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(Sorry about the aborted start, but....)

I thought I'd add this as a topic as, for most of us "grunts", meeting Ken personally rarely – if ever – happened, and if it did, it was often something of a memorable experience. My own was just that.

The first (and only) time I met Ken personally was in 1977, early on a Christmas Eve, Saturday morning.

Arising early that morning, and realizing I still had gifts to buy, I had jumped into my trusty '73 Volvo, driven into Maynard, gulped down a quick cup of coffee at the Copper Kettle, and then rushed over to the BayBank and its lobby ATM for additional cash.

Now, for anybody who has ever been there at about 7:00 AM on a Saturday morning, downtown Maynard was a very quiet place, so, hearing the lobby door open and close behind me, while standing in front of the ATM, might have been surprising had I not been so absorbed in trying to figure out how to operate the menu on the still new machine. After fumbling around for several minutes I finally managed to extract my cash and, turning with what I hoped was an apologetic smile, I froze, stunned to realize I was staring into the face of a tall, husky, and very causally dressed Ken Olsen.

At this point memory turns a little hazy, but I do recall Ken smiling, and asking me if I had left any money for him in the ATM. Still stunned (and now, just a little shaken) I tried to return the smile and then may (here my memory becomes very hazy) have said "If not, I'd be glad to loan you some". A quick dash out the door, and a second cup of Copper Kettle coffee (could have used something stronger), was needed before I could settle down and begin to appreciate the experience and my, less than swave, behavior.

All these years later I can still chuckle about that occasion, and hope that Ken remembers it.



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