



Happy New Year from The DEC Connection!

Membership Dues for 2009 are payable now

It is time to renew your membership for 2009 (\$10/yr). [You can do this online](#) or by check made out to The DEC Connection, c/o C. Robert Moore, 28 Fernglade Rd., Burlington MA 01803. We are pleased to announce that we have just implemented a special price for a 3-year membership: \$25 instead of \$30. (If you have recently paid your \$10 or \$20 for 2009 and wish to take advantage of this special price, just send in the difference and we will add 1 or 2 years to your membership.)

We have a new membership dues collection system - we can now accept international credit cards and no more ticketing fees for paying online! You can use Mastercard, VISA, Discover, American Express, or PayPal. Easy as pie! You will get a confirmation e-mail from PayPal after the transaction is completed successfully.

We will wait til the end of January to post the Member Forum Index with our list of members to give some extra time to members whose membership has lapsed to get their dues in, and not drop off the list.

Note: If you don't remember whether you are paid up thru 2009 or not, email webmaster@deconnection.org.

Now - on to our e-news!

Videos from the **DEC Connection Event at the Dedication of the Ken Olsen Science Center at Gordon College** on Sep 27th [can now be downloaded from our website](#): not just our three keynote speakers, but

also a Tribute to Ken Olsen video produced by Gordon College. Thank you to Anker Berg-Sonne for preparing them for our website.

Gordon College is finalizing their Digital Loggia of Technology

Kiosk - seeking stories of your Ken Olsen and Digital experiences - just upload a word or text doc, photo(s) or whatever using the link on this page - please do participate! <http://www.decvirtualreunion.com/>



Meet our new member Reinhard Heuberger from Munich, Germany (photo at right) - a guy with the fastest PDP-11s in the world! [Watch him soup them up on his YouTube videos](#). Send him a note by answering his post in the Member Forum.

While we do wish you a happy healthy 2009, not all things were so in 2008. We lost several ex-Digital employees, including our member Penny Smith, former controller Al Bertocchi, and Irwin "Jake" Jacobs, who ran our COEM business for many years. They will be missed and our prayers go out to their families. We do keep a [memorial page](#), and some of you have sent in sad news when you hear it; please continue to do so, so that other former co-workers can be aware and help to honor their memories.

EVENTS for 2009 - Chapters in FL and NH are planning social get-togethers for Feb and Spring, as this goes to e-press. [Check the FL page](#) - I'd like your input before 31 Jan on proposed after-work social in Boca Raton.

Our Board is considering running a networking/workshop event in 2009 that focuses on helping each other through the difficult economic times we are facing - job fair, resume writing, speakers, exchange of services, help a charity, etc. Please email your ideas to info@deconnection.org

Membership Updates

Welcome to our new members since last issue: Susan Almeida, Greg Bassett (Switzerland), Carol Galvin, Emma del Real, Reinhard Heuberger (Germany), Warren Sander, David B. White.

Re-welcome to our renewing (R) members: Ruth Armknecht, Ned Berube, Diane Carr, Betty Connor, Julia Corenzwit, Barb Davis, Jen Desrosiers, Bill Donahue, John Elms, Colleen Goleman, Florence Gourehian, Alan Keiran, Marie Mangus, Vicki Meagher, Aline Migrants, Jack Mileski, Pat Pasquale, Marguerite Paul, Gary Piel, Mike Raczowski, Barbara Reichert, Joan Ross, Charles Savage (Germany), Bill Seaver, Joe Supple.

Great to have you all aboard!



New Feature - Promotions, New Job announcements - Members, send us your newsbite and we'll include it here. Just write webmaster@deconnection.org.

New Chapters - looking for members in TX, NC and AZ - webmaster@deconnection.org. Our President Bob Moore visited several DECconnection members in Phoenix AZ over the holidays, and would like to share the photo of an AZ-style holiday tree made of tumbleweeds (at right).

Compaq Big Band Performance Notice

The Compaq Big Band (formerly DEC Big Band) will be performing at their 7th annual Valentine's Day Dance on Fri. Feb 13th at the Radisson Hotel/Center of NH in Manchester. Tickets \$17 pp, (603) 882-1502, tables available. <http://www.compaqbigband.com/> for info and complete performance schedule.

Website Updates

- Your webmaster, at the suggestion of Alessandro Peruzzetto, improved the Wikipedia entry for Ken Olsen by adding Ken's management principles/values and updates from Gordon College KOSC to the snake oil and no PCs etc. misquotes already there. Couldn't really subtract those. 😊 Check it out!
- [Videos from speakers, and the Tribute to Ken Olsen](#), from the Gordon College KOSC Dedication have been posted.
- Jan 2009 Member Forum Index will be posted in the Member Forum at the end of month.
- Live in TX? Take the new [DECconnection Texas Interest Survey](#) and contact Linda Ginac.
- Live in NC or AZ? if you're interested in joining a chapter we're looking for critical mass - send your name, phone #, and address to webmaster@deconnection.org.
- Meet our new [Featured Entrepreneur - Lin Schimel](#) from Nashua NH.
- Our Member Business page is now sorted by "yellow pages" directory categories, which makes it easier to find what you are looking for. Be sure to take advantage of this important member benefit! www.deconnection.org/MemberBusinesses.htm Send your info to webmaster@deconnection.org to be included.



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