



DECconnection

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

July-August 2022

Events

Anyone interested in attending a reunion in the Pittsburgh PA area (PTO and other sites) can contact Mary Cozma. They will be partying on Saturday afternoon, October 1st. Please write to Mary at PTODigitalEquipment@gmail.com to participate.

Digital Tech Talks via Zoom

Our #2 Talk, Early History of RSTS, was 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! Watch the video [recording on our website](#) - it was extremely well-received by those who attended.



Bob Nusbaum (right) with his friend Charles Darwin (left).

SAVE THE DATE! for Tech Talk #3

Wednesday, August 31 at 4 pm Eastern/1 pm Pacific time.

Our next speaker will be **Bob Nusbaum**, another of our super-duper utility fielders - a great product manager. He'll speak about "High-Tech Darwinism" -- his experiences and observations of Digital from his FMS and ALL-IN-1 product manager roles.

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.



Our afternoon BBQ and WooSox Baseball Game was June 19. 58 DEC Connection members and guests enjoyed the festivities. [Click here for photos and wrap-up.](#)

DEC Connection Board Update

We are very sad to announce the unexpected passing of Barrie Hunter, one of our volunteer Board members for the last 10 years. Barrie and his wife Anne hosted three summer picnics at their Marlborough home over the years. Barrie was a staunch supporter of, and a tireless worker at, our networking and social events. All besides being a really nice guy who's already sorely missed. See Barrie's Digital and personal history below in our Sad News section.

At the same time, we are pleased to announce the addition of these two volunteer DEC Connection Board Members. Anker and Alan join Nancy Kilty, Jack Mileski, Marilyn Goodrich and Ava Schutzman as directors.



Anker Berg-Sonne

I joined Digital in 1975 as a Large Computer (DEC-10) software specialist in Copenhagen Denmark. In 1977 I was offered a relocation to the DEC-10 product line supporting the education market as a technical support specialist. Shortly after my arrival, we merged with the PDP-11 and VAX product line, also supporting education. I became the manager of the technical support group in the late 70's. In 1983 I was offered a temporary relocation to Australia as the industry market manager for the South Pacific Region, based in Sydney. It was during my relocation to Australia that I created the multiplatform Sedt editor that became included in the distributions of several Digital operating systems. I also sold the editor myself with the consent of Digital. Among my many personal sales were site licenses to Intel, and Boeing Computer Services. Upon return to the US in 1986 I became a staff member of Pete Smith's Industry Marketing organization. In that role, I was responsible for managing the relationship between Digital Engineering and Marketing and also as a corporate change agent responsible for the initial management of new initiatives such as systems engineering, the DECWorld Innovation Showcase, and a corporate approach toward UNIX. In the late 80's I joined the Healthcare group as technology manager and in the early 90s I joined the Office of the President as a staff member. In 1994 I left Digital to join the chaotic and wonderful world of startup companies.

After retiring in 2015 I continue to play golf with a group of other DEC retirees, picking travel items off our bucket list, and on sports cars including two Porsche Boxster and a Caterham SuperSprint (Lotus 7 S3) that I autocross and drive for pleasure on twisty, windy roads. Recently I started Sim Racing which gives all the thrills and challenges of car racing without the financial outlay and risks of real-world racing.



Alan Goldsworthy

I joined Digital in 1981 as a Product Manager (yes, my initials made it on the Dick Best List!) in the PC world. I worked as a Marketing Manager in MKO to develop remarketing opportunities where Digital clients would use our products as a platform to market their products or services (Dupont to automate paint chips). Then I took on an assignment as a Corporate Account Manager for ADP, expanding our presence from one division to five divisions. We transitioned the ADP platform from a DEC10 to VAX with the support of Corporate Software Services and Detroit Software Services, which resulted in the largest VAX Cluster ever deployed. We deployed VAX technology in ADP Brokerage Services. Then, I worked with Corporate Communications and Product Lines to develop and deliver our long-range product strategies to the Technology Board of ADP; worked with local Digital teams to develop an overall account strategy that leveraged local successes in Detroit, Chicago, Portland, San Francisco, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. After ADP, I worked in Corporate Communications to leverage the strengths across Digital to develop and deploy a Corporate Standard for Sales Communications. Later, I worked in Business Development roles in Image/Voice/Video PCU. My final assignment was as the Director of Embedded & Real Time Field Operations - basically, TOEM. I appreciated having one tremendous opportunity after tremendous opportunity during my Digital career.

