November 2013 News-at-a-Glance



HAPPY HOLIDAYS from The DEC Connection! It's turkey time! Remember this?



EVENTS WRAP-UP:

Digital Arizona Group's annual Luncheon was Sat., November 2, 2013 at Bill Johnson's Big Apple Restaurant in Phoenix. Galen Davis reports that an enthusiastic group convened and had a great time. <u>See photos on our new Arizona website page.</u> Contact: GalenDavis@aol.com

The 2nd Carolinas DEC Connection Chapter Reunion Dinner (for all DECcies) **was held on Thursday, November 21, 2013.** Congratulations to Zul Abbany, Phyllis Moss and Joe Harris, for doing an outstanding job. 40 folks attended and enjoyed themselves tremendously - <u>see report and photos on our website</u>. Contact Zul Abbany, <u>zabbany@nc.rr.com</u> or call him at 919-612-3416 to be on their mailing list.

SW Florida Chapter Meeting in Naples FL area postponed until early 2014. All DECcies welcome. Contact Sally Hering, at email: sahering@msn.com <u>Click here for information.</u>

Reunion With Your Peers - <u>click here for information</u> about running your own reunion locally with DEC Connection support.



Galen Davis, organizer of Digital Arizona Group and early Maynard employee.



Zul Abbany, organizer for Carolinas group based in Raleigh

Noticed this interesting tidbit in a recent Nashua Telegraph:

DEC heads and 'Wang gang' alumni, take note: A museum (might) want your old stuff

Posted by David Brooks | Tuesday, October 22, 2013

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There is a lot of computer-ish history in the Greater Route 128 Megalopalis (which includes N.H. up to about Manchester along the Merrimack River and maybe even all the way to southern Maine along the coast). My Telegraph column this week talks about efforts by a Northeastern Univ. lecturer to create a software/computer museum here, something to replace the Computer Museum that was taken out to Silicon Valley.

"Mountain View (home of the Computer Museum) is defining everything as if it happened in Silicon Valley, whereas in reality a lot of it happened here," Mary Hopper said.

You can read my column here, and maybe help out. <u>Here's her Digital Den site</u> with a video of the new museum, located in Cambridge at Mass Ave and Memorial Drive.

Al Saloky reports that TONIGHT, Nov. 30th, the Compaq Big Band will be



featured at their biggest holiday gig – the annual Nashua Winter Holiday Stroll. They are performing two sets, 7:10pm - 8:10pm and 8:35pm - 9:45pm, at the Grace Fellowship Church located at 34 Franklin Street, where Franklin intersects Main. Info on the Nashua event is at www.downtownnashua.org/holidaystroll/

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new members: **Stephen Brewton, James Ladowski, and Patrick Ward.** And a hearty Re-welcome to our renewing members: **Fred Darrow, Ron McGrath, and Lloyd Tucker.**

Membership Renewal Procedure:

Best method to renew: Click this link to see if your membership is current in our <u>Member Service Center</u> 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 for you - no leading or trailing spaces and it should work - email webmaster@decconnection.org for help.

- You can also join us (or renew) at www.decconnection.org/join.htm
- You can also send a check to The DEC Connection, c/o Bob Moore, 28 Fernglade Rd., Burlington MA 01803. \$10 for 1 year, \$25 for 3 years.
- If you prefer to use your PayPal account directly (not via our website), use our payment address: registrations@decconnection.org - please do NOT use any of the Board members' personal email addresses.

Staying on our email list: Our newsletter contact manager removes names if the recipient mail server sends a rejection notice. If you haven't received DEC Connection's News-at-a-Glance in a while, or you changed your email address, re-register for our free e-news at: www.decconnection.org/mail.htm

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes: send yours to:

webmaster@decconnection.org. See our new NewsByte archive page.

Mary Cole sent in a cute video link (click here): When I saw this I was reminded of all the long hours and many weekends we all worked in the computer industry at the dawn of the era. It brought back a lot of good memories. Hope it does the same for you!

• Ted Sares had another writeup on his activities...powerlifting this time. Click here.

DEC Stories - Tom Hayden sent in a nice vignette - <u>click here</u>. Send in your story to webmaster@decconnection.org

Sad News Department - details on our Memorials Page

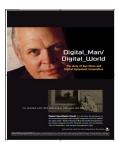
 Our condolences to friends of Dave Knoll, Maynard mfg manager who passed away on November 1st. Marcia Russell wrote a cute story about her manager Dave which is now posted in DEC Stories, <u>click here</u>.

Website Updates:

- Know someone who is leaving HP? Please pass the word to anyone leaving HP to use the HP Alumni Association's "ASAP Checklist" immediately. It has advice and mutual help -- developed by HPAA members -- on the many things you have to do before you lose access to HP's internal systems. Thanks to Curt Gowan for this posting. Go to http://www.hpalumni.org/asap (HPAA membership not required.)
- 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: <u>http://www.shoppbs.org/product</u> /index.jsp?productld=13315614
 It's a wonderful hour-long nostalgia

trip. Enjoy! For those who prefer to watch on their computers, the free version is: <u>http://video.wfyi.org/video/2282149336/</u>

- Use your <u>MEMBER SERVICE CENTER</u>! 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, access or request membership in our LinkedIn Group, and send info for articles such as Featured Entrepreneur.
- <u>DEC Stories</u> submitted by our members and readers We are still collecting your unusual, humorous or just favorite DEC stories. Email them to <u>webmaster@decconnection.org</u>. They should be one page or less and be entertaining to our members. <u>Click on this link</u> to enjoy the ones submitted so far.
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