

TEK RETIREE NEWS

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Program



Web Page: www.tekretirees.org

A Newsletter for and by Tek Retirees

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Announcing: vintageTEK.org

Ex-Tektronix enthusiasts eager to perpetuate the memory of a unique and wonderful Oregon company, have developed plans to form a Tektronix Museum in Beaverton, Oregon named vintageTEK.org. Our objectives will be to share with Tektronix enthusiasts around the globe, what it was like to be a part of a company, from its inception in 1946, through its years of growth, and years of market share dominance in the worldwide oscilloscope market.

Our plans call for both a brick and mortar museum, and a virtual presence on the internet www.classictek.org to maximize our exposure for those who cannot visit our birthplace in Oregon. It will be paid for primarily by contributions and endowments as a tax exempt educational entity - 503 (c) (1) under the IRS Code. It is our hope that this institution we all loved and referred to as "Mother Tek" will live in perpetuity as the result of our efforts. Instrument displays, measurements, and re-creation of Engineering, Test Department, Field Office, and some Customer measurement examples will be the centerpiece of our displays.

The content for the museum will come from many sources, including equipment and memorabilia donations from ex-Tektronix employees, Tektronix Inc, Tek collectors, and Tek enthusiasts worldwide. To date, we have assembled pledges of approximately 2,000 Tek instruments from collectors and ex-employees, and tons of documents, publications, parts, manuals, accessories, catalogs, brochures, concept books, and other memorabilia.

Our Volunteer Board of Directors

vintageTEK.org

James H. Cook
Stanley A. Griffiths
Edward B. Sinclair

There are many ways you can help guarantee our success:

A. Donations

1. Donate Tek built items from the founding years thru our market dominance era.

2. Pledge personal collections you want displayed in your name for generations.

3. Donate materials such as photos, documents, photo books, phone books, catalogs, employee lists, company publications, parts lists, manuals, brochures, etc.

4. Bequeath a portion of your estate for museum endowment.

B. Volunteers

1. Technicians will be needed to refurbish and recalibrate displayed instruments.

2. Engineers can assist in designing challenging learning displays.

3. Sales & Marketing personnel can document history and promotional displays.

4. Support areas can document and display support materials that made Tek #1.

5. Administrative staff can record Tek's strategic vision and philosophy.

6. Interns can assist in display creation, advertising, and cataloging donations.

C. Membership

1. Annual and Lifetime Membership will be available with benefits.

D. Volunteer for Advisory Board Positions

1. Active Participants as Advisory Board Members.

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Thank you for your support,
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Ecuador

by Leigh Knox

(Continued from May Issue)

Sad to leave Galapagos but excited about joining the Pachamama group for the next 10 days, we flew back to the mainland (with Nancy laughing outloud at my CD player...says she hadn't seen one of them for a long time and arrived at the charming hotel Café Cultura where we met everyone which included 6 folks from Buenos Aires.

The Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream symposium:

(www.awakeningthedreamer.org)

is being presented all over the world and we were a good representation of that—and the Argentines were wonderful and added so much to my experience. We had a 16-year old boy with his godfather (one of the leaders) and this trip was his initiation into manhood—and what a delight he was! Unbelievably, we had a woman named Konda (from California) and a woman named Ana (Buenos Aires) so we, as a community, became the AnaKondas. We began our time heading north to Otavalo where there is a huge market with mostly indigenous (Quichua...the Incas conquered this area, too) vendors...my, some of the purchases folks made and what fun we had doing it.

Seeing whole roasted pigs and guinea pigs rotating on spits (a change from Safeway) and seeing the smiles on those incredibly handsome faces, a treat. Even better the next day, Sunday, was seeing faces and costumes and hearing music at a great parade (celebrating the flowering of the maize...there are 4 celebrations a year for the cycles of maize life) with folks from miles around (many soccer/football teams marching proudly) in a nearby village. It was an impressive parade with a big turnout at the stadium where it ended...then speeches and lots of stuff! All this was in the Andes at about 9000'—I definitely felt it walking up the steep hill to our marvelous hotel owned by Quichua people.

Then, ugh, we had to get up at 4:30 or something to get back to Quito to go to Kapawi Lodge (www.kapawi.com) which really is about as far away from "civilization" as you can get: it's 35 minutes by medium-sized plane to Shell (yes, the town is named for the Shell Oil Co...it used to be all rainforest so that's the beginning of seeing the destruction) then 50 minutes by small plane (the Achuar are now the first indigenous group to own their own aircraft, an ancient Cessna). It takes about 1/2 of the time before you stop seeing any signs of "settlement." Then we traveled 1/2 hour by motorized canoe. And there you are in an unbelievably beautiful place in one of the finest eco-lodges on the planet.

TekWeek 25 Years Ago

From Tekweek, condensed by Gary Hoselton

'Emmy' Award presented to Tek!

