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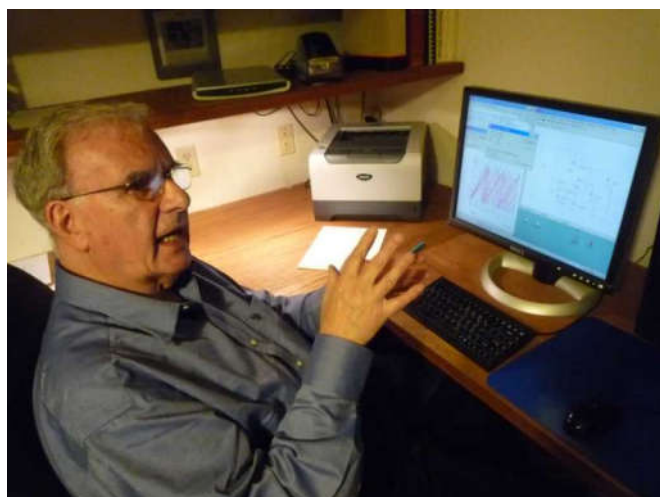
The 2013 Analog Aficionados party is Saturday,
February 16, 2013. From 5:00 to 9:00PM.



It is at David's Restaurant in Santa Clara near the golf course. Over 130 people made last year's party. There are 180 signed up this year. Feel free to just show up-- we can print you a badge on the spot.

This year's party is in honor of Hans Camenzind, who died last August. This year Linear Systems will be a quadruple sponsor, so you will have some good food. Planet Analog,

EDN, and EETimes are a double sponsor, so you even get dessert. Texas Instruments is a double sponsor. Analog Devices is a double sponsor. If you get drunk and kill yourself or someone else, neither I nor the restaurant, nor the sponsors are responsible. This is the same venue I had the Bob Pease and Jim Williams remembrance last June 2011, and the aficionados party in 2012. This is the forth annual Analog Aficionados party.



Food food food. We are bringing it out early but saving some for those late arrivals and when you get the munchies:

Serve pc
time

05:00PM	Fruit & cheese platter	vegetarian
05:30PM	Beef carving	
05:30PM	Leg of lamb	
05:30PM 100	Spanakopita (spinach on pita bread)	vegetarian
05:30PM 100	Chicken curry cucumber	spicy
07:30PM	Leg of lamb	
07:30PM 100	Mini quiche	vegetarian
07:30PM 100	Bruschetta (Tomato, onion, garlic, basil, olive on grilled bread)	vegen
08:00PM 100	Chocolate strawberries	vegetarian

Thanks again to this year's sponsors:



I have put up pictures from previous Analog Aficionado parties. The bulk of the pictures were taken by retired Linear Tech employee Fran Hoffart. In addition there are pictures from Ed Fong, Ron Quan, and Steve Leibson, as well as a few of mine.

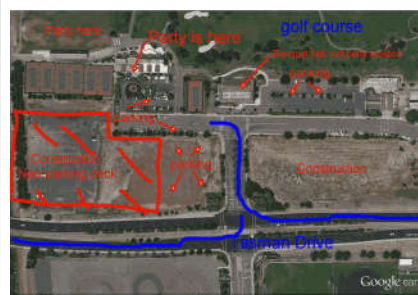
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Note the party is not at the banquet hall you see driving in, it is in the restaurant itself. That areas marked "New parking deck is finished. Santa Clara built it for 49ers stadium across the street.



Santa Clara has built the parking deck, it will be open by February.

