

March 2015 News-at-a-Glance



The DEC Connection Board thanks those of you who replied to our Events Survey. Here are the events we're planning for the greater Maynard area in 2015:

- Shredding BBQ Party, sponsored by Legacy Financial Advisors, in April - sign up now! see below
- Kimball Farm gathering (Westford MA) in early summer
- Scottish Orchestra at the Wayside Inn in early August
- Concord River Cruise in late summer

Upcoming EVENTS:

BBQ/Annual Shred Day - April 25 - Westborough MA

Simply bring anything you would like to have shredded to 1800 West Park Drive, Westborough, MA in the Westborough Office Park on **Saturday, April 25, 2015 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm**. Sponsored by Legacy Financial Advisors.

Join us for a BBQ and music while you watch your papers being shredded.

Please RSVP by April 22nd to ava@deconnection.org with your name and email address. There is no fee for this event. Nancy Kilty, DEC Connection president, will host our members at the event.

Secure shredding provided by Pellegrino Trucking. <http://www.pellegrinotrucking.com/>

Digital Germany: Colleagues from the former WEGY offices (Cologne area) will hold their annual meeting on **Thursday, 23th of April 2015 06:00 p.m. in Cologne:**

DECKsteiner Mühle

First floor

Gleueler Straße 371

50935 Köln (Deckstein)

If you are interested to join us, please contact Ingolf@DECnett.de, or register yourself online until Mar.31.2015.

Colorado Springs (CXO) Annual Reunion is here! Fri., April 24, 2015, 5-9 PM.

[Details on website at this link.](#)

Reunion With Your Peers - [click here for information](#) about running your own reunion locally with DEC Connection support.

Here is an exciting opportunity to see some Digital engineering history in action!

Vintage Computer Festival East (Friday, April 17 - Sunday, April 19, Wall, New Jersey)

This very active techie user group will honor the **50th anniversary of the PDP-8** with a special pavilion with 9 operational PDP-8s! this event is open to the public so come one, come all! (Exhibit is located on the central NJ shore, about an hour from NYC.) [Here is some info on our website.](#)

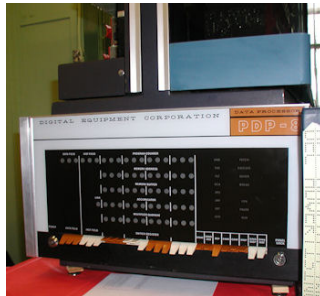
Vintage Computer Festival East is a hands-on, family-friendly celebration of computer history. It offers a book sale, classes, consignment sale, exhibit hall, food, lectures, museum tours, prizes, vendors, workshops, and more. The event is produced by Mid-Atlantic Retro Computing Hobbyists (MARCH) and is hosted at the InfoAge Science Center. [See their website for details.](#)

Contact: Evan Koblentz evank@midatlanticretro.org / (646) 546-9999

Here are some photos of the computers you may see running there this year!



An Education market PDP-8



MARCH Member David Gesswein's PDP-8 shown at a prior exhibit.

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to new and renewing members: **Ellie Dubie (MA), Judy Durant (FL), Ron Ginger (ME), Kenneth Haduch (MA), James Montague Sr. (MA), and Mikki Nikoloff (MA).**

Membership Renewal Procedure:

Best method to renew: 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 for help.

- You can also join us (or renew) at 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 - 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.

[See our new NewsByte archive page.](#)

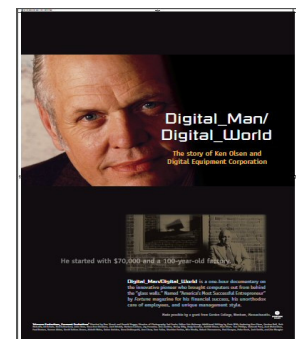
- **Dr. Margaret Britt** will be retiring from teaching in the M.B.A. Program at Mount Vernon Nazarene University at the end of July, 2015. Margaret is looking forward to retirement in her residence in Lakeland, Florida. Much of her college teaching focused on the excellent business practices of Digital Equipment Corporation (1974-1994) where she worked for twenty years before her tenure in higher education at three different universities. meje7@aol.com
- **Ted Sares** writes: On January 31, 2015, I won the Northeast Powerlifting Championships in the Grand Master Class. I will compete in Canada in June. tedsares@roadrunner.com

Sad News Dept.

- We regret that this dept. returns this month. Sadly, **Percy Jackson** from the Colorado Springs group has passed away.

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. They should be one page or less and be entertaining to our members. [Click on this link](#) to enjoy the ones submitted so far.
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