

TEK RETIREE NEWS

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A Newsletter for and by Tek Retirees

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Early Tek Guersney

By: Roger Haight

Tek was growing rapidly in the late 1950's. Our marketing was growing and expanding into Europe. The new International Marketing group had been established and problems suggested that a Tek manufacturing facility should also be on site in that part of the world.

The island of Guernsey situated in the English Channel was selected as a place within the market we served that could provide the people, facilities and political climate that were needed.

Although an island, with a somewhat remote location, it had superb shipping and transportation facilities as a result of its tomato growing industry. There was an airport large enough to handle cargo, there were capable, resourceful people available and there was a building available. The island, because it was isolated, could be set up as a bonded warehouse, simplifying custom duties, inventory taxes and those sorts of problems and expenses.

Two people from Beaverton were selected to start up this new manufacturing facility; Earl Wantland from Staff Engineering and Dave Spinks from production assembly. Their first task was to set up a virtual plant here in Beaverton, a simulation of what they would do later when they arrived in Guernsey.

Earl and I shared adjacent benches in staff engineering. As he packed up his equipment and went out the door, asked if I would be available to answer any questions he might have "if there were any problems". Thus began my next very interesting 20 plus years at Tek.

While Earl and Dave were dealing with getting the plant set up in Guernsey...like where do you get quantities of soldering irons (they must be 220 volt of course). Then there were all of the benches, tools and other items. And there were people to hire and to train.

In Beaverton the Guernsey support group was set up to respond to their needs. We received their material allotment, packaged up the prepped kits, hardware and components in sort of a Heathkit configuration, and shipped them in the box

that they would deliver the finished instruments. We took care of component quality problems; modifications provided manuals and did what ever else they needed.

The Guernsey team soon established all of these resources themselves and set up their own material control. They received their material allotment just like the Beaverton plants, except it was delivered by Pan-Am instead of a green van.

Guernsey soon out grew the Victoria Avenue plant. They needed more space better suited for assembly. The new plant was built adjacent to the airport which provided lots of needed room. We kept the original building where they began producing Tek made components like transformers, capacitors and metal parts.

That was the start of Tek's International manufacturing activity. We continued to develop similar facilities in England, Holland, and the Sony Tek plants in Japan.

Guernsey Facts

A Channel Island

- Industries – Tourism, Tomatoes
- Guernsey means Green
- Official Language – English
- Was occupied by Germany during World War II
- Largest Town – St Peter Port Pop 42,000
- Climate similar to Western Oregon

Tek in Guernsey

- First Overseas Venture
- Tek moved into an unused Textile Plant Sept. 1958
- Tek had the biggest influence on Guernsey's Workforce
- More than 700 employees at peak.

More Information

- VitageTek has a Video on line www.vintagetek.org
- Guernsey newspaper

My Winter Trip To Russia

By: Tom Luther

I travelled alone to Russia January 2 through January 18, 2012, and offer this report on part of that trip. I spent the first five days in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg is at latitude 60 degrees north, and at just over three hundred years old is a new city by European standards. It and Moscow are probably the most visited by tourists, but that doesn't mean that they are particularly geared to them. Somehow I always get the impression that Russia is a little slow in ramping up the tourist industry.

My trip planning began a few months ago, when my Russian friend Lena said yes, she would join me there. Lena had been my interpreter on two previous trips to Russia, and we had become good friends. She also had visited us in Portland a couple years ago. My wife died of cancer last July; even so, I could imagine her frowning on such a trip, and my spending so much time alone with this much younger and very attractive lady.

I chose the trip dates based on Lena's availability—Russians are generally still on holiday during the first week or so of January since their Orthodox religion celebrates Christmas on January 7. I flew to and from Moscow on frequent flyer miles, then on Aeroflot from Moscow to St. Petersburg where Lena met me. And it was a good thing too—I would have been very lost without help. Nothing is in English in Russia, and their Cyrillic alphabet gives no clues to words on signs like it might in other parts of Europe. I was also greeted by the Russian winter—freezing temperatures, with a dusting of snow making everything a fairyland.

