



# DECconnection

A professional association representing organization for former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

## September-October 2018

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### Events

The August picnic at the Hunters' was a lot of fun.

[See wrap-up and some photos on our website here.](#)



UPCOMING:

- Phoenix AZ group semi-annual lunch:

Sat., Nov. 3rd, noon, at Santisi Brothers Pizza. Info: [galendavis@aol.com](mailto:galendavis@aol.com)

- Colorado Springs: Thursday evening, April 25, 2019 Info: Theresa at [cosdecreunion@yahoo.com](mailto:cosdecreunion@yahoo.com)

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## Digital and the Industry

■ Eduardo Pontoriero, a former DEC employee both in Canada and the US, recently learned that a large company in Toronto, Canada is in need of Fortran/VMS developers (contract positions) to upgrade their Warehousing Application which is still running on Digital Alpha computers.

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■ Mike Maiesciuk writes: I am a former DEC employee – from Toronto Canada, had an assignment in Trinidad/Puerto Rico in 1982 – DELA/DETI. I currently work at a steel plant in Hamilton Ontario and we are a DEC/COMAPQ/HP/HPE shop for 30+ years now. We have tons of old hardware to dispose of and not sure if anyone is still interested, especially in Canada as it makes shipping a bit easier for the purchaser. Consists of: Boards, Documentation, Hard Drives, Pizza Boxes, Cables, some sw on floppy, TU58, TK70, and misc. items

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■ Rick Brimer asks: I have a question concerning the Nashua facility, I believe Spitbrook Road. It seems to me that there was a binary code on the outside of the building near the entrance. I never saw it, but I was told it was there. So, I have three questions. The first was it there? Is there a picture of it? Finally, what did the binary code mean? rickb921@aol.com, cc: info@deconnection.org

■ Jack Mileski contributes: If you ever wondered who developed the first computer, take a look at this... seems to depend on how you define “Computer”.

[History of computers](#)

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## DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during August and September: Jim Best (WY), Jan Jaferian (FL), Kim Kordosky (MA), Cherry Payne (AZ), Dilip Phadke (MA), and Terry Ann Sarandrea (MA).



Please RENEW your membership if you're due - members check the Member Service Center (instructions below). Other readers, if you are enjoying our e-newsletters please consider joining 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 send personal checks made out to DEC Connection to Nancy Kilty, 33 Forest St. Unit 416, Lexington MA 02421.

\* 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.

**Member Newsbytes:** please send yours to [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org) - 2-3 lines telling members about your activities since Digital. We like to hear from you!

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## Sad News Department

Sadly, we learned of two deaths of former Digital employees since last newsletter. Our condolences go out to friends and families of:

\* Bill Plante, 75, Longmont CO, 8 Sept 2018

\* Stan Whitlock, 70, Merrimack NH, 3 Sept 2018

[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:

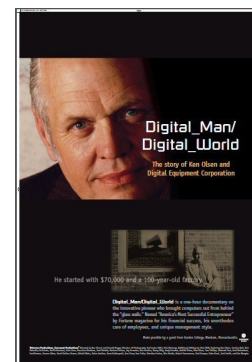
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It's a wonderful hour-long nostalgia trip. Enjoy!

**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, 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 [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org). [Click on this link](#).

■ **Featured Member Entrepreneur** - Email [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org) with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.

■ If you need info about your **Digital defined benefit plan/retirement**, start by calling the HP Retirement Services Center at Fidelity: 1- 800-457-4015

■ For **Stock plan** info, try Morgan Stanley: 1-210-677-3652 or [this website](#)

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