



DECconnection

A professional association representing organization for former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

May-June 2021

Events

2021 Events

When it rains, it pours! We finally are firming up plans for in-person events again. Yay! Hope you all got your covid vaccinations. Here are the plans thus far, so you can save the dates:

1. Summer get-together at Kimball Farms - Fri. July 30, rain date Fri Aug 6, from 3-6 pm. Will be held in the (free) public tents with picnic tables, just inside by food stand - NOT in the (expensive) corporate area for private parties. Details below.
 2. Participation in Maynard's 150th Birthday Celebration - Founder's Day, Sept. 19, 2021 - March in parade in afternoon (wearing your favorite DEC logo clothes if you still have some - if not go to www.decswag.com), followed by ceremonies and then a private DEC Connection catered dinner at a restaurant downtown. The Mill Marker Display will be dedicated on June 5. [Photos on our website here.](#)
 3. We'd like to know how many people would attend a Red Sox minor league baseball game at the new Polar Park Stadium in Worcester, should we hold an event. Tickets for groups of 15 or more range from \$9 (outfield) to \$29 (behind home plate), several levels, those \$20 or more look better. If you are interested reply to info@deconnection.org and tell us your preferred price range and best days/times. Choices seem to be most weekday games (Tues-Fri) begin 6:30 pm (exception: 2 Wed 12:15 pm games), Sat 4 pm, Sun 1 pm. Hopefully we'll have enough with similar availabilities. [Check out the new stadium at this link](#) Note the corporate boxes are sponsored by DCU!
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SUMMER GET-TOGETHER AT KIMBALL FARM

The DECconnection summer event this year will be held at Kimball Farm, 400 Littleton Road, Westford, MA the afternoon of Friday, July 30th, from 3-6 PM.

Meeting place will be in the (free) public tents with picnic tables, just inside by food stand - NOT in the (expensive) corporate area for private parties.

Lots of fun to be had for everyone with games, rides, food, drinks and of course their famous ice cream. You can see what they have to offer by visiting their website at <http://kimballfarm.com/>.

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.

To sign up (no advance tickets required, but we'd appreciate knowing if you plan to attend so we can stake out several tables together) please email info@deconnection.org with your name, email address, and # of attendees. In the event of rain, outing will be postponed 1 week. We'll announce cancellation on our website home page.



Digital and the Industry

We owe a debt of gratitude to Jack MacKeen (right in photo) and Jack Mileski (at left) for integrating DEC Connection with the Town of Maynard's activities, and for achieving the following:

1. DEC Connection's Participation in the Maynard Sesquicentennial Founder's Day celebrations (see Events above). The Mill Marker is complete and being dedicated on June 5. [Here are photos of the finished display](#). An entire panel features Digital, and the DEC Connection logo appears prominently with other sponsors on the last Mill panel.
2. The Maynard Town Library now features a display on Digital Equipment Corporation, including a statuette of Ken Olsen that we commissioned. [Here are some photos of the display](#).



Congratulations and thank you, Jack MacKeen and Jack Mileski!

Member Joe Micali sent in this "blast from the 'past" - a photo of the opening of the Manhattan office at One Penn Plaza in 1976. Joe worked for two of the managers in the photo - Max Weinfuss and John Caponong. [Click here for larger image.](#)
jmicali@bellsouth.net



Lost and Found

Devin Monnens, a computer historian, is looking for Richard (Dick) Pascal or Gerry Moore, formerly of Digital Chicago area. He is seeking a physical copy of a PDP-12 game called Billiards developed by Gil Fair between 1970-1972, and thinks they might be able to help. (We found Gil.)

[Here is a link to the fascinating background.](#)

Devin is also interested in talking with people familiar with the game. Contact Devin at devinmonnens@gmail.com.

