



DECconnection

A professional association for networking organization for former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

May-June 2022

Events



Our afternoon at a BBQ and WooSox Baseball Game will be held June 19, Father's Day, at 1 pm. 58 DEC Connection members and guests will participate. Have a great time, all!

Anyone interested in attending a future reunion in the Pittsburgh PA area can contact Mary Cozma. They will be partying on Saturday, October 1, at a location to be named later. Please write to Mary at PTODigitalEquipment@gmail.com to participate.



DEC Connection member Bob Anundson delivered our first Zoom DEC Tech Talk to an appreciative audience in February. His enthusiasm continued, and he has recruited and is planning short Tech Talks with several excellent Engineering speakers.

Our #2 Talk will be delivered by Nathan Teichholtz Brookwood, who worked at Digital from 1968-1978. During that time he created and coded RSTS and much of DECnet. Not bad! We'll be announcing his talk within a week or two, so stay tuned!

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

Lou DiFinizio sent this 1966 photo of his manufacturing peers when he started at Digital at age 20. He is in the back row in the dark-colored shirt, and next to him is his friend Lou Klotz, who sadly, just passed away. [Click here](#) for larger image of Lou's group photo.



Jim Higgins [forwarded this link](#) to a summary of Digital's story - its success and why it failed, by the writer Barry Silverstein. A few things omitted, but a good 5-minute read.

LOST and FOUND

- Doug Derham is seeking a copy of the video from the 1993 DECathlon event held in Maui, Hawaii.

Email: dderham99@gmail.com

- Stephen Kallis Jr. is seeking a copy, scan, or link to the issue of the former Digital employee newsletter *On Line* (predecessor of Digital This Week), dated 1975, about the Maynard premier of the movie *Three Days of the Condor* which included a PDP-8/e (shown above). Email: skallisjr@juno.com



DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during April and May:

Lauris Ames (NH), Fritz Aumann (NH), Maureen Cicione Burness (CO), Anker Berg-Sonne (MA), Walt Colby (MA), Mary Cole (MA), Agnes Connors (MA), Mary Cozma (PA), David D'Innocenzo (NJ), Linda Feldeisen (NH), Marcia Gannon (MA), Elva Guile (MA), Don Harbert (MA), Barrie Hunter (MA), Frank Ignachuck (MA), Judy Kilgore (CO), David Lavalley (MA), Jack MacKeen (MA), Pete Martin (MA), Christine Medeiros (CA), Carl Narsasian (MA), Mimi Overman (MA), Marty Palmieri (MA), Lou Philippon (MA), Ed Pont (CT), Jack Rahaim (TN), Richard Reichert (FL), Bill Seaver (MA), Karle Schlieff (MA), Fred Symington (AL), Jim Wengler (FL) and Stan Wojta (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

▪ **Jacky Hovey** writes: In 1985 my daughters attended a summer computer camp sponsored by DEC in Marlboro called "Rainbow Camp". As I was going through some old school materials of theirs, I came across a copy of the MRO2 and MRO3 Learning Centers Newsletter. [Click here](#) for a copy of it... it will likely be a "trip down memory lane" for folks who were at DEC back then! Thank you for keeping The DEC Connection going! jackyhovey@comcast.net

▪ **Dave Price** has compiled a page of 65 Digital videos that he posted on YouTube. [Click here to access](#). Thanks Dave!

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:

- Louis Klotz, 76, Bolivia NC, 30 May 2022
- Eddie Trujillo, 64, Colorado Springs CO, 11 May 2022
- Randy Barth, 70, Cicero IL, 7 May 2022
- Barry James Folsom, 75, Laguna Woods CA, mid-April 2022
- Carl L. Crockford, 74, Goffstown NH, 1 March 2022
- Jerry Butler, 81, Nashua NH, 16 February 2022

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

Website Features and Updates

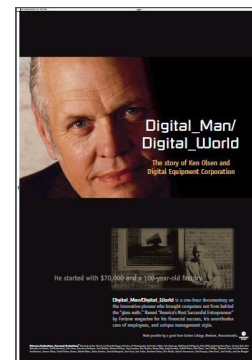
- We've expanded our [Marketing Videos](#) page into [Digital Videos](#). Thanks to Dave Price and Nancy Kilty for providing the videos from DECworld, DECville and 40th Anniversary. Also to Dave for sharing his [65 Digital videos](#) on YouTube with us!
- **Topics of Interest** tab: We've added a button 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/>



- [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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