



DECconnection

A private independent networking organization for former Digital Equipment Corporation employees.

January-February 2022

Events

We are hopeful that in-person events will return during 2022. Our board is meeting to come up with plans shortly. In the meantime, here's a new feature we're trying in February -- DEC Tech Talks, via Zoom.

Bob Anundson, a DEC Connection member from Washington state, has proposed that we organize short presentations about Digital products, engineering culture, and whatever else interests you, with Q&A/discussion time afterwards. In the time-honored tradition of Digital, he who proposes does, and Bob has graciously offered to kick off this hopefully future series with a prototype session on **Saturday, February 19 starting at 1 pm Eastern** time. He will focus mostly on his Maynard experiences in Product Marketing using the PDP-11/10, 11/40, RK05, VT50/VT52, and software licensing as examples between 1969 and 1975, but will also address Digital culture.

To sign up for Bob's talk on Sat. Feb 19 at 1 pm Eastern, email info@deconnection.org. Provide your name, and email address for the Zoom invite. We expect these sessions to be under an hour - 20 min. talk, 10-20 min. Q&A/discussion. But if you get into it, and have fun, we won't cut anyone off! We'll record the sessions.

To sign up to deliver a DEC Tech Talk, please email info@deconnection.org with your name and a bit about your Digital background and what you'd like to present.

The videos taken by Tom Vallas from the Sept. 19 Maynard 150th Celebration have been [posted on the event page here](#).

Digital and the Industry



▪ New DEC Connection member Denny Pavlock writes: For my first 4 or 5 years working for DEC, I worked in PDP-8 and PDP-12 Software Engineering (although we were called the Programming Group) under VP Larry Porter. One of the operating systems my team worked on was the CAP-8 for the PDP-8. I

just found the original operating system cassettes. Does anyone want this original DEC software? dfpavlock@gmail.com

▪ An inquiry about our Helicopter Program: Hello. I'm an airfield archaeologist from nearby Harvard, MA (now living in CA) who's writing an article about the heliport at the Mill. The network of helipads and copters that DEC developed in the 1970s was a unique and magical operation that should be revisited while those that remember it are still around. Any chance you have run across photos of the helipad, or are still in touch with any of the pilots? Lastly perhaps some of your members have stories about the helipad that they'd like to share with the aviation community. All stories, photos appreciated. Jonathan Westerling, laptop@westerling.com

Digital Retiree Benefits Updates

▪ Our "mentor" association, HPAA (HPAlumni), offers current and constant updates on retiree issues. Sign up for mail or check out on the web. Thanks to Curt Gowan as always for including us:

You may want to point your members to our detailed -- and continually-updated -- page on the independent HPAlumni Association site

<https://www.hpalumni.org/pension2021>

To sign up for Curt's mailing list go to his website:

HPAlumni: Independent member-supported association of former U.S. HP and HPE employees -- and those in the process of leaving. Operated by volunteers. Not officially endorsed or supported. <https://www.hpalumni.org>

▪ We will also save and share AON stories and try to send feedback (anonymous) to AON and HP. Send yours to info@deccnection.org. [Here is the feedback page.](#)

Lost & Found

- My husband, Cary D. Wyman, was a software engineer at DEC in the 1970s. Unfortunately, he died in March 2019. I'd like to connect with any of his colleagues and discuss the projects he worked on. Linda Moncrief, email lindamoncrief@yahoo.com.
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DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during December and January: Bob Alessio (MA), Fred Balfour (NY), Tony Bento (MA), Pam Berg (MA), Chuck Bessant (CO), Mark Billingslea (CO), Michael Bujnowski (NH), Bob Carlin (MA), Mary Cole (MA), Sandy Cooper (FL), Julie Corenzwit (MA), Gene Cronin (NC), Paula Daley (MA), Scott Dixon (GA), Paul Donovan (CT), Jay Fraze (CO), Larry Harris (MA), Dick Helliwell (NV), Gale "Jake" Jacobs (OR), Paul Kinzelman (NM), Sue Lawrence-Longo (MA), Patricia Leech (CO), Rich Loring (MA), Joe Mangiafico (MA), Pat Molloy (FL), James Montague Sr. (MA), Jodi Newell (CA), Dick Nixon (NH), Lorna Oinonen (RI), Darlene Page (MA), Ed Palmer (TX), Denny Pavlock (FL), Sonny Provencher (MA), Steve Rothman (MA), Claudia Trend (MA), Elizabeth Venner (CO), Sue Weiss (MA), Bob Werab (TX), and Stan Znamierowski (AZ).