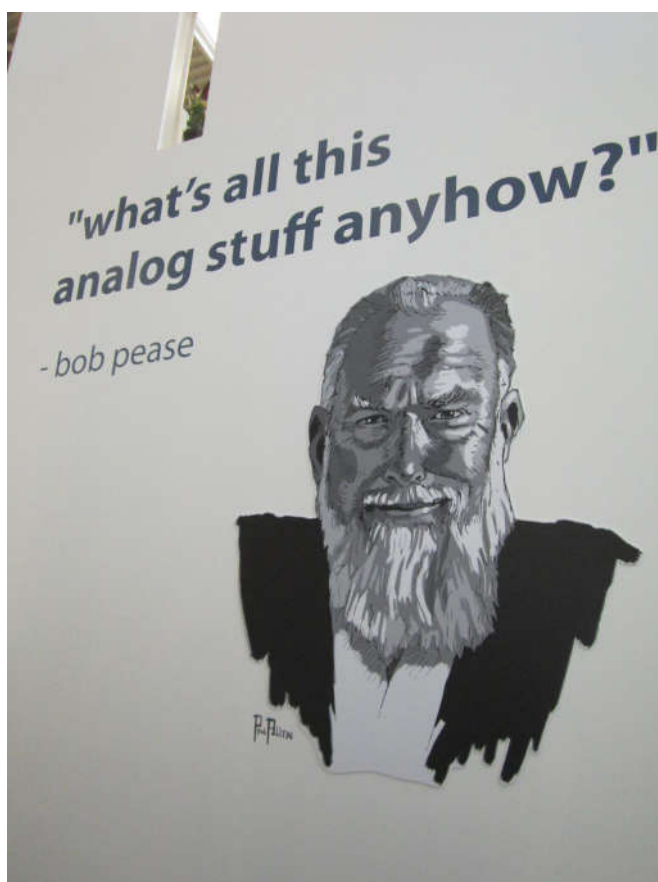




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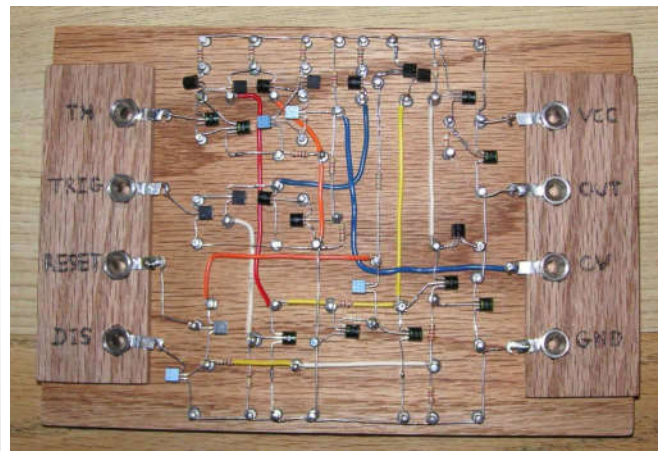


And across the street is the new 49ers stadium, still under construction.

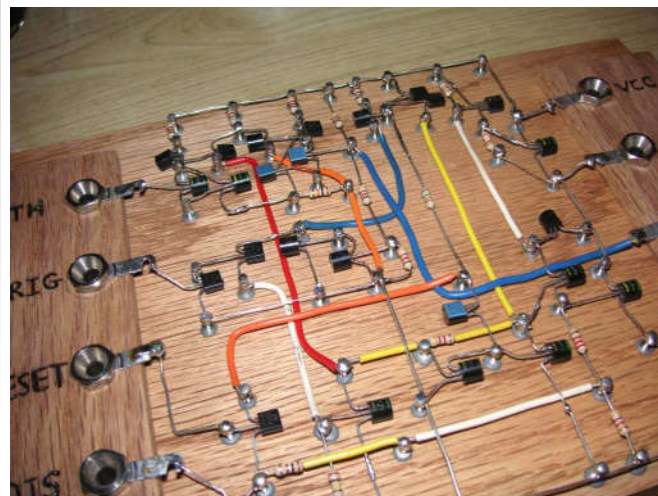


Tim McCune, who works at Linear Systems went to Electronica this year and saw a beautiful portrait of Bob Pease at the AMS (formerly Austria Microsystems/TAOS) booth.

Analog aficionado Eric Schlaepfer built a discrete NE555 to honor dear departed Hans Camenzind. That he did it in the style of one of Jim Williams' analog art objects just makes it all the more touching.



