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A Newsletter for and by Tek Retirees

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## The Canadian Rockies

By Judy Watkins

This year we visited Canada's Rocky Mountain National Parks and spent two days each in Banff, Lake Louise (also in Banff Park), and Jasper and ended with a two-day train trip from Jasper to Vancouver, B.C. Although the trip was booked as a tour, it was different from the previous tours we have taken. This year we were absent a tour guide to stay with us the entire trip. Our accommodations and transportation were taken care of and the bus drivers and train attendants provided commentary as we traveled. We were responsible for all of our meals except for the train portion of the trip. We were well taken care of and the trip was more than we anticipated; only the camaraderie of an organized tour was missing.

### Banff

As we left Calgary on the 90-minute bus trip to Banff there was no hint of the magnificent mountains that were so near. We drove through the west end of the prairie, then through the foothills before reaching Canada's Rocky Mountains. When we arrived in Banff the weather was clear so our first stop was the gondola that would take us to the top of Sulphur Mountain. On the eight-minute ride to the observation deck we watched a group of mountain goats grazing beneath us. From the top we enjoyed the incomparable beauty of Banff, Lake Minnewanka and the Fairholme Mountain Range with their unusual gorges, hoodoos, canyons and rock formations.

Next we visited the spot where the Bow and Spray Rivers meet and form the dramatic Bow Waterfalls. This beautiful location is where Marilyn Monroe and Robert Mitchem filmed the movie, *River of No Return*.

The Banff National Park was first established to protect the natural hot springs located there. At that time it was considered a gold mine that would bring tourists to the area and help to finance Canada's coast-to-coast railroad. Today the original springs is known as the Cave and Basin Centennial Centre.

We visited many interesting and scenic sites in the area before we were taken to our hotel at 5 PM. We stayed at the Ptarmigan Inn, just two minutes from downtown shops and restaurants. Our room was comfortable and included feather beds, a Jacuzzi bathtub, separate shower, fireplace, electric teakettle, coffee pot, and terry bathrobes.

Our second day in Banff was spent walking, revisiting favorite photo opportunities, shopping and listening to a wonderful concert in the park on the Bow River.

I learned that owning a vacation home in Canada's parks is not a possibility. First it is very expensive. An older one-bedroom condo starts at \$400,000 and a single-family home is \$10M. A purchase requires Canadian citizenship and a minimum of 20 hours weekly employment in the park. Retired people normally move closer to medical facilities.

Banff National Park is known worldwide for its unique scenery, wholesome hot springs and skiing. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, covers 2,564 square miles of rugged mountain territory and hosts 4M annual visitors. Summer activities in the park include: biking, boat cruises on Lake Minnewanka, hiking, fishing, horseback riding, golf, kayaking, canoeing and river rafting. There are also many shops and museums to visit

### Lake Louise

The drive to Lake Louise from Banff is just 40 miles but we stopped along the way to visit Yoho National Park in B.C. A highlight included the Spiral Tunnels built by the Canadian Pacific Railway to ease the train's climb over Kicking Horse Pass. Before the tunnels were built the trains had to maneuver a dangerous 4% grade through the mountains, the tunnels provided a safer 2 1/2% grade. We also visited Emerald Lake where a fascinating natural rock bridge crossed a river that was running wild with the summer's glacial thaws when we saw it.

Lake Louise is picture perfect in its beauty. The Fairmont Hotel sits alone overlooking the gorgeous green lake and faces a mountain range that is dressed in year-

round glaciers and beautiful trees. While visiting Lake Louise there are many activities available including: canoe rentals, mountain hiking or simply strolling alongside the lake. Winter offers skiing, snowshoeing, ice-skating and hockey. Lake Louise has the highest altitude of any village in Canada and visitors notice it by getting tired and out-of-breath sooner than normal. It takes sixty days for a person to acclimate.

The Lake Louise Fairmont is a first-class and very luxurious hotel, but while visiting there visitors are held captive. There are no shops, stores or places to eat outside the hotel and inside prices are also first-class. We experienced coffee and tea at \$4.50 and dinner meals upwards from \$35. I am happy I was able to experience Lake Louise but two days was enough fun for me.

### Jasper

The 143-mile highway connecting Banff Park and Jasper National Park is named the Icefield Parkway and the 2 1/2 hour drive has been called the most spectacular in the world. It would be impossible to describe the beauty but some key items include:

Crowfoot Glacier is suspended over the 21-mile long Bow Lake where out of the turquoise lake mountains rise steep and rugged.

The Bow Summit is the highest point on the Parkway at 6,875 feet.

