



# DECconnection

A professional association for working organizations in former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

## May-June 2025 News-at-a-Glance

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



Save the Date - 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 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 please email [info@decconnection.org](mailto:info@decconnection.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@decconnection.org](mailto:info@decconnection.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.

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## Events - UK Reading Revolution DEXODUS celebration



DEC Connection President Nancy Kilty and Director Al Goldsworthy (with Sandy Mackenzie in right photo) traveled to London, England, U.K. to participate in the May 3 DEXODUS celebration of the 60th anniversary of the founding of Digital's U.K. Reading office in 1964. Left photo: John Leng (on right) established this office, and Ken Senior (in middle) was its 1st employee. DEXODUS, with its partners the Reading Museum and The (U.K.) National Museum of Computing, established several impressive museum exhibits which have been active since June 2024, and will be featured through mid-December 2025. Special thanks to Sandy Mackenzie for hosting our visit. [See a summary page on our website.](#)

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LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR our summer baseball game and BBQ at the Worcester Red Sox, on Sunday, June 22nd starting at 1 pm. We have a good-sized enthusiastic group of DEC Connection WooSox fans, but there is room for more who sign up by Friday, June 6!



[See description on our Events page](#) and you can link to our discounted tickets from there.

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## DEC Connection Tech Talk Zoom and New CSS Club



Thanks to Jeff Bergart for giving his second Zoom talk, about his fun years managing the finances of Computer Special Systems. His talk motivated several former CSSers in the audience to start a new DEC Connection club for former CSSers. You can [watch the recording of Jeff's talk](#) on our website here.

[See the CSS starter page and contact info here.](#)

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## DEC Connection Member News

### Membership Updates

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

Len Amadeo (NH), Bob Anundson (OK), Steve Brewton (OK), Terry Burke (CA), James Hough (FL), Bill Kuch (NH), Fran Linnehan (MA), Jerry LoPorto (FL), Linda Moore-O'Brien (SC), Norma Oakes (NH), Noranne O'Connell (FL), John Parodi (NH), Betsy Podriznik (GA), John Potucek (NH), Jim Raffa (MA), Carol Reid (MA), Dave Smolinski (FL), Richard Stahl (FL), Mark Uhrich (France), and Geri Wetzell (VT).



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](mailto: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.

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## **DEC Connection Member NewsBytes**

Let's hear from our members about what's going on! Send a short update to [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org).

- **Gail Blizzard** writes: Our 50th wedding anniversary is this year! After my husband Bob and our children, most of my fondest memories are of DEC and the people there. [R2G2blizzard@gmail.com](mailto:R2G2blizzard@gmail.com)
- **Richard Seltzer** is excited to share that the upcoming June 9 issue of Publisher's Weekly will carry rave reviews of three of his novels. [seltzer@seltzerbooks.com](mailto:seltzer@seltzerbooks.com)
- Thanks to **Zoran Ilic** for photographing and sharing his DEC memorabilia collection. Photos appear on our website's [Promo Museum page](#). [nisava@icloud.com](mailto:nisava@icloud.com)

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## Sad News Department

Our sincere condolences to friends and family of:

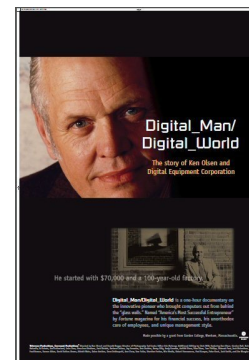
- \* Stevan J. Morrison, 72, Davenport IA, January 25, 2025
- \* Jim B. McElroy, 79, Freedom NH, June 27, 2024

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

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## Website Features and Updates

- Our **WEBSITE** uses a convenient drop-down menu. Send your suggestions to [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org), and any content to [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.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/>



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## 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.

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