

Will there be a Future Issues of the TRN?

As you may have noticed in the past several issues there has not been a permanent editor. Louis Sowa is resigning the position as of the end of the year. We have been short of staff for quite some time. Most of the original staff are either deceased or due to personal or family health issues no longer able to participate. No one has stepped up to help. We have a good working space in building 22 and could probably get continued support from Fortive/Tektronix. Gordon Long had agreed to be editor and publisher after Peggy Berg and Louis resigned. Unfortunately Gordon died suddenly in the summer of 2015. Louis temporarily assumed the roll of editor and publisher. Peggy had been a very important part of the TRVP, serving as Publisher and doing many other essential tasks. Peggy joined the TRN staff in July 1998. Before that Newt Espe was the editor and publisher and continued in the roll of editor until Louis took on the roll in August 2001. Currently our staff consists of Louis Sowa as Editor and Publisher, Pete Nelson as database manager and other tasks with help from Paul Kristof. Neil Robin took on the task of providing a web presence and acts as webmaster. At this point, if the TRN does not continue to exist the roll of the website is unknown.

Tektronix is a much smaller company than at its peak employment in the early 1980's. The pool of retired employees is shrinking over time. Much of the maintenance of the company has been outsourced as well much of the manufacturing is being done offshore. Since the company was purchased by Danaher in 1997 the 'feel' of the company has gradually changed.

Unless an editor is found there will not be future issues of the newsletter. We here are sad to see that happen.

What happens to the contents of our current offices? We probably will be here at least until the end of the year and maybe longer especially if some new volunteers join. Otherwise we will offer the Tektronix Museum anything they can use and the rest left for Tektronix. The computers and related items mostly belong to Tek.

Editorial

By Louis Sowa

Since this is to be my last editorial I would like to write about my experience with the TRVP. It has been an excellent experience that was totally unexpected. The first letter sent out was only to the currently retired employees. The second letter was to all retired and those of us not currently retired that were eligible for benefits from Tek, this included myself. My interest was more in providing devices for the handicapped. Tektronix did not want to support that venture due to liability exposure. I had also expressed an interest in the newsletter since I felt without a newsletter there would be no TRVP. I thought maybe I could be of some minor support roll. Newt Espe was the original editor/publisher. I was on the staff at the beginning and did some of the spotlight issues. I also suggested we do something like a "Twenty-Five Year Ago" piece in each newsletter, to which Newt said good idea do it. For a short time I dropped off the editorial staff as I continued to be employed at HP in Vancouver. In August 2001 I came back as edi-

tor with Newt's 'encouragement.' By this time Peggy Berg had become the publisher which was a tremendous help to me. She knew much more about the publishing business.

English was my worst subject in high school, however over time in college began to realize the importance of being able to express oneself in writing. So the message is if I could do it probably you could also. At this time after 20 years with the TRVP and much of that as editor of the TRN it is time for me to move on in the limited, if unknown, amount of time I have left.

TRVP Original Mission Statement and staff at Honeywell

The Tektronix Retiree Volunteer Program is a cooperative effort by Tektronix retirees, their spouses and the Company to build and maintain a sense of family among Tektronix retirees through volunteer activities in the communities in which they live.

Our mission is to recruit and place Tektronix retirees and their spouses in volunteer positions, to generate and foster a sense of pride within each volunteer, and to serve the needs of the community while enhancing the community affairs goals of the company.

Our goal is to respond to the needs of the community, to serve the needs of the Tektronix retiree community which may include physical, social and emotional needs, and to make our communities a better place to live.



Continued from the Last Issue

Russian border to German border (650km)

By Gerrit de Vries
and Aletta van Meurs

Originally I planned to take the ferry in Frombork to Krynica to cross a big lake but the ferry did not go anymore so I used my alternative track to cycle around this lake and came in the afternoon to a beautiful campsite in Stegna at 500m from the East Sea. There were special places for bikers with tent including a covered picnic table.

