

# TEK RETIREE NEWS

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Retiree  
Volunteer  
Program



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A Newsletter for and by Tek Retirees

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## Antique Powerland

### Introduction

Antique Powerland is a power equipment heritage site operated by the Antique Powerland Museum Association, a non-profit organization. Antique Powerland was originally established by a group of enthusiasts dedicated to the preservation, restoration and demonstration of steam powered equipment, antique farm machinery and implements.

Antique Powerland's goal is to become an area destination museum facility that is open year round.

### Museum Info: 503-393-2424

Location: Antique Powerland is located in Brooks, Oregon. 1/4 mile west off of Exit 263 on I-5 (about 8 miles north of Salem) Take I-5 to exit 263. Go west 2 blocks on Brooklake Road and you will see us on the north side of the road.

**Pacific NW Truck Museum** is open 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays and holidays from April 1 to September 30th.

**Willow Creek Railroad** is open every Sunday from Memorial Day to Labor Day & select holidays. Hours are noon - 4:00 pm.

**Oregon Electric Railway Museum Street Car Rides:** Call 503-393-2424 for more information and schedules.

### Partner Museums & Clubs

In addition to the Antique Powerland Museum Association established to operate the museum site, Powerland presently encompasses 14 additional museums and heritage organizations operating in partnership. Several have established property leases for purposes of locating museum facilities.

### The museum and organizational grouping includes the following:

**Western Steam Fiends Association** – This organization represents the foremost steam heritage group on the West Coast. Equipment includes stationary steam apparatus, steam traction engines, a rail mounted steam crane, and a restored, operating sawmill, *Miller Lumber Company*. The Steam Fiends represent the charter group at Powerland.

**Branch 15 – Early Day Gas Engines & Tractors Association** – Organized in 1970, Branch 15 represents small engines, tractors and related farm implements interests. Branch 15 has hosted three national shows of the EDGE&TA organization.

**Antique Implement Society** – AIS was initially established as the non-profit arm of Powerland. More recently the organization adopted responsibility for the presentation of large operating gas and oil engines in the recently completed Hilands Building.

**Willow Creek Railroad** – Over a twenty five year period, this group has built an operating miniature railroad that features scaled operating replicas of steam and diesel locomotives. Riders sit on the cars. Of great interest to the younger set, this railroad setting includes complete landscaping, replica buildings, and a mile of track.

**Oregon Two Cylinder Club** – In effect, the region's John Deere tractor and implements club, the Two Cylinder Club has become a major participant at Powerland. Two Cylinder is responsible for a three acre operating wheat field. Activities include plowing and fall planting, and heritage harvesting including threshing and bailing during the Steam-Up.

**Northwest Blacksmith Association** – An informal organization, these folks operate the site's well supplied blacksmith shop and heritage machine shop.

**Brooks Historical Society** – Established in 1986, Brooks Historical Society has been responsible for the historic Brooks Depot since they moved it to Powerland in 1989 and created the Brooks Depot Museum within the building. The organization has added an element of local history to the Powerland community by celebrating local pioneer families and their stories.

**Pacific Northwest Truck Museum** – The Truck Museum is an organization dedicated to the preservation of trucking history and the vintage truck, with particular emphasis on Pacific Northwest trucking. With museum space of 26,300 sq. ft., the Museum presents 60 beautifully

restored trucks on display in the most professional and complete museum setting available at Powerland. It also is host to the annual Truck Show.

**Oregon Electric Railway Historical Society** – This group was incorporated in Oregon in 1957 with a mission to preserve the regional heritage of electric railway transportation. The organization initiated a move to Powerland in 1996 to establish the Oregon Electric Railway Museum. The Society has constructed a car barn, an operating street car museum powerhouse, facilitated extensive landscaping, and continues to add track and overhead.

### Oregon Tractor Pullers, Inc

**Oregon Fire Service Museum, Memorial & Learning Center** – The Oregon Fire Service Museum (OFSM) was established in 1993 to preserve the history and heritage of the "Oregon Fire Service." This museum is presently involved in fundraising to acquire funds for Phase 1 of a planned period museum building design.

**Antique Caterpillar Machinery Museum** – Separate from the international Antique Caterpillar Machinery Owners Club initiated by this same organization at Powerland, the "Cat" museum has erected an exhibit building at Powerland.

**Willamette Valley Model Railroad Museum** – Incorporated in 1979, the museum is in transition from a site in Keizer. The group targeted Powerland as the preferred location for a permanent home.