The lights were low and the candles flickered in the Imperial Ballroom of the Sheraton Centre Hotel in New York as Dave Friedley (Communications Group VP) received a coveted National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Engineering Emmy award for 1983-84. Dave credited Charlie Rhodes for his foresight and catalytic leadership. Tom Long and Phil Crosby were present. Larry Kaplan (TV Products Division GM) said Tek has been a behind-the-scenes contributor from the very beginning of television. Virtually every television facility in the world has some Tektronix products in operation. The Emmy statuette was brought to Beaverton, and proudly displayed at the Tek annual shareholders meeting.

Tek and GVG at 1984 Summer Olympics!

ABC purchased two more custom switch-

ers at well over \$200k each from Grass Valley Group for the Summer Olympics, to provide television routing, special effects, and transmission. GVG served 23 remote sites, from rowing events 75 miles north of Los Angeles to equestrian events in San Diego County. Gordon Fellows (GVG Field Service manager) said GVG equipment is very reliable; we had only two minor problems at Sarajevo. Tek and GVG had service shops on-site, and a lot of international broadcasters were extremely interested in new Tek products they saw in action. And, a very excited Mary Sipprell, of Comm Group/TV-FDI, played in the alto saxophone section of the 736-piece Olympic All-American Band, at opening and closing ceremonies and at several Olympic events and Disneyland.

Fitness!

Wilsonville Tek's had an after work fun run around campus, followed by a potluck. Vancouver C1 inaugurated their new 1.5k, 3k, and 5k trails with a 6AM run, followed

Anniversaries!

Beaverton Tek honored eight 25-year em-

ployees, and Deane Kidd with 35 years, who joined in August, 1949, at the Hawthorne plant in SE Portland. Guernsey honored sixteen 20-year employees at lunch, and ten year employee Mark Parr flew his half-size Focke Wulf 190 fighter over the plant—took him four years to build it of glass fibre over a spruce frame with 100 hp Roll Royce engine.

Trading Post

Please remember that these ads were placed 25 years ago -- they are no longer available, but very interesting to compare to prices today.

COMPLETE queen size waterbed comes with everything, \$145

LOVELY home 185th Aloha, 2 br 2 ba, family rm, kitchen, living rm w/ fpl and insert, dining rm, utility rm, 2 car carport, lovely patio, \$36k

APPALOOSA colt, by Apache Painter out of reg qtr mare. Bay, star, \$400

FREE kittens, black and white marking, litter box, trained, adorably frisky and curious.

The Achuar live in this remote area in southern Ecuador and Peru and they are the people the Pachamama Alliance (www.pachamama.org) partner with in hopes of saving their piece of the rainforest from mining and oil development. There are lots of wonderful stories to tell but not the space here....one: Daniel, an Ecuadorian responsible for much of the contact with the Achuar (along with John Perkins, Confessions of an Economic Hit Man), tells of much time in a canoe with an Achuar man as they looked for just the right place to put the Lodge. Every place, of course, seemed exquisite in its beauty and they wondered if they'd ever find the "right" place...when a pink dolphin literally led them to the lagoon where the lodge now is—and, because of a huge kind of philodendron that mosquitoes don't like, it's relatively bug-free on top of it!

The Achuar People are a dream culture who live still as they have for millennia; a few years ago their elders began having dreams about a huge destructive force coming towards them. They know of the destruction of the land and lives of their neighbors and realized they could not "run away" so reached out to the modern world for help in maintaining the integrity of their culture and rainforest. In addition, these wise ones said that unless we change the

dream of the North (meaning all industrialized nations) there's not much hope for the planet; from this has grown the Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream symposium developed by Pachamama Alliance and now being given all over the world:

www.Awakeningthedreamer.org

with the mission to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just human presence on Planet Earth. I hope you'll be able to attend one soon!

We had time with a Quechua shaman in the Andes and an Achuar shaman during our visit to an Achuar village (traditionally they lived as families only but now are in villages no larger than 150; there are about 6000 Achuar people—they're trying to increase the population...our shaman has 2 wives and 21 children) about 2 hours by canoe from the lodge. Both interesting and very different experiences—though, sadly, no epiphanies for me!

It took most of the day to get us all out of the forest to Puyo what with rain and planes that only carry 4 passengers! Darn, I was in the first group. Had a couple of relatively relaxing days before returning to Quito for final dinner and sad farewells.

The next morning Nancy and I left for Bella Vista, a private reserve in the cloud forest (<http://www.bellavistacloudforest.com>), probably the highest cloud forest in the world. There are many varieties of hummingbirds and the several feeders bring so many one can just sit and stare at the beauty for hours. Wonderful to be in the clouds and have the rain—and we even had some sun—and walk on the slippery trails in this gorgeous forest. Our room felt like we were in the upper branches of some trees. So much Life!

Then several hours' drive to Banos, a small mountain tourist town with hot (from the volcanos) baths (thus the name Banos) and a gorgeous setting....lots of waterfalls in the area, too. The Pastaza is the river we were on at Kapawi in Amazonia, too. We stayed in a lovely hostel (owned by a couple from Chicago) filled with art (thus the name Posada del Arte!) a few blocks from downtown. Great fun seeing lots of Ecuadorian as well as foreign tourists and going to the public bath at 6 AM, but mostly just relaxing and wandering and spending time on the roof looking at the mountain and falls right there. There's an active volcano and we saw it smoking; only a few years ago the whole town was evacuated but it missed the town when it blew.