Here is a close-up view. You can bet I will ask Eric to bring this to the party. I might also take up Alan Martin's offer to set up a working lab bench, just so we can play with these cool gizmos. Be sure to bring any cool stuff you have, including tube circuits.



Good news from aficionado Ron Quan. His book on home-made radio circuits just went to the printer. This is a McGraw Hill book, not some vanity press. Ron will have the book at the party for you to check out. I told him if he wants to sell some that is fine. The same goes for Sergio Franco, or any other author.

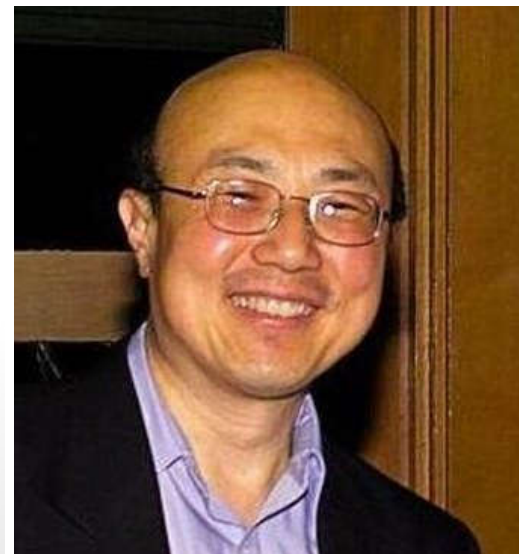


Here we see Stanford professor Tom Lee, Ed Fong (recently retired from Loral), and Ron Quan. Ed is checking out the galley proofs of Ron's book. Its well over 400 pages and a great mix of practical circuits and some theory. Ron built all the circuits.

The place mat is done, you can download the pdf here. [Analog_aficionados_2013_rev_1.pdf](#)



Following are the people that made the place-mat this year:



Tom Lee is a Stanford professor, where he founded the microwave integrated circuits laboratory. He has written and co-authored several books and papers. He's got 3 degrees from MIT. Tom co-founded Matrix Semiconductor and ZeroG Wireless. Ask him about: the oscilloscopes, working as a director of DARPA.



Scott Wurcer is a fellow at Analog Devices. He designed the AD524

instrumentation amplifier and many low-distortion circuits. He is member of IEEE and AES. A native of Milwaukee, he went to MIT. **Ask him about:** cooking, carpentry, and non-commercial music.



Dennis Monticelli is a fellow at Texas Instruments. He went to UC Santa Barbara. He has scores of patents. **Ask him about:** point-contact transistors, photography, Tom Frederickson, low-dropout regulators, the culture of innovation, the Kodak chip, broadband over power lines, his Ham kit, why he chose National Semi out of college instead of Intel or Fairchild.



Earl McCune is an RF and wireless design consultant. He has over 60 patents. He co-founded two start-up companies.

He has written a great book: "Practical Digital Wireless Signals. **Ask him about:** multipath, how many bits per hertz you really get, wireless power transmission, his ham license, the impracticality of transmitting gigawatts from space-based solar panels.



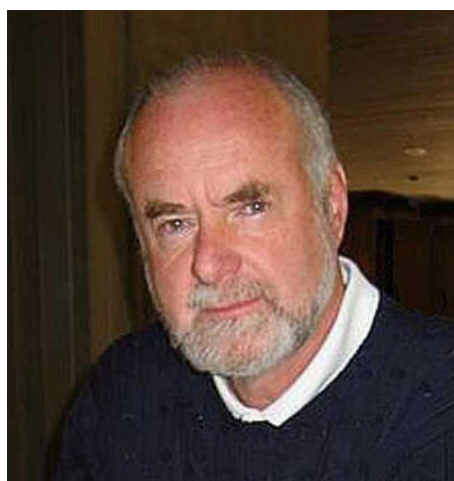
Keiko Kaleta is a project manager at Lumileds. **Ask her about:** Her National Semiconductor alumni luncheons, working on the Geode, flower arranging, living in Japan and living in Portland Maine.



