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2024 End of Year Report

It was a bittersweet year for the museum. On the positive side our visitor rate has increased, our participation in community STEM events is up, we made improvements to the museum, we have new volunteers, and have new promotional items for the museum. On the downside we lost our Chairman and longtime volunteer, Bob Haas, to an unexpected and brief medical condition. Bob had his hand in every aspect of the museum – restorations, tours, eBay, YouTube, customer requests, and projects. Our volunteers had to step up to absorb all this support.

We continue to be open on Saturdays and our presence on the Tektronix campus along with our highlight in Google Maps brings a number of visitors, some of which have no knowledge of Tektronix or high technology. We also open on request and this year opened on 38 different occasions, 3 out of every 4 weeks. We had visitors from out of the area, state, and country. Some are just technology enthusiasts, some are former employees, some are family of former employees, and some wanting to introduce their children to technology.

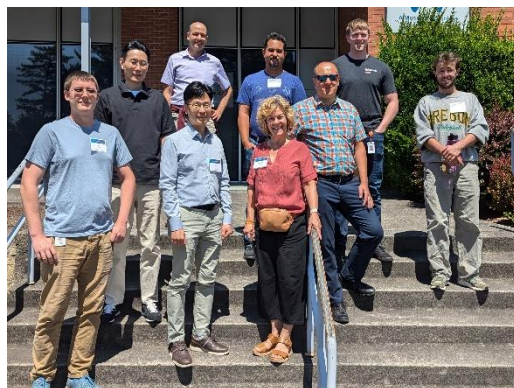
We do not have standardized tours and our docents accommodate the needs and interests of our visitors. It was great to host a number of special tours for groups at Tektronix.



Tektronix Service Solutions Leadership Team.



Tektronix Marketing Leadership Team.



Tektronix International Application Engineers.

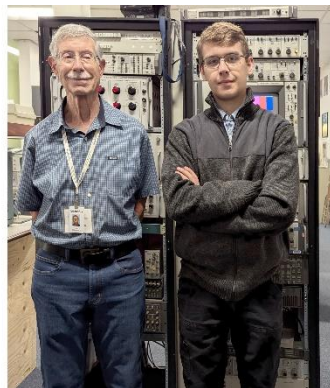
We participated with the Women In Technology group at Tektronix (more later) and hosted two tours for the group.



We also hosted a group of new Tektronix interns.



Fred Steinhauser wrote to the museum to arrange a visit when he and his wife travelled here from Austria.



John Fletcher (right), a student at OSU in engineering visited the museum. He is a relative of Gale Morris, Tektronix' first Industrial Designer hired in 1957.



Randy Hall "K7AGE" worked at Grass Valley Group on the Model 100 Switcher and posted a 12 minute video tour of the museum which has over 40,000 views.



Volunteers at the Synth Library in Portland visited the museum. We previously donated some test & measurement equipment to their education focused non-profit operation. Thomas Fang (left) now volunteers at the museum.



This group was a delight to host. In 1966 Tektronix was heavily involved with youth and education and sponsored the Tektronix Explorer Scouts Post 876. Governor Vic Atiyeh presented the Post Charter to Tektronix.

A 1984 TekWeek article indicates Post 876 has helped over 800 young people learn about electronics and the industry.

This group of former Scouts from Explorer Post 876 held a reunion and toured the museum.

Our mission is STEM and encouraging the next generation of engineers and scientists. We host a number of local STEM events in the community. It's a fair amount of work of hauling this equipment and setting up a booth for the day so we really appreciate the efforts of our volunteers. We're always looking for more.



In May we hosted a booth at [MESA Day](#) at Portland State University. Oregon MESA helps underserved middle and high school students excel in STEM through hands-on invention education. MESA programs help marginalized and low-income students not only graduate from high school, but also enroll in post-secondary studies and enter the workforce with STEM, 21st century and invention skills.

The Girl Scouts of Southwestern Washington and Oregon held a STEM day where the scouts can earn merit badges. We've participated now for several years. This is a large undertaking by the museum because of the size and distance of the event. Over 1800 girls attended this year and the booth was packed all day.

We chose to take a larger number of hands-on exhibits of both vintage and newer Tektronix products and required two shifts of four volunteers each to handle this event.

Thank you so much for organizing & hosting a booth for several years! I'm really glad you are here!

We wouldn't be able to host such an impactful event without your support!

I hope you are able to see the positive effect you are having on all these kids!