### Volunteering

We talk a lot about volunteers at Powerland and for a profound reason. Volunteers are literally "what make the Powerland phenomenon possible," a fact shared with the partner organizations. Volunteers serve on boards, committees, put on events, mow, paint, repair, plan, build, host and then "do it all again." During the Steam-Up, more than 700 volunteers each day present the best heritage show in the Pacific Northwest.

See **Volunteering** (cont.) on Page 2)

## TekWeek 45 Years Ago

*Condensed by Gary Hoselton*

### Winter storms batter Oregon

The last three weeks of December, 1963 brought ice, winds, rain, snow, and floods. Severe weather hampered construction of new Technical Center, Tek's reported fire in a construction shack caused by electric heater drying rain gear. Tek's Warehouse built for 15°F outside temperature, and 5° readings had employees bringing heavy clothing and electric heaters. Then warm rains came from Hawaii, causing snowmelt and catastrophic flooding, with rivers cresting in the metro area Christmas eve. Tek Industrial Park was spared flooding because Don Postlewaite's grounds crew built a raft, cristered the Good Ship SS Effluent, from which they thoroughly cleaned Beaverton Creek of reeds, trash, and kid's diving boards, finishing just before the storm. The raft then slipped its mooring in high water and was lost, but Tek campus did not flood.

Three Tekes, Mike Park, John Kobbe, and John McAllister, offered their services and famous DUKW (WW2 amphibious truck) to sheriffs, and were called to Paradise Park near Estacada to rescue four men trapped in trees, surrounded by 25mph current of Clackamas River. After a National Guard DUKW, Coast Guard boats, and a helicopter failed, the Tekes rescued the four men, who'd been in the trees for

18 hours, and rescued the stranded NG DUKW. The Coast Guard recommended them for a Medal of Honor, and Congressman Wendall Wyatt cited them for heroism on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Normally crystal-clear Bull Run water became turbid, a worry for some processes in CRT manufacturing, so the Blitz Weinhard brewery in downtown Portland instantly provided 200 gallons of distilled water gratis to CRT. Then Tek rented an 1800 gallon stainless steel milk truck and hauled water daily for much of January from Tek Dennis Brown's irrigation well near Laurel, south of Hillsboro.

Scott Foster, Director of Purchasing, lost his new summer home near Wemme to flooding, and the new main channel of the Sandy River flows right through his entire lot. Winds gusting to 80 MPH toppled the east patio wall at the Administration Bldg 74, tilted trees about the campus, and Volkswagen shuttlebusses were grounded after drivers reported difficulty keeping them on the roads.

### Sony/Tektronix formed

Sony/Tek receives governmental approvals, is owned 50-50 by Sony and Tektronix and will occupy top floor in new Sony building in Tokyo. Key Sony/Tek people have been in Beaverton since Fall, initial products identified. Facilities built a new walnut shell blast machine for cleaning parts and sent it to Tokyo. Separately, Capacitors Mechanical Service built a new

oil impregnator machine and sent it to Tek Guernsey for their Tek-built capacitor line.

### Oscilloscope patent infringement trial finally underway

On March 2, 1961, Tek filed a claim in the US Court of Claims that the United States Government encouraged the copy of our patented instruments on military contracts. Three suppliers, Hickok Electrical Instrument Co, Jetronics Industries, and LaVoie Laboratories, were brought into the case as third party defendants. Tek claims it is not ethical for government to encourage and condone copying of privately financed designs, the cheapest initial cost product isn't always the best, and patents are not to be infringed. The trial began February 1, 1965, in Washington DC, under Commissioner Donald Lane, an electrical engineer and patent attorney. The film "The Oscilloscope Draws a Graph," was shown to make sure everyone had a good understanding of what the oscilloscope is and does. VP Bill Webber was Tek's first witness, and Engineer Jim Knapton was Tek's major witness; he explained thoroughly and in detail the circuitry in Tek's patents and how they were infringed by Hickock, Jetronics, and Lavoie. Tek's subsequent witnesses were from these three suppliers, however, a Hickock attorney was taken to hospital with bleeding ulcer February 11th, the trial recessed, and had not resumed as of the end of March.

### Volunteering (cont)

A lot is written on why people volunteer. And indeed, there are a bunch of reasons. But in the end, it likely comes down to a couple of motivations. There is a sense of satisfaction in being part of making something of value happen. And then there is "just plain enjoying oneself and having fun with friends and others of like interests." In other words, it is good for "body and soul" or, if you wish, well being!

Well, Powerland must be delivering a lot of well being because it is amazing the amount of volunteer effort invested in the site over the period of a year. It used to be a matter of getting the place in shape in the spring, and then putting on the Steam-Up. But now, the Site is a "year around going concern" and with much more to come!

