



# DECconnection

A professional association, reuniting organization for former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

## May-June 2018

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### Events

Three recent reunions -[Phoenix](#), [Colorado Springs](#), and [Maynard](#) - all report having a great time renewing friendships and reminiscing about great Digital days. We've also learned that 100 DEC-Japan alums also got together in Tokyo this week, thanks to Gen Narui ([narui@lpi.or.jp](mailto:narui@lpi.or.jp))



[The Maynard Mill Pub event write-up and photos can be found here.](#) We had two mini-reunions, Engineering Regulatory/Safety/PowerSupply invited by Len Segal and BOIS (Business & Office Systems) invited by Jack Mileski. A special aspect of the day was the two dual-generation Digital families who participated, the Jeanne Gay family and the Ron Minezzi family. See their stories on our website. Special thanks as always to Rod Sutherland for sharing his photos ([click here](#)) and to Jack Mileski for his superb event-organizing skills.

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### Digital and the Industry

VAX and PDP-11 still live!

-Thanks to Sue Yarger for sending in this note from the UK Register:  
[NASA dusts off FORTRAN manual, revives 20-year-old data](#) on Ganymede -  
Analysing Galileo's Jovian moon results

-And thanks to Jack MacKeen for this gem, same source:  
[Das blinkenlights are back thanks to RPi revival of the PDP-11](#)  
Retro computing fans wrap classic DEC fascia round world's fave hobby machine

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### DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during April and May:  
Joanne Andrews (MA), Frank Bomba (MA), Walter Bonin (MA), Burt Byers (IA), Paul Donaldson (NH), Hank Fitek (MA), Jay Frazee (CO), Rose Ann Giordano (MA), Frank Ignachuck (MA), Stewart Jackson (NH), Lois Levick (MA), Clare MacDonald-Sugrowe (MD), Jack MacKeen (MA), Cynthia McNeil (MA), Ron Minezzi (MA), Jack Pinder (MA), John Rosala (MA), Dick Stahli (TX), Dennis Valliere (NH), Ed Vrablik (MA), and Sue Yarger (NH).



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.

■ Geri Wetzell writes: I worked DecWorlds in the 80's, I started out in '79 as a TAG (Temp. Assistance Group) and ended up in GIA. My responsibilities got me to Europe, five Pacific Rim countries, Puerto Rico, and lots of domestic travel. I took the first DEC buyout. It was a great Company and they rewarded us well for curiosity. They were very good to me, I learned a lot. I am enjoying retirement with husband and kids and their kids, we alternate between VT and FL. I am blessed.

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## Sad News Department

Sadly, we have several deaths of former Digital employees to report. Our condolences to friends and families of:

Patrick Francis Bowe, 85, Littleton MA, 15 May 2018

Pier Carlo Falotti, Geneva, Switzerland, 24 April 2018

Roger Allen Hergert, 72, Colorado Springs, 23 April 2018

Mike Zarich, 74, Longmont CO, 20 April 2018

(Irwin) Warren Beckman, 75, Acton/Otis MA, 11 Feb 2018

Barry M. Bograd, Framingham/Newton MA, 30 Jan 2018

Steve (John Stephen) Hayes, 69, Colorado Springs, 18 Jan 2018

Sanford Schulman, 83, Auburn MA, 10 Nov 2017

Arlene P. Roux, 60, Thomasville NC/Tewksbury, MA, 13 Jun 2017

[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:

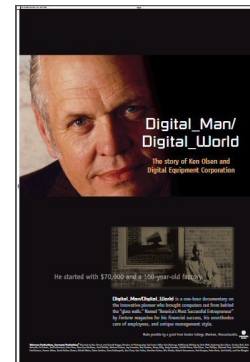
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It's a wonderful hour-long nostalgia trip. Enjoy!

**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.

**Hewlett-Packard Alumni Association info (membership not required)** Thanks to Curt Gowan for sharing all of this valuable advice. See the HP Connections thread in Linked In for advice from alumni to current employees and those being laid off.

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