Stephan Ohr is Gartner's research analyst for analog IC markets. Previously he was a reporter and columnist for Electronic Engineering Times and editor of Planet Analog. **Ask him about:** data center power management, his Jesse Neil Award, and Nordic Noir fiction.



Ron Quan just wrote a book on building your own radios. **Ask him about:** His dozens of patents, Macrovision video scrambling systems, low power bar code readers, MPS transistors. His AES papers. His old transistor radio collection. Working at Ampex and Sony. How to get a radio to work 5 years off of one C cell.

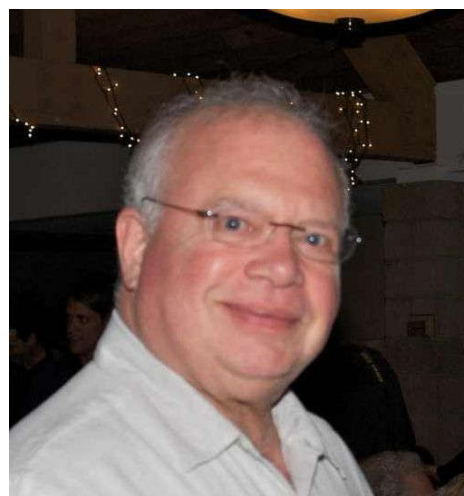


Dave Fullagar was a founder of Maxim. He went to Cambridge University, worked at Transitron and Fairchild in the 1960s, then at

Intersil in the 1970s. He started at Fairchild 2 days after Widlar left. **Ask him about:** sailing, photography, the early days of analog and the 741, England, Intersil & Analog Devices joint venture, Jean Hoerni and Jack Gifford.



Bob Boschert pioneered low-cost switching power supplies for mass market products. **Ask him about:** Emerson Electronics, Microwave Associates, being Mr. Mom, being Mr. Science for grade schools, and building a mini hydroelectric power generator.



Bob Dobkin is a founder and chief technologist at Linear Technology. **Ask him about:** The three terminal regulators, log amps,

his time at National Semiconductor. his friend Jim Williams, his new book.



Sergio Franco is a Emeritus professor at San Francisco State University. He was born in Friuli. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign. **Ask him about:** his 3 books, "Analog Circuit Design - Discrete and Integrated," "Design with Operational Amplifiers & Analog Integrated Circuits," and "Electric Circuit Fundamentals".



Ricardo Salaverry is a director of engineering at NDS. Previously at Tyco ELO Touch. Prior to innovating

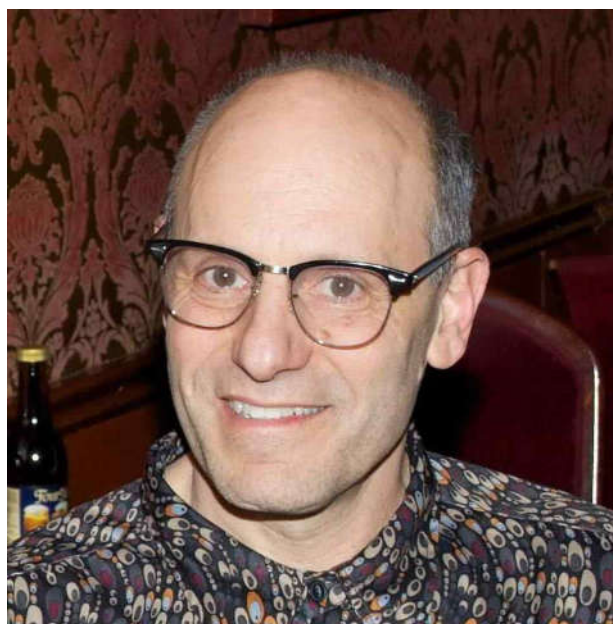
touchscreen technology he worked at Zoran designing digital still cameras. **Ask him about:** emigrating from Chile, antennas, the overly-complex ATSC standard, getting 135 of 137 boards working on the first spin, and innovation in America.



