



DECconnection

A professional association representing organizations and former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

July-August 2025 News-at-a-Glance

Special Upcoming Event: DEC Connection Road Rally to Kimball's



Friday August 22 (Rain date 8/29) -

Our annual summer get-together will be a special treat this year! Our usual Kimball's get-together will be preceded by an optional and very cool Road Rally

designed by Anker Berg-Sonne for DEC Connection members to enjoy some nostalgia and road rally challenges which will be based on a timely arrival at Kimball's (i.e., not getting lost), and on answering questions about Digital -- it is NOT based on speeding or racing. The Road Rally will start around 1 pm in Maynard and proceed according to a challenging set of questions which will take us to Kimball's around 3 pm where we'll join the others to enjoy stimulating conversation and delicious ice cream for a few more hours.

To SIGN up for the Road Rally event (don't miss it!) please email info@deconnection.org and provide your name, cell phone #, and email address. Specify you're signing up for the Road Rally.

Details on the Summer Get-Together at Kimball Farms in Westford MA

We will be holding a Kimball Farm (400 Littleton Rd. Westford MA) get-together on Friday, August 22 from 3-6 pm (and starting at 6 pm a free band will play). Lots of fun to be had for everyone with games, rides, food, drinks and of course their famous ice cream. You can see what Kimball's offers by visiting their website at [Kimball Farm](#).

DECconnection will provide \$15 gifts for all paid-up registered members, which can be spent on anything that takes your fancy (food, drinks, rides, games, ice cream, etc.) Non-members/guests are welcome to join us, but will not receive \$15. You pay for your own rides, golf, ice cream, food, etc. otherwise.

No ticket or cost to attend, but we'd appreciate knowing if you plan to come so we can stake out several tables together and bring enough \$15 gifts.

TO SIGN UP: please email info@deconnection.org with your names, cell phone #, and email address. Specify you're signing up for Kimball's. In the event of rain, outing will be postponed until Friday, August 29, same time. We'll announce a postponement on our website home page.

IMPORTANT: Meeting place will be in one of the 3 or 4 (free) public tents with picnic tables, just inside by food stand and behind the silo in the photo - NOT in the (expensive) corporate area for private parties. You must look for our group - we'll have at least one DECconnection table sign.

Events - Summer WooSox BBQ Get-together



The baseball game-BBQ in June was loads of fun, as usual! See photos from Rod Sutherland and Ed Mierzwa on our website [here](#).

DEC Connection Member News

Membership Updates

Welcome to our new and renewing members during June and July:

Jay Atlas (MA), Philip Barbonis (Netherlands) Norman Collins (CT), Mike Foreman (Calgary AB), Rose Ann Giordano (MA), Bob Holmes (MA), Bob Johnson (MA), Al Porter (MA), Jan Shineman (MA) Derek Speed (MA) and Alfred Thompson (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

* We now offer Zelle as another payment method for membership dues and events! Our payment address is **registrations@deconnection.org**. Please enter your name, cell #, and email address, and what payment is for, in the memo line. Zelle doesn't charge us any fees and is offered by 2200 U.S. banks with more coming. For info see the [Zelle website](#).

- 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.

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes

Let's hear from our members about what's going on! Send a short update to info@deconnection.org.

- New member **Norm Collins** writes: Hello fellow DEC'ies,
We are so glad to have found this site. My niece found it to sadly announce the death of my older brother Hansel Collins. My wife, Maddy, and I both worked for DEC. We met working at the AKO site, working in GIA. We retired to Torrington, CT, but we'd like to move back to MA. sportsterep@gmail.com
- Member **Philip Barbonis** from the Netherlands writes: After leaving DEC, I became a Senior/Chief Lecturer in several academic subjects like Operations Management & Linguistics, Innovation & Technology Management, International Business, Research Methodology, etc. Am also a double-blind reviewer of research papers submitted to academic journals. (I have a PhD and am a member of the IEEE, in the US.) phil.inoz@yahoo.com
- Member **Mark Lefebvre** writes: Mark Lefebvre (1986-1995 - MA) recently published his second book *Healing A Village: A Practical Guide to Building Recovery Ready Communities* (Peter E. Randall Publisher). Visit healing-a-village.com for info and to order a signed copy. onekaway@yahoo.com
- **Roland Hughes** writes: Finally finished writing a novel I started in 2008. Re-wrote many times over the years. EPUB is up now. roland@logikalsolutions.com

See our [Members in Print](#) webpage for more on both books above.

- Lost & Found: DEC Connection member Cy Gaydos would like to connect with John Allen Jones. realestate@cygaydos.com

Sad News Department

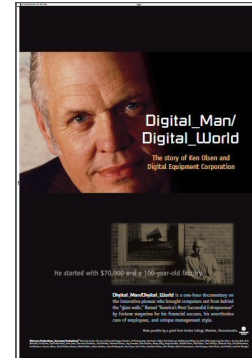
Our sincere condolences to friends and family of:

- * Ron P. Michaud, 79, Colorado Springs, 13 July 2025
- * Susan M. Dugdale, 72, Amherst NH, 31 May 2025
- * Bill Vaillancourt, 83, San Marco CA, May 7, 2025
- * Hansel A. Collins, 70, Mountain View CA, 3 March 2025

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

Website Features and Updates

- Our **WEBSITE** uses a convenient drop-down menu. Send your suggestions to info@decconnection.org, and any content to ava@decconnection.org.
- Use your **MEMBER SERVICE CENTER!** Use the Member Login menu under About Us 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, etc. You can check your dues status and renew your membership online. You can email a small photo for your profile, and contribute articles to Our DEC Stories, Member Publicity, or Members In Print.
- 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/>



HELP WITH RETIREE BENEFITS

- 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.
- Contact Empower (company that acquired Prudential's pension business in April 2024) Customer Service at 1 (855) 756-4738 if your pension has been transferred there.
- However, although Empower manages your account, the actual distribution is still being handled by Prudential's Tax service. If you need to change the bank account number for your distribution, you should call 1-800-392-4643 at Prudential Tax Service, LLC, 30 Scranton Office Park, Scranton, PA 18507-1796. Phone #: 1-800-392-4643
- For **Stock plan** info, try Morgan Stanley: 1-210-677-3652 or [this website](#)
- [Go to the HPAA website DEC page!](#) Don't miss all this useful information.

