Tektronix Retiree Volunteer Program



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A Newsletter for and by Tek Retirees

FEBRUARY 2006

## **Germany-- Grand Circle Tour**

By Judy Watkins

## The Trip

This year we took a river boat cruise between Vienna in Austria and Amsterdam in The Netherlands with Germany inbetween, covering 948 miles of waterway and going through 66 locks. We traveled the Danube River, the Rhine, the Main (pronounced Mine), and the Rhine-Main-Danube Canal.

The Rhine-Main-Danube Canal fulfilled the dream to establish a navigable link between the Rhine and Danube Rivers. On July 31, 1992 the last dam was opened at Beilingries and the water which had once flowed separately in the Rhine and Danube flowed together in a single waterway.

## My overall impression of Germany

Germany appears to be a prosperous country. Overall the towns are new, modern and very neat and clean. In every village and city construction is visible by the huge cranes working everyplace. Every family has one car or more. BMWs, Porsches, Audis, Volkswagens, Hondas, and Toyotas are commonly seen. The people dress the same as we do in the States (maybe a little better...most people on the streets are very well put together). The children have scooters, skateboards, bikes, and other toys that we have. If I were to list a disappointment, it would be the lack of shopping opportunities for German-made memory type items. They have coo-coo-clocks, music boxes, and beer steins but from there, the selections are slim. All of the stores have the same items we have here but more expensive because of the relationship of the Euro to the dollar. The people are very friendly, the country is beautiful, and there is sooooo much history there.

We found the weather in November to be the same that we left behind in Oregon. Days were in the 50's and 60's and the fantastic fall colors of reds, oranges, and yellows covered the hillsides and towns.

## What did we see?

Every day we visited and toured the towns and cities along the rivers where history

dates back to the Romans. Many of the cathedrals, abbeys, and medieval buildings date back to the 1100's. Although much of Germany was burned and destroyed during WWII, an amazing amount remained untouched and is beautifully preserved. There have been magnificent restorations to most of the significant historical buildings that were damaged during the war.

A highlight of the trip for me was our visit to Nuremberg. Although the history here goes back to the 11th century when it was the base for Emperor Heinrich III's Bohemian Campaigns, it is best remembered for its role in Nazi Germany. In Nuremberg we visited Hitler's Nazi Party Rally Grounds where his most famous speeches were made from its stage. Everything is bigger than life from the huge stadium and parade grounds to the halfround building that was built to look like Rome's Coliseum but much larger where rallies were to be held. For Hitler everything was the biggest and best that his imagination could create. The old news reels and books can't begin to capture the size and grandeur.

In Nuremberg we also visited Room #600 in the Nuremberg Palace of Justice where the International Military Tribunal indicted and tried the twenty-four Nazi leaders as war criminals from November 20, 1945 to October 1, 1946.

In Heidelberg, the Heidelberg Castle is one of the most impressive historic landmarks of Germany. Though it is largely in ruins, it sits grandly on a mountain overlooking the city. Parts of the castle date back to Charlemagne and in the cellar is a huge wine barrel with the capacity of 58,124 gallons.

Today, the Heidelberg University has 30,000 students and is one of the finest in the world. It was founded in 1386 but the university as it looks today was completed in 1933 funded by donations from the United States. Following WWII the city was headquarters for the U.S. Forces in Europe.

We arrived in Mainz on 11-11 and at 11:11 a.m. on that day was the beginning of their

yearly Carnival which is equivalent to our Mardi Gra festival in New Orleans. Everybody in town was dressed in costumes, some with the big heads, some in period-dress, etc. and at the opening the entire square was packed tight with people singing loudly, drinking wine and beer, and swaying in unison to the music. I thought I was doing well to find a spot right in front of the Grand Stand but I almost got crushed in the merry-making.

Johannes Gutenberg was a native of Mainz and a new museum that just opened in 2000 houses the Gutenberg printing press and three copies of the Bible that he printed on his first movable type printing press.

The section of the Rhine River that flows through the Rhine Gorge between Mainz and Koblenz is unique because of its abundance of ancient castles and forts. In

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## William "Bill" Polits

William (Bill) Polits who passed away May 2, 2005, was born September 4, 1927 to James and Verna Mae Polits in Portland, Oregon where he graduated form Benson High School in 1946. He served in the Navy for two years training radar operators. He graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

Bill started at Tektronix as a summer employee in 1950 while still a student at OSU. He began full time in 1951. In 1959 he was named Engineering Manager for the Instruments Division and in 1966 was named Vice President of Engineering. In 1971 he was named Vice President of Manufacturing, retiring in 1984.

Bill was a member of the Tektronix Flying Club. He loved skiing, fishing, and sailing.

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## TekWeek 25 Years Ago

### November 1980

## Teks aid corrections' program.

Hillsboro–Six Tek employees–Joanne Barnea, Sharon Collins, Andrew Genor, Tina Gulmatico, JoAnne Plass, and Marilyn Rae -recently participated in the orientation for the Volunteer Program at the Washington County (OR) Department of Community Corrections.

Each of them has a regular time commitment to help strengthen the effectiveness of the Corrections Department. They provide supportive aid to probation counselors, alcoholic treatment counselors, and mental health resources to help individuals become responsible, contributing members of the community.

During their orientation, they saw inside the jail, the Restitution Center, and the probation offices. They discovered the expectations and possibilities as volunteers. Teks who wish to share this experience should attend an orientation for new or potential volunteers on Monday, November 24, and Tuesday November 25, from 9 AM to 12 noon or Monday evenings December 1,8, and 15.

For more information and location, call Becky Koch, Washington County Department of Community Corrections Volunteer Coordinator, 640-3453.

## November 1980

## Tek theft procedures clarified

Recently Tekweek ran a series of articles on thefts and other criminal acts committed on Tektronix property. As a result of these articles, the question has been raised as to "What's the procedure when an employee is charged with stealing from Tektronix?"

Ed Srebnik (Manufacturing Program Manager), who is chairmen of the Corporate Security Committee, says this question recently has troubled managers and others in dealing with the theft situation.

"An employee should be placed on indefinite suspension at the time Tek makes the charges," Ed said. He emphasized that this happens only when Tek signs the complaint or if the crime occurs on Tek property.

If a trial results in conviction, the employee will be terminated (except in unusual circumstances). If found innocent, a special Tek committee will decide whether the employee should be retained.

"It's all spelled out on Page 83 of the Tek Manager's Guidebook," Ed added. "It's standard procedure, but apparently there's been some confusion lately."

## December 5 1980 Migraine headache workshop planned

Teks wishing to stop or control migraine headache pain will be interested in an all-day workshop on Saturday, December 6, 9 AM-4 PM at PSU's DEC auditorium, 1633 SW Park Avenue.

The workshop will be conducted by Dr. Robert Kohlenberg, assistant professor of Psychology, at the University of Washington, and author of self-help manual, "Migraine Relief."

