

## Western Caribbean cruise

by Ray Kato

The Caribbean is one of the most popular areas to sail, especially during the cool months up here in the Northwest, because it's warm there. There are trips to individual islands, or trips that concentrate on Eastern, Western, or Southern Caribbean.

### The ship

There are many cruise lines and many ships. There are trips all around the world as well as on many rivers.

We sailed on the Norwegian Star. This ship was built in 2001, but refurbished recently. It is 965 feet long and has 13 full decks plus observation lounge and bridge. Everything below deck 4 is off limits to passengers- things like crew quarters, engines, laundry, food and other storage. This is an average size ship with a little over 2000 guests and a crew of 1100.

This was our third cruise, all on the Norwegian cruise line. We have not tried the other cruise lines but like the Norwegian's 'freestyle' cruising, which is more casual than others. This is especially true of the dining times. There is some dining available 24/7. At meal times and especially at dinner times there are two dining rooms (one casual and one formal), one or two buffets, several cafes and grills, and several specialty dining restaurants. Many of these are open for breakfasts and all day. The specialty restaurants are open for dinner only. There are also several bars and lounges. Included in the cruise price is that you can eat as many

times and as much as you want. The specialty restaurants and drinks cost extra.

There are many activities on the ship. There are organized games, swimming, sports areas, library, which are free. Spas, fitness classes, casino and art auctions have some cost. Also at each port there are shore tours which can be arranged on the ship or you can walk around the port and arrange your own tours. If you do not take the ships tours, and your tour comes back late, you might be left at port.

There were two shows each evening (one show repeated), several music venues from mid-afternoon till late evening, special shows, movies and other entertainment. These were generally not big names but all good entertainment.

Cruises start and end at many different ports. Many start and end at the same port but some start at one port and end at a different port. Some are also set up so that you can finish one cruise and then take the next cruise which goes to a different place.

Our cruise started and ended in Tampa, Florida. The cruise we took was one covering the Western Caribbean and was 7 days long. Most cruises are 7 days but could range from 3 days to 20 or more. Also fairly common, we left port Sunday and sailed all day Monday. The next four days we were at a new port each morning. Then we sailed Friday night through Sunday morning, returning to Tampa. Sailing days have a lot of activities on the ship. Port days have a few less activities on the ship to leave more time for shore activities.

The shore activities are fairly similar in the four ports. They all had several beach, swimming, snorkeling and boating activities. Some were shorter (a couple hours) and included only one or two activities. Some were longer and took most of the day but included more activities including drinks and snacks. Some activities were more land related such as zip-line, four wheeler ATV, biking, rock climbing, or just a tour around the port city. Many ports also had some wildlife or forest education. In this area, three ports had Mayan ruins tours. There is something for everybody. They could all be fun or educational. The prices vary so that should also be taken into account.

Following are the four ports we visited and our activities

### Coxen Hole, Roatan Island, Honduras:

Gumbalimba Preserve & Animal Sanctuary. We met our guide and took a bus ride to the park at the west end of the island. The rides are also informative as you get to see the forests and hills and the villages and people. Just as we got to the park, it started raining, hard. Fortunately we were near the visitors center for shelter. In minutes, the paths were rivers. Then within a few more minutes, the rain stopped and the rivers disappeared and became paths again. Our guide was very knowledgeable on plants and showed us the many native plants on the island. They had a very interesting insect collection. We saw humming birds, iguanas, macaws, monkeys and turtles loose on the island. There were also some caged birds and animals. We then had a few minutes to enjoy the beach and snack shack and then

returned to the ship. A special event at this stop is that they had a parrot which would sit on your shoulder, and monkeys which would come and climb onto your shoulder.

**Belize city, Belize:**

At many ports, the ship ties up to a dock. This is a port without a deep harbor so the ship anchors out at sea and we took 'small' tender 'taxi' ships into the city. At this port we chose not to do any organized tour. We did take the tender to town and walked around the shops. Each port has a tourist shopping area. A lot of tourist souvenir shops with a few bars and snack shops.