DEC Connection Member News

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

Jim Akin (FL), Joanne Andrews (MA), Raggy Arumugham (TX), Barry Burns (FL), John Paul Coconis (MD), Judith Culver (MA), Ellie Dubie (MA), Marce Enright (MA), Steve Fink (MA), Harry Manuel (MA), Suresh Masand (MA), Peg Masjoan (FL), Ted McKie (MA), Raj Melville (MA), Jack Mileski (MA), Leo Quinn (WI), Joseph Roux (NC), Ed Samuel (PA), Linda Trapasso (NH), Ed Warwick (AZ), Dave Wells (NH), and Sue Yarger (NH).



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.

Member Newsbytes: Please send your personal news updates to info@deconnection.org. We need your participation to provide an interesting and relevant newsletter for our readers. Thank you!

Ed Samuel writes that he has published his first book, "Optimize Your Resume - Dos and Don'ts". It is available on his secure website: [Link to Ed's book](#). One can also order it via Amazon on paperback or Kindle. Congrats, Ed!
esamuel@samnovainc.com

Marce Enright writes: Marce continues maintaining the web site www.nejazz.com. However, when Covid19 hit a year ago, all music venues were forced to close. Musicians began streaming their music on-line over the internet. Some of these have been added to our calendars, while we look forward to the resumption of in-person, live Jazz. marce@nejazz.com

Barbara Langdon was elected as a North Port City Commissioner for the City of North Port, Florida, where she and her husband "retired." Congrats, Barbara! Barbara worked in Marketing Communications at Digital in the mid-1980s to early 1990s.

Bob Nusbaum says: Retired from the computer industry in 2017, wrapping up a 47-year career (including 2 years off to get an MBA). The highlight was definitely 1978-2000 at DEC/Compaq. In 2000 we moved to Silicon Valley, where I worked for Brocade (now Broadcom), 3 start-ups, Cisco, and QLogic => Cavium => Marvell. My wife Sue and I are now enjoying life as perpetual snowbird beach bums. bob_nusbaum@comcast.net

Ian Ferguson, a DEC Connection member from Canada, shared that he has just published his seventh fictional novel since 2012. [Here is his publication profile on Amazon](#) . Very impressive, Ian!
See our [Members in Print page](#) on our website for Ian's books and those of other DEC Connection members.

NOTE TO OUR READERS: Please do not be concerned if, when clicking on a link in this email, your browser or antivirus program tells you that you are attempting to visit a dangerous or unsafe web address. Many browsers now flag any site without an SSL certificate (i.e., encryption) as unsafe (it's not). When you purchase tickets through our website, we transfer you to the PayPal website, which DOES use SSL encryption software.

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:

Steven Peters, 62, Monument CO, 23 May 2021
Michael Ewing, had worked in DEC Europe, 11 May 2021
Dave Richards, Phoenix AZ, 23 April 2021
Lee Mauldin, 76, Colorado Springs, 14 April 2021
David M. Versace, 71, Colorado Springs, 14 April 2021
Bill McPhillips, 88, Colorado Springs, 10 Apr 2021
Dave Streeter, 77, Quechee VT, 25 Mar 2021
Lou Gonzales Jr., 86, Colorado Springs, 17 Feb 2021
Doug Hammond, 77, Laconia NH, 18 May 2020

CXO - Dick Stevenson, who passed away in January, will be interred in the Pikes Peak National Cemetery at 11:00 on June 22, 2021. The VA's National Cemetery Administration (NCA) has lifted all restrictions on gathering sizes at committal and memorial services in VA national cemeteries.

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

Website Features and Updates

- **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

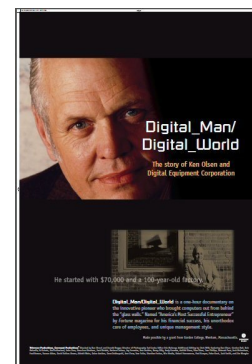
- [Where to Donate your Digital Equipment gear](#)

- 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](#).
 - **Featured Member Entrepreneur** - Email info@deconnection.org with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.
 - 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
 - For **Stock plan** info, try Morgan Stanley: 1-210-677-3652 or [this website](#)
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