

# TEK RETIREE NEWS

Tektronix  
Retiree  
Volunteer  
Program



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A Newsletter for and by Tek Retirees

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## FREE GEEK

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

### VOLUNTEER

Whether you want to volunteer here to learn new skills, perform community service, get credit for school or just support the cause(s), we have room for you! Forget all that equipment we handle, our volunteers are our greatest assets.

### Our Main Programs

These are our most structured programs, meaning we've been doing some variation on this for the greater portion of five years and have refined it to some extent. If you need a lot of instruction or guidance, one of these programs is probably best for you.

### Computer Adoption

If you are looking to get a computer from FREE GEEK, Adoption is the program for you. Mostly, people working toward computers help us with tasks like recycling, testing, data entry and processing donations.

### Build Program

You don't have to have any prior knowledge to join the Build Program, just willingness to learn. Builders are an important part of our organization. Build Assistants and Teachers are even more important!

### Coders

So, you're a programmer? FREE GEEK has a number of projects (Open Source, of course) that could possibly use your help. However, until we get more organized, it may be difficult to get you integrated in our efforts in a coding capacity unless you happen to have just exactly the skills we need.

### Committees

What's an organization like ours without committees? Everything from policy decisions (Council) to class planning

(Education) to system administration (Administrators of Systems and Security) is handled by groups of dedicated volunteers. (Staff help too!) Our Grants committee is working on making our hardware grants process more organized so we can help more organizations. These groups are open to anyone interested in participating.

**Email us at:** [volunteer@freegeek.org](mailto:volunteer@freegeek.org) or talk to a member of our staff (at 503-232-9350) to find out about group current projects, email lists and meeting times.

### Other

For those good at striking out on their own, there are a bazillion other things you can do here. We have one volunteer who comes in regularly to make sure our lights are still working (thanks, Robert!). Others may want to concern themselves with construction projects (yep, we have some currently going on!) or making sure our testing systems work consistently. Sometimes we have work parties; you can ask the staff if there's one coming up. There are lots of options for volunteering here; hopefully you can find one that suits you. You may want to just come in for one of our tours and talk to a staff member about getting started.

If you'd like to volunteer, but you're not sure what you'd like to do at FREE GEEK, please email [volunteer@freegeek.org](mailto:volunteer@freegeek.org) with your situation and questions. We'll answer your questions and may invite you to make an appointment to speak with our Volunteer Program Coordinator.

### Benefits

FREE GEEK is a community. This is one of the big rewards people get for working here. You can meet all kinds of interesting people here. You can take part in decisions at FREE GEEK from the most basic to the most wide-reaching and abstract. There's worlds of information that, with dogged research, patience and the right questions to the right people, can become clear.

Volunteers are welcome to use the terminals in the classroom any time there's not a class going on to check their email or do research on the web. Unlike the library, there's rarely a line!

Volunteers are eligible to take any FREE GEEK classes for free. Also, our volunteers are eligible for membership at First Tech Credit Union. In addition, active volunteers (those who have volunteered for four hours within the last three months) are eligible for a 50 percent discount on equipment in the FREE GEEK Thrift Store.

### TRN Editors Note:

*by Louis Sowa*

I do not volunteer at Free Geek, but would if I had more time. I have been there several times, doing business. They recycle used electronics, so it is a way to properly dispose of old equipment.

### Ride Connection Volunteer Opportunity

Have you ever thought about volunteering from the driver's seat? People volunteer with Ride Connection and its partner providers, such as Portland Impact or The Oregon Chapter of the Red Cross for myriad reasons, but especially wanting to help older adults maintain mobility and independence.

Consider for a moment most people will find themselves in need of transportation at some point in their lives; and that transportation will likely be dependent upon the kindness of others. So, while today you may be the person with the ability to help, tomorrow you may be the recipient of someone else's volunteer effort. Creating a cycle of giving where many people may benefit.

Even now you might be on both sides of the service cycle: maybe you are a volunteer instructor working in a classroom with children who can't read, while last month the volunteer driver for a transportation company helped get your mother to her life-sustaining dialysis appointment. Yet, by adding your efforts to the work of other volunteer, we can make all of our communities more livable.