The Columbia Icefield is 79 miles long and is one of the largest ice accumula-

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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)

tions south of the Arctic, covering 125 square miles and is 400 yards deep. The melting waters eventually flow into the Pacific, Arctic and Atlantic Oceans. While there we took a 90-minute journey in an Ice Explorer vehicle 1 1/2 miles onto the glacier and were given the opportunity to step out to experience the glacier. On the glacier the wind was blowing, rain was falling and it was very cold. It was difficult to stand on the ice and the wind hurt as it hit our face and hands.

Sunwapta Falls is a lovely falls that drops in steps over a deep limestone gorge.

Athabasca Falls on the Athabasca River is where the water thunders through the narrow gorge smoothing canyon walls and creating potholes.

On this highway we saw two moose and three black bears. The park boasts being the home for grizzlies, black bears, wolves, coyotes, mountain goats, deer, elk, moose, and bighorn sheep.

We arrived in the community of Jasper about 6 PM. On our second day in Jasper there was a morning bus tour to Pyramid and Patricia Lakes, and Maligne Canyon. In the afternoon we took the Jasper tram to the alpine tundra that overlooked six mountain ranges, glacial-fed lakes, rivers and the scenic town of Jasper.

### Rocky Mountaineer Train

We boarded the Rocky Mountaineer Train in Jasper, Alberta at 8 AM. The seats had plenty of legroom and reclined comfortably. The train's staff pampered passengers. Our tour was the less expensive option meaning that we didn't have the advantage of the domed cars or eating in the dining room. The cost of meals was included in the package but we were served our meals in our seats. The servings were large and were gourmet quality. Snacks were served mid-morning and mid-afternoon and a large variety of beverages were available all day.

Within minutes of boarding, the train departed and we watched as we traveled west and crossed the Continental Divide and passed through the Premier Mountain Range. We followed the North Thompson River most of the day; a river similar in size to the Willamette but the color was the milky-green of glacial thawing. Before noon the landscape changed to a low mountain range reminding me of Oregon's coastal range. As the train drew nearer to Kamloops, BC, the landscape changed

again to a semi-arid desert covered with Ponderosa Pine and sagebrush. It was 4:30 when we reached Kamloops where we spent the night at the Thompson Hotel.

On our final day the train left the Kamloops Depot at 8 AM. and breakfast was served as soon as we were seated and minutes before the train departed. Our journey continued west along the Thompson River through Canada's desert belt. At Lytton the mighty, green, glacial fed, Thompson River flowed into the larger and deeply brown colored Fraser River. The meeting of the two colors was very dramatic and it took about two miles before the colors were totally integrated into one large brown river.

The landscape changed as we passed through the Fraser Canyon. The canyon walls were high and the water was wild as it raged through Hell's Gate, the narrowest point on the Fraser River. This stretch of water is the best for white-water rafting in all of Canada. As the taller mountains parted we entered the rich farmlands of the Fraser Valley and finally, nestled between the Pacific Ocean and the Coast Mountains, we arrived at Vancouver, our final destination before heading home again.

While on the train there were many photo opportunities and we were warned well in advance if there were special things, such as waterfalls or bridges so we could be ready. We were also provided with a railroad map that identified by milepost the sites of significance. It was a beautiful and relaxing trip and one that I would recommend.

### Informational Web-Sites

#### Tek Retirees:

<http://www.tekretirees.org>

#### Tektronix Resource Site:

Bill Den Beste and Stan Griffiths

<http://www.reprise.com/host/tektronix/home/default.asp>

Also links to:

#### Stan's Scope Site:

Information, Manuals, Parts References for *Classic Tektronix Oscilloscopes*

<http://www.reprise.com/ash/clients2/>

#### Sources for Tektronix Manuals:

Note that some of the links don't work...

[http://www.reprise.com/host/tektronix/resources/manual\\_sources.asp](http://www.reprise.com/host/tektronix/resources/manual_sources.asp)

### The Museum of Tek Scopes:

<http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/scopes/tek.html>

### The Museum of Classic Tektronix Scopes:

<http://www.tekscope-museum.de/index.html> (Under construction)

### Sellers of Used Tek Equipment, Parts and Manuals

#### The Oscilloscope Store:

"Supplier of restored and rebuilt Tektronix oscilloscopes, equipment and parts on eBay, specializing in the sale of Tektronix quality instruments and parts for research and industry, as well as for collectors."