Lena had arrived earlier and already found the hotel, which I had booked on the internet. It turned out to be a great bargain and great location, but my first impression had me wondering for awhile. We first encountered an iron gate across a narrow passageway leading to a dismal courtyard; typical of many Russian buildings in the area. The gate opened by card key, then

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TekWeek 40 Years Ago

Condensed by Gary Hoselton

Tek products on show

■41,000 attended the 10-day **Het show in Amsterdam**, where Tek Holland demonstrated the 500MHz 7904 oscilloscope and logged considerable interest in calculators, Telequipment products, and the 211 “pocket” scope which, contrary to expectation, did not disappear in a visitor’s pocket. ■**Tek’s Machine Control group** showed our 1791 program verifier and 1781 editor at the Automation Control Devices exhibition in Paris, with Gary Neher presenting a paper on “Numerical Control Graphics Without a Computer”. They shared the Potter Instrument Company booth at the first annual CAD/CAM show in Atlanta, demonstrating our 1791 verifier and 4601 hard-copy unit in conjunction with Potter’s coordinate measuring machines and tape preparation systems. ■Tek featured the new 485, the world’s fastest portable scope with 350 MHz bandwidth at 5mV/div sensitivity, at the **IEEE show in New York City**, also featured the 7904 scope with 7A19 500-MHz vertical amplifier, 7D14 500-MHz counter and 7B92 sweep. Other products included the 4010 terminal with 4610 hard copy unit. Traffic was a disappointing 25,000, compared to 70,000 two years before, attributed to

slow economic recovery and proliferation of specialty shows.

Activities

■Eque-Tek (Tek employees horse club) sees movie “Down the Straightway” in Tech Center auditorium, also talk by horse trainer. ■Ski-Tek has outings to Mt. Ashland (coordinated by Bob Leith), Mt. Bachelor (Bob Ross), Grand Targhee WY (Millie Cantrall), and Crystal Mountain (Glenn Pelikan) ■Tek Employees’ Coin Club elects Bill Lamb president and Doug Freeman sec/treas, and has a coin show/auction. ■Dick Wells teaches Tek Employees Bridge Club class in bridge basics. ■Tek Gun Club elects Bill Evers president, Gary Fisher VP, Pete Keller treasurer, and Glen Rise secretary.

Teks making things happen

■Tek’s Electronics Post 876 of Explorer Scouts covered OSU tuition for former member from Japan who had lost his funding, and built a device for the Rehabilitation Institute of Oregon (RIO) which allows a quadraplegic to blow on a tube to type letters, turn light and TV on and off, and do many other tasks otherwise impossible. The post has 82 members; Lang Hedrick provides support, assisted by Bill Mark and 15 associate advisors. ■Tek Triangle, a Tek-sponsored Junior Achievement company, is displaying and selling their wooden brain-teaser called Irritation for \$1.50 in company cafeterias.

infamous political prison, and the Russian mint. Also, contains the Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral, where the remains of the last Russian Emperor, Nicholas II, and his family are interred.

- The Church of the Spilled Blood, built on the site of the assassination of Emperor Alexander II. A fantastic example of architecture and craftsmanship that took 24 years to build.

- The canals, which give the city the reputation of “the Venice of the North.” Alas, too cold and wet for a romantic boat ride, although they were available.

- The battleship Aurora, whose cannon signaled the start of the Great October Revolution in 1917.

St. Petersburg was only the first chapter of my storybook Russian adventure. We then traveled by train to two other cities, Voronezh and Moscow, where I stayed with Russian friends. But those chapters are for another time. I recommend to you a fur hat, long winter coat, warm scarf and gloves, insulated boots, and a winter vacation in St. Petersburg.

Niagara Falls

by: Judy Watkins

In September, 2011 we spent two days visiting Niagara Falls on the Canadian side. We arrived late on a Friday and were delighted to learn that at 9:00 p.m. every Friday there is a huge fireworks display at the foot of the falls and we were able to enjoy the program from our 6th floor hotel room. Our hotel stay included a free bus pass that delivered us to the many Niagara Falls attractions. The town is small and easy to get around in.

Niagara Falls is an entertainment destination for all age groups and an entire vacation could be spent there without being bored. This was our first visit and we headed to Table Rock at the foot of Horseshoe Falls where the photo opportunities are endless. It is also the place to buy tickets for the many falls attractions.

