

# TEK RETIREE NEWS

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## Ecuador = Equator

By Leigh Knox

Can't believe I'd never realized that! A country about the size of Colorado on the west coast of South America bordering Columbia and Peru, it is truly amazing in its beauty and range of topography. And, in addition to the Andes, beautiful beaches (though I didn't see the coast), the rainforest and all that means, and the cloud forest, there are the Galapagos Islands 600 miles out in the Pacific! In November, Ecuador became the first country in the world (the modern world, that is...of course, indigenous people would never have had to legislate such a thing!) to grant legal rights to Nature; it seems a good step though most people I talked with didn't have much faith in what it may eventually actually mean....mostly the feeling was that Nature might be protected until humans need it.

I arrived late-evening (after leaving home at 3 AM and 4 airports) and was picked up by Ty, Nancy's SERVAS contact who had kindly agreed to allow me to stay with him also. Ty, a retired American professor, is a delight and a most gracious host; through SERVAS he has hosted over 1000 people in 30+ years mostly in Miami. He moved to Ecuador 3 years ago and has the most amazing penthouse in Quito....I'm not kidding, I kept getting lost! He's also building a place on the coast—I think he should make it a B and B cuz he's such a good host. He and his partner, a young (well, 36 seems young to me!) Columbian, have opened a cute "American" restaurant where they have different specials (chicken and dumplings, meatloaf, etc.) each day; it's quite delightful and I'm sure it will be a success....a whole lovely meal for \$4!

Ty is one of a growing number of American ex-pats who are moving to Ecuador and buying property; unfortunately, I fear a fair number are trophy houses—by American standards you can do a lot with little money. (I often wonder if anyone in our government is paying attention to the numbers of citizens leaving the country when they retire or otherwise can afford to.) So the ex-pats will add a few more uber-

rich or just rich to the scene...in a country where more than half the population lives below the poverty line. Of course, it's the top 1% or so that have benefited from the destruction caused by oil and mining; whole cultures have been wiped out in the lower social realms. A very class- and race-oriented society, people seem very busy and I read that that's misleading as people are not making adequate livings selling things to tourists or fruit at small stalls. I talked with a woman at the airport who couldn't wait to leave; originally from Suriname she lives in The Netherlands and makes arrangements for people to go to less-developed countries for plastic surgery. As a black woman her experience was totally different from mine...she was regularly hassled by police, the assumption evidently being that any black woman alone was a prostitute. It was a poignant end to my time.

My friend Nancy arrived the next morning (and Ty picked her up, too!) and we had a lovely time at Ty's palace and in the old part of Quito which is quite incredible with great squares and amazing colonial architecture (and lots of gold and churches)—and yummy ice cream. They've done a good job of restoring and maintaining many of the buildings and some of the facades are absolutely stunning. Such a delight to sit and watch people living life out and about instead of in their cars or at the mall! Ty took us on a lovely walk in the woods—the "woods" being eucalyptus, a non-native species that is ubiquitous throughout the country.

Next early to the airport for the flight to Galapagos (I think it's appropriate when speaking of the archipelago to say THE Galapagos (unsaid: Islands) and when speaking of the province to say Galapagos though I'm not sure) for one of the most remarkable times ever! We were on a fairly large ship (about 90 passengers) and the service and food were wonderful; they have it down to a science in terms of getting people on and off in their small groups. You're always with a guide (who is also a ranger of the National Park—95% of the islands are National Park though there is concern as the human population is growing) and we were in groups of 10-12.

Can't take any food (or even coffee) on to any of the islands and in most areas trails are clearly marked and the ranger notices if you go off....so they are trying to do the best they can but ~100,000 tourists a year have an impact no doubt. A person could do Friday-Monday and/or Monday-Friday; Nancy and I were both verrrry glad we'd opted for the full week as it is truly a most remarkable place. I had no idea how different each island is; the Hot Spot is in the west so the youngest (some <1 million years) are there and the oldest (4-5 million years) are in the east and dying...the islands actually move as they're on a kind of geologic "conveyor belt." Imagine a place with both penguins and flamingos! There are, of course, many endemic (unique) species, marine iguanas perhaps the most numerous and weird. Walking in so many beautiful environments and seeing such glorious plants and animals...is an incredible experience...not to mention what fun it is to snorkel (met someone later in the month who'd actually seen a whale shark and her baby while snorkeling). There are 2 species of sea lions (no seals) both handsomer than ours and one endemic; seeing a male frigate bird blow up his bright red pouch to attract a female is quite something...as is seeing 2 huge tortoises mate (very un-sexy to me, hope sexier to them!). There were over a million of the giant tortoises slaughtered until about a century ago and pirates and other ships used to take them alive onboard so they'd have fresh meat. There's a breeding program at the Darwin Research Center (we were there on Darwin's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday) but, even if the program is successful, even in 100 years they'll not get back to the numbers that used to exist. An interesting reality: Hawai'i is the closest relative geologically speaking and, while Galapagos has about 95% of their native species, Hawai'i has lost about 95% of theirs. I could go on and on as it was truly a fantastic experience but I'll recommend that you get the DVD from the library of the BBC/National Geographic 3-part series! It was particularly fun because, of course, there were people from all over the world; the

(See Ecuador on page 2)

## TekWeek 25 Years Ago

From TekWeek, edited for brevity by: Gary Hoselton.

