

Happy New Year from The DEC Connection!



Here's the latest news about The DEC Connection, its members, events, and information on the website <http://www.deconnection.org/>.

2008 Renewals and New Memberships

The DEC Connection is a not-for-profit group dedicated to keeping the DEC community together through communications, events and other activities. All board members and others volunteer their efforts without compensation. However, there are expenses such as maintaining the web site, office expenses, and, in some cases, subsidizing the cost of events. Therefore, we are dependent on our members to pay their yearly dues (currently \$10/yr.); and, we hope that those of you who hadn't joined but who've been enjoying this monthly missive will pitch in and join us!

By now, we hope you agree that "keeping the Digital family together" is a worthwhile, sustainable endeavor with many mutual benefits, including (*paid-up member-only benefits):

- *full access to the Members Forum discussion board to connect with colleagues online
- *listing and/or featuring your business on the website
- *listing your publications on the website
- *member discount for events
- monthly communications (News at a Glance)
- job postings - wanted and available (on the Member Forum, read-only mode)
- help reconnecting with other former DECCies
- DEC Connection social events
- DEC Connection business seminars
- business networking with DEC Connection members



You are encouraged to take care of this obligation as soon as possible [by either charging the payment \(by clicking here\)](#). Please note that there is a non-refundable \$1.50 per year processing fee for credit card payments), or by sending a \$10 check payable to The DEC Connection for 2008 membership.

Checks should be mailed to:

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Update on Events & Activities for 2008

- In last month's News at a Glance, we asked people to submit some potential event activities in 2008. The top billing thus far was a Red Sox game and a Boston Harbor cruise in the summertime. We'll try and get Red Sox tickets (although it is problematical). We'll plan on a boat ride. Please note that, with limited tickets, you will have to [be a member](#) to sign up for these events. Also, please submit other ideas via an Email to: info@DECconnection.org.
- Are you interested in a Florida DECconnection Chapter? [Take my Survey: DECconnection in FL Interest Survey](#). We've received 20 replies to the survey so far, and have exchanged contact info among members in the same counties. We found a group of 50 DECcies who were with the Latin American Sales & Marketing group based in Boca Raton, so have the best chance for a mini-chapter along the southeast corridor. Other pockets of interest are in Tampa and Ft. Myers/Naples. If you'd like an introduction to DECcies in your area contact webmaster@deconnection.org.
- The New Hampshire Chapter is planning a series of Business Education and Networking events, with a focus on growing your small business using new technologies and methodologies. If you're interested in helping or participating please contact Barbara Langdon at blangdon@marketmomentumllc.com.



Former DEC engineer in the UK doing a thesis on DEC's final fortunes

I am Dave Goodwin, a DEC engineer in the UK, who worked for the company for 30 years. Since taking early retirement I am pursuing a long held dream doing a PhD at Birkbeck University in the UK and my thesis is on the the demise of DEC and whether it could have been avoided.

I would like former DEC employees to contribute their views on the failure of the company and the reasons behind it? I have read the book DEC is dead, long live DEC by Schein and feel there is more to it than the DEC culture. I would like to hear from anyone involved in finance, sales and engineering as to what was happening in their departments that influenced the company during the 90's. Any contact or input would be really appreciated. Please submit your thoughts on the [DECconnection Forum](#) (in the About Digital category, So what went wrong? topic) or Email me at: dave.goodwin@gmail.com



Update on the Website

We've updated our website for 2008, and added a new feature:

- Our Member Forum now has 515 members registered online! Not all of you are posting notes yet, but we're gaining momentum.
- Last week, Hank Vezina, now a self-employed staffing consultant, posted 4 engineering jobs on the Forum.... don't miss that!
- This week we added a section in the Personal Interests category

for Recommendations. If you have any favorite services or products you'd like to share with your former co-workers, feel free to post a note -- or, ask for a good recommendation for something that you need.

- Several of you replied to Peter Mitchell's note asking if our stock ever hit \$200 per share... see the surprising answer in the Forum on the Personal Finance Board, in the About Digital category, "So what went wrong?" topic.
- If you have trouble logging into the Forum... type your username and then password in slowly and deliberately... it should work the second time.



Please forward this e-mail to your DEC friends and [don't forget to join up!](#)

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