Retiree Deaths Posted in May, Jun., & Jul., 2009

Ashmore, Gerald – d. 4/24/2009
At Tek: 8/20/1981 to 5/30/1990

Berg, Lydia – d. 5/3/2009
At Tek: 6/12/1952 to 6/10/1977

Evensen, Karl – d. 5-1-2009
At Tek: Not Available

Force, Clifford – d. 3/29/2009
At Tek: 1/23/1961 to 1/27/1984

Freeman, Mark – d. 4/5/2009
At Tek: 7/5/1977 to 7/28/1991

Hatch, Emily – d. 5/22/2009
At Tek: 1/14/1975 to 10/24/1986

Leu, Betty – d. 3/6/2009
At Tek: 2/25/1959 to 5/4/1979

Lobberegt, June – d. 3/22/2009
At Tek: 8/4/1958 to 10/29/1980

Mallery, Philip – d. 5/8/2009
At Tek: 10/16/1950 to 8/22/1986

Michael, George – d. 4/22/2009
At Tek: 10/2/1968 to 1/4/1985

Moir, Evangaline – d. 7/7/2009
At Tek: Not Available

Morlock, Melvin J. – d. 6/11/2009
At Tek: 1958 to 1983

Nessling, Ted – d. 7/9/2009
At Tek: 1959 to 1988

Owens, John – d. 4/19/2009
At Tek: 5/2/1977 to n/a

Palmer, Dale – d. 4/21/2009
At Tek: 7/2/1958 to 9/30/1991

Peabody, James – d. 5/13/2009
At Tek: 9/11/1950 to 4/29/1983

Siegel, Louis – d. 3/24/2008
At Tek: 1/8/1951 to 4/29/1983

Sitner, Ron – d. 5-23-2009
At Tek: Not Available

Strunk, Verna – d. 5/15/2009
At Tek: 2/22/1954 to 6/25/1976

To, Chay – d. 3/15/2009
At Tek: 4/4/1979 to 2/11/1982

Webb, Cletis – d. 5/8/2009
At Tek: 1/2/1980 to 6/27/1986

Winchester, Darrel – d. 4/25/2009
At Tek: 1/11/1982 to 10/31/1996

During the transition of employee records from Mercer to Danaher we have been unable to get death information for June and July. We hope we will be able to acquire that information again soon.

Nancy's a good traveling companion (though she makes me look like a slug!) and it was fun having her enthusiasm. It was interesting traveling with someone else as I've not done that in a while....fortunately, we're both pretty independent. And she's a great planner! I'm sure she agrees that Ecuador is an amazing country, so beautiful and varied. It was mostly a natural world trip and wonderful for that....so many reasons to return, so much to explore, so much still to learn. Nancy's an excellent photographer and I urge you to go to:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/npanitch>
to see some of her photos of the trip.

Of course, I'll be glad to bore you further if you'd like to talk more about it. Thanks for reading and Joy to you.

Adios, Leigh

55-Alive Alternative

Sometimes the best safety feature is an education

We have been offering the 55-Alive course on site for a number of years. Currently we expect to continue that, however there is an alternative that may be attractive for some. You can take the course on line from AARP. For the online AARP Drivers Safety Course go to:

<http://www.aarp.org/drive>

**Tektronix Retiree Volunteer Program
Web Page Address:
www.tekretirees.org**

I'm Retired, how can I volunteer?

Q I'm retired and I would like to volunteer in my community but I don't know where to begin. Any ideas?

A You're in great company. A whopping 61 million people are currently volunteering around the country, according to government statistics. To begin you need to decide what interests you – working with children or with an animal welfare group, or for a particular cause. To find a volunteer opportunity near you, go to the government website, www.serve.gov and plug in your zip code. AARP also lists hundreds of jobs at www.aarp.org/makeadifference/. The site matches individual interests with opportunities and enables volunteers to share their

experiences and skills. Also see page one of this issue.



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

There is a group working on preserving Tek history. That is equipment, documentation, and culture, See the article on page one. There is a lot of effort going into this very large project. If you have any inclination to get involved by all means contact Ed at 503-209-5894.

As with the rest of Tektronix we have been affected by the purchase of Tektronix by Danaher. Some of the companies that were contracted to provide information to us such as the quarterly retiree address database and the monthly retiree death list are in the process of being transferred to other organizations. During this time we are not getting the timely data we need to properly do our job. The expectation these problems will eventually be resolved. We will continue to do the best we can with the information we have. Currently we expect to stay in operation. We are living in very volatile times, probably more so than any of us can remember.

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@easystreet.net

TekRetirees Gathering

All former Tektronix employees, even those who did not retire with Tektronix are welcome at these events at the Elks. Also non-Tek spouses and other guests are welcome.

The December gathering will be:

At the Beaverton Elks

Friday December 4th.2009

More details in the next issue

Contact: Al Foleen

Calendar

Marconi's Cronies

Meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except July and August):

12:00 p.m.

Tom's Restaurant
3871 SE Division Street
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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