**U.S. Army contract!** In what is being billed as the largest single oscilloscope order ever placed, the U.S. Army has ordered 8,000 of 2235 general purpose portable oscilloscopes for \$7.1M, delivered over four years, plus option for 4,000 more. Tek was low bidder at \$893 per scope, bidding against Hitachi, Iwatsu, Kikusui, and Hewlett Packard. Last year, Tek began shipping 400 of 2236 scopes per month to the U.S. Navy.

**Tek inventors honored at banquet!** 130 employees were honored for their patents and "trade secrets" (which are best not disclosed to our competition). Hiro Moriyasu led the patent list with 12 patents, next Philip Crosby with 11, and Duane Haven led the trade secrets list with 4.

**GVG celebrates 25 business years!** Grass Valley Group, Tek's subsidiary in Northern California, commemorated 25 years in business on Founders Day, Saturday, April 7th, with an afternoon of celebration. Festivities included a steak dinner with all the trimmings for employees, followed by a program with special guests and surprises. Eight employees won trips to National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) show in Las Vegas, and door prizes included a color television set, microwave oven, videocassette recorder, and a home computer. The Grass Valley Group was formed in 1959 by Dr. D.G.C. Hare, with 6 employees in Grass Valley CA, in the foothills east of Sacramento. They designed and constructed the panoramic sound systems for Cinerama theatres, then some video equipment at behest of ABC to televise the 1964 Republican Party convention in San Francisco. They expanded their television instrumentation, and merged with Tektronix in 1974 to

complement Tek's line of television products.

### Trading Post

YOUNG Romney & Suffolk ewes for sale, great for controlling unwanted grass, \$65 ea.

NIGHT crawlers, very big, 75¢/doz.

UD modem, 300bps, \$120. 2 Apple disk drives, like new, \$275/ea.

'56 RAMBLER Ambassador, 287 cu, new brake shoes & muffler, 1 owner, 56K orig mi, \$750.

'81 CM4000 Honda, \$900; fairing \$100, Espirit rain gear \$25, gloves \$20.

2BR, frpl, all appliances, must sell, no down, assume loan. \$46,100.

2BR, 1 1/2 bs townhse, nearby on SW Merlo, all appl, no pets, \$310/mo.

DALMATION, male, 7 wks old, not too many spots, FREE

*NOTE: These items are part of the 25 Years Ago article.*

## Ecuador (cont. from page 1)

first few days there were only 4 Americans (nice), the second there was a good-sized group of Georgetown and Columbia alumni...so we even got a couple of free lectures with them! There were even 4 people from the Czech Republic (one of whom had been an exchange student in some little town in Wyoming). Our group's 8-year old Japanese boy was such fun to watch in his delightful curiosity. Note about the Constitution that I mentioned: the guides seem to be very nervous about it because Galapagos has actually had very special protection and now they won't.

*Sorry to break such a great story, but it will be continued in the next issue of the newsletter.*

## Tek Retirees Volunteer Luncheon

Diana Smiley of SOLV (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism) gave an informative presentation including a slide show. SOLV has concentrated their energy on litter prevention and pick-up, and not on vandalism. So they are interested in maintaining the acronym SOLV, but would like to come up with a name without vandalism in it. If you have an idea contact SOLV.

There were 39 ex-Tek's that signed in of 308 invitations mailed. A DVD was shown of an interview with Howard from 1984. If you would like to have your name added to the invitation list for next year please let us know at tek-retirees@Tektronix.com or leave a message at 503-627-4056.

## Rainbows

*By Judy Watkins*

Do you remember the Victory Gardens of WWI and WWII? The nation was at war and food was in short supply. People were encouraged to grow gardens for their own food and to take the pressure off the country's food supply. The gardens were good for morale while they helped the country.

Today the food supply is abundant but money to buy it is scarce. The country's economy is at an all-time low. If there was ever a time to grow a garden, now is the time. If you don't have a yard for a garden there are many alternatives:

- Vegetables and/or herbs can be grown in pots in the house or window sills.
- Shared plots are available through the community or many churches.
- Look around your neighborhood for abandoned gardens. Often older people can no longer work their gardens and many would be happy to have somebody else use the space in exchange for a share of the produce.