Poland is member of the European Union and NATO but did not adapt the Euro, currency is the Zloty and Grosny. Everything is quit cheap for a Dutchman so it was easy to stay within my daybudget of 30 euro. Price of a night on a campsite was approx 20 Zloty which is 5 euro and there were even much cheaper places.

There are many cycle paths build near roads in recent years in Poland, on places where I had to cycle on the road the cars kept more than enough distance to pass me, where the road was bowing cars were driving slow behind me until they could oversee the road after de bow and passed me.

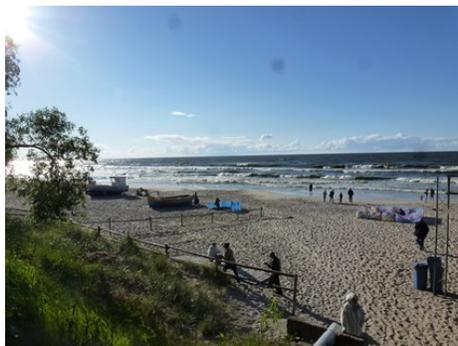
I cycled through the bigger town Gdansk on day 12, this city is worth visiting, the inner city has many historical buildings and churches. On the market square there were lots of tourists and street musicians. I camped in a village called Sopot approx. 10km north of Gdansk. Sopot is a luxury area with grand-hotels on the beachside which reminds me of the Riviera in the south of France.

My track follows the coastline to Szczecin close to the German border and goes through a chain of Natural Reserves with forest, lakes and dunes. Have seen many animals like deer, wild-pigs, foxes, squirrels, snakes and lots of birds that woke me up at 4 o'clock. Unfortunately in the more wet areas also lots of mosquitos.

Poland has 50 million citizens and on the countryside there are plenty of small villages. The bigger villages have a church and one or more skleps (grocery store) These small shops sell also bread, drinks, meat and liquor like Vodka. I developed the following theory: when I see a church there must be a sklep. Some of the skleps are self-service in other ones you must ask what you are looking for. The girls behind the desk don't speak foreign languages but are very willing to help you. I use hand and feet to communicate but learned a lot of Polish words regarding food. In the cities there are supermarkets like Biedronka, Aldi, Super Marche and Tesco.

German to Dutch border (760km)

The Oder river is the natural border between Poland and Germany and I passed this place near the city of Gryfino, the border is fully open, there is no customs office or what ever just the speed limits for motorized vehicles in the 2 countries are listed.



Sony/Tek

By Bob Randal

One interesting customer was Sony. I was requested to go to Japan to work with their engineers as to what is required to meet self certifications international regulations. Here are few interesting things about working in Japan. By the way the trip was very successful

When I took my first taxi ride it was very scary. When he sees a truck stop at a light he will get into the oncoming traffic lane. He, of course, knows he can beat the truck. However, in to the oncoming traffic the drivers go as fast as they can toward him and it looks to me that they come within about ten feet of each other.

I asked a couple of managers how many employees drive to work and they said "not one"! There was about 50,000 employees!

The trains are very crowded and really fast. When I was on the train. I got up to offer my seat to a old bent over woman. She seem very confused and finally some one spoke English and told me she never believed any American would do this. There was a lot of jabbering and then they all clapped.

Another time I was at a meeting and I heard a loud bell. I asked what that was about and they said the employees do there exercises. So I went out and did them with them I looked behind me and all the senior managers were also out doing the exercises as well. Something they had never seen done before. When we were done they all clapped and then bowed.

I brought my wife a string of pearls while there and put them in the hotel safe. On the way to the airport I remembered them. Fortunately about a month later Lane Hedrick, the Sony Tek Manager, got them out and returned them to me. After I got home my wife asked me if I had bought her anything and I said nothing except a suitcase full of dirty clothes. I had planned to surprise her about the pearls. But I finally had to give in to

her that I had left in them in Japan. Otherwise I think I would have had to sleep in the shed.