Think about how much you receive in return when you volunteer and consider why you want to give to your community.

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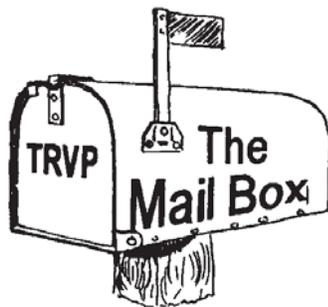
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## ICE Campaign - 'In Case of Emergency'

We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence the 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) campaign. The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as 'ICE.' For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc. A great idea that will make a difference! Let's spread the concept of ICE by storing an ICE number in our Mobile phones today!

Please forward this. It won't take too many 'forwards' before everybody will know about this. It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest. ICE will speak for you when you are not able to speak for yourself.



**Peter Keller**—I thought you might like to know that a series of six of my articles on Tek CRT history from 1954 to 1967 has been appearing in the journal of the Tube Collectors Association. The series

expands on the more generalized Tek CRT history coverage in my hard-cover book, *The Cathode-Ray Tube: Technology, History, and Applications*, Palisade Press, New York, 1991, which also covers the history of CRTs for television, radar, avionics, and data displays. TCA may be contacted at:

Tube Collectors Association  
PO Box 636  
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**Robert Johnson**—(on John Gates Listserv)  
DEATH NOTICE for:

Ernst Michael Massey—died December 14, 2007, at age 84.

He was born Feb. 16, 1923 in Vienna, Austria. He immigrated to New York City in 1938. During World War II, he served in the Army in Europe and the Phillipines. He graduated from Cooper Union and was a field engineer for General Electric in France before moving in 1961 to Beaverton, where he was an electronics engineer for Tektronix in 1948, he married Blanche Trachtman, they later divorced.

Survivors include his sister, Maria Pelikan; a niece and nephew; and former wife.

Robert Johnson—remembers him as the only person I ever knew who began as an ME and switched to being an EE.

**Chuck Edgar**—I remember Ernst as a kind of a renaissance man . . . interested in and capable at many things. Among them was pulling his shift as a volunteer announcer at one of those non-profit classical FM radio stations in Portland.

As a reflection, eighty four is a fair number of years. I would suspect that most in this 'listserv' are able to take care of themselves well enough to do something like that though.

**Norm Winningstad**—I well remember Ernst. He and I were flying buddies for years. He took me up in his glider, and finally got me to understand it isn't all bad to be without a motor.

On our way back from California, about the time we were over Red Bluff at about 18,000 feet, on oxygen masks, Ernst asked to let him fly my Skyknight, but without oxygen. I said, 'Okay, but when I ask for the controls back, you will not argue', and

he pulled off his mask, and started repeating the mantra, '340 degrees, 18,000; 340 degrees, 18,000; etc. 340 degrees was our desired heading and 18,000 was the altitude we were to maintain. Well Ernst kept repeating the mantra, even as, after 2 minutes, the aircraft started a right turn, descending. When I said, 'My airplane' Ernst had no problem giving up his hold on the yoke, but he was convinced things were fine, until he put on the oxygen mask. His experiment convinced him, and reaffirmed to me, that you really do need oxygen.

Ernst was a very dedicated guy, whether it was engineering for Tek, or teaching a glider student.

He was 2 years older than me, but now I can catch up.

**John Addis**—I knew Ernst as a man of some sophistication and many talents. The last time I saw him was in about 1970. I knocked on the door of the room in a large house in NW Portland where a girlfriend of mine lived. Ernst answered the door with a large smile on his face. In fact both Hillary and Ernst had large smiles. That meant that two of the three of us was smiling.

**Bob Johnson**—A funny story about Newt Coyle. Newt was the ex-Tek Air Force Account Manager in San Antonio, TX. He passed away recently. The following story is from the Newsgroup hosted by John Gates at:

gatesj@eskimo.com

When he learned about an upcoming Request for Bid from the Air Force for a new 100Mhz 'scope, he immediately came to Beaverton and talked with the portable design group urging us to come up with something really good and low cost. We had just finished doing the 455 50Mhz portable which had a vertical module, a dual time-base/trigger module, and the main frame they attached to. (They weren't plug ins) It had an inexpensive but attractive plastic outer case and it would help to spread the cost of that die work out over a larger volume. So we hit upon the idea of redesigning the vertical and horizontal circuitry of the 455 to increase it to 100Mhz patterned after the 465 design we had finished before the 455. But we were able to incorporate some new Tek made IC's for the 455 that significantly cut the cost too. The scope we designed for Newt and the AF was called the 465M, M for Military.