## **Germany** (continued from page 1)

the four hour cruise we passed 29 major castles and forts and several less significant ones as well as partial city walls and towers from Roman times. We were fortunate because the day was sunny and bright with no fog on the river. It was a perfect photo opportunity.

In Cologne, the magnificent Gothic Cathedral is not to be missed. It was built between 1248 and 1880 and is one of Europe's largest cathedrals. Although the city was bombed extensively during the war this building remained standing with only minimal damage while everything around it was destroyed.

Next door to the Cathedral is the Roman Germanic Museum that houses a vast Collection of Roman culture from the Rhine area. Not far from where our boat docked was a Chocolate Museum and factory...oh what fun! (I found things to buy there!!)

Cologne is known for its large-scale trade fairs, its eau de Cologne and Koelach beer. It is a major traffic center of Europe. Huge Ford and Bayer plants are located there.

In Amsterdam we visited the Van Gogh Museum where the world's largest collection of Van Gogh works are found. The collection includes 200 paintings, 600 drawings, and 700 letters.

I've never in my life seen the number of bicycles in one place before. Everybody rides bikes. I saw a three-level parking structure near the train station where thousands of bicycles were parked so tightly together that I can't imagine trying to find one at the end of the work day.

Amsterdam is very liberal by our standards. Drugs and prostitution are legal. They say that reduces crime rates dramatically. Our last outing was a walking tour at night through the red-light district.

## Activities while sailing

After dinner each evening there was entertainment of some sort in the lounge. During the day, if the ship was sailing, activities were offered such as German lessons, a lecture on Germany. Today, a lecture on the Rhine-Danube Canal construction, a lecture about Germany before and after WWII, a glass-blowing demonstration, and a silver-smith demonstration were offered.

## Family Visit

As part of all Grand Circle tours we visited a local family in their home. This year we went to a "kaffeeklatsch" (coffee, tea, and desserts) at local homes. We were split up and six tour members went to each home. The family we visited lived in a small town, Beilngries, in Germany. The town appears to be prosperous will all of the houses

similar in size and value. The houses here cost \$500,000 American, or \$350,000 Euros. Many of the people in this town work at the Audi plant about twenty miles away.

For anybody that is interested in knowing more of the details of this trip please contact me at judywa@msn.com and I will send you the full ten-pages of details.

## **Hospice Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteering at Hospice of Washington County is a chance to excel; an opportunity to enrich your life and enjoy the satisfaction of touching the lives of others, uniquely. It is an opportunity to know the richness of personal fullfillment through service to others.

At Hospice, we strive to better serve our community. You can be a part of this organization that benefits all of us.

Hospice of Washington County presents a ten session, 30-hour volunteer training course twice a year. It is taught by a team of healthcare professionals for anyone interested in volunteerting their time to care for and support patients and their families during the final stages of a terminal illness. The next class is scheduled for February 25 – March 16, 2006 (Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and

**Arthur, Margaret – d.** 10/29/2005 At Tek: 4/1/1968 to 3/18/1989 Bagley, Sharon – d. 7/11/2003 At Tek: 2/14/1977 to 7/6/1999 **Barton, Katherine – d.** 12/4/2005 At Tek: not available Baska, Dorothy – d. 12/1/2004 At Tek: 11/26/1956 to n/a **Bolopue, Virginia – d.** 1/16/2006 At Tek: 11/6/1961 to 4/29/1983 **Brubaker, Leonard – d.** 11/1/2005 At Tek: 6/16/1960 to 5/5/1980 Canady, Dorothy – d. 12/4/2005 At Tek: 8/15/1966 to 8/22/1986 **Child, Maxine – d.** 1/11/2006 At Tek: 11/8/1965 to 7/11/1986 Cook, Robert – d. 12/20/2005 At Tek: 3/17/1969 to 3/2/1997 **Davis, Jerry – d.** 10/26/2005 At Tek: 3/20/1961 to 6/30/1983 Durk, Max-d. 11/5/2005 At Tek: 8/25/1969 to 5/7/1982 Emerick, Charles – d. 11/6/2005 At Tek: 9/10/1973 to 5/24/1994 **Epps, Rowena – d.** 6/1/2003 At Tek: 3/7/1966 to 2/18/1997 Frater, Eugenia – d. 12/14/2005 At Tek: 9/23/1968 to 11/15/1968 Gott, Lorraine – d. 1/7/2006 At Tek: 5/31/1966 to 10/28/1988

Retiree Deaths Nov, Dec 2005 & Jan 2006

Grav, Lois – d. 12/8/2005 At Tek: 10/3/1966 to 7/11/1986 **Greene, William – d.** 1/1/2006 At Tek: 5/31/1988 Hendrickson, Steven – d. 11/2/2005 At Tek: 4/7/1980 to n/a Herrington, Charles - d. 11/8/2005 At Tek: 11/25/1968 to 7/28/1978 Hollingsworth, Carl - d. 1/25/2006 At Tek: 3/9/1959 to 3/20/1992 Hudson, Alan – d. 5/22/2001 At Tek: 4/25/1980 to 1/19/1990 Karstens, Edna – d. 11/12/2005 At Tek: 3/19/1956 to 6/3/1961 Marshall, Charlene – d. 11/10/2005 At Tek: 8/6/1979 to 10/10/1991 Martin, Dorothy - d. 4/29/2005 At Tek: 10/23/1967 to 8/31/1979 Mc Sparran, Rodney – d. 11/2/2005 At Tek: 10/2/1967 to 6/26/1981 Meeuwsen, Ralph – d. 1/3/2006 At Tek: 11/3/1969 to n/a Mellinger, Elsie – d. 10/23/2005

Newby, Wess - d. 10/25/2005At Tek: 10/11/1958 to 4/14/1984 **Oldfield, Dolores – d.** 10/13/2003 At Tek: 11/14/1979 to 5/17/1989 **Peterson, Marie – d.** 3/22/2005 At Tek: 7/18/1977 to 12/8/1988 **Phillips, Ronald – d.** 12/1/2005 At Tek: 6/17/1957 to 7/22/1991 Raymond, Emma – d. 12/7/2005 At Tek: 6/11/1962 to 8/20/1982 **Reeves, Dorothy – d.** 10/31/2005 At Tek: 4/30/1951 to 7/25/1986 **Rolfe, Ruby – d.** 3/15/2005 At Tek: 10/6/1969 to 7/27/1981 Severn, Kerry – d. 12/2/2005 At Tek: 1/20/1975 to 6/1/2003 Smith, George – d. 12/23/2005 At Tek: 4/22/1957 to 10/28/1983 Turner, Edwin – d. 12/6/2005 At Tek: 2/23/1959 to 4/29/1983 **Uhrich, Doris – d.** 11/28/2005 At Tek: 8/1/1955 to 7/28/1979 **Vandegrift, Henry – d.** 10/30/2005 At Tek: 5/1/1969 to 7/31/1980 Walden, Jack – d. 11/9/1996 At Tek: 4/14/1980 to 6/8/1993 Wilson, Helen – d. 11/22/2005 At Tek: 1/23/1974 to 7/8/1986 Yost, Lucy - d. 10/9/2005 At Tek: 5/1/1968 to 6/11/1986

one Saturday 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Tuality Hospital & Health Ed building at 427 SE 8th in Hillsboro. Preregister by Feb. 24th.