Lane was a good friend of mine. I went to dinner with him and his wife. We had

One time one of the Sony managers invited me to his house. He had a five year old daughter who played several classic musical pieces on the piano. Her last piece was boogy-woogy for the Americans.. One of the international gurus was also there and the family served fish. Unfortunately he could not eat fish. I felt very sorry for the family. In Japan the family eats first and then the children. Also only the children eat dessert.

One of the things I saw was the largest Buddha statues in the world. There were many vendors on the grounds. One of them was selling head bands and I asked him what they were for. He said they were kamikaze bands. I wish I had bought one. Just for fun we stopped at another vendor and tried to bargain with him. To my surprise he spoke perfect English and said that if he had tried to do this in Los Angeles, how far to I think I would get!

While I was out with two managers we saw several trucks with the drivers standing around. I asked why they were doing that and I was told that each driver had a time given to them to unload. That way the items that had to go to the back of the warehouse were unloaded first. Makes sense!

Sony had set up an experimental automated factory that was making toy trucks run all night with out a person in the building. Pretty impressive.

While I was there I palled around with one of the international gurus. One day they took us to a large cave with a small river running through it. There were several Japanese there washing money. I was told that this would bring luck. So both of us pulled out a bill and washed it!

FOR SOME SONY/TEK PHOTOS SEE: tekretirees.org
Contributed Stories
Photo Gallery (near the bottom)

Death Notices

Allison, Gordon Ray -d8/20/2016 @Tek 31 years

Baldridge, Mikd D. -d 7/1/2015 @Tek 15 years

Bee, David -d8/21/2016 @Tek 19 years

Cisneros, Paul Alexander -d2/26/2016

Clayton, Helen -d9/23/2015 @Tek 14 years

Crawford, Shirley W. -d9/23/2016 @Tek 27years

Czaja, Paul Don -d8/15/2016 @Tek 19 years

Dickie, Douglas P. -d10/4/2016

Gordon, Vance -d2/14/2014

Hall, Louise D -d in 2001

Heppell, Gerald Ernest "Jerry" -d 6/5/2016 @Tek 20 years

Hoff, Luculle I, -d9/27/2016 @Tek 15 years

Horine, Edna Hudson -d11/19/2012 @ Tek 29 years

Hundley, William "Bill" Steven - d5/26/2016 @Tek 36 years

Kaplic, Irma -d10/28/2014

Knowles, Margery -d9/24/2014 @Tek 16 years

Larrick, Ronald J. -d5/7/2013

Lee, Nancy Luise (Knight) -d9/14/2016

Lichty, Margaret Ann -d5/30/2016 @Tek 16 years

Nebel, David E. -d4/18/2016

Oberst, Norma Jean -d9/5/2016

Olson, Orvin "Orv" Bernarr - d9/8/2016 @Tek 33 years

Peterson, Sharon Louise -d9/22/2016

Pettigrew, Elizabeth -d2/1/2013

Reed, Gary William -d7/31/2016 @Tek 38 years

Riis, Martin P. -d9/7/2016 @Tek 18 years

Sheeley, Phillip W. -d8/30/2016 @Tek 21 years

Robinson, Bill J. -d8/25/2016 @Tek 26 years

Young, Robeert Stanley -d11/24/2015 @Tek 10 years

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To the Editor

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Bob Randall

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Richard Nystrom (Ret. '91) has written and published 49 Books, eBooks & eStories @ Amazon.com. He lists and shows excerpts @ Nystorm6.com & Riklove.com.

There are works of variety: from philosophy to quirky fiction. All works were written after retirement from Tek as a technical writer and writer manager.

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

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8:00 a.m. 1st Monday monthly
Shari's Restaurant; Redmond, OR

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Spouses welcome

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6:00 p. m.

Round Table — Beaverton

Weekly on Friday

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