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A professional association for retiring organization of former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

September-October 2025 News-at-a-Glance

Events - Get together at Kimball's and Road Rally

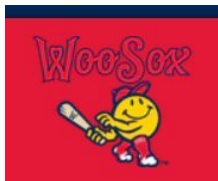


facilities!

Friday August 22 was a fun get-together at Kimball's. Our first Road Rally was fun and challenging; the winner of the \$100 gift certificate was Marty Palmieri - Congratulations, Marty, on your knowledge of DEC

[See the events page here for photos and details.](#)

Events - Summer WooSox BBQ Get-together



We are looking for input from those of you who'd like to attend another WooSox game next June.

--Would you attend if on a Sunday (not Father's Day)?

--Would you attend if on a weekday? (if yes please give any preferences)

--Would you bring any family members (grandchildren or children) or other friends?

Please send your answers to info@decconnection.org

Thanks!

Events - DEC Calgary Field Service Monthly Reunion



Zul Abbany writes: Just thought I would share a picture of ex-Digital employees, in Calgary, that get together for lunch once a month on the first Friday of each month. This tradition has continued for over 30 years.

You can see a larger version of this pic and another meeting on our Calgary webpage (thanks to David Boone and Zul).

Life After DEC...



Thanks to Mike Carroll for sending in an article about the subsequent uses of one of our Stow facilities.

[Click on this link to read.](#)

Ed. note: it takes a few minutes to load this story - it's 7MB.

DEC Connection Member News

Membership Updates

Welcome to our new and renewing members during August and September:

Joe Carruolo (NJ), Anton Chernoff (MA), Lester Cuff (NH), Peter Dick (U.K.), Sandy Feman (MA), Kim Foster (CA), Rick Fricchione (MA), Bob Glorioso (MA), Patrick Horgan (MA), Bob May (MA), Keith Myles (MA), Pat O'Donnell (IL), Karen Umbrello (MA), Tom Vallas (ME), Thomas Verner (Sweden) and Steve Webber (MA).



or renew:

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



Membership Renewal Procedure

* We now offer Zelle as another payment method for membership dues and events! Our payment address is **registrations@decconnection.org**. Please enter your name, cell #, and email address, and what payment is for, in the memo line. Zelle doesn't charge us any fees and is offered by 2200 U.S. banks with more coming. For info see the [Zelle website](#).

- 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@decconnection.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.

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes

Let's hear from our members about what's going on! Send a short update to info@deconnection.org.

- New member **Thomas Verner** writes: I joined DEC in 1981 and left 1996. Relocated from Sweden to Stow 1991 with Industry Marketing and returned to Sweden in 1994. thomas@verner.se
 - DEC Connection Member **Karen Umbrello** writes in with her update: Joined DEC in September 1978 and worked at PK1 for 5 years. Transferred to HL1 in September 1983 and spent the next 15 years there supporting the Digital Semiconductor Engineering teams. DEC was purchased by Compaq in 1998 and became a Compaq employee and shortly thereafter, Intel purchased the Hudson Manufacturing Facility. At that time in mid-1998, the Alpha Development group (of which I was a part of) moved to the Shrewsbury DEC Facility (SHR1). Intel purchased the Alpha group in June of 2001 and I became an Intel employee in October of 2001, still residing in the SHR1 facility. In 2005 the former Alpha team that became part of Intel moved back to the Hudson Facility, several folks sat near or at the same desk/floor that they were at as a DEC employee! Retired from Intel in September 2024 after a long and fruitful career spanning 3 companies and supporting many of the same folks for over 40 years! What a ride! kumbrello@comcast.net
 - **Kathy Tack** writes: I was an employee of DEC in Davenport Iowa during the 1980s. I started as a receptionist and ended as a sales rep when HP bought DEC. DEC had a tuition reimbursement program that paid for my entire college degree and then made me a sales rep. My life completely changed because of that and I am grateful everyday for what they did for me. I'm retired now and had a wonderful career because of DEC paying for my college and providing me with a wonderful career that I would not have had without their help. Thank you DEC! kathytack@austin.rr.com
 - **Lost & Found:** We were contacted by an old friend of a former DECcie who would appreciate being reconnected: "I'm searching for information on a former DEC employee named Roberto Perez who was in the training organization working from the Washington, DC regional office in the 1990s. He lived in the Arlington/Falls Church, VA area and would have been in his late 30s or early 40s at that time." Email Bill Anderson of Tampa FL at novabill@aol.com. Thanks!
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Sad News Department

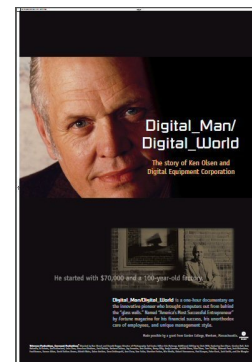
Our sincere condolences to friends and family of:

- * Tom Pisinski, 85, Northborough MA, July 13, 2025
- * Wayne C. Parker, 77, Marlborough MA, July 8, 2025
- * Dan J. Flynn, 74, Leominster MA, May 4, 2025

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

Website Features and Updates

- Our **WEBSITE** uses a convenient **drop-down menu**. Send your suggestions to info@decconnection.org, and any content to ava@decconnection.org.
- Use your **MEMBER SERVICE CENTER!** Use the Member Login menu under About Us 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, etc. You can check your dues status and renew your membership online. You can email a small photo for your profile, and contribute articles to Our DEC Stories, Member Publicity, or Members In Print.
- 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/>



HELP WITH RETIREE BENEFITS

- 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.
- Contact Empower (company that acquired Prudential's pension business in April 2024) Customer Service at 1 (855) 756-4738 if your pension has been transferred there.
- However, although Empower manages your account, the actual distribution is still being handled by Prudential's Tax service. If you need to change the bank account number for your distribution, you should call 1-800-392-4643 at Prudential Tax Service, LLC, 30 Scranton Office Park, Scranton, PA 18507-1796. Phone #: 1-800-392-4643
- For **Stock plan** info, try Morgan Stanley: 1-210-677-3652 or [this website](#)
- [Go to the HPAA website DEC page!](#) Don't miss all this useful information.

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