For additional information call Ann at 648-9565 or email: anne@hospicewc.org



**Tom Smith**–My best to Warren, Evelyn, Jess, Ed, and Roz.

When I was in the New Jersey office, a top New York Attorney called to order several 519 scopes.

Howard said the Attorney called several Tek offices and he wanted me to handle it from the N.J. office. One 519 plus camera was shipped to N.J. and handed over to the Attorney group rep.

Meanwhile I transferred to Palo Alto and got a Summons from the U.S. Marshall handling the case. They followed the people hauling the scope and camera to the La Gauardia airport cargo area, and arrested the people and confiscated the scope/camera. The people confessed that the units were going to Russia via South America.

## 2006 Volunteer Recognition

At Tek: 11/20/1972 to 8/5/1983

Muller, Phillip – d. 11/28/2005

At Tek: 9/28/1959 to 1/28/1974

Our volunteer luncheon is coming up. If you are a volunteer, or know of someone who is volunteering but not on our mailing list please give us a call so we can invite them to join us for a light lunch and an opportunity to share volunteer ideas.

Date: April 22, 2006 Time: 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Place: Building 58 Cafeteria

Additional information will be mailed in the next few weeks. If you have any questions you may call us at: 503-627-4056 or email us at: www.tekretirees.org

## ADDRESS CHANGE PROCEDURE MODIFIED AGAIN

Effective 9-1-2005 all address changes must be reported as follows:

Anyone who is a post Tektronix employee with <u>Retiree Medical and/or Life Insurance</u> or who participates in the <u>Cobra Plan</u> will need to report their changes in writing to A & I. You must include your signature and Social Security number.

Tektronix Post Employment Services c/o A & I Benefit Plan Administrators,

1220 SW Morrison St., Suite 300 Portland, OR 97205-2222 Phone: 503-222-7700

Free: 1-800-778-7956 Fax: 503-228-0149

Anyone who has a pension and/or 401K benefit must contact Mercer to change

their address directly with them. Please include your signature and Social Security number.

Mercer Human Resource Services Attn: Tektronix Group PO Box 9740 Providence, RI 02940 Phone: 1-888-835-7837

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## **EDITORIAL**

By Louis Sowa

The quantity and quality of articles submitted has been great. I thought we would get the first installment from a submission by Mark Balcom in this issue, but just ran out of space. Keep the articles coming; it is an important part of the newsletter.

If you have a favorite volunteer organization that has not been featured recently, please send some information about the organization and why you volunteer there. Part of our mission is to highlight volunteer organizations. If you would like to find out more about volunteer opportunities you may want to check: http://www.volunteermatch.org/. You enter your zip code and get a listing of some of the organizations that are in your area.

## 55-Alive Class Scheduled

A 55-Alive class has been scheduled for:

April 6th and 7th Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Tektronix Building 58 Conference Room 1NH13 (in lobby area) Instructor: Bruce Hollister

To register for this class (which is two four hour sessions) please call the TRVP office

503-627-4056

or email us at:

www.tekretirees.org

There is a \$10.00 fee per person. Taking this class may qualify you for a discount on your car insurance.

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## Annual Tek Retiree Gathering

We will have our 23rd annual Tektronix Retiree reunion as usual on the 3rd Saturday of May. As usual your spouse, friend, or significant other is welcome. We will be requesting a small donation to help defray costs for the extra help and snacks.

> Date: May 20, 2006 Time: 3:00 p.m. until? Beverton Elks Lodge #1989 3500 SW 104th Avenue Beaverton, OR 97005

If you would like to get your 'old group' together, we might be able to assist you in locating some of them.

If you know of any former employee who does not receive the newsletter, please pass this information on or have them contact me. We hope to see you there!

Any questions can be directed to:

Marge Livermore Phone: 503-646-3295 Email: marge.livermore@gtemail.net

## Calendar

## Marconi's Cronies

Meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month: 12:00 a.m. at J.J.North's Buffet Restaurant Northeast Halsey at 105th Portland, OR

> Contact: Jack Riley for details Phone: 503-235-5267

## **CRT Luncheons**

3rd Tuesday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Home Town Buffet located at 13500 SW Pacific Highway in Tigard, OR

> Contact: Jack Neff for details 1301 East Fulton St., Apt. 241 Newberg, OR 97132-1870 Phone: 503-554-7440

## PCB Design Old Timer's Luncheon

Meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Time: 12:00 a.m. Where: Peppermill Restaurant Farmington Mall Corner of Farmington and Kinnaman Rd. 17455 SW Farmington Rd. #26B Aloha, OR 97007

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## The gift of mobility...make a community connection

Ride Connection invites you to bring your community closer for a senior or neighbor living with a disability. Volunteers provide door to door rides to medical appointments, shopping, senior activities and other essential destinations. Help people stay connected in their community. Mobility is an important gift you can give as a volunteer driver.

Ride Connection asks you to consider becoming a volunteer driver with one of our community agencies. Important skills for this volunteer position are: reliability, good driving record, courtesy and flexibility. A criminal background check is required for volunteer drivers. Training, support and recognition are available to volunteers.

Ride Connection's mission is "to link accessible, responsive transportation with community needs." Volunteers provide an important link in our community. Seniors and people with disabilities want to be involved and active. Volunteers help provide accessible, responsive transportation in a very personal way.

You are invited to get involved. Call 503-528-1738 or email Patty McNally, Ride Connection Volunteer Recruiter/Out-reach Specialistat:

pmcnally@rideconnection.org.

Visit our website at:

www.rideconnection.org.

## Kerr Center Volunteers Needed

By: Bill Swift

After I retired from Tek in 1983, my wife Corinne decided she wanted to do some worthwhile volunteer work. She became involved with The Old Kerr Nursery Assn., known as Tokna, which is a part of the Albertina Kerr Center, run by volunteers.

The Albertina Kerr Center organization operates 40 group homes, most in the Portland Metro area. These group homes provide 24 hour care, and life-skill training for children and adolescents with severe mental health needs and developmental disabilities, whose families cannot care for them. The Kerr Center is the only organization in Oregon to offer a comprehensive array of services for people who are seriously handicapped. Kerr also maintains homes for adults with severe disabilities, many of whom require around-the-clock care. There is always a waiting list of applicants.