What should you grow? What is it that you enjoy eating? Don't grow things that you don't like. Grow things to maximize your savings. Potatoes can be purchased for pennies a pound and they take up a lot of space. They would not make sense if

space is limited. Choose herbs or vegetables that are more expensive to buy.

Vegetables can be grown in Oregon most of the year and more than one crop can be planted in the same space. An example: peas should be planted by early March and they will be picked by June. Other things can be planted after the peas are harvested. Cabbage, carrots and onions can be picked all winter. A great book for small gardens is: *Square Foot Gardening* by Mel Bartholomew.

From a tiny seed a plant begins to grow and in time colorful and delicious produce appears. The same seed can bring hope for better things to come. A garden can work off stress in worrisome times. A seed could be your rainbow.

The dictionary says a rainbow is an arc of colors. I like to think the rainbow is a promise of better things to come. Why else do we watch for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow?

## Read your Tek-Retiree Newsletter Online

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:

[mlscott6@verizon.net](mailto:mlscott6@verizon.net)

## Retiree Deaths

### Posted in

Feb., Mar., and Apr., 2009

**Anderson, Richard – d.** 3/22/2009

At Tek: 4/26/1982 to 5/27/1994

**Austin, Margaret – d.** 2/15/2009

At Tek: 12/1/1960 to 12/31/1976

**Bailey-Gitch, Doris – d.** 2/15/2009

At Tek: 6/11/1973 to 1/3/1984

**Barber, Ronald – d.** 11/4/2008

At Tek: 5/9/1966 to 10/10/1975

**Baumgartner, Patricia – d.** 2/1/2009

At Tek: 1/3/1977 to 3/30/1990

**Bolin, Ada – d.** 2/25/2009

At Tek: 3/28/1966 to 2/1/1980

**Booth, Lois – d.** 4/8/2009

At Tek: 5/28/1962 to 7/28/1993

**Brown, Rose – d.** 3/21/2009

At Tek: 2/14/1966 to n/a

**Burich, Shirley – d.** 4/2/2009

At Tek: 10/10/1966 to 8/31/1978

**Bushell, Lynn – d.** 2/23/2009

At Tek: Not Available

**Cookman, John – d.** 3/9/2009

At Tek: 10/31/1960 to 8/12/1994

**Crosby, Edward – d.** 3/27/2009

At Tek: 8/27/1973 to 5/28/1991

**Curran, Phyllis – d.** 12/1/2008

At Tek: 1/16/1961 to 7/7/1978

**Decker, Mary – d.** 3/10/2009

At Tek: 11/8/1976 to n/a

**Dietzel, Margaret – d.** 2/9/2009

At Tek: 9/9/1974 to 5/9/1986

**Eggleston, Lois – d.** 3/4/2009

At Tek: 12/27/1972 to 1/7/1987

**Ericson, Dorothy – d.** 2/23/2009

At Tek: 9/19/1966 to 8/12/1994

**Feitush, Clyde – d.** 1/31/2009

At Tek: 6/30/1952 to 10/9/1975

**Garber, Allen – d.** 4/3/2009

At Tek: 5/5/1997 to 4/16/2000

**Gawrylow, Duane – d.** 12/2/2008

At Tek: 5/13/2007 to 11/28/2007

**Goodwill, Timothy – d.** 1/1/2009

At Tek: 8/29/1994 to 9/24/1999

**Goodwin, H – d.** 1/28/2009

At Tek: 8/18/1975 to 7/5/1985

**Guthrie, Thomas – d.** 4/5/2009

At Tek: 6/30/1969 to 9/8/1995

**Haggard, Marie – d.** 3/18/2009

At Tek: 7/6/1965 to 5/17/1982

**Halstead, Vernona – d.** 4/11/2009

At Tek: Not Available

**Hawkins, Patrick – d.** 3/9/2009

At Tek: 12/3/1979 to 4/14/1994

**Herman, Victor – d.** 2/26/2009

At Tek: 6/25/1979 to 1/5/1994

**Hueneke, Dick – d.** 1/17/2009

At Tek: 4/17/1978 to 6/6/1986

**Johnson, Lawana – d.** 4/26/2009

At Tek: 6/26/1978 to 8/3/1993

**Jones, Clarence – d.** 1/31/2009

At Tek: 12/16/1957 to 4/29/1983

**Jurhs, Margaret – d.** 3/7/2009

At Tek: 8/1/1966 to 7/23/1991

**Kessinger, Jo Ann – d.** 2/5/2009

At Tek: 9/16/1968 to 8/22/1986

**Lind, Geraldine – d.** 2/20/2009

At Tek: 7/13/1959 to 4/29/1983

**Loehner, John – d.** 3/3/2007

At Tek: 6/10/1974 to 7/25/1986

**Miller, Norman – d.** 1/17/2009

At Tek: 4/24/1961 to 7/11/1986

**Morrison, Audrey – d.** 2/1/2009

At Tek: Not Available

**Neff, Vera – d.** 2/17/2009

At Tek: 8/9/1966 to n/a

**Nollette, Leroy – d.** 4/8/2009

At Tek: 4/9/1973 to 3/27/1981

**Osburn, Loyde – d.** 3/3/2009

At Tek: 5/1/1958 to 7/26/1975

**Palumbo, Daniel – d.** 2/27/2009

At Tek: 7/23/1979 to 7/1994

**Pataki, Istvan – d.** 1/24/2009

At Tek: 11/13/1961 to 4/11/1980

**Pliler, Robert – d.** 12/24/2008

At Tek: 3/5/1965 to 4/10/1982

**Quigley, Mildred – d.** 2/7/2009

At Tek: 4/27/1964 to 4/30/1979

**Rainwater, Clarence – d.** 2/13/2009

At Tek: 10/24/1966 to n/a