The Maid of the Mist boat trip took us very close to the foot of both the U.S. and Canadian falls. The noise, power and beauty of the falls were almost too much to absorb. Next was a tour that took us through a tunnel to a place where we were standing behind a portion of the falls, followed by a presentation on the falls’ creation, complete with special affects where the floor moved and rain fell with the sounds of earth moving (we wore rain coats). Part of the adventure ticket

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we walked up the cobblestone passage to a small door, also card key operated, that led into the building. Lots of these steel security doors on Russian buildings. A very small sign announced the name of the hotel. Up a few steps, through the door, and up six more steps and we were at the elevator which actually took us to the hotel, occupying the sixth and seventh floors. I never did find out what was on the other floors, but it was probably flats where local people lived.

I had booked two single rooms; bath down the hall. They turned out to be very clean and comfortable, but sparse, and the bathrooms were clean as well. Due to a mix-up, Lena had a room with two single beds and her own bath, and I had a room with a double bed and no bath. At least they did not try to charge us extra for them. They were pre-paid at about \$52 per night, breakfast included, although breakfast was at another property down the street. And they were centrally located so we could walk everywhere, although there were frequent buses going every which direction.

The Hermitage is the centerpiece of the city’s attractions, and is a museum of jaw-dropping splendor. No word description can begin to do justice to this palace of over 1000 rooms, all uniquely crafted and lavishly furnished with works of the finest artists. I learned over one million craftsmen worked on building the Hermitage, or Winter Palace, and that it is a museum second only to the Louvre in Paris. This being a holiday time, there was a long queue to get in; we stood with hundreds for over two hours in the gently falling snow (and freezing temperature) before reaching the entrance. But once inside, the crowds seemed to dissipate and we enjoyed our time there.

The Hermitage is only one of St. Petersburg’s many attractions. There were also city tours available with English-speaking guides, of which we availed ourselves. Five days was barely time to scratch the surface of the many sights to be seen in the area. A few others we saw were:

- The Peter and Paul Fortress, which included the Russian Space Museum, an

Ackerman, Michael Delmer – d: 10-06-2011
Babbitt, Sonya – d: 07-30-11
 At Tek: 16 years
Bassindale, Russell – d: 09-10-2011
Blohm, Denise – d: 12-17-2011
 At Tek: 1956 to 09-1973
Binker, Cleo – d: 09-17-2011
Black, Adell Eloise – d: 10-29-2011
Bowman, Larry – d: 11-16-2011
Breeze, Florence C. – d: 09-04-2011
Carlson, Clayton – d: 10-28-2011
Cooper, Ernest – d: 11-09-2011
Corell, Ron – d: 11-14-2011
 At Tek: 29 years
Cummings, John – d: 09-11-2011
 At Tek: 23 years
Dallas, Mary Louise – d: 04-07-2011
Delorme, Rose – d: no date provided
Dettwiler, John – d: 11-23-2011
 At Tek: Over 30 years
Dixon: Sharon A. – d: 03-25-2011
Fehey, Eva – d: 10-02-2011
 At Tek: ~35 years
Foti, Camela – d: 12-22-2011
 At Tek: ~24 years
Frantz, Ida – d: 03-13-2011
Frazier, Harlan Rohm – d: 07-02-2011
Harris, Dorothy P. – d: 01-19-2012
Holden, Robert 'Bob' – d: 08-19-2011

Death Notices Nov., Dec., 2011 & Jan., 2012

Huisman, Gertrude – d: 08-14-2011
Hunt, Kenneth M. – d: 06-24-2011
 At Tek: 26 years
Kennedy, Gwen – d: 12-24-2011
Kraker, Willard – d: 06-23-2011
Landis, John Lowell – d: 10-01-2011
Lenzer, Clara – d: 09-25-2011
Livermore, Ralph – d: 11-19-2011
Loomis, Dale – d: 10-13-2011
Lucas, Keith Merrill – d: 05-23-2011
 At Tek: 32 years
Malena, Doris – d: 12-08-2011
Marshall, Frank W. – d: 01-18-2012
Muhney, Anna S. – d: 08-14-2011
Orchard, Kenneth Leon – d: 05-01-2011
Owen, Willard L. – d: 03-29-2011
Pilmer, Edward Collas – d: 03-26-2011
 Quan, Peter W. – d: 01-21-2012
Rosenzweig, Kenneth – d: 10-20-2011
Ruvo, Timothy William – d: 10-06-2011
Scott, Wanda – d: 06-26-2011
Schroeder, Vernon Lee – d: 07-25-2011
Spidal, Norman – d: 10-13-2011
 At Tek: 24 years
Van Hoomissen, Kevin Joseph – d: 05-20-2011