For several years, Powerland has operated a planned volunteer program. On Wednesday's, volunteers get together to tackle jobs on a list maintained and managed by the Volunteer Coordinator. Volun-

teers meet between 9 and 10 a.m. to plant, paint, mow grass and generally get the place ready for the season. This group is particularly appealing to those of us who are retired or otherwise can take time off to get involved.

Small miracles are achieved. Flower beds come to life, trees trimmed, the grass gets cut and some paint applied. Maintenance projects get attended to and equipment is maintained operational. Coffee is available and as well a lunch served complements of APMA.

There is another group of volunteers who take on the bigger jobs of building repairs, new construction and significant infrastructure maintenance and improvements. The contribution is equally significant and fundamental to the sites continued improvement.

*Your volunteer time is needed any day or hours that you can spare! Call the APMA Office at 503-393-2424 or drop by for the current project list.*

### Great news for vintageTEK

vintageTEK contacted the Vollums in December and received a call from Steve Vollum this week. I described our vision of starting out a sample museum in B50 Tek Heritage Room, and eventually buying some land on Sunset Highway, and building a small replica of the Sunset Plant as a museum building. He was very excited about our vision and offered to help. He offered his family's assistance, and even spoke about some startup funds they may be able to provide. I had a list of several items I hoped they could locate of Howards, and donate for the museum.

They did not have the Jim Castles interviews of Howard, so I promised to give them copies for their family. He has volunteered to edit these raw DVD interviews for us, and create a final publishable DVD that vintageTEK can present to donors as a gift.

I was asked to make a presentation at the next Annual Volunteer Luncheon on April 24, 2010. We will try to have a few of the

gifts available to show the group at that time. Along that line, we have developed a logo for our museum, and will be developing gifts that donors can wear to advertise our organization.

We are rolling folks, and will continue our fundraising efforts internally. We are not so naïve to think we could replicate the \$134M raised by the Computer History Museum in Mt. View, but I will not consider our efforts a success if we cannot exceed \$5M-\$6M! We don't have a Gene Amdahl, or a Bill Gates, but our IDD Products have achieved prominence already at their Mt. View museum, and Tek has a great history in T&M. Once we bootstrap this internal effort ourselves, approaching industry luminaries will be much easier, when we can show our dedication to commemorate vintage Tektronix!

Please contact me at 503-209-5894 if you have any donations of Tek equipment, Tek memorabilia, or cash. Our address is vintageTEK, PO Box 2330, Beaverton, OR 97075-2330 eds@vintagetek.org

Ed SinClair  
Stan Griffiths

### June 12, Retiree Gathering at Elks

*by Marge Livermore*

We are in the middle of trying to find some place more reasonable than the Beaverton Elks. They have been good to us and everyone knows where they are located. However, we have not taken in enough money the last few years to pay the bill. Thanks to a few generous people who donated more than the 'going rate' we were able to pay the bill. So I need to know how you, the people, feel about trying to find another venue. Also, do you want lunch or do you just want snacks so you can wander around and talk to people. You know, the ones you haven't seen since the last time.

We will try the Elks one more time on Saturday, June 12th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and the total cost we are shooting for is \$275 for room rent, coffee, tea and ice water. The other stuff you'll have to get yourself. I'll have notepaper out asking for your opinion. As usual, the majority rules for the future and that will be announced in the newsletter at a later date.

### Behind Those Cards

We would like to introduce Betty Plummer. She has been working in the TRVP office for several months, mostly sending out cards and other miscellaneous tasks. We belatedly realized many of you do not know who is behind those cards since Evelyn Marsh is no longer able to do them.

## Retiree Deaths Nov., Dec., 2009 & Jan., 2010

**Adams, Clyde** – d. 12-29-09  
At Tek: 1956 to 1986  
**Ashenbrenner, Erwin E.** – d. 11-26-09  
**Baker, James W.** – d. 11-07-2009  
At Tek: 1974 to 1998  
**Bitterman, Lena** – d. 12-26-09  
**Brammer, James H. Jr.** – d. 11-22-2009  
**Brogaard, Magnus** – d. 11-29-09  
**Cantrall, Gene** – d. 11-11-09  
**Carter, Roger E.** – d. 10-26-09  
**Davis, Catherine J.** – d. 10-18-09  
**De Joode, Julius** – d. 09-09-09  
**Distler, Susan F.** – d. 11-16-09  
**Eason, Dave** – d. 3-12-2009  
**Finley, Vivian** – d. 12-25-09  
**Garrison, Larry C.** – d. 01-02-10  
At Tek: 1969 to 1983  
**Goolsbey, Lois (Lori)** – d. 10-21-09  
**Hicks, Berdella (Bea)** – d. 10-26-2009  
At Tek: ~18 years  
**Hunt, Kristine** – d. 12-08-09  
**Jensen, David J.** – d. 10-15-09  
**Luce, Patricia** – d. 11-25-09  
**Lukens, Ruth** – d. 12-25-09  
**Mackie, Bill** – d. 8-22-2009  
At Tek: 1965 to 1975  
**Miller, Ruth** – d. 08-20-2009  
At Tek: ~30 years  
**Norene, Lloyd** – d. 9-10-09  
**Perkins, Richard** – d. 5-13-2009  
At Tek: ~35 yrs