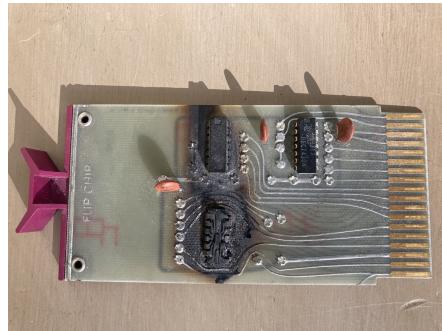
Please RENEW your membership if you're due - members check the Member Service Center (instructions below). Other readers, if you are enjoying our e-newsletters please consider joining and sending in a brief update on your activities for our newsletter. Here is how to join

or renew:

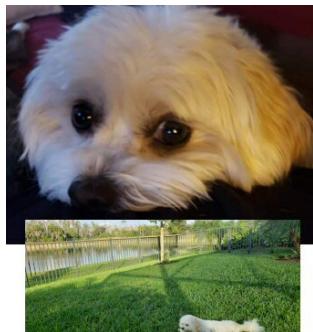
Membership Renewal Procedure

- * 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 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 - do NOT use any Board member's personal email address.
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Member Newsbytes: Please send your personal news updates to info@deconnection.org. We need your participation to provide an interesting and relevant newsletter for our readers. Thank you!



- **Michael Bujnowski** shared his story of "The Day I Saved the Mill"... [Click this link for what happened] (<http://www.deconnection.org/stories.htm>) mbujnowski@comcast.net Hint: It involved this module, above right.
- **Ian Ferguson** from Canada reports that he has published his seventh novel, *Dolphin*. [Check out his profile and novel synopsis on our Member Publications page.] (<http://www.deconnection.org/MembersinPrint.htm>). Congratulations, Ian! imferguson@sympatico.ca



▪ **Pat Molloy** is enjoying her new home in Naples FL. After retiring 4 years ago, she fulfilled a lifelong dream to get a puppy, and Molly arrived in July 2017. But Molly didn't love living in a condo. So, after repairing the damage from hurricane Irma, Pat and Molly found the perfect home in Naples. Molly has a back yard with a fence! And Pat has her own pool and spa and a view of a lake and a forest. And of course, beautiful weather. If you need to spend time at home due to Covid, then the place is perfect! patmolloy239@gmail.com

▪ New member **Scott Dixon** writes: I joined DEC in 1979 and worked in Marketing and U.S Business Operations in Marlboro (and a number of other DEC locations) over the years. Relocated to Atlanta in 1990 to support the Atlanta District Sales office and left DEC in 1995 to join a real estate related publishing company where I enjoyed a great career. Recently retired and split my time between my home in Atlanta and a beach house in Marshfield, Mass. Happily married and collectively my wife and I have five kids and six grandkids. All good here. scottsdixon@gmail.com

▪ **Vanessa Fox** writes that www.Sovations.com is my company rebranded. Used to be focused on sales and marketing, but have updated to what I have been working on for the past 10+ years, sustainability, clean energy, smart cities, etc. vfox27@gmail.com, 781-454-9189.

• **Bob Werab** writes: Retired? Traveling (USA & cargo ship around the world) and volunteering. Enjoying retirement with part time in San Antonio and part time in Mexico. I have become a grandfather X 4 and remarried. Photos at right.
bobwerab@gmail.com



Sad News Department

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

- * Paul Guest, 77, Paris France, 20 January 2022
- * Bill Long, 89, Bourne MA, 9 January 2022
- * Duane T. Napp, 88, Houston TX, 7 January 2022
- * Bill Seitz, 77, San Tan Valley AZ, 23 December 2021
- * Charlie Perrell, 72, Los Altos Hills, CA, 10 December 2021
- * Carol J. Pietraallo, 71, Colorado Springs, 9 November, 2021
- * Raymond P. Lamy, 73, Bedford NH, 28 September 2021
- * Madeleine Kenn, 70, Velva ND, 14 September 2021
- * Henry B. Bone, 85, Maryville TN, 13 September 2021
- * Cary D. Wyman, Austin TX, 4 March 2019

[Details are on our Memorial Page.](#)

NOTE TO OUR READERS: Please do not be concerned if, when clicking on a link in this email, your browser or antivirus program tells you that you are attempting to visit a dangerous or unsafe web address. Many browsers now flag any site without an SSL certificate (i.e., encryption) as unsafe (it's not). When you purchase tickets through our website, we transfer you to the PayPal website, which DOES use SSL encryption software.

Website Features and Updates

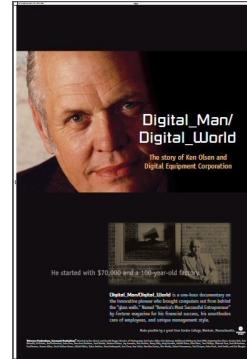
- [We've added a Marketing Videos page](#). Thanks to Dave Price and Nancy Kilty for providing the videos from DECworld, DECville and 40th Anniversary.
- **Topics of Interest** tab: We've added a button on the left-hand menu that takes you to articles that have appeared in past newsletters. Here are some sample topics: Medicare Seminar & Research - 6/20; AON Exchange Feedback from retirees - 10/18; Harvard Business School's Baker Library (Ken Olsen Collection); and, David Mark's series of 11 articles on Digital - 11/19-3/20
- [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 at

[Digital Man/Digital World](#)

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

- Another URL to watch same documentary on your computer is: <http://video.wfyi.org/video/2282149336/>



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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. [Click on this link](#).
 - **Featured Member Entrepreneur** - Email 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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