Thompson, Shirley Jean – d: 08-22-2011
Varner, Shirley – d: 07-03-2011
Wagner, Edward M. – d: 10-20-2011
Wilson, Clifford – d: 03-24-2011
Wollmuth, Lenora Brannon – d: 03-24-2011
Zander, Mary Ellen – 05-09-2011

Death Notices & Address Changes

We are no longer able to get death notices, length of service information 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 local 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 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. each week.

package included a walk along the river below the falls where the world's wildest rapids are found.

On Clifton Hill there is a huge and permanent amusement park with everything to do from indoor sky diving to indoor glow-in-the-dark golf. The possibilities are endless. We rode on the Sky Wheel, a huge Ferris wheel with enclosed cages that offered a breathtaking view of the falls. Adjoining the Sky Wheel was a miniature golf course with life-sized dinosaurs.

The butterfly conservatory was a must-see. Inside the building thousands of butterflies of every color, size and description flew through the many exotic flowers and plants. I felt like Alice in Wonderland walking through this magical place.

Niagara Falls has a 77 ft. Sky Tower, similar to the Space Needle in Seattle. The rotating top includes two dining rooms and indoor and outdoor viewing of the falls. Other attractions include the IMAX Theater, a huge water park and marine land and too many others to include.

Niagara Falls is a very special place and an experience that I will never forget.

TEK SPRING REUNION

**Beaverton Elks Lodge
3500 SW 104th Ave
Beaverton, OR
Date: June 23, 2012
Time 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

At this reunion we plan to discuss how to increase the attendance at these functions. Please come prepared to make suggestions. We encourage you to come and bring a friend or ex-colleague. More information will be available in the May issue. You may contact Marge Livermore at 503-646-3295

RETIREE BENEFIT INFORMATION & ADDRESS CHANGE PROCEDURE

Retiree Medical and/or Life Insurance

Anyone who is a past employee with Retiree Medical and/or Life Insurance will need to request information or make 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

401k benefit

Anyone who has a 401k benefit must contact Fidelity for information or to change their address directly with them at:

1-800-835-5092

Cash Balance Plan

The Cash Balance Plan has been transferred to Danaher Pension Plan Processing Center with Hewitt. Questions or changes should be directed to:

1-800-580-7526

Tektronix Retiree Volunteer Program

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

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Editorial

by Louis Sowa

Tek Guernsey: I would like to see more articles or letters to the editor similar to the one on page one by Roger Haight. The Guernsey press did an extensive article about Tek on Guernsey in their Tuesday November 22, 2011 editions, see contact information on page one.

Database help needed: Ray Arnett has been doing a great job for us the past several years. Unfortunately he is having health problems that are limiting his ability to continue to provide this function. We are looking for someone with some exposure to the Microsoft Access Database. Experience with other databases may be substituted. If you think you may be interested let me know at LSowa@earthlink.net or 503-320-0440. Ray has done a good job of documenting his work and may be available to provide some assistance. It is a great way to use your knowledge and/or acquire new skills. Other opportunities with the TRVP are also possible.

We have TRN funding from Tektronix approved for another year. We currently do this yearly.

Volunteer Luncheon Info

Date: April 28, 2012

12:00 to 3:00

Speaker: Monica Smiley
Tualitan River Keepers

Additional information will be available in the invitation letter coming out in March.

55-ALIVE CLASS

March 22 & 23, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 12:00

Fee: \$12.00 AARP Members

\$14.00 Non-Members

Instructor: Bruce Hollister

Call to register:

503-805-8733

Read Your Tek-Retiree Newsletter On Line

A number of retirees are now reading their newsletter on our Web Site at:
www.tekretirees.org

If you would like to join them or change your email address send an email to Millie Scott at:
mlscott@easystreet.net

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

(except June thru August)

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. 233

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/pcbaldies/

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

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Contact: Annetta Spickelmier

503-649-2491

