

Telling The Story

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INTRODUCTION

At the Legacy Committee's [first meeting](#) in January of 2006, we resolved to tell the then-to-fore untold story of Engineering Research Associates (ERA). This 200th IT Legacy Paper updates our legacy initiative status; "77-yrs since ERA pushed the power button to ignite MN's computer age¹."

- ✓ We've posted 200+ career summaries listed in <http://vipclubmn.org/People.html#bios>. People sub-chapters 11 thru 22 have those career summaries and article contributors' names. Our MN corporate name history is at <http://vipclubmn.org/lmcolegacy.html#Names> while our local defense industry General Managers are listed in <http://vipclubmn.org/lmcolegacy.html#Mgrs>.
- ✓ The <http://vipclubmn.org/OurStories.html> chapter's authors and article contributors are listed in <http://vipclubmn.org/PeopleIdx.html#Writers>. This 200th paper for January 2023 has an alphabetized Our Stories' author's tabulation and an alphabetized by title-topic table.
- ✓ Our Club Contacts & Links page leads to 100+ [computer research](#) and [STEM](#) websites.
- ✓ The Dakota County Historical Society's (DCHS) S St. Paul [Lawshe Memorial Museum](#) has 'more defense-industry computer artifacts than any other museum in the world!'
- ✓ The Twin Cities Public Television (TPT) in partnership with the MN High Tech Association produced a '[Solid State: Minnesota's High-tech History](#)' documentary. It was filmed at the TPT studios, the museum, a VIP Club picnic, and a few other MN sites. Narrated by Dr. Tom Misa, it includes eight Legacy Committee member interviews.
- ✓ A Legacy initiative byproduct is the VIP Club's history, <http://vipclubmn.org/history.html> and our [social activity history](#) about the many outside-of-work camaraderie gatherings.

Are we done telling the story? Almost!

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¹ Paraphrased from a Curt Brown email about a January 2021 Minneapolis Star Tribune article.

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WHAT IS MISSING?

A sign outside a chapel, 'What's missing, C H _ _ C H?' - **U R!** Occasionally a little levity gives one pause to think of a retort or another story. For our *Legacy Anthology* chapters we need stories about the Clearwater, FL and the Pueblo, CO facilities. Both were started to support St. Paul operations with lower employment wages and lower state business taxes. Pueblo was specifically developed for Air Force computers' manufacturing. Clearwater was an expansion of an old Sperry facility to produce Navy shipboard products. Do you have any stories about those two facilities or their people? And we could use more from our Roseville, MN retirees about their careers and products. Please send them to us, we do have web site spaces ready for your information. Thanks, *LABenson*.

OUR STORIES

Many of these are intertwined and some overlap. Our Legacy has seven decades of air traffic control, six decades of Naval Tactical Data Systems, six decades of Airborne Surveillance, and thousands upon thousands of satisfied users and customers in Minnesota, the US, and throughout the world.

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| Alcon, Chuck LCDR US Navy (ret.) | Navy Standards Program – Don Ream tribute | 2020-12 |
| Allen, Clyde | Engineering Organization , Sperry 1980 | 2015-10 |
| Andersen, David | Invention of Voice Mail | 2007-06 |
| Anderson, Larry and Earl Vraa | VHSIC Hardware Design Methodology | 2009-08 |
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| Benson, Lowell A. | Repertoire Cards – 24 bits | 2013-03 |
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| Benson, Lowell A. | Information Technology Anthology – site map | 2017-12 |
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| Benson, Lowell A. | Status of Our Stories , etc. 200th Our Story | 2023-01 |
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| Benson, Lowell A., et al' | Realization of a Dream, exhibit at the Lawshe | 2013-10 |
| Benson, Lowell A., et al' | Program and Product Management , 1974 | 2017-03 |
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| Benson, Lowell A., et al' | International sites of note, http://vipclubmn.org/Articles/World_Wide.pdf | 2020-11 |
| Benson, Lowell A., et al' | UNISYS WEB and TIMELINES , what and when. | 2021-11 |
| Benson, Lowell A., et al' | Compendium, No. 2 of newsletter articles | 2022-01 |
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| Blumenthal, Mike | Letter to Weinberger | 2009-05 |
| Bolton , Larry D. | Vendor Surveillance Notebook | 2007-10 |
| Bolton, Larry D. | Magnetic Drum Artifacts, three | 2009-04 |
| Bolton, Larry D. | Parts Control , Minuteman computers | 2009-07 |
| Bolton, Larry D. | Hardware Artifact Log as of November '09 | 2011-09 |
| Bolton, Larry D. | Semiconductor Technology Progression at UNIVAC/Sperry/Unisys/LMCO in Minnesota | 2014-09 |
| Bolton, Larry D. | Plant 8, circa 1966 – scan of a news article | 2019-04 |
| Bolton, Larry D. | Component Quality and Reliability | 2021-08 |
| Bolton, Larry D. and Clinton Crosby | Addendum to Minuteman Plated Wire Usage | 2011-02 |
| Bolton, Larry D. and Ralph Kerler | UNIVAC 7901000-series Integrated Circuits | 2008-11 |
| Bolton, Larry D., et al' | Nike-X System Hybrid Integrated Circuits Nike-X electrical circuit/component diagrams | 2019-01 |
| Bolton, Larry D.; Clinton Crosby; and James 'Jim' Howe. | Plated Wire Memory Usage on the UNIVAC Minuteman Weapon System Computer | 2008-04 |
| Bower , Ed | Sperry Utah , Sergeant Missile Program | 2020-01 |
| Brown, Curt, et al' | At 99, Don Weidenbach looks back | 2021-03 |
| Burrell , Warren | Recollections , Pre-Athena, i. e. Transtec, etc. | 2011-03 |