**Schlehuber, Rachel Ann** – d. 12-01-09  
**Tabor, Lila** – d. 12-6-2009  
At Tek: 1956 to 1983  
**Thornberg, Evin Dale** – d. 10-29-2009  
At Tek: ~30 years  
**White, Pauline I.** – d. 11-16-09  
**Yerkes, William J.** – d. 7-27-09  
**Yoreson, William K.** – d. 1-12-2010  
At Tek: ~30 years

### Death Notices & Address Changes

We are no longer able to get death notices, length of service at Tektronix, or address changes from Tektronix data base.

We would appreciate any assistance retirees or members of their family can provide us. We have posted here the information we found in obituaries in the newspapers and from family members or friends who have notified us.

We would appreciate it very much if you would leave us a message on our voice mail at the TRVP office (503-627-4056) or you may email us information at:

tek-retirees@tektronix.com

The newspaper staff is only in the office on Wednesday's from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### TekRetiree June Gathering

We were unable to confirm a date, time and place of a June gathering of Tek Retirees at this time. We will publish the informa-

tion on our webpage and in the May issue of the TekRetiree newsletter as soon as the information is available. Tek Webpage:

www.tekretirees.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 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  
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

The Cash Balance Plan has been transferred to Danaher Pension Plan Processing Center with Hewitt. Questions should be directed to:  
1-800-580-7526

Anyone who has a 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

If you need to make changes to your Tektronix Retiree Volunteer Program Newsletter address please notify us at:

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### Editorial

*By Louis Sowa*

Ed Sinclair has a logo for Vintage TEK, will try to get that on the on line version and will be using it in the future, Thanks Ed.

In difficult times money is an issue for most. This is affecting TEK retirees as the Elks is requiring payment for use of their facilities. Since the number attending is unknown ahead of time it is impossible to come out even. As of now the future of these events is unknown. Maybe another facility can be found. The TEK gatherings at the Elks are not a TRVP sponsored function.

If you were not invited by letter to last years Volunteer Recognition Luncheon in April, that can be remedied. If you do volunteer work and would like to be invited please let us know. This year we will have a presentation on the Vintage TEK project and probably some vintage instruments.

### Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

The Volunteer luncheon will be held on April 24, 2010 in building 58 cafeteria. Please mark you calendar. If you were not invited last year and do volunteer work please let us know if you would like to be added to the invitation list.

There will be a presentation on the progress of the Tek Museum project.

### 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:

[mlscott@easystreet.net](mailto:mlscott@easystreet.net)

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This will be used in the future with Vintage Tek articles. We were short of space this time



### TEK NORTH reunion?

In 2006 a number of us ex-Teks got together in Port Townsend, WA for an informal lunch. Several have asked if we might repeat it. It would probably be held again in Port Townsend, mid day, sometime in August 2010. Weekdays preferred to avoid crowds as PT is a popular place in the summer. If interested, send an email to: [neil@robin-wood.com](mailto:neil@robin-wood.com).

### 55-Alive Class Scheduled

Bruce Hollister has been scheduled to teach another 55-Alive class at Tektronix on March 18th and 19th, 2010. The two day class is from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 in building 58, conference room 1NH13, off the reception area. The fee is \$14.00 or \$12.00 for AARP members. You pay at the class. You may report directly to Bldg. 58, but must show ID for security purposes.

Attending the class may qualify you for a discount, check with your insurance company.

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. Or, you may email us at:

[tek-retirees@tektronix.com](mailto:tek-retirees@tektronix.com)

### 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

Web Page: [www.geocities.com/pcboldies/](http://www.geocities.com/pcboldies/)

#### All Previous Tek-Employees Luncheon

2nd Monday of each Month  
Time: 11:30 a.m.

Where: Peppermill Restaurant  
Farmington Mall  
Corner of Farmington and Kinnaman Rd.  
17455 SW Farmington Rd. #26B  
Aloha, OR 97007

Contact: Annetta Spickelmier

## OPB interviewing exTeks at the Christmas Gathering



**Some pictures from  
the Christmas gath-  
ering at the Elks**