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during June and July:
Susan Azibert (NH), Ruth Bonney (TX), Dick Costa (NM), Eileen DerGurahian (MA), Tony DiCenzo (MA), Cindy Faith (VA), John Holz (MA), Robert M. Long (CA), Anne Mackiewicz (MA), Garret Marrota (MA), Mike Mattock (NH), Ron Olson (NH), Dilip Phadke (MA), Mary Pimentel (MA), Kathleen Richer (FL), Paulette Rio (MA), John Rodenhausen (CA), Steven Santinelli (NH), Curt Spacht (NH), Dick Stahl (TX), and Ed Vrablik (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

▪ New member **Mary Pimentel** writes: I started working for DEC in September 1973 in Field Service as a Secretary in Maynard. I transferred to Marlboro to ESG in 1979 and left the Company in 1980. In 1984 I missed DEC and I returned as a Secretary for the Finance manager in OEM in Marlboro. In 1986 I went to GIA in Acton where I was promoted to an Executive Secretary. In 1990 we transferred to Maynard to Engineering where I remained until 1995 when I left DEC. Since Digital, I worked for Bose Corporation for 8 years as a Document Design Specialist. I also got my paralegal certificate from Northeastern University. Then I joined the Commonwealth of Massachusetts working as an Administrative Assistant for the Deputy of Operations at MCI Framingham (women's State Prison). After 10 years I was lucky enough to be able to take the early retirement package in June 2015. I've been enjoying retirement with my husband Bob who also worked at DEC for 17 years in security and as a material planner. mfpimentel@verizon.net

Sad News Department

We are terribly saddened to announce the sudden passing of one of our DEC Connection volunteer directors, Barrie Hunter, 82, Marlborough MA, on June 14. Before he retired in 2005, Barrie had spent nearly 40 years with Digital, Compaq and HP in services, sales, marketing and operations positions in the US, Australia, Asia Pacific and the General International Area.



Barrie earned a BA degree from the University of Western Australia, and was a graduate of Digital's MBA program at Harvard Business School.

When he wasn't volunteering with Marlborough Community Services, the Hudson Food Pantry and SOAR55, Barrie played golf and sailed during the summer, and skied in winter. He was an avid reader and enjoyed travel.

We will miss him very much and send our heartfelt condolences to his wife Anne and all their family and friends.

Sadly, we were informed of these deaths of former Digital employees since last newsletter. Our condolences go out to friends and families of:

- * Scott Evans Harker, 77, Groton MA, 24 June 2022
- * John Longo, 74, Enfield CT, 20 May 2022
- * Dick Fredrickson, 90, Topsfield MA, 4 April 2022
- * Kevin E. Reid, 77, Andover MA, 3 February 2022
- * Mark H. Bramhall, 73, Acton MA, 9 November 2021

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

Website Features and Updates

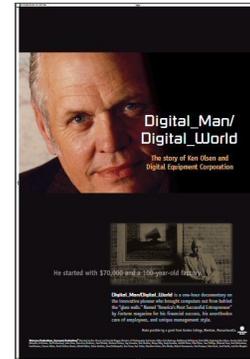
- We've expanded our [Marketing Videos](#) page into [Digital Videos](#). Thanks to Dave Price and Nancy Kilty for providing the videos from DECworld, DECville and 40th Anniversary. Also to Dave for sharing his [65 Digital videos](#) on YouTube with us!
- **Topics of Interest** tab: We've added a button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



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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. [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.
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