



DECconnection

A professional association representing organization for former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

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Events



An Evening (or maybe afternoon) at a BBQ and WooSox Baseball Game

For our 2022 main event this summer, we are organizing an evening at the brand new Red Sox minor league ballpark, Polar Park in Worcester. This is a BBQ event for DEC Connection members and their guests with a ballgame included. This will be a fun evening with great food and entertainment, subsidized by The DEC Connection. We need input from you to make it happen. Read below carefully! Instructions in **BOLD** font below to reply with your interest.

The basics:

- * We will have a **PRIVATE ROOM** at the ballpark. It is nicer than your normal baseball seats. There will be tables and plenty of room to mingle.
- * If we go on a Friday evening, there will be **FIREWORKS** after the game.
- * **BBQ Food**: The price of the tickets includes all-you-can eat hamburgers, hot dogs, cole slaw, mac & cheese, buttered popcorn, watermelon and berries, brownies, and water, tea, and lemonade. Of course you can buy alcoholic beverages at their concessions.
- * We need **25 participants** for a weekday game, and **40 participants** for a weekend game.
- * **Not just for members**: You may invite family/friends of all ages on guest tickets.
- * In addition, we will have a raffle for free DEC memorabilia.
- * Tickets are \$20 for each paid-up member and \$30 for non-member guests. DEC Connection is subsidizing the true cost of \$41 per ticket. We will post a ticketing page on our website as soon as possible.

The Friday dates we are considering, which include fireworks:

- * Friday, June 24 at 6:45 pm vs. Charlotte
- * Friday, August 5 at 6:45 pm vs. Durham
- * Friday, August 19 at 6:45 pm vs. Rochester

If we get over 40 people interested we can consider Sunday afternoon games (no fireworks):

- * Sunday, June 26 at 1:05 pm vs. Charlotte
- * Sunday, August 7 at 1:05 pm vs. Durham
- * Sunday, August 21 1:05 pm vs. Rochester

If you're interested in participating, please REPLY immediately to info@deconnection.org with the following responses:

1. Do you prefer a Friday evening or a Sunday afternoon game? (Sunday will only be possible if more than 40 people want to attend.)
2. List your choices for dates in each category ranked by preference, for example:
 - a. for Friday, I vote for Aug 5 first, Aug 19 second, June 24 third
 - b. for Sunday, I vote for Aug 7 first and Aug 21 second, no third
1. Your name, email, phone #, and # of tickets you will purchase.

Thanks for your TIMELY (immediate) response. We need to purchase and then resell the tickets quickly as Polar Park says the private rooms are going fast. We will buy the tix based on your replies and then put up our webpage for your purchases of subsidized tickets by April 10. If you're a paid-up member you can buy a \$20 ticket for yourself, and \$30 tickets for your guests. Each group must include at least 1 paid-up member [so join DEC Connection here](#) if you haven't joined and want to participate.



On February 19, Bob Anundson, a DEC Connection member from Washington state, delivered our first Zoom DEC Tech Talk to an appreciative audience. Bob had proposed that we organize short presentations about Digital products, engineering culture, etc. with discussion time afterwards. He spoke of his Maynard experiences in Product Marketing using the PDP-11/10, 11/40, RK05, VT50/VT52, and software licensing as examples between 1969-

1975, in the context of Digital culture. [His presentation video is posted here.](#) Bob also wrote up this background for the Maynard Library Digital collection. [Link here.](#)

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.

Digital and the Industry

Recently we received a few old PDP and tech photographs to share with you. Here's a small version of one of the photos, with a link to a [website pdf document](#) for the larger images. Thanks to Tom Stranko and Dave Grainger Sr. for sending these in.



And, Steve Gray sent in a [Maynard DIGITAL THIS WEEK issue from 1979.](#) Another blast from the past!

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during February and March: Carolyn Baker (MD), Ron Brender (IN), Dave Chen (CO), Galen Davis (AZ), Ken Fine (TX), Robert Freitas (VT), Karl Glock (MD), Les Goldman (FL), Tim Horgan (MA), Ray Humphrey (FL), Joe LaRose (MA), Aline Migrants (MA), Jack Moore (MA), Bob Morrison (MA), Mary Anne North (MA), Richard Provencher (NC), Jack Richardson (MA), Claire Robinson (MA), Mark Sanesi (CA), Ava Schutzman (FL), Roger Scott (VA), Richard Seltzer (CT), David Siembieda (IL), Mark Silverberg (MA), Evie Stern (CT), George Stobie (MD), Tom Tyson (NC), Ken Vonasek (MA), Barbara Weinstein (MA), Bob Welzel (NJ), Ande Wertheim (MA), and Mark Yanow (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 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.

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes

- **Ray Humphrey** sent in an [interview article](#) describing his incredible "other jobs". Ray served as our VP of Corporate Security for 18 years. Click on the above link - you won't believe it! rayhumphrey@earthlink.net
- **Carolyn Baker** writes: Hi. I'm celebrating 20 years retirement this year. It's been a great journey! carolynbakersemail@gmail.com
- **Ted Sares** writes that he is retiring from one of his careers, that of a boxing writer, at almost age 85. [Here is his last article - one and done!](#)
tedsares@roadrunner.com
- **Dave Chen** writes: Retired in 2013, moved from Amherst, NH after 40 years to Colorado in 2020 to be near family, enjoying life with family and new friends in our 55+ community. david.h.chen@comcast.net
- **New member** Richard Seltzer writes: I was editor of DECWORLD the newspaper and wrote MGMT MEMO. I also wrote the book The AltaVista:Search Revolution. seltzer@seltzerbooks.com
See complete set of articles from MGMT MEMO at my website at <https://www.seltzerbooks.com/dec.html#mgmtmemo>
See select articles from DECWORLD at <https://seltzerbooks.com/dec.html#snap>
See the complete text of the AltaVista book at <https://www.seltzerbooks.com/alta.html>
See my novels at Amazon https://www.amazon.com/Richard-Seltzer/e/B000APBTAA?ref_=dbs_p_pbk_r00_abau_000000

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:

- * Ronald Bowser, 76, Colorado Springs CO, 17 February 2022
- * Bill (William L.) Avery, Stow MA, 15 February 2022
- * Bud (Benjamin J.) Messar, 75, Ashburnham MA, 13 February 2022
- * Henry J. Crouse, Boston MA, 6 February 2022
- * Jack Burness, 75, Colorado Springs, 20 January 2022
- * Jack (John) Duffy, 80, Andover MA, 3 January 2022
- * Richard L. Pfender, 68, Pittsburgh PA, 6 November 2021

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

Website Features and Updates

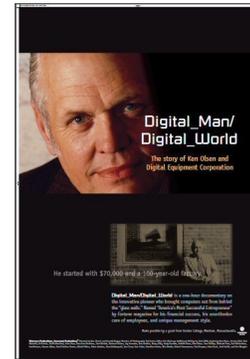
- We've added a [Marketing Videos](#) page. Thanks to Dave Price and Nancy Kilty for providing the videos from DECworld, DECville and 40th Anniversary.
- **Topics of Interest** tab: We've added a button on the left-hand menu that takes you to articles that have appeared in past newsletters. Here are 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](#).
 - 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.
 - You can contact the Prudential Pension Dept. at 1-877-778-2100 if your pension has been transferred there.
 - For **Stock plan** info, try Morgan Stanley: 1-210-677-3652 or [this website](#)

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