**Costa Maya, Mexico:**

Chacchoben Mayan Ruins. Again, we met our tour guide and had a bus ride. We saw a lot of the countryside with a few villages. The countryside was very different with a lot of swampy areas. This tour guide, who was a Mayan descendant, talked non-stop for the hour ride. She had many maps and samples of local art which she explained and passed around the bus. It was a very informative and interesting ride. The Maya ruins are pyramid shaped but are solid rock inside. Each new ruler covers up and fills in the previous mound and then builds a new layer on top. At this site they had four mounds mostly uncovered and several others in the area still to be worked on. We also got a treat here as a group of monkeys was in the area, jumping between trees and eating fruit.

**Cozumel, Mexico:**

12 Metre Americas Cup Regatta. Many of the tours can take as many as want to go but this tour only took 20 people so we were lucky to get to go. We got to race real America's cup sailboats. They had two boats and so each had a crew of ten from the cruise and three full time crew. We got to be on the 'Stars and Stripes' that won the 1987 race. We raced the later model Canadian boat. The race was five legs- three upwind and two down. We won by a few feet. It was so close that we could

not tell who won except by the flags from the judges. After the race, I got to steer the ship around the ocean for a few minutes.

There are a wide variety of costs for the cruises based on what type of room you book and when you book it. There are many 'last minute' deals if a cruise does not fill up early. Also many activities have a cost as well as the specialty restaurants have a charge. There is a store for souvenirs, photos, and of course art sales and auctions, bar drinks, and gambling at the casino. There is also a required daily tip. A Caribbean cruise is a nice relaxing break from our cold weather.

**Tekweek 50 Years Ago**

From 1966 *Tekweeks*, condensed by Gary Hoselton

**Tek is twenty years old!** On January 2, 1946, Howard Vollum, Jack Murdock, and three associates incorporated to build oscilloscopes of higher performance and greater reliability than those then available. Howard and Jack had a storefront building built to their specifications on SE Hawthorne near SE 7th

(building is still there), putting Tektronix on the second floor and leasing the first floor to Hawthorne Electronics. Ten people plus the founders built the 511, the world's first wide-band production oscilloscope, and it immediately found widespread acceptance by research laboratories throughout the world--the first one went to the U of O Medical School in Portland. Tek moved to the Sunset plant in 1951, later purchased the swamp in Beaverton, turned it into an industrial park and built its first building there, a warehouse, in 1957. By 1966, 13 buildings had been built and groups were moving into the new Technical Center (bldg 50), and the employee count was 5600. Meanwhile, in 1959 a manufacturing plant was opened on the English Channel island of Guernsey, in 1961 a plant was opened at Heerenveen in the Netherlands, and in 1965 manufacturing commenced at Sony/Tektronix in Japan. The first US field office was opened in 1950, and, in 1966, Tek is represented in 40 Free World countries.

**Tek scores at trade shows!** ITektronix introduced a number of new

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products at the **IEEE show in New York City**, including the Type 556 Dual Beam Oscilloscope, which is two scopes in one package with two plug-in compartments which accept all Tek letter and 1-series plugins; a package of the 3A5 Automatic/Programmable Amplifier, Type 3B5 Automatic/Programmable Time Base, Type 263 Programmer, and the remote-switching Type P6030 Probe which have the unique ability to sense the amplitude and frequency of an input signal, then automatically switch themselves to display the signal in appropriate dimensions; the Type 1S2 Sampling Unit, a plugin that combines sampling with reflectometry to measure characteristics of transmission lines; and the Type P6019 and P6020 Current Probes and the Type 134 Current Probe Amplifier. Dick Herdman, Marketing Sales manager, reported over 33,000 persons had registered the first day (total registration was 63,500), traffic at the Tek booth was very good, Tek instruments were very much in evidence in other exhibits, and no startling announcements from competitors—just that Fairchild-Dumont has switched from green to black side panels. Teks involved in the program and special meetings included Lang Hedrick, Instrument Engineering manager, George Frye, Instrument Engineering Sampling Group, Norm Winningstad, IDD manager, Bill Walker, Preproduction Engineering manager, Ralph Show of Instrument Engineering, and Chuck Samuel, PMSE manager. The 50 foot booth had been previewed in the Assembly Cafeteria (45). Al Zimmerman, Instrument Engineering Sampling project manager, sent a “modified” P6019 current probe (two wheels at each end *ala* racecar) to Tekweek, saying it’s the fastest probe on the track! Tek also exhibited a 20 foot booth at the **National Association of Broadcasters** (NAB) in Chicago’s McCormick Place, featuring the Type 529 Waveform Monitor and Type 526 Color TV Vectorscope, as well as the Type 522 and Type 453

Portable Oscilloscopes. Tek instruments were also found in various TV equipment exhibits at NAB, all seen by about 4200 registrants.