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| Carlson, Dan; Bob Engel, Kristen Maloney, Tom Montgomery, and John Westergren | Plant 8 Closure , end of an IT epoch | 2013-04 |
| Carter, James – via Keith Myhre | Starring the Computer – a website dedicated to computers in film and TV, some are ours. | 2020-02 |
| Champine, George – Ph. D | UNIVAC Computers I Have Known | 2012-10 |
| Charlton, Art, et al' | Photo Club History , donated to the museum | 2017-05 |
| Christensen, Curt | Another Computer Was Born | 2008-07 |
| Christensen, Curt | ENIAC Beginning Summary | 2011-06 |
| Coombs, J.R | Drum Prototype Design , scan of a 1947 National Electronics Conference reprint. | 2010-04 |
| Cray, S. R. and Kisch, R. N. | Report, Progress of CAD circa 1954 | 2009-10 |
| Crowe, Forest W. via Andy Simon | Apollo 11 Mission Congratulations Letter | 2018-02 |
| Devlaminck, Ghislain A. | VIPS Adventure – fixing a problem in the field | 2020-04 |
| Devlaminck, Ghislain A. | Black Briefcase delivered classified items | 2022-02 |
| Devlaminck, Ghislain A., et al' | Plant 2, Glider History | 2014-03 |
| Dexter, Patty re' Tom Weyrick | Apollo 11 mission work interview | 2019-08 |
| Dickson, Paul – et al' | Plated Wire Dialogues | 2020-03 |
| Dragseth, Kevin – TPT Producer | About Solid State : Minnesota's High-tech History – documentary summary and links | 2019-10 |
| Durand, David – et al' | USAF mobile system developed at RADC | 2016-11 |
| Erickson, Robert A. 'Bob' | Engineering Organization , UNIVAC Feb. 1977 | 2015-08 |
| Ernst, Steve | Precision Agriculture Business Initiative | 2020-05 |
| Fadden, C. via Les Nelson | NEXRAD , more than meets the eye | 2018-01 |
| Fox, Andrew | ERA to Lockheed Martin : MN computer Industry | 2014-11 |
| Ganz, Bill via Ron Irwin | MATCALS – Technical Description re-print | 2011-05 |
| Goldbacher, Harry | Frank Lapinski was my mentor | 2015-04 |
| Goldbacher, Harry | UNIVAC Plated Wire Memories – Blue Bell. | 2015-04 |
| Graber, Ken; Larry Bolton; and Jeff Parker | SNERT Chip Development | 2008-09 |
| Gray, George | Sperry Military Computers | 2007-05 |
| Gray, George | NSA Used UNIVAC Computers | 2015-03 |
| Gray, George and Ron Q. Smith | Sperry Rand's Third Generation Computers 1964–1980 | 2022-11 |
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| Greenia, Mark, et al' | Early Computer Parts, notes and YouTube link | 2018-09 |
| Hambleton, Glen | World-Wide Career | 2008-01 |
| Heckert, Quint | Booklet , VIP Club's 30-Year Anniversary | 2010-12 |

