contract writing/technical illustration, a bit of free-lance art.

So my girlfriend at the time (now my wife, Le Anne) and I decided we needed fresh pastures. By that time, the government had also decided I was 100% disabled (back injury, We found some promising properties in Montana and South Dakota and settled on one little early 20th century farm in the

middle of nowhere. Seriously, Love Acres is 27 miles away from the nearest village.

So, with the call of "Go East Old Fart" we packed our three horses, five cats, three dogs, and the two of us humans of a 30-year-old Chevy with 350,000 miles on it, drove east to settle on a mini-farm of about 15 acres of pasture, trees, house, garage, shop, barn, and one ancient homestead cabin from the late 1800s (surrounded by thousands of acres of cattle ranch belonging to our nearest neighbor, who lives 1.5 miles down the road).

We are happier now than ever before and I think this is about the best retirement place I could ever have found. Oh, and I have also discovered the secret to weight loss: Buy a Farm and work it. Most Tekkies probably remember me as being 6'2" and 340 pounds. That's from a sedentary style of being a desk jockey nearly all my adult life. I am now 187 pounds and my body is as thin as when I was in elementary school in Sherwood, OR. I know that a one-page diet plan (eat less junk, do more sweaty work) will never become a best seller.

Besides working the farm, I have a complete computer lab (LANed), microscopes, test tubes, etc. in an area I lovingly refer to as "The Dungeon" (I finished the basement), where I am writing several books all at once and publish a weekly health newsletter (via e-mail, The Path to Health goes out internationally and is available to the general population at this web site: <http://healthpath.wickedstones.com>).

I might have disappeared from the Tektronix scene, my friends, but I am more alive now than ever before and intend to be kicking the prairie grass around for many years to come. So, any Tekkies, active or retired, who want to contact Rich Amber, may do so by sending e-mail to: quanta@gwtc.net

Live Long and Prosper,
Rich