Newt really wanted to win that contract, so he made us a bet. He bet us that we

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**Baker, James** – d. 12/14/2007  
At Tek: 6/9/1958 to 1/9/1991

**Ballard, Ina** – d. 11/27/2007  
At Tek: 9/29/1969 to 8/20/1982

**Brown, Marie** – d. 11/27/2007  
At Tek: 1/25/1968 to 10/29/1976

**Brown, Frank** – d. 11/5/2007  
At Tek: Not Available

**Clayton, Betty** – d. 11/26/2007  
At Tek: 11/24/1969 to 8/8/1986

**Couture, Wallace** – d. 12/1/2007  
At Tek: 10/1/1951 to 11/23/1984

**Coyle, Newton** – d. 11/18/2007  
At Tek: 4/22/1963 to 5/26/1984

**Evans, Dora** – d. 11/25/2007  
At Tek: 2/19/1979 to 8/30/1991

**Fredrickson, Vernon** – d. 1/5/2008  
At Tek: 8/1/1958 to 12/15/1982

**French, E** – d. 11/24/2007  
At Tek: 1/8/1968 to 4/18/1994

**Fritz, Roy** – d. 10/10/2007  
At Tek: 2/12/1959 to 4/29/1983

**Fowler, Clarice** – d. 10/27/2007  
At Tek: 12/1/1958 to 9/27/1985

**Gibbons, Mabel** – d. 12/21/2007  
At Tek: 7/28/1969 to 5/14/1976

**Gross, Doris** – d. 12/20/2007  
At Tek: 1/29/1979 to 12/31/1997

**Guild, Elvira** – d. 11/14/2007  
At Tek: 10/1/1958 to 6/12/1973

### Retiree Deaths Posted in Nov., Dec., & Jan., 2007

**Hansen, Phyllis** – d. 12/7/2007  
At Tek: 11/17/1969 to 2/21/1986

**Hart, Charles** – d. 1/16/2008  
At Tek: 7/15/1968 to n/a

**Hoisington, Dennis** – d. 12/15/2007  
At Tek: 6/27/1960 to 12/16/1988

**Hollman, Elsie** – d. 1/15/2008  
At Tek: Not Available

**Janigian, Lena** – d. 12/27/2007  
At Tek: Not Available

**Kehm, Sharann** – d. 1/18/2008  
At Tek: 9/20/1965 to 12/31/1990

**Korpi, Donna** – d. 12/2/2007  
At Tek: 10/8/1956 to 8/22/1968

**Lacey, Janet** – d. 1/1/2008  
At Tek: 8/23/1965 to 5/28/2002

**Mc Kay, Anita** – d. 11/24/2007  
At Tek: 10/4/1965 to 8/17/1979

**Miller, William** – d. 11/14/2007  
At Tek: Not Available

**Morrison, Dale** – d. 11/12/2007  
At Tek: 4/3/1961 to 11/28/1980

**O'neal, Maurine** – d. 12/18/2007  
At Tek: Not Available

**Pawlowski, Thomas** – d. 9/7/2007  
At Tek: 11/27/1978 to 3/18/1988

**Plapp, Ernest** – d. 11/29/2007  
At Tek: 10/12/1953 to 4/29/1983

**Prickett, Hattie** – d. 1/26/2008  
At Tek: 8/16/1967 to 5/31/1993

**Prickett, Robert** – d. 12/10/2007  
At Tek: 10/8/1956 to 5/30/1988

**Rigsby, Charlotte** – d. 11/22/2007  
At Tek: 10/8/1974 to 12/31/1997

**Rohrback, Leonard** – d. 1/7/2008  
At Tek: 11/21/1960 to n/a

**Ross, George** – d. 6/21/2003  
At Tek: 4/17/1978 to 12/31/1997

**Sagner, Vivian** – d. 12/4/2007  
At Tek: 9/24/1973 to 9/30/1988

**Schofield, Gordon** – d. 9/26/2007  
At Tek: 6/15/1962 to 5/26/1993

**Schuening, Helen** – d. 11/1/2007  
At Tek: 2/16/1951 to 8/11/1960

**Sterba, Rose** – d. 11/28/2007  
At Tek: 2/27/1961 to 11/7/1980

**Strong, John** – d. 10/28/2007  
At Tek: 2/15/1971 to 9/19/1988

**Tipton, M** – d. 1/9/2008  
At Tek: 6/21/1977 to 4/18/1988

**Warner, James** – d. 8/7/2007  
At Tek: 5/3/1976 to 5/27/1994

**Wesel, Edward** – d. 10/23/2007  
At Tek: 6/23/1969 to 1/5/2000

**Wommack, Donald** – d. 12/26/2007  
At Tek: 2/4/1969 to 5/24/1994

### Ride Connection (cont)

You may have several different reasons, but a few of the many possible motivations identified by our many volunteers at Ride Connection:

- to feel needed
- to get to know a community or neighborhood
- to help others in a way that they too will utilize in the future

Most of the volunteers at Ride Connection or our partner providers have some special reasons of your own for volunteering. Ride Connection has also found that our volunteers continue to serve as long as they feel their efforts are accomplishing something, their talents are appreciated, and they really do make a difference.