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| Hoffman , Kevin | Assignment in Mississippi | 2020-09 |
| Hunter, Ned; Tom Knops - et al' | First Flying Programmer , Oscar Lundbeck | 2013-09 |
| Inda, Jim and Mike Wold | B-2 STEALTH BOMBER STORY | 2015-01 |
| Irwin , Ron | MATCALS – A 30-Year Life | 2015-06 |
| Jansen , Bernie | Legacy Preservation Sites – a 2012 Unihogs luncheon presentation | 2012-12 |
| Johnson, Carl | Carl Johnson Collection at CBI | 2017-10 |
| Johnson, Carl | Micro-1100 Story – Chip Set Development | 2019-11 |
| Johnson, Don via Larry Bolton | Semiconductor Testing at UNIVAC Semiconductor Test Record , 1957-1962 P/N 4908000 and P/N 4907828 specifications | 2020-07 |
| Johnson, Glenn and Dave Sixerud | Our Winnipeg Story | 2010-01 |
| Keremedjiev, George; Anders Carlsson, and Duane Craps | Eighteen Bit Computers – from three non-Minnesotan Legacy Anthology browsers | 2015-09 |
| Ketchum, James via Warren Burrell | When Computers came to Minnesota | 2011-07 |
| Klobuchar, Jim via Larry Bolton | Creation of the 1824 , scan of Minneapolis Star article from Nov. 5, 1965. | 2018-11 |
| Knight, Michael | Reservation System , BEA Design Ahead of its Time? | 2009-01 |
| Koltes , Steve | Employed 60-Years, James Bacon | 2015-11 |
| Koltes, Steve, et al' | ARTS II Display Emails | 2020-08 |
| Lantto , Ernie, et al' | When Did it Happen? Computer type dates . | 2021-10 |
| Larson, LeRoy | Quicksilver , a Shadowbox Story | 2017-06 |
| LaViola, Joe – UBBRG President | Letter to Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group | 2016-10 |
| Leichtweis, Capt. Donald USN ret. | Nomination, Name a Ship the Donald Ream | 2014-12 |
| Lenfestey, James P. | Gaggle of Geeks – a news article | 2008-03 |
| Lins, Ray vis son Mike Lins | Open House at Sperry Univac - 1974 | 2018-07 |
| Lundgren , Richard ‘Dick’ | European Defense Business | 2007-12 |
| Lundgren, Richard ‘Dick’ | Charles Babbage Institute – Our 1st Visit | 2014-10 |
| Lundgren, Richard ‘Dick’, et al' | Compendium, IT Legacy Newsletter Articles | 2016-03 |
| Mager , Don | UNIVAC Digital Trainer – UDT-6 | 2019-03 |
| Mager, Don - #101, <i>The first of Our Stories</i> | Apollo Computers – the early deliveries | 2007-04 |
| McCarthy , Gene; Mike Bukovich, and Bob Elfering | Contract Wins ; CPF, UYK-43, and UYK-44 | 2007-07 |
| Metzger, Jack, et al' | Circuit Card(s) History – germanium to silicon | 2016-12 |
| Miller , John | Turtle Mountain Corporation spinoff NDSU newsletter article scan re' Miller | 2021-12 |
| Misa, Dr. Thomas | Minnesota's Hidden History in Computers | 2010-12 |
| Mitchel, Herbert – auto-biography excerpts from George Gray via Ron Q. Smith | UNIVAC in Philadelphia, Volume I UNIVAC Marketing, Volume II | 2014-01 |
| Monson, Bengt ‘Ben’ | Plant 2, A New Tenant | 2014-02 |