## Death Notices

We are no longer able to get death notices or length of service information from the Tektronix data base.

We appreciate the assistance retirees or members of their family provide us. We have posted here the information we found in obituaries, newspapers or from family members or friends who have notified us. In order to ensure accuracy in our reporting we need: the name spelled out, date of birth and date of death. Also, we like to include their length of service at Tektronix when possible. To ensure accuracy in our reporting please leave your contact information – name, email, and/or phone number in case we have any questions.

- Borges, Ruby Marie Verboot**—d1/28/2016 @Tek 11 years
- Burkey, Donald Paul**— d7/8/2015 @Tek 32 years
- Burton, Lois Jane (Turner)**-d1/4/16 @Tek 14 years
- Connolly, Larry**— d12/24/2015
- Cuddeback, Betty R**—d3/6/2-2013 @ Tek 21 years
- Duerden, William Henry III**—d6/11/2015 @Tek 14 years
- Fletcher, Elva B**-d7/28/1933 @ Tek 13 years
- Frost, Charles Henry**—d1/26/2016 @Tek 34 years
- Hannevig, Evelyn**-d1/14/2016
- Heggen, John** —d10/10/2015
- Hughes, Howard**-d12/5/2015
- Jones, Gwendolyn H.**—d1/28/2016 @Tek 20 Years
- Moen, Dorothy French** —d2/25/12 @Tek 22 years
- Keldsen, Dennis William**-d9/21/2015 @ Tek 40+ years
- Lahti, Virgie Johnson**-d1/25/2016 @ Tek 16 years
- Neal, Lance Arthur**-d12/30/2015

**Plummer, Betty J**—d11/13/2015 @Tek 18 years

**Tobiassen, Toby A**— d10/16/2015 @Tek 9 years

**Van Antwerp, Robert “Bob”**-d 1/9/2016

**Wetzler, Ronald Gene**-d10/13/2015 @Tek 30 years

**Zschoche, Shirley A** —d8/14/2015

Chuck began his 34-year career with



**Frost, Chuck**

Tektronix, which included roles as director of public affairs and vice president of administration. He was often the public face of the company. Chuck earned a reputation for professionalism and principled advocacy. He had a knack for making complex subjects understandable. When he retired, Chuck joined CFM Strategic Communications, which began as a spinout from Tektronix. He participated in client teams, but his greatest contribution was asking tough questions and serving as the firm’s conscience. Chuck was active in the community, serving on the boards of the Oregon Symphony, Oregon Independent Colleges Association, Tuality Hospital and Associated Oregon Industries. He was a member of the Portland City Club and the Public Affairs Council. Chuck and Marilyn moved back to Washington, D.C. in 1995 when he became a senior fellow for Senator Hatfield.

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### **TO BE DISCONTINUED**

**Millie Scott is no longer able to send out the notification list, so until or unless someone volunteers to do this task you will not get a notification. The newsletter will still be on-line. This is a job that could be done from anywhere.**

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## **TRVP News**

Our numbers continue to diminish. Millie Scott, who has been managing our on-line notification, is experiencing significant health issues and is curtailing her volunteer and work activities including with the TRVP. We hope that she recovers and possibly will be able to participate with us at some time in the future. Unless someone volunteers to take over this task there will not be on-line notification starting with the next issue. For those of you receiving the Tektronix Retiree News on line it will still be available on-line, however you will not get an email to notify you.

Tektronix is changing its logo and color scheme. This will involve a change to the banner of this publication. More about these changes in the next issue.

## **CALENDAR**

### **Previous Tek-Employees Luncheon**

11:30 a.m. 2nd Monday monthly

Peppermill Restaurant

17455 SW Farmington Road #26B

(Corner of Farmington

& Kinnaman Rd)

Aloha, OR 97007

Details: Annetta Spickelmier

503-649-2491

### **Redmond Breakfasts**

8:00 a.m. 1st Monday monthly

Shari's Restaurant; Redmond, OR

1565 SW Odem Medo Way

Spouses welcome

Details: Nick Hughes 541-548-1201

### **TERAC**

6:00 p. m.

Round Table — Beaverton

Weekly on Friday

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