The Old Kerr Nursery Assn. (Tokna) is located at 424 NE 22nd and Burnside in the Albertina Kerr Home which is a historic landmark. Several businesses operate there, staffed by volunteers. All proceeds go to help fund the Kerr Center programs. There is Albertina's Restaurant, a Gift Shop, the Kerr Economy Jar, offering antiques and collectibles, and the Kerr Thrift Shop.

Albertina's does catering for weddings and receptions and other special occasions. New volunteers are always needed to work in these businesses. Being part of Tokna is so rewarding and worthwhile, as are the new friends you meet volunteering there. This year Tokna celebrates their 25th year. If you would like to join us you can call our volunteer coordinator at 503-231-3909. My wife Corinne would also be willing to talk to you about her experience at Kerr Center. Call her at 503-645-9584.

## Willamette West Habitat for Humanity Welcomes New Executive Director

Bill Gellatly has taken on the role of executive director of WWHfH. Prior to this new position, Bill served as a site supervisor for the WWHfH chapter. As such, Bill was in charge of specific houses to be built, coordinated volunteer duties, trained volunteers and participated in building houses.

As executive director, Bill will lead the chapter's effort in fundraising, and manage Board of Director relations and legal matters in accordance with the direction, policies and goals of WWHfH. He also will become the face of WWHfH to government agencies, community organizations, Christian ministries, prospective and current homeowners, and the general public.

WWHfH's key goal is to build eight houses in 2006 and to increase that amount by two houses each successive year. The chapter is currently building homes in Beaverton and Hillsboro.

"Personally, I'd like for us to have a program that is as good at homeowner success as it is in homebuilding," said Bill. "One measure of that success will be to have a family sell a home before the end of their mortgage because they're ready to move into mainstream, commercially priced housing."

Prior to joining WWHfH, Bill worked at Tektronix, where he gained more than 25 years of product design experience and 10 years of management experience.

As a college student, he took a wide range of liberal arts, exploring interests in architecture, social science and even performing arts. While Bill settled into engineering as a career, he also participated in church music, school politics and a range of neighborhood activities. Welcome Bill!

(See pictures on: www.tekretirees.org)

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## **Getting hired at Tektronix in 1978**



I was near the end of the electronic engineering technology program at Lane Community College in Eugene when the teacher announced that the Tektronix recruiters were coming in a few days to interview potential employees. We were all very excited about that. On the day they would visit, my roommate and I were practically jumping up and down with excitement and anticipation. When it was time to leave for school that day, we literally ran out the door and down the street. My roommate John ran to the bus stop in the middle of town several blocks away. I ran to the first main road and stuck my thumb out. By the time I got to school the recruiters were already there and I was completely out of breath from running. I was a few minutes late. We were given a test and then many of us individually interviewed. The recruiters had a very professional look about them. Gary Hubka was one of them. I was so excited I was almost shaking. I'd heard so many good things about Tek, and had been an electronics hobbyist since I was about three years old, so this was the biggest day of my life so far.

A short time later many of us got invitations to come up to Portland for a tour and further interviewing. What an incredible experience it was to see more than a dozen buildings on something like 600 acres of land. Within a few weeks after that about 12 of us got job offers. The anticipation was constant and electric. Each day we'd go to school and hear that someone else had received an offer. When I got my offer I celebrated so hard I was hung over for days. Tek also paid moving expenses including a motel for a few weeks. It was by far the closest thing I'd ever experienced to the red carpet treatment.

Most of us got hired into bldg 47, into the scopes division. We would be troubleshooting and calibrating the 465, 475 and 485 oscilloscopes on swing shift. Marv Baska was the "calibrator teacher". Each night we'd get off work at 12:30 a.m. and many of us would go to a bar or to someone's house to socialize. Those of us who were hobbyists were thrilled to find the quality of the electronic parts we could buy through "personal purchases". Every Saturday Morning Matt Kamna and I, and many others would be down at the Tek "country store" waiting in line for the door to open at around 7 a.m. where you could get unheard of deals on old or surplus equipment and parts. Then there were the classes, paid for by Tek, over in the ET building. The Analog Engineering class was taught by Fred Becket, project leader of the worlds first 1GHZ oscilloscope. What a thrill that was. I took as many classes as I had time for, and was constantly busy with hobby projects.

One and a quarter years later I applied for a job in video engineering in bldg 58, three pay ranges higher, and I got the job! Now this was the best day of my life. I couldn't believe it. I would assist one of the best video engineers in the world, Bruce Penney. For three and a half years we cranked out literally the worlds best video generators, a frame synchronizer and various other test equipment, some of which was NBS traceable. We worked with engineers in ICE on three custom made Tek IC's that would help our video A to D, and D to A converters be the worlds best. I got to interact with several other groups around Tek as well. Bruce taught me to ski and we taught each other how to whitewater raft. My official manager was Victor Kong, and then later Dave Jurgensen. One of my best buddies from the 475 group, Matt Kamna, eventually got a job in spectrum analyzer engineering also in bldg 58. What a time that was.

To this day, nothing has ever compared to the thrill and excitement of those early days at Tek. Those were the best years of my life. I'll never forget them.

Bob Richards Rob246@spiritone.com

## TekBots<sup>™</sup> Help Teach ECE Students

With a strong commitment to education, Tektronix is excited about the learning outcomes from the program. Tektronix and Oregon State University have a long history of engineering cooperation,

Tektronix announced it was donating half a million dollars to the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering to create TekBots<sup>TM</sup>, a new educational experience.

The TekBots<sup>TM</sup> program is revolutionizing engineering education by integrating robots throughout the curriculum instead of just using them in a single course.

This program makes abstract concepts concrete and real, Classes are no longer separate disconnected topics. They equip students with skills and concepts needed for solving real-life problems.

"We see this platform for learning program as a long term commitment to develop quality engineering graduates well schooled in fundamentals and hands-on engineering."

You can see the complete article in the Oregon State University Engineer, Spring 2001.

## **Mental Health Checklist**

Maintaining good mental health requires self-reflection and taking action. Ask yourself the following questions:

- Are you practicing good self-care for both body and mind?
- Do you get plenty of rest, eat right, get exercise, see a doctor regularly? Do you keep your mind active and "exercised" through learning new things, reading, interacting with others regularly?
- Do you know when to reach out for help?

One of the hallmarks of a mentally healthy person is the willingness to ask for help, when life seems overwhelming or difficult. Can you identify someone you would go to for help in the future?

- Do you know your own best stress management strategies?
- · Can you identify what soothes and comforts you? Do you know how you can manage the stress in your life through relaxation techniques or interacting with supportive friends or family members?
- Do you spend time with at least one friend with whom you can confide?

Social support and the care and concern of others are important. Love is an energizing and growth producing force.

Do you practice good "soul care?"

Many people identify the importance a spiritual practice, time alone for prayerful reflection, meditation, or serene solitude.