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| Monson, Robert via Keith Myhre | Valiant & Intrepid Workstation History | 2022-03 |
| Montgomery, Tom, et al' | Legacy Epoch , Air Traffic Control | 2012-07 |
| Mullaney, Frank C. | December 12, 1950 – distribution letter and Technical Memorandum No. 15 reprint | 2011-01 |
| Mullaney, Frank C. | ERA 1101 Computer Design Features - scan | 2017-02 |
| Myhre , Keith | Cataloging Legacy Artifacts at the Lawshe Memorial Museum. | 2020-10 |
| Myhre, Keith | Artifacts on Display, 16 Legacy Story Boards | 2021-05 |
| Myhre, Keith | Valiant Workstation Resurrection | 2022-04 |
| Myhre, Keith | Oral Interview of Keith Myhre by MHS | 2023-02 |
| Myhre, Keith, et al' | 40-year ERA Plaque – Where did it go? | 2022-08 |
| Nelson , Ed, et al' | Fred Hargesheimer Story | 2007-09 |
| Nelson, Les | Programmable Signal Processor (PSP) Development | 2022-09 |
| Nelson, Les and Lowell Benson | ASW History , 50+ years | 2012-09 |
| Nelson, W. 'Curt' | ERA 1103 Announcement – a 1953 news scan | 2017-07 |
| Nelson, W. 'Curt' | BOMARC , the ERA 1104 development | 2017-09 |
| Nelson , W. 'Curt' and Lowell Benson | ASW-mod 1 Avionics System, 1963 Aviation Week reprint plus our background info. | 2010-10 |
| Nemanich, John | Networking History at Unisys | 2007-08 |
| Neukom, Hans, et al' | UNIVAC 418s , triple use application | 2017-04 |
| Neuman , Don | Air Force Satellite Control Network - reprint | 2013-12 |
| Norris, William C. | World War II Experiences – a paper scan | 2016-01 |
| Palzer, Norm | Drum Memory archived at MHS | 2009-06 |
| Petschauer , Richard J. 'Dick' | Carbon Heat Trapping : Merely a Bit Player in Global Warming | 2008-02 |
| Petschauer, Richard J. 'Dick' | History and Evolution of 1100/2200 Mainframe Technology | 2014-07 |
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| Pogorzelec, Ed | Winnipeg Operations , Tribute 1977-2000 | 2021-06 |
| Pogorzelec, Ed | Winnipeg Operations People and plants | 2021-07 |
| Pogorzelec, Ed, et al' | Canadian Patrol Frigates upgraded | 2017-01 |
| Rapinac , James 'Rapp' | Army Experiences before Sperry Univac | 2016-05 |
| Rego, CWQ4 John P. | Deployment to Somalia – MAATCALS in 1993 | 2011-04 |
| Reiter , Allan | UNIVAC I Computer System , Technical UNIVAC I System Experiences , People | 2012-06 |
| Rubin, Richard via Gish Devlaminck | Little Instrument in Your Pocket | 2021-02 |
| Sandusky , Vern | Johnston Island Hurricane damage report Johnston Island repairs report | 2009-12 |
| Sater , Jack | Air Traffic Control – From NTDS to ARTS | 2008-06 |
| Schlüter, Lou | MAPPER Systems History Presentation | 2013-06 |
| Shelander, David | AN/UYK-43 Computer , a synopsis | 2012-05 |
| Shoquist , Marc C. | Serial Input/Output papers, two | 2008-12 |
| Shoquist, Marc C. | Interview transcription via John Westergren | 2016-05 |

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| Sloan, Judy | Joint Strike Fighter Electronics | 2018-08 |
| Smith, Ron Q. | Unisys history sequence – slide set | 2014-04 |
| Smith, Ron Q. | Unisys and the Growth of Computing | 2016-02 |
| Smith, Ron Q. | Growth of Computing at Unisys | 2020-06 |
| Snyder, Samuel S. – release June '09 | NSA History , General-Purpose Electronic Digital Computers – reprint of 1964 paper | 2010-08 |
| Society, IT History via LABenson | IT History Reference (www.ithistory.org) Honor Roll . ERA to Unisys people therein | 2019-12 |
| Solberg, Arlyn | TRANSIT , The Navy's 1 st GPS development | 2012-02 |
| Solberg, Arlyn and Jacques Lignieres | London Development Center , history | 2013-11 |
| Solomonson, Craig | UNIVAC 8008 Micro – 1972 8-bit computer | 2015-02 |
| Stockman, Chuck | S-3A aircraft computer history | 2018-10 |
| Stone, Noel | Engineering Organization , UNIVAC July 1961 | 2015-10 |
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| Taipale, Harvey | Winning of CNCE – Air Force comm system | 2021-09 |
| Taipale, Harvey, et al' | Snapshots of Times – President's Messages | 2022-07 |
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| Von Neumann, John | First Draft of a Report on the EDVAC , 6/30/45 | 2022-12 |
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| Westergren, John | Focus on the Future , presentation to the Annual Unihogs/Unturkey's luncheon | 2011-11 |
| White, Robyn – Chief Editor | U of MN, 40 Years of Excellence | 2009-03 |
| Williams , Gerald 'Jerry' | Three Satisfying Inventions – book excerpt | 2021-04 |
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| Yost, Dr. Jeffrey | Minnesota's Computing History – a web site | 2019-02 |

