



# DECconnection

A professional association for networking organization for former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

## Upcoming Events

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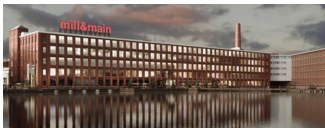


**Sun. 5 June 2016 - Maynard area** - Scottish Music and Dinner. The Strathspey & Reel Society will have the honor of helping the Longfellow's Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA, celebrate their 300th Anniversary by presenting a concert in the big tent on the grounds of the Inn at 72 Wayside Inn Rd, Sudbury, MA 01776  
Concert Time: 2:00 P.M. 4 PM Cocktail hour and 5

PM Dinner optional after the concert.

Purchase your concert tickets for \$12.50 each by calling the Wayside Inn directly at 978-443-1776. To reserve a place at the DEC Connection dinner tables email [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org) and provide the names of attendees. (Dinner is paid for separately from the regular menu.)

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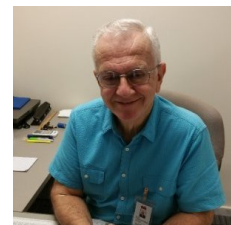


**Mid-September - planning a picnic in the Maynard area, probably on a Saturday**

"Mill and Main" online: [Article about Mill and Main](#)  
Website: [Mill and Main](#)

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Sat. 15 Oct 2016 - **The 30th anniversary of "Discover Digital in the Caribbean"**, a DECworld-like show in 1986, will take place in San Juan, Puerto Rico. To attend, contact Alex at [alexrsinger@yahoo.com](mailto:alexrsinger@yahoo.com)



*Alex Singer*

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## Digital and the Industry

Last month we featured the announcement about Dave Cutler being honored in the Computer Museum Hall of Fame. Coincidentally, but sadly, our member Clem Cole reported that Dave's manager in the mid-70s for the "Vax Software project", **Roger Gourd**, possibly the best SW Engineering manager the industry produced, passed away in April. [See Clem's tribute to Roger on our website here.](#)



Thanks to Galen Davis and Dave Kelly (Phoenix and Ireland) for Dave's eagle-eyed report from Ireland:

While walking in the countryside in Connemara in Ireland, I came across this piece of machine left inside a field near the road. Don't know how it got there but I remember the pride we took in shipping these LA120/180 dot matrix printers all over the world. I'm sure there are many in the DEC museum, so this was sad to see.



Galen provided several photos from the Final Assembly and Test line in Phoenix, DEC Union Hills facility. Later 1970's. This one might be showing the Irish machine at its birth...

Thanks to Bill Ring for sending us a photo of something that turned up in one of his old storage boxes. And it is a 25th anniversary Digital matchbook!



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## DEC Connection Member News

### Welcome to our new and renewing members during May:

Lynn Beckner (CO), Pam Berg (MA), John Clancy (NH), Gene Cronin (NC), Judith Culver (MA), Ted Grenham (MA), Fred Gould (NH), Peg Masjoan (FL), Randy Messer (NH), Susan Shapiro (FL), Phil Viscomi (CT), Helen Von Gunden (CO), Won White (NH), and Chris (Kumlin) Williams (ME).



Thanks to those who renewed in response to our email reminder. If you are enjoying our e-newsletters please consider joining for a year and sending in a brief update on your activities for our newsletter. Here is how to join or renew:

### **Membership Renewal Procedure**

- Click 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 [Join the DEC Connection online!](#)
- You can also send a personal 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.

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### **DEC Connection Member NewsBytes**

send yours to: [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org) [See our NewsByte archive page.](#)

\*Jim Higgins and his wife have retired to the Cape and are keeping very busy. He reminisces: My years at Digital were some of the best years of my career. I keep in touch with about 30 former colleagues in the U.S., U.K., Switzerland and Australia. I value those friendships greatly I appreciate the opportunity to keep up on general news via DEC CONNECTION. We all shared a truly unique environment at a special place. It's difficult to explain the unicity to others, and it probably will never be recreated. [higginjames@gmail.com](mailto:higginjames@gmail.com)

Hey folks - please send in YOUR update!!!

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### **Sad News Department**

Sadly, we have some deaths of former Digital employees to report:

- \* Ann H. Ressijac, 63, Ayer MA, 1 May 2016
  - \* Roger S. Gourd, 77, Indian Harbour FL, 21 April 2016
  - \* E. Lisa (Caballero) Brown, 66, of Harvard MA, 14 April 2016
  - \* Jack McCauley, 74, Naples FL, 3 April 2016
  - \* Russ H. Johnson, 68, Mansfield MA, 29 January 2016
- [Details are on our Memorial Page.](#)

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## Website Features and Updates

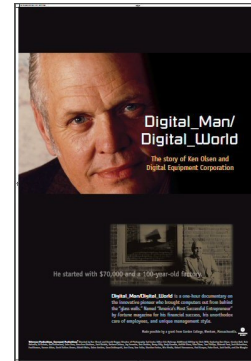
- [Where to Donate your Digital Equipment gear](#)

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: [Link to Ken Olsen/Digital Video](#)

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- **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 [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org) 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 LinkedIn to be added or email [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org).

**Hewlett-Packard Alumni Association info (membership not required)** Thanks to Curt Gowan for sharing all of this valuable advice.

- US - Medicare webinar presentations and Q-and-A: Medicare is much more complex than one would think... and there can be some expensive surprises. 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.

- HP stock and options issues: <http://www.hpalumni.org/stock>

- HP U.S. Phased Retirement Program: <http://www.hpalumni.org/PRP>

- Leaving HP? 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. [Go to](#)

<http://www.hpalumni.org/asap>

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