

## July 2015 News-at-a-Glance



### Events

- Come to a DEC Connection Open House at the Antiques and Collectibles Mall in Greenville NH
  - sponsored by DEC Connection Member **Michalene Kosinski, our Featured Entrepreneur**
  - **Sun. August 23, 2015 from 2-4 PM**
  - Short discussion about antiques they sell at their venue
  - "Antiques Roadshow" - complimentary evaluation of your 1950-60s toys, American coins, and militaria
  - 20% discount for DEC Connection members and their friends
  - complimentary coffee and snacks available
  - come out for a nice ride in the country and a unique afternoon! 40 minutes west of Nashua.
  - [See details at this link.](#)
- A small group enjoyed a delicious dinner at Surf and a folk concert in downtown Nashua on July 23rd.
- Save these dates for events coming up:
  - 7 Nov 2015 - Phoenix AZ semi-annual lunch at Santisi's Sports Bar, Phoenix. AZ at 12:00 noon
  - 24 Feb 2016 - SW Florida, Naples FL
  - 22 Apr 2016 - Colorado Springs 14th Annual Reunion

### DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to new and renewing members: **Mike Carlton (NH), Tom Colatosti (MA), Eileen DerGurahian (MA), Frank Ignachuck (MA), Carl Narsasian (MA), Stephen Trudel (MA), and Joe Valof (MA).**

**Membership Renewal Procedure:** Click this link to see if your membership is current in our [Member Service Center](#) and pay online with a credit card. If you have paid dues since 2010 you will be there - use the email address we have on file - no leading or trailing spaces - email [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org) for help.

- You can also join us (or renew) at [www.deconnection.org/join-online.htm](http://www.deconnection.org/join-online.htm)
- You can also send a check to The DEC Connection, c/o Bob Moore, 28 Fernglade Rd., Burlington MA 01803. \$10 for 1 year, \$25 for 3 years.
- If you prefer to use your PayPal account directly (not via our website), use our payment address: [registrations@deconnection.org](mailto:registrations@deconnection.org) - do NOT use any Board member's personal email address.

**Staying on our email list:** Our newsletter contact manager removes names if the recipient mail server sends a rejection notice. If you haven't received DEC Connection's News-at-a-Glance in a while, or you changed your email address, re-register for our free e-news at: <http://www.deconnection.org/mail.htm>

**DEC Connection Member NewsBytes:** send yours to: [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org).

[See our NewsByte archive page.](#)

- **From Marcia Russell:** It is a most gracious miracle that after all this time we remain connected... thus the web we had woven was a solid web that continues to connect respective groups of DECies together as in; the west coast crowd; the CXO gang; AZ gang; CA contingents, the Florida snow birds and the myriad of Cape Cod connected affiliations and some Euro connections and others are still in place. I think it is quite special to have such continued deep rooted connections after 20 years. I have indeed been fortunate in that I had a few years back a circa 1960's Itek reunion regarding the Hubble and spy satellites projects. I was involved with the team as a key person doing the critical data entry that had to be correct. The event was hosted by General Abrams. [marciarussell@comcast.net](mailto:marciarussell@comcast.net)
- Eagle-eyed **Mary Cole** forwarded a link to **Steve Kallis'** Digital film Library on [www.archives.org](http://www.archives.org). [Along the Shorelines of the Skies](#) is an industrial film showing how a PDP-8 is used to calibrate instrumentation used in space probes. Also a [PDP-12 application tracking pulsars is featured](#). The 50-year anniversary of photos from Mars and Mariner occurred in mid-July. [mary.cole@comcast.net](mailto:mary.cole@comcast.net), [skallisjr@juno.com](mailto:skallisjr@juno.com)

## Sad News Dept.

We are saddened to report the death of former Digital engineer Dick Miller of Colorado Springs.

[See Memorial page for details.](#)

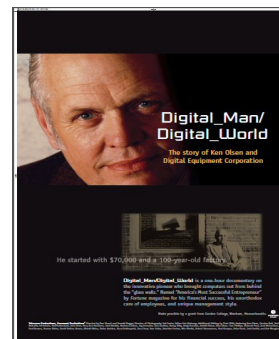
## Website Updates:

- [Where to Donate your Digital Equipment gear](#)
- **US - Medicare webinar presentations and Q-and-A** now online: Medicare is much more complex than one would think... and there can be some expensive surprises. The presentations and Q-and-A from the HPAA Medicare webinar are now online. Both speakers are very experienced, succinct, and practical. <http://www.hpalumni.org/medicare>
  - Part 1 -- Medicare Explained -- with Heads Up Warnings, by non-profit health insurance counselor Connie Corrales.
  - Part 2 -- Medicare for HP Retirees, by Aon Retiree Health Exchange analyst David Rew.
  - Part 3 -- Q and A. Again thanks to Curt Gowan for this valuable advice.
- A handy list of health-related resources for "near-seniors" is on our [Links page](#).
- If you know someone who has been offered the HP 2014 U.S. Phased Retirement Program, please send them this link: <http://www.hpalumni.org/PRP> This independent site has advice and reference info from HP alumni who have gone through previous retirement/layoff cycles. We also have an email list for updated info and moderated discussions. Thanks to Curt Gowan for this info.
- Know someone who is leaving HP? Please pass the word to anyone leaving HP to use the HP Alumni Association's "ASAP Checklist" immediately. It has advice and mutual help -- developed by HPAA members -- on the many things you have to do before you lose access to HP's internal systems. Thanks to Curt Gowan for this posting. Go to <http://www.hpalumni.org/asap> (HPAA membership not required.)
- The PBS video of the documentary about Ken and the history of DEC, Digital\_Man/Digital\_World, is available online (\$25+s/h) from the PBS store:

<http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?productid=13315614>

It's a wonderful hour-long nostalgia trip. Enjoy! For those who prefer to watch the free version on their computers, the URL is: <http://video.wfyi.org/video/2282149336/>

- Use your **MEMBER SERVICE CENTER!** Use the gold Member Login button if you have paid dues since 2010. There are queries to find members in your area, and forms to submit to update your profile, send your news, DEC stories, and business listings for our public online yellow pages. You can check your dues status and renew your membership online. You can email a small photo for your profile, access or request membership in our LinkedIn Group, and send info for articles such as Featured Entrepreneur.



- [DEC Stories](#) submitted by our members and readers - We are still collecting your unusual, humorous or just favorite DEC stories. Email them to [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org). They should be one page or less and be entertaining to our members. [Click on this link](#).
- Featured Member Entrepreneur - Email webmaster with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.
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