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LEGACY STATUS – December 2022

In 2022 we posted the 200th career summary and this is now the 200th Our Stories posting. Since the Legacy Committee's first meeting the Club has issued about 150 newsletters. Each had Legacy tidbits, some were duplicates of the Our Stories and some are Legacy status summaries. For example, <http://vipclubmn.org/Newsletters/Enews2209.pdf> provided the status of our Lawshe Memorial Museum initiative. That news article by Keith Myhre projected about two more years of volunteerism needed to finish the cataloguing.

Another Nov./Dec. 2022 newsletter article is, “**Anticipation** - We are anxiously awaiting the reopening of the Lawshe Memorial Museum after the Americans with Disabilities Act improvements are completed in early 2023. This picture by Keith Myhre shows ~1/3rd of the great room before the reconstruction.



The floor has a pictorial map of Dakota County; the periphery has our Legacy artifacts and informational posters. At the left, Les Nelson and Bob Pagac are looking at four of the 16 topical poster boards. From left to right are a Quality Control (QC) inspector's jacket behind an automatic antenna coupler, an Input/Output Processor (IOP) rack-mounted FAA computer, the micro-1100 wafer set with development project poster highlights, an AN/UYK-43 large scale Navy computer, an AN/USQ-69 display, the AN/UYK 44 minicomputer, the CP-2044 airborne computer, two variations of the Valiant displays, and more poster boards.”

As soon as we receive an ADA compliant completion notice from the museum in 2023, we will need volunteers to reposition the displays from storage and reset the cataloging workstations. Then, if half-a-dozen people donate two Tuesday mornings per month during 2023 we may be able to declare victory and rest on our laurels!

Yes, we are ‘Almost Done!’

Current Legacy Committee

Committee chairman and Program Manager John Westergren; Senior Staff Engineer Lowell Benson; Systems Engineer Bill Bergen; Component Engineer Larry Bolton; Staff Engineer Carl Johnson; Instructor/Writer Dick Lundgren; Systems Engineer Tom Montgomery; Systems Engineer and Marketing Manager Keith Myhre; Systems Engineer Les Nelson; former DCHS trustee Greg Oxley, Program Manager Bob Pagac; Systems Engineer Jon Simon; UNISYS Fellow Ron Q. Smith; VP of Procurement and Semiconductor Development Mike Svendsen; and Engineering Manager Harvey Taipale.

Deceased Committee Members

Club Founder and Human Resources Director Millie Gignac, Warren Becker, Warren Burrell, Quint Heckert, Bernie Jansen, Bill Klingner, Tricia Myhre, Edwin Nelson, Richard 'Ole' Olson, Jim 'Rapp' Rapinac, Jack Sater, Marc Shoquist, Tom Turba, Don Weidenbach, Harry Weis, and Paul Welshinger.

Museum Volunteerism Team

Volunteer teams meet on Tuesday mornings from 9 'til noon, when Lawshe Memorial Museum is not open to the public. However, their staff gives access to us for the use of workstations as we continue cataloguing photos, artifacts, and documents. Contact leaders there to help:

- Exhibits; Keith Myhre, kmyhre@lightblast.net
- Photo ID work; Bob Pagac, rpagac@hotmail.com, and Jon Simon, jcsimon1st@aol.com
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- Museum/Club coordinator; Harvey Taipale, hjtaipale@comcast.net

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- Chad Roberts, the 2012 Dakota County Historical Society Executive Director, who got the ball rolling to begin the artifact exhibit at the Lawshe Memorial Museum in S. St. Paul.
- Matthew Carter, current Executive Director of the Dakota County Historical Society who has facilitated Minnesota Legacy grant applications for materials and supplies to help document and display the artifacts donated to the museum.
- Dale Weeks, current DCHS President, who connected with the Minnesota High-Tech Association then led the fund raising for a [computer history](#) web site and the documentary.
- Mark Greenia, director of the Computer History Archives Project, who has produced over a dozen [YouTube videos](#) featuring UNIVAC/Unisys history topics.

Life is our time, space continuum of human interactions.

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