(See Mental Health on page 4)

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Rich Amber: I ain't dead yet. I was just informed by an old friend that there is a rumor going around Beaverton area that Rich Amber died a couple of years ago. I am writing to let you know that is not true; I just moved to South Dakota. For any fellow Tekkies who might want to discuss my supposed demise, I, Rich Amber (at Tek from 1976 to 1997), can be contacted at:

email: quanta@gwtc.net 17338 US Hwy 212 Faith, SD 57626-7008

(More information next issue)

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**Editorial** 

By Louis Sowa

Apologies to Mark Balcom for not getting his article on the sailing vessel Kaiulani in this issue, it will be in the next issue.

Dave Brown, VP of Engineering and Roland Crop of Sales Training put on an excellent program for Tek Retiree's Luncheon highlighting new instruments.

(See pictures on www.tekretirees.org).

## Mental Health (cont from page 2)

Spending time within a faith community or practice can teach us wisdom and offer strategies for coping with life's challenges. It is important to learn how to forget the hurts, forgive the wrongs, to let go of the painful elements of our past.

•Do you participate in a regular activity that is fun, relaxing or creative?

Experts on creativity indicate that playing, laughter and participating in creative activities enhances our ability to enjoy life. Know how to maintain a playful attitude.

•Do you identify and celebrate your success?

It is important to know and to affirm your success.

## John Gates Continues Internet Service

John was way ahead of the rest of us with an internet communication tool. For those of you with internet access see page five of the internet version of this TRN at: Tektronix Retiree Volunteer Program M/S 58-037, PO Box 500 Beaverton, OR 97077-0001

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There is a full explanation there of how to use John's resources.

## Tek Retiree's Northern Reunion

By: Neil Robin and Gene Andrews

A few Tek Retiree's live in the Northern half of Washington State and we thought it would be nice to have an informal reunion at a nice summer gathering place. Let us know if you would be interested in attending.

Date: August 12, 2006 Time: 1:30 p.m. (No Host Lunch) Place: Silver Water Cafe 237 Taylor Street (next to Rose Theatre) Port Townsend, WA.

Activities: Very informal. After lunch we can go to the Fort Worden Beach, Chetzemolka Park or a walk around town enjoying this historic area. Whatever participants would like to do and physical restrictions allow.

If you are interested please let Neil know by email at:

neil@robin-wood.com

## Calendar

## Marconi's Cronies

Meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month: 12:00 a.m. at J.J.North's Buffet Restaurant Northeast Halsey at 105th Portland, OR

> Contact: Jack Riley for details Phone: 503-235-5267

## **CRT Luncheons**

3rd Tuesday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Home Town Buffet located at 13500 SW Pacific Highway in Tigard, OR

> Contact: Jack Neff for details 1301 East Fulton St., Apt. 241 Newberg, OR 97132-1870 Phone: 503-554-7440

## PCB Design Old Timer's Luncheon

Meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
Time: 12:00 a.m.
Where: Peppermill Restaurant
Farmington Mall
Corner of Farmington and Kinnaman Rd.
17455 SW Farmington Rd. #26B
Aloha, OR 97007







## Some photos frome the Volunteer Luncheon





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A Newsletter for and by Tek Retirees

**AUGUST 2006** 

## Thanks for the Memories

By Lori Housley

As I retire from Tek, I wanted to take a few moments to thank you all for the memories. I obviously can't list names of all those I remember over nearly 37 years, but I hope this short journey down memory lane will spark some special memories for you too.

When I came to Tektronix in 1969, as a nation we had just gone through the hippy era, flower power and Woodstock had just exploded on the scene. I survived most of these major influences of my younger life, but now as a part-time kindergarten teacher, I needed a second income. Tektronix was hiring on swing shift, and since it paid more than teaching, I applied and was hired.

Thanks to great managers (Eva Goff and peers), I quickly grew from an assembler, to inspector, to trainer in the old unit wiring groups. Tek at that time was one of the Oregon leaders in bringing women into the manufacturing industry workforce. And we had great fun spreading our wings. Many women learned to take on "outside the home" responsibilities for the first time. When I talk to others today in my same age group, some of the fondest memories are of our "U" boys. Many of whom went on to become managers and a few of them are still here today. It was kind of understood that if they could get along with the women, they were good management candidates.

The Tek culture was truly one of "family" in the beginning. Howard Vollum our founder, nurtured that environment and would often show up in an area on the spur of the moment to say hello and shake your hand. Work groups took breaks, snacks and lunch together. We had social activity planners that took care of birthdays, births, and anniversaries. And, we had charity drives to provide for the needy in our group and community. That is probably the main reason I had applied at Tektronix in the

first place. I experienced first-hand their personal caring and sharing when, as a thirteen-year-old who had just lost her father to cancer, the Tektronix truck showed up at our house with clothes, toys and baskets of food for six fatherless children. Many of the charity efforts begun in those early days under Howard's leadership and continue today. The true heart of Tektronix is in the giving of its employees. But as employees, we were also involved in learning about the company and what other functional groups did. We helped each other learn, grow and advance. Thanks to many of you, I in turn was able to encourage and assist others. We had area reps that helped us get to know the company echelon and politics. I was delighted to serve in this elected role more than once in those early years. We worked hard and our efforts laid the foundation for many of you who work here today. Tektronix is regarded as the grandfather of Oregon high-tech and was Oregon's largest manufacturing firm.

But Tek did have a saltier side. The open campus atmosphere, the celebrations, Christmas parties and some campus romps had become notorious. I recall the first "streaker" on campus and the horror, yet laughter, I could not hide. And when one day suddenly all the building conference room doors were replaced with ones that had windows, I was never really sure if the rumors were true. Yes, we had entered into the 70s. One Nation under a Groove.

By this time it had become evident that I was also destined to be the wage earner in my household. So I began to think in terms of career goals. The higher range jobs were in the traditional male professions. So I signed up for electronics classes, and entered into the world of "Geeks" (I say that fondly). I learned that for the most part here at Tek, those guys walking around with the slide rulers on their belts were a great bunch of highly

skilled engineers and technicians. Tek attracted and retained a cadre of talented technical employees throughout the years.

My first technical job was as a Jr. Technician out at the Walker Road facility in the mid-70s, eventually becoming a lead technician. By the late 70s, management had submitted my name for Management Training Classes. I was honored. And after my first positions at the North Plains and Tigard farmouts, I was hired as the Test manager for the old 465/485 Oscilloscope line back at the Beaverton campus. A couple years later, I further enjoyed the opportunity to do college recruiting and hired a great many technical employees who remain here today from colleges as far away as New York.