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At Tek: 10/24/1966 to n/a

**Sabus, Stephanie – d.** 7/5/2008

At Tek: 6/21/1973 to 3/18/1989

**Scobey, Maxine – d.** 2/15/2009

At Tek: 6/18/1972 to 5/28/1984

**Smith, Katherine – d.** 7/27/2008

At Tek: 5/14/1956 to 9/1/1967

**Smith, Neil – d.** 3/17/2009

At Tek: 5/8/1978 to 3/5/2000

**Taylor, Elberta – d.** 2/11/2009

At Tek: 8/18/1969 to 1/19/1999

**Taylor, Richard – d.** 2/15/2009

At Tek: 2/8/1965 to 1/5/1994

**Workman, Jean – d.** 2/16/2009

At Tek: 1/7/1957 to 8/20/1982

**Worth, Phyllis – d.** 3/17/2009

At Tek: Not Available



**Gerald Montgomery**—Written by:  
Suzanne Montgomery

Elwell E. (Al) Swanson received the ultimate Christmas gift on December 25, 2008 when he graduated into the presence of his Savior, Jesus Christ, at the age of 94 years. He was born in Minneapolis, MN, on March 25, 1914 and earned a Bachelor and a Master degree from the University of Minnesota.

During World War II, he was in charge of priorities for the Manhattan Project in Oakridge, TN. His most rewarding job was as Controller of Tektronix from 1961-1980. Upon retirement, He served as Tek's financial consultant from 1980-1984.

He is survived by his only daughter, Suzanne Montgomery, and his grandchildren, Michele Hagglund and Stephen Montgomery.

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

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## Editorial

*By Louis Sowa*

I apologize for the confusion last issue with the Trading Post part of the 25 Years Ago article. We did not make it sufficiently clear that this was part of the 25 Years Ago, not current. This oversight was not Gary's fault, he just sent the data. If you were confused you were not alone.

There are many websites featuring Tek history, one that I have recently become aware of is: <http://www.classictek.org/> Maybe we will be able to provide URLs for some of the others in the future.

The DVD of Howard being interviewed by Jim Castles in 1984 was a big hit. Homer Speers, who volunteers with the Washington County Historical Society thought they would be interested in obtaining some of these interviews (we have more than one). Rick Slavens of the Washington County Historical Society has since contacted me. I will put him in contact with the appropriate Tek employees.

We will show more of these interviews at other TRVP functions and maybe at the Spring Elks gathering.

At least some of you that were mailed luncheon invitations noticed that the year was wrong.

### Tek-Retiree Spring Reunion at Elks Date Change

Please mark your calendars for Friday, June 12, 2009 at 11:30 am with a luncheon buffet at noon. The location will be at the Beaverton Elk's Lodge #1989, 3500 SW 104<sup>th</sup>, Beaverton, OR 97005. This is open

to all former Tektronix, Inc employees. If you are an Elk's Lodge member, you can also park your RV on their grounds for a reasonable fee. Please contact the Lodge directly.

As many of you know, we have had some difficulty in making ends meet so we must request \$14 per person for the lunch. If you know of anyone who does not have access to the Tek Retirees web site or does not receive the Retirees Newsletter (TRVP), please pass on the information.

The building is now completely non-smoking and has handicap access to the back room.

Also, if anyone has a need for special foods, please let me know at: [marge.livermore@verizon.net](mailto:marge.livermore@verizon.net)

### 55-Alive Class Rescheduled

The 55-Alive class has been rescheduled and will be taught by Bruce Hollister on March 28 and 29. It is a two-day class from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00. It will be held in Building 58 conference room 1NH13 near the reception area. The fee will be \$10.00 per person.

A reduction in your car insurance may be possible, check with your insurance com-

pany. To be scheduled for the class please call the TRVP office at 503-627-4056 and leave a message or email us at: [tek-retirees@tektronix.com](mailto:tek-retirees@tektronix.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

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# TRVP Volunteer Luncheon 2009