I can't wait to have you back next year!

♥ Marian + Girl Scouts



One of our larger STEM events was a request from Valley Catholic Middle School near the Tektronix campus. They wanted a STEM event for their 6th grade classes. We have a specific waves and sound class that we have done for 6th graders, but then found out they had 88 students! We partnered with the Women in Technology (WIT) group at Tektronix to host this large event. The WIT volunteers arranged a large room for lunch and six smaller rooms for individual instruction. There was an overview for the entire group over lunch, then we divided the students into six groups and rotated them through the six separate classes. The WIT classes consisted of careers in engineering, making a paper PCB, and disassembling and examining the inner workings of a Tektronix oscilloscope. The vintageTEK classes consisted of a LED lab using T&M equipment, display technology overview, and exploring sound and waves. It was a great experience for the students and we thank the WIT team for their leadership and participation and Tektronix for the use of their facilities.



Large group lunch



Clockwise from left:

Engineering Careers

Display Technology

Making Paper PCBs

Oscilloscope take-apart

LED lab

Sounds and waves



As part of our community outreach, we participated in the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry 2024 Science Festival. The Science Festival is a fun, interactive, and engaging week-long celebration of science. It highlights STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) and takes science learning out into the community. It included five days of events in the Portland Metro area. We held six tours over two evenings and had visitors that knew nothing about Tektronix or vintageTEK but wanted to learn more. It was a delight. Our “Art”, by the way, was music and sound.

We also participated in the NW Electronics Design & Manufacturing Expo (NEDME) with a booth showcasing Tektronix’ rich history and legacy in the community and industry.

One fun event was hosting an exhibit of Information Display graphic products at a Tektronix Wilsonville reunion. Over 100 ex-Wilsonville employees attended and along with our display was a First Technology Credit Union (formerly known as the Tektronix Employees Federal Credit Union) booth. It was a fun evening.



We continue to enhance our museum display space. Our volunteers finished building our display cabinets which replaced our tables (which weren't quite up to the weight).

One of our newer exhibits is a 545 oscilloscope donated by Paul Pierce, a Portland vintage computer enthusiast. Paul was the technical consultant for the movie *Hidden Figures* for the computer room and equipment which featured his 545B oscilloscope and Scope-Mobile which he donated to the museum.

We've had several new volunteers start at the museum. Their support has helped us with restoration, detailing and preserving history, organizing the museum and parts, and scanning content requested by individuals restoring their vintage Tektronix instruments. We published 12 monthly newsletters to over 1,300 subscribers with news and information about the museum. We published 12 Photos of the Month highlighting the history of the company. We solicited new stories and added them to our [Employee Stories](#) page.

Last year one of our volunteers created a 24" x 36" glossy poster of the 500-series oscilloscope plug-ins. This year we turned it into a 500 piece puzzle and it has been selling well. We also completed our 2025 vintageTEK calendar which is a tribute to the 1965 Tektronix calendar which featured hand-painted images of key Tektronix technologies and capabilities by local artist Paul Loomis.

We continue to support and participate with the various Tektronix collector groups – Facebook *Old Tek Scopes*, *Tektronix* (i.e. Heerenveen), *Tektronix Guernsey Memories*, and Groups.io *TekScopes*. Together, these groups have over 14,000 members. The museum gets daily emails with questions and requests for information and support, and these individuals often provide historic information, photos, and instruments back to the museum.

Astute viewers continue to send us sightings for our [Product in Movies and Shows](#) page. We now have 91 movies and shows sightings covering 1953 to 2024. Our 120+ historic and educational films and videos are hosted on our YouTube channel which has over 11,000 subscribers. We added 13 new videos this year and our videos had over 54,000 views.

The museum operates on contributions, our [eBay store](#) and [Lulu bookstore](#) sales and the generosity of Tektronix in hosting our space. Donations to the museum come to us in-house, on-line, mail, and with company matching through [Benevity](#).

We had a successful 2024 thanks to the dedication and energy of our volunteers. Our visitor rate is now above pre-Covid levels. Our on-line efforts continue to make the museum resources available to our worldwide audience who are not able to visit in person. Our kindest thanks to Tektronix for their generosity in hosting space for the vintageTEK museum. We did have 16 requests from Tektronix for support this year ranging from tour requests and promotional photo-shoots, to helping customers with information on specific products.

We look forward to a great 2025 for sharing and preserving the history of Tektronix and encouraging STEM in our community.

David J. Brown
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