<http://stores.ebay.com/The-Oscilloscope-Store>

Surrey, B.C., Canada

#### Sphere Research Corporation:

Test equipment & parts:

<http://www.sphere.bc.ca/test/tek1.html>

3394 Sunnyside Road  
Kelowna, BC Canada V1Z2V4

Phone: (250) 769-1834

#### Bruce Rogers:

Test equipment for sale.

<http://www.brogers.addr.com/Web/>

Phoenix, Arizona USA

#### A. G. Tannenbaum:

Professional copies of manuals, will sell or trade originals [http://www.agtannenbaum.com/t\\_cat.html](http://www.agtannenbaum.com/t_cat.html)

P.O. Box 386

Ambler, PA 19002 (USA)

Phone: (215) 657-0106

Fax: (215) 657-0520

From information at your site and other internet searches, I have put together a resource page that may be of some interest to your audience. It is attached as a Microsoft Word document.

Kind regards, Annette Olson



**Chuck Nolan** – There are a lot of great memories from my time at Tek. One that I thought was really good was one that Howard told on himself. He used to be

## Retiree Deaths

Date: May, June, & July, 2007

**Andrews, Vaughn – d.** 2/4/2007  
At Tek: 5/23/1974 to 12/31/1999  
**Battjes, Carl – d.** 4/28/2007  
At Tek: 10/4/1961 to 4/29/1983  
**Baughman, Robert – d.** 6/28/2007  
At Tek: 10/10/1966 to 7/28/1992  
**Bell, Joyce – d.** 7/7/2007  
At Tek: 8/1/1977 to n/a  
**Canfield, Fred – d.** 4/10/2007  
At Tek: 10/21/1974 to 7/28/1983  
**Cole, Vera – d.** 6/26/2007  
At Tek: 9/13/1965 to 6/20/1986  
**Cook, Blanche – d.** 4/12/2007  
At Tek: 8/20/1951 to 3/23/1983  
**Creamer, Mildred – d.** 4/20/2007  
At Tek: 6/7/1982 to 5/17/1991  
**Deschaine, Joan – d.** 4/10/2007  
At Tek: 7/1/1974 to 5/13/1998  
**Fornshell, Raymond – d.** 5/30/2007  
At Tek: 9/3/1956 to 10/24/1973  
**Guy, Cheryl – d.** 7/15/2007  
At Tek: 4/23/1962 to 7/21/1969  
**Harris, Leonard – d.** 5/13/2007  
At Tek: 10/29/1973 to 5/27/1994

**Hartsook, Carol – d.** 6/23/2007  
At Tek: 6/17/1996 to 4/7/2000  
**King, Roland – d.** 7/15/2007  
At Tek: 2/23/1959 to n/a  
**Kolibaba, George – d.** 6/13/2007  
At Tek: 4/9/1956 to 6/27/1980  
**Love, Hazel – d.** 5/25/2007  
At Tek: 8/1/1953 to n/a  
**Merrick, Maurice – d.** 6/5/2007  
At Tek: 8/12/1959 to 8/28/1984  
**Mohr, Arthur – d.** 6/20/2007  
At Tek: 1/5/1959 to 8/28/1981  
**Moon, Judy – d.** 5/1/2007  
At Tek: 4/13/1981 to 8/1/1992  
**Mull, Mary – d.** 6/19/2007  
At Tek: 9/13/1976 to 12/31/1997  
**Nyman, Carl – d.** 6/14/2007  
At Tek: 4/8/1968 to 6/2/1986  
**Persons, Alta – d.** 6/28/2007  
At Tek: 10/3/1955 to 1/28/1972

**Richards, Fern – d.** 7/2/2007  
At Tek: 2/20/1969 to n/a  
**Rogers, Christa – d.** 5/24/2007  
At Tek: 8/27/1973 to 7/24/1993  
**Rohan, Patricia – d.** 12/1/1985  
At Tek: 2/2/1959 to 1/23/1976  
**Scheerger, Geraldine – d.** 3/27/2007  
At Tek: Not Available  
**Schun, Karl – d.** 5/2/2007  
At Tek: 10/1/1962 to 8/22/1986  
**Teilmann, M – d.** 4/8/2004  
At Tek: 3/23/1977 to 4/18/1983  
**Tucker, Janice – d.** 7/16/2007  
At Tek: 4/30/1962 to 4/7/1978  
**Vollum, Jean – d.** 6/5/2007  
(Mrs. Howard Vollum)  
**Watts, Ann – d.** 7/17/2007  
At Tek: 8/11/1977 to 11/9/1984  
**Weaver, Lawrence – d.** 7/13/2007  
At Tek: 1/3/1977 to : 2/2/1991  
**Webb, Robert – d.** 6/1/2007  
At Tek: 12/14/1959 to 4/29/1983  
**Wright, James – d.** 5/4/2007  
At Tek: 2/1/1968 to 7/10/1978

