

May 2015 News-at-a-Glance



EVENTS:

Maynard Area Summer Event



It's time to sign up for the DECconnection summer event at Kimball Farm, 400 Littleton Road, Westford, MA for the afternoon of **Saturday, June 13th**. **We'll meet in front by the DEC Connection banner at 1 PM.**

Lots of fun to be had for everyone with games, rides, food, drinks and of course their famous ice cream. You can see what they have to offer by visiting their website at <http://kimballfarm.com>.

DECconnection will provide \$10 gift certificates for all current members – these can be spent on anything that takes your fancy (food, drinks, rides, games, ice cream, etc.) Non-members/guests are welcome to join us, but will not receive a gift certificate.

To sign up please email Ava@deconnection.org with your name, email address, and # of attendees.

In the event of rain, outing will be postponed 2 weeks until Saturday, June 27th. We'll announce cancellation on our website home page.

Recent Event Recap: Phoenix AZ Semi-Annual Luncheon

Galen Davis sent photos of the semi-annual Phoenix luncheon on April 11. [They are posted on our website at this link.](#)

Recent Event Recap: Colorado Springs 13th Annual Reunion

Rob Stubblefield sent the photo link for the reunion. [See CXO page here.](#)

Recent Event Recap: The Vintage Computer Festival East, April 2015, New Jersey

We have a treat for you! Former Digital engineer Ed Mierzwa attended the April 2015 Vintage Computer Festival East, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the PDP-8, and sent us this "guided tour" with his

annotations. [Enjoy his photos on our website at this link.](#) Ed's email is ep_mierzwa@verizon.net.



Thank you so much, Ed!

Exhibitor, Lou Ernst, Jr. (left) and DEC alumnus Ed Mierzwa (right)

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to new and renewing members:

Al Bissell (FL), Ellie Gadomski (MA), Fred Isbell (MA), Julie Labbe (MA), V. Bradford Lawson (MA), Lois Levick (MA), Jackie Peterson (NH), Jackie Price (CA), Andy Puchrik (MA), Terry Ann Sarandrea (MA), Chris Williams (MA), and George Woods (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 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.](#)

- Tavo Diaz writes: I'm happily retired now, enjoying time do work on house projects, play golf 2-3 times week and having lunch with friends every other day. Waiting for the spouse to also retire make our retirement plans come true. tavo@tavodiaz.com
- Dale Rutschow sent around a package of old DEC jokes. [They are posted on our DEC stories page.](#)
dalerutschow@comcast.net

Sad News Dept.

We are saddened to report the recent deaths of these former Digital employees. [See Memorial page for details.](#)

- Jerry Vanderwaall, 68, Colorado Springs CO, 20 May 2015
- Paul F. Chambers, 73, West Boylston MA, 14 May 2015
- Clem G. O'Brien, 75, North Fort Meyers FL and Newburyport MA, 1 May 2015
- Capt. Bob Decker, Key West FL and Boston area, 30 April 2015

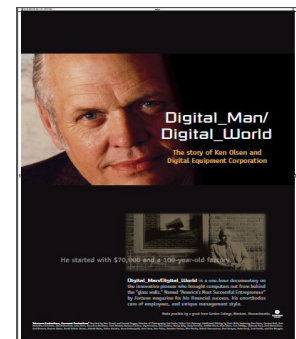
Website Updates:

- [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.
- Featured Member Entrepreneur - Email webmaster with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.



- If you are a member you are entitled to join our Linked In DECconnection Group. Request from within LinkedIn to be added or [email webmaster..](#)

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