Travel did not fit well with my family circumstance, so I took the opportunity to transfer into management at our newest satellite facility, Y7, the NE Portland plant. It brings back some great, fun memories. I truly learned to love the management staff I worked with there and a few dear friends that are no longer with us. Like Billie Stewart. She was the most outgoing, gregarious person I had ever encountered. A behind the scenes coordinator and volunteer for many of our Tek picnics and company gatherings. She never batted an eye when calling Bill Walker, our then vice president with almost any request. If in reason and for the employees, she usually got what was needed. Sandra Lowe, my manager at Y7 remains my most admired.

Just a short time later due to management cutbacks, I sometimes had all three shifts in manufacturing at one time. And like the proverbial saying "what goes up, must come down", economic conditions soon forced us into layoffs. We were in the midst of our highest "temporary employee" counts. And a few, for whom we could document significant contribution, were offered permanent positions in the company. But all temporary employment was curtailed. Hundreds involuntarily left

(Memories continued on Page 3)

## Get your Newsletter on Line

A number of retirees are now getting their newsletter from our Web Site.

www.tekretirees.org.

If you would like to join them send an email to Millie Scott at:

mlscott@easystreet.com

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## TekWeek 25 Years Ago

## July 17, 1981

## Finances at TCU: Bright and Healthy

With nearly \$800,000 in regular reserves Tek Credit Union enjoys a "bright and healthy" financial situation.

Manager Ken Harrison said the regular reserve total was: \$801.241 on December 31, 1980, and most recent figure available was \$789.670 on May 31, 1981.

Another indication of financial health is undivided earnings, which showed a \$90.624 increase in 1980, and the most recent figure available was \$1,050,258.

A recent article in the Oregonian pointed out these are "rough times" for credit unions and at least 23 of them have disappeared through merger in the past 18 months.

At the same time, according to the article, assets of Oregon credit unions increased by 9.1 percent to \$1,013 billion the best percentage growth since 1978, and

savings rose 12.7 percent to a record \$903 million.

Of 224 credit unions listed in the Oregon Credit Union League's annual report, the article said at least 85 have reported a decrease in reserves. "This is a good indicator of problems, because credit union fall back on reserves when they get in a bind."

"Tek Credit Union is among the 139 credit unions with healthy reserves", Ken said.

It's true some smaller credit unions have merged with larger ones and we see that as a healthy sign. We're optimistic about the future for Tek Credit Union."

(For the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive quarter, TCU's Board of Directors approved a 7 percent second quarter dividend for all regular share draft accounts.)

### October 30 1981

## C-1 'pioneers' will welcome newcomers

By Don Leighton

A group of about 70 persons in 2300 Series scope manufacturing have been "breaking in" building C1 in Clark County, Washington, since early September.

They have a little company from a facilities group, which moved in first, and the employment group, which moved in the first week of October. All together these people hardly make a dent in the space in C-1, the largest building Tek has ever built.

However, more of the space will soon be occupied. During November and December, in the nearby Yearout industrial park, a leased facility, will be moving to C-1. These groups are involved in various phases of Portable Scopes Manufacturing.

The newcomers will be welcomed not only because of their companionship, but because their body heat will be a welcome addition to the environmental heating system in the building that makes use of otherwise wasted heat from people, lights and equipment. The added numbers may also justify opening the cafeteria in January as the total number of employees in the building will then be about 400.

The first group is made up of mostly Clark county residents who transferred or hired into the group with the understanding they would eventually be working in C-1 when it was completed.

## Kaiulani Sailing adventures

## By Mark Balcom Website: sv-kaiulani.info

Editors Note: I have had a difficult time coming up with a format for this article. It is interesting, however lengthy. We are going to publish it in installments. In this installment is an introduction to the ship and crew. Some of their actual adventures will be presented in subsequent issues.

## **SHIP & CREW**

KAIULANI is a Cascade 36 designed by Yacht Constructors, Inc. (now Cascade Yachts, Inc.) in Portland, Oregon. She was built in their yards and launched in 1980. The original owner was not a sailor, but motored to Alaska before selling her and "cruising" the US mainland with a motor home. "Tala", as she was originally named was bought by Mark and Carol Balcom in early 1985 and outfitted for sailing in Columbia River and Pacific Ocean waters. November saw her commissioned and renamed "Kaiulani" after some upgrading. Almost complete re-wiring and replumbing were required. In the years to follow she was extensively upgraded with the addition of electronic navigation systems and was sailed to Newport, Oregon on a number of occasions and to Barkley Sound on Vancouver Island once. Many days have been spent on the Columbia River from Astoria to St. Helens on a regular basis.

Carol enjoys family day sails with friends and hosting dinner cruises but does not participate in long distance cruising. She, however, is the most dependable, and critical, of the crew (first mate) as far as maintenance is concerned. Kaiulani is definitely her boat, even though she claims otherwise.

Mark Balcom, the captain, is a United States Power Squadron member (full certificate) and instructor, holds an FCC First Class commercial radio operator's license and an (expired) US Coast Guard Master's license, among other credentials. This will be his second trip to Hawaii, having returned last time by himself. Katrina, the first officer, is also a USPS member with a Seamanship rating. She has been Mark's sailing partner for 6 years, starting with a trip from Astoria to St. Helens. Katrina has sailed from Astoria to Hood River and back to St. Helens as well as to Hilo Hawaii in 2003.

Martin's first sailing experience was the trip to Hawaii in 2003. He is a "natural" at boat

handling and was a very fast learner. He is the cook for this trip. Martin will be attending a school at the Volcano Observatory while the rest of the crew are sight-seeing this time.

AnnaLee is the new crew member, another USPS member just completing the Seamanship class. She has spent time this Spring becoming familiar with the boat and the navigation equipment. Anchor handling, steering under both power and sail and RADAR orientation as well as line handling have been the subjects of her on board training. She will serve as the assistant navigator (her hat actually says "NAVIGATOR" on it) as she has shown interest in both the computer programs and the more traditional computation methods. Because of scheduling conflicts she will be returning by air this time.

Watch standing will be 3 hours on and 9 off on the trip over and 3 on with 6 off returning. Someone must be at the helm at all times, 24 hours a day, even though the auto pilot will be steering. Sail trim course keeping, floating hazards, other traffic, battery levels, and a number of other details must be constantly monitored for safe passage.

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the company and later, lowest ranked permanent employees joined the exit as well. I recall giving 123 performance reviews in one year alone, and then performed exit reviews for almost as many. I dreaded those days. And to top it off, I had one of only two, bad personal managers in all my years at Tek.

Overall it has been an interesting and rewarding experience being a part of Tek. At one time or another, I worked in most manufacturing buildings in Beaverton (13, 16, 19, 39, 47, 48) and the off-campus sites. I have even performed many of the manufacturing jobs myself. And although I may not be able to recall the hundreds of names of all those who worked along side me, I do recognize most of you by sight. Tek has been good to me, but you are what made Tek great. So as I leave, the theme song of Bob Hope comes to mind. And to all of you again I say "Thanks for the Memories".