known as the neighborhood radio repair guy. He had an elderly neighbor lady who was having trouble with her radio. (This was when the company was several years old, but Howard was not yet married, but had maybe 100 employees). Anyhow, she called up Howard (I'm sure at his home), and asked if he would mind taking a look at her radio as it had quit. So he took a look and located the trouble and fixed it with no problem. He was really a soft touch, especially for little old ladies. I'll think of more one of these days. I did go to one of the company reunions a few years back. Enjoyed it immensely. I've forgotten who was President then, but he left the company I believe. He may have been the one after Earl Wantland. Ciao for now.

P.S. One thing that may not be widely known is that the original business was just that, Radio Repair whilst the electronic section of it was getting started. It was known by the name, HAWTHORNE ELECTRONICS. It was located on Hawthorne Blvd. about one store east of 7<sup>th</sup> Street just before I came to work at Tek they split into two parts. i.e. Hawthorne Electronics and Tektronix. The building always carried the name Hawthorne Electronic, and went on repairing radios, etc.

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## **EMark Retiree Permanent/Part Time Employment Opportunity Telemarketing**

Information about *EMark* provided by: Patti Villareal. Patti is a former Tektronix employee, she now works for *EMark Solutions*

*EMark*, a premier global provider of technology-based integrated marketing and sales support services, was founded in 1992 in Portland as a marketing database development company, with a focus on

supporting client information and marketing requirements.

Since that time, EMark has developed many unique service approaches for event management, lead generation, and inquiry fulfillment and distribution that have enabled our clients to better manage their marketing programs and to see greater return on their marketing investments. This highly visible opportunity is ideal for the experienced professional looking for an environment to challenge their abilities, See *Employment Opportunity* Page 4

## **PLEASE NOTE**

### **RETIREE BENEFIT ADDRESS CHANGE PROCEDURE**

**All address changes must be reported as follows:**

Anyone who is a post 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  
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.

Mercer Human Resource Services  
Attn: Tektronix Group  
PO Box 9740  
Providence, RI 02940  
Phone: 1-866-867-6860

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## Editorial

*By Louis Sowa*

The question of who is a 'Tek Retiree' has come up several times. The term Tek Retiree is a misnomer since anyone who has worked at Tektronix is considered a Retiree for the purposes of TRVP functions. There are a number of people who took all of their accumulated assets when they left Tek, so are not in the Tektronix database. If you, or someone you know, is in this category you/they are still considered a retiree. When the TRVP was organized there was a discussion about the name. I think TRVP was already established when I got involved. The first newsletter was called "ExTek" which may be a better description but was considered to have a derogatory connotation by some. So the bottom line here is that if you ever worked for Tektronix you are considered a Retiree and are welcome at TRVP functions and most non-official functions such as the Spring and Christmas gatherings, and the Shute Park picnic.

Thanks to Annette Olson for providing information regarding Tek equipment and information websites and vendors. Please send us any additional websites or information that you know of.

We do not normally post job opportunities, but since an ex-Tek employee provided the information about Emark we decided to include it.

The past two years the Shute Park gathering has been poorly attended, so we are considering discontinuing this function. If there is someone out there that would like to champion the continuation

of the Shute Park picnic, please let us know. See TRVP contact information above.

### Employment Opportunities (cont)

execute sales programs, and play an integral role in our client's success.

Payment Range: \$9.50 to \$12.50. Part-time is 20-hours per week. Medical, Vision, Dental and Life insurance are available for all part-time Associates. Emark Solutions provides a 401(k) for all regular Associates who work at least 20 hours per week.

Associates receive company-matching contributions equal to their 401(k) contributions up to a maximum of 4% of the Associates base salary. Highly compensated employees are not currently eligible for the 4% company-matching contributions.

For more information regarding this opportunity, call Noelle Krause at 503-207-4000. Patti can also be reached at this number or email her at: [pattiv@emarksolutions.com](mailto:pattiv@emarksolutions.com)

**Editors Note:** This is not intended as an endorsement, as we do not have specific knowledge of Emark except from Patti and Emarks's website [emarksolutions.com](http://emarksolutions.com). There may be opportunities other than telemarketing. If you have opinions,

positive or negative regarding Emark or this article please send email to: [tek-retirees@exgate.tek.com](mailto:tek-retirees@exgate.tek.com)

## 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/](http://www.geocities.com/pcboldies/)

# Gathering at the Beaverton Elks in May