Ride Connection and its service providers have ample volunteer opportunities, from working in the office, organizing Rider's Clubs, offering concierge services, to driving an agency vehicle.

Ride Connection and its partner providers are actively seeking volunteer drivers for many of their programs. In fact, last year Ride Connection's volunteers were able to

provide more than 32,400 hours of service for older adults and people living with disabilities. But the demand for transportation services continue to increase and our network of providers are dependent upon volunteers. Help us link accessible, responsive transportation with

community needs. Consider becoming a volunteer, hours and schedules are flexible.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with Ride Connection or any of its partner providers, please contact Josh Netzer at: (503) 528-1738 or email:

jnetzer@rideconnection.org.

### 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 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

include your signature and Social Security Number.

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*

Some of the changes at Tek as a result of the Danaher buyout are starting to happen. Some positions are being eliminated as they are duplicates at Danaher Corporate. Other than Tektronix stock ceasing to exist we are not aware of changes that affect us at this time. We will keep you informed of changes that we are aware of that may affect you.

The Volunteer Luncheon will be held on April 26th. Additional information will be mailed soon. If you know of someone who volunteers that is not on our list let us know so we can invite them.

### Newt Coyle (cont)

couldn't have the redesign done in time but if we did he would host all of us at one of the local watering holes for a light meal and lots of beer and peanuts. We accepted!!

The kicker to this story was that Newt didn't believe we could meet the schedule we set up. So he gave us a false date we had to meet that was about 3 or 4 months earlier than when he really needed it. But we met the original schedule we said we would. When we didn't hear anything back about how the bidding went, we began to ask questions as to why not. Finally, Newt admitted he had given us a false deadline. He was good to his word though and we had a great party together.

The final irony to this story is that both Tek and HP had in the past gone after that business. So we really shaved pennies to get our bid cost down. When the bids

were opened, we were low by hundreds and hundreds of dollars. Why? Because HP was never serious about getting that business and simply bid the model number of their existing portable scope.

Newt was a neat guy to work with and my condolences on his passing to all those who had the pleasure of knowing him and being his friend.

### 55-Alive Class Scheduled

Bruce Hollister has been scheduled to teach another 55-Alive class at Tektronix on March 27th and 28th. The 2-day class is from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 in building 58, conference room 1NH13, off the reception area. The fee is \$10.00 per person.

Check with your insurance company, you may qualify for a discount on your car insurance for attending.

Class space is limited -- to register for the class call TRVP at 503-627-4056. Leave your name and number if you do not get an answer, we will call you back.

### Read your Newsletter on Line

A number of retirees are now reading their newsletter on 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.net](mailto:mlscott@easystreet.net)

### 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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