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## **Editorial**

By Louis Sowa

I need to clear up the information about John Gates' site in the last TRN. I was going to put a page on our web site, but then decided to direct anyone interested to look under 'Contacts' then 'Access ExTeks' on our site. Unfortunately I neglected to put that information in the last TRN.

It would appear that publishing upcoming events in the TRN does affect attendance. We did not get an announcement for the June gathering at Shute Park in the TRN, only three people showed up. We did have a very nice lunch on a beautiful day, and had enough food and utensils. Next year we will make sure there is a notice in the TRN.

We have a need at TRVP for people who could make phone calls. We want to reach out to more retirees. Our database needs regular updating, and even more importantly this is another way to keep in contact with retirees. These calls can be made at our office or from your home. If you think you might be interested please let us know at tek-retirees@exgate.tek.com or call 503-627-4056. We will invite you to the office to discuss in more detail what we have in mind and determine if making calls is an activity in which you would be interested in participating. If you do not live in the Portland metropolitan area we may be able to come up with an opportunity for you also.

A little review of the address change procedure may be in order here. We get

quite a few inquiries about the procedure for updating addresses. The web site should have the most current address change form by the time you receive this newsletter. There are three addresses listed on this form. You may need to send one, two or three address change forms depending on your individual circumstances. If you do not have internet access call us at 503-627-4056. If there is no answer leave a message and we will send forms to you.

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By Al Foleen

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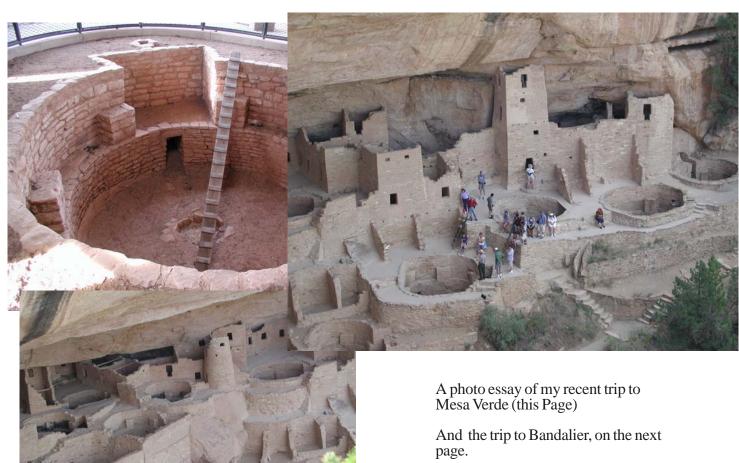
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Louis







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## A Visit to Kentucky - June 2006

By Judy Watkins

Summers for the past five years have included a trip to visit my father in Oklahoma. This year I made a detour and stopped to visit my mother's sister in Radcliff, Kentucky.

As it happened, we spent my birthday together and she took me to Bardstown, Kentucky to see the Stephen Foster Musical which is considered to be the musical of Kentucky. The musical was held in a beautiful state-of-the-art amphitheatre in the My Old Kentucky Home State Park. Stephan Foster was famous for the songs: Oh! Susanna, Camptown Races, Beautiful Dreamer, My Old Kentucky Home and others. The program took us back to the 1850's with beautiful and colorful costumes as the music filled the night. The show is definitely a must-see when in the area.

Radcliff is located very near Fort Knox (35 miles from Louisville) and the U.S. Bullion Depository. The depository doesn't look anything like what I imagined. It is just a huge, gray and rather plain building sitting in the middle of a huge field with a double barbed-wire fence around it. The U.S. Treasury Department began construction of this building in 1936 and the Gold Vault was opened in January 1937.

American soldiers have occupied the Fort Knox area as early as the Civil War. The first fort was built there in 1862 and it has been a military post since 1903. It was during WW I, January 1918, when the government established a field artillery center there.

The Patton Museum of Armor and Cavalry is located in the Fort Knox area. The museum galleries feature a variety of armored equipment and vehicles, art, and other memorabilia of mechanization to the present. The Patton Gallery contains many

personal items used by General Patton throughout his life.

Although my visit there was short, I enjoyed the things that I had the opportunity to see and the country there is beautiful. The state has 52 State parks and every kind of landscape to enjoy from mountains to shores. I would certainly recommend a visit to Kentucky if you get the chance.

## **Meet Rose**

Submitted by: Pat McGrath

The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder.

I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being.

She said, "Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?"

I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze.

"Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked.

She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, and have a couple of kids..."

"No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age.

"I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake.

## Get your Newsletter on Line

A number of retirees are now getting their newsletter from our Web Site.

www.tekretirees.org.

If you would like to join them send an email to Millie Scott at:

mlscott@easystreet.com

We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me.

Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up.

At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three-by-five cards on the floor.

Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know."

As we laughed she cleared her throat and began, "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing.

There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die.

We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it!

There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up.

If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight.

Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change. Have no regrets.

The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets."

She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose."

She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives. At the year's end, Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago.

One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep.

Over two-thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be.

These words have been passed along in loving memory of ROSE.

REMEMBER, GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL. We make a Living by what we get, we make a Life by what we give.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage. If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

"Good friends are like stars . . . . you don't always see them, but you know they are always there."

## KAIULANI'S SECOND HAWAIIAN ADVENTURE

By: Mark Balcom
November 2006

In 2003 the sailing vessel Kaiulani set sail for Hawaii from Astoria, Oregon for the first time with a crew of three. The trip was a text book example of what to expect in sailing conditions and weather. All of the normal problems not previously exposed by coastal cruising raised their heads and demanded attention, deck leaks, inadequately bedded window frames the need for larger batteries, etc. These were all addressed and the ship's electronics suite was updated; a new DSC capable VHF radio, and GPS which could interface the VHF, RADAR and chart plotting computer program and a new auto pilot to replace the older unit which did not survive the marine environment. In 2005 Kaiulani and her crew set sail for their second Hawaiian Adventure with a fourth crew member added.

Addendum: For the return to Oregon, Susan is replacing AnnaLee who is flying back due to time issues. Susan provides the following nautical biography: "I learned to crew the Adventuress (a 100'

schooner in the Puget Sound) about 10 years ago, and have been on her (a few days at a time) a few additional times since then. I was also a guest for a week on a sailboat in Greece about 10 years ago, but there wasn't enough wind to sail, so we just motored from island to island. I enjoyed my time aboard the boat, but there was never any work to our "sailing". We didn't even have to stand watch because we were in port every night.

"I have been boning up on nautty terminology, so expect to be able to swear like a sailor by the time I get to Hawaii. In addition, I've been reading the little "Skipper Saver" booklet put out by the U.S. Power Squadrons and thus am reminded of how much I've forgotten, as well as how much I never learned. It has a fine little section to help me review my First Aid and CPR skills. In short, I hope, and expect, to learn a lot on the Boat. "My father was a merchant marine whose first "sail" was to China at the age of 17. So, while I have sailed only a very few times in my life, I grew up hearing about his adventures, and reading about the sea. This is my first "blue water" opportunity, I sure hope I like it!"

### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Length overall: 36 feet.

Length at the water line: 32 feet.

Beam: 10 feet.

Hull design: modified fin and spade rudder.

Displacement: 14,000 pounds.

Construction: glass re-enforced plastic.

Draft: 4.5 feet.

Ballast: 5,500 pounds.

Sailing rig: Sloop with a mast height of 52

feet.

Working sails: main and 110% Genoa jib. Storm sails: Tri-sail and storm jib. Auxiliary power: 24 HP Faryman diesel.

Electrical power is stored in two 125-Amphour batteries and provided by two 75-Watt solar panels and a 65-Amp engine mounted generator.

Fuel capacity is 42 gallons with 10 more carried on deck.

Fresh water capacity is 35 gallons with another 25 carried on deck and replenished by a 1.5 gallon per hour water maker.

Navigation equipment includes two GPS units, LORAN C, RADAR, SONAR (depth sounder), computer chart plotter, two autopilots, and traditional celestial navigation equipment.

Theoretical hull speed is 7.5 knots, cruising speed is 5 knots.

(To be continued in upcoming issues)

## **Tax Aide Volunteer Opportunities**

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers provide free tax preparation services to millions of low and moderate income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Electronic filing and on-line counseling are also offered by the program. With over 32,000 volunteers and 36 years of continuous service, AARP Tax-Aide is AARP's oldest and largest volunteer program. It now serves 1.9 million taxpayers annually at about 8,500 sites. Program volunteers also answer tax related questions year-round online. This free, confidential service is available nationwide.

The program offers a range of meaningful leadership and tax counseling opportunities such as: Tax Couselor, Local Coordinator, Technology Coordinator, Communications Co-ordinator, and District Coordinator.

Qualification requirements for being a tax aide:

- Computer literate or at least skilled typing.
- Willing to work at least 40 hours during the tax season, which is about 10 weeks long so that breaks down to about 4 hours a week, many aides work more.
- Must take training every year, first year "basic income tax" class, ensuing years can either take the refresher courses we offer or re-take the basic. Basic class is 5-6 full days of training (8:00 to 4:30) and is offered during the week or on Saturdays.
- Training usually starts the very first week in January. All aides every year must pass a test which is an open book test done generally at home. The class work and materials are all provided by the IRS. Some training classes are in computer labs and during instruction they switch to actual use of the software in doing taxes. Other instructors teach tax law and techniques first and then on the last day spend a whole day on the computers running sample problems with one proctor for each 4-5 students for assistance and guidance.

My guess is that 90% of the new aides pass the test, but I have never seen a perfect test score so it is not an easy test.

The instructors are tax aides themselves (such as myself) or can be CPA's donating their time as an instructor although they are not aides. Additionally now and then an IRS employee is an instructor. EVERYONE has to pass the test even if you are already a licensed tax practitioner in Oregon or a CPA or an

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Hinkle, David – d. 8/29/2006 At Tek: 3/14/1960 to 2/19/1981 **Hookie, Jimmy – d.** 9/30/2006 At Tek: 9/21/1966 to 12/10/1999 Iverson, Maurice – d. 9/22/2006 At Tek: 4/26/1978 to **Jensen, John – d.** 8/16/2006 At Tek: 10/15/1973 to 6/8/1984 **Larson, Virginia – d.** 7/11/2006 At Tek: Not Available Lee, Wayne – d. 8/13/2006At Tek: 2/20/1978 to n/a **Lewis, Phyllis – d.** 6/20/2006 At Tek: 4/29/1974 to 8/15/1986 **Magnuson, Helen – d.** 9/17/2006 At Tek: 1/8/1962 to 10/1/1982 Margeson, James – d. 10/11/2006 At Tek: 7/10/1961 to 12/30/1983 Mc Clure, Paulj – d. 7/18/2004 At Tek: 4/4/1977 to 1/27/1984 Merkhofer, Ronnie – d. 7/27/2006 At Tek: 1/16/1984 to n/a Minard, Norma – d. 9/9/2006 At Tek: 1/4/1960 to n/a Mitchell, Marvin – d. 11/19/2005 At Tek: 5/18/1979 to 6/4/1992 Miyahara, Byron – d. 5/1/2006 At Tek: 8/5/1968 to 5/31/2003 Moore, Henry – d. 7/12/2006 At Tek: 9/10/1973 to 11/27/1993

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Attorney! You need to be comfortable with numbers, you don't have to do the math (the computer does that). You must enjoy being with people. Near the conclusion of your training class you would be furnished with a list of some 35-40 sites that operate in Portland and a form on which you list your 1st three choices of where to work and when. My guess is that almost 80% get their first choice and almost all get one of their 3 choices.

There are a variety of volunteer positions available and training is provided. Find detailed information online, e-mail: taxaide@aarp.org or call toll free 1-888-227-7669. AARP Tax-Aide is administered through the AARP Foundation. This is a program of the AARP Foundation, AARP's charitable organization. The program's funding sources include the US Internal Revenue Service, AARP, and private contributions

We want to thank Bob Newberry a Tektronix Retiree, for his presentation at the TRVP October Staff Meeting. He gave a very interesting and informative presentation. He has been a Tax Aide volunteer for many

years and considers it a very interesting and rewarding volunteer project.

## PLEASE NOTE

## RETIREE BENEFIT ADDRESS CHANGE PROCEDURE

As of 9-1-2005 all address changes must be reported as follows:

Anyone who is a post employee with Retiree Medical and/or Life Insurance or who participate in the Cobra Plan will need to report their changes in writing to A & I. You must include your signature and Social Security Number.

Tektronix Post Employment Services c/o A & I Benefit Plan Administrators,
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1220 SW Morrison St., Suite 300 Portland, OR 97205-2222 Phone: 503-222-7700 Toll Free: 1-800-778-7956 Fax: 503-228-0149

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This newsletter should reach you in time for the Christmas Elks gathering. Every ex-Tek and spouse or guest is welcome. I believe almost everyone that does show up will be glad they did. You will almost certainly know a number of those in attendance. If you are concerned that you may not, bring a friend.

We are near the end of another year. The TRVP has been around for over 10 years. We have a good group. If you think you might be interested in joining us call, send or mail us. There is a variety of tasks you may wish to get involved with. If not you can at least come in and see what we do.

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Al Moak—You guys do an excellent job on the Newsletter. I just wanted to thank you. I was laid-off in 1988, found continuing employment at Grass Valley Group, then was laid-off there. Supposedly, I am now retired, but actually I still do a bit of editing here and there, and I am still a pastor also, though I don't have my own congregation. We're in McKinleyville, CA, about 85 miles from Crescent City. Still get up to Oregon once in a while.

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