Tamara Schmitz works at Intersil as an applications engineer manager for optical sensors. She is also an author, ex-EE professor and fan of the Big Bang Theory. She graduated from and keeps close ties with Stanford University. **Ask her about:** Professor Lee, teaching students at Stanford or SJSU versus customers or FAEs in industry, how to write clearly.



Don Tuite (NR7X) is the analog editor at Electronic Design magazine. He's worked for aerospace, TV, T&M, and semi companies. **Ask him:** where his wife's working this time. (The answer is solar-powered steam engines.)



Ted Selker is a professor at Carnegie Mellon Silicon Valley. He spent 10 years as a professor at the MIT Media lab, an adjunct professor at Stanford, was an IBM fellow, worked at Xerox, PARC and Atari Research Labs, etc. He has numerous awards, patents, and papers. **Ask him about:** "Considerate Systems" inventing the TrackPoint in-keyboard pointing device, Excubation.

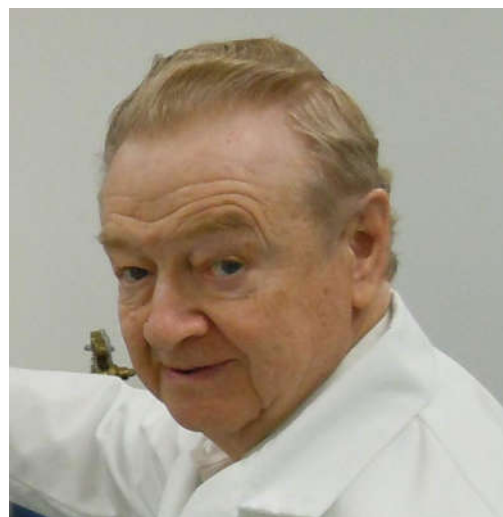


Dave Bell is former president of Linear Technology and former CEO of Intersil. **Ask him about:** Getting modules going at LT,

Bob Swanson, The Silicon Valley Leadership Group. His son's the race car drivers, and fast cars in general.

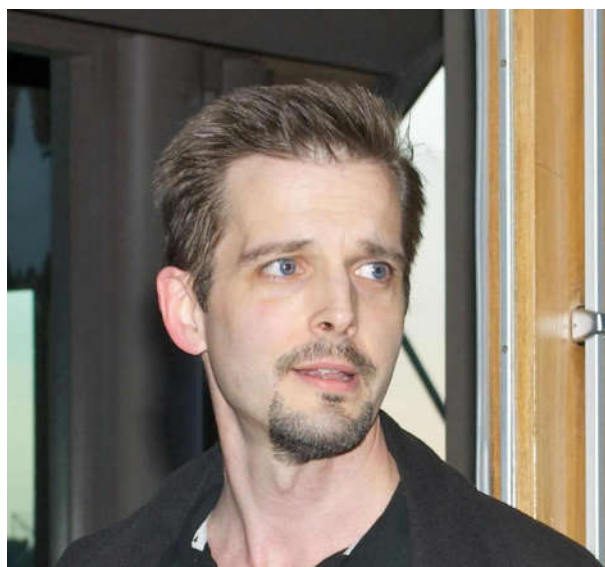


Arlie Stonestreet II is Director of Engineering for ICE Corporation. **Ask him about:** Megawatt deicers for jumbo jets, gallium nitride transistors, life in Kansas. His visits to Analog Devices, Texas Instruments, Maxim, and Linear Technology.



John H. Hall, head of Linear Integrated Systems, was a protege of Silicon Valley legend Dr. Jean Hoerni.

John was the director of IC Development at Union Carbide, co-founder and vice president of R&D at Intersil, and founder and president of Micro Power Systems. **Ask him about:** fast Buicks, the Minuteman missile program, and how to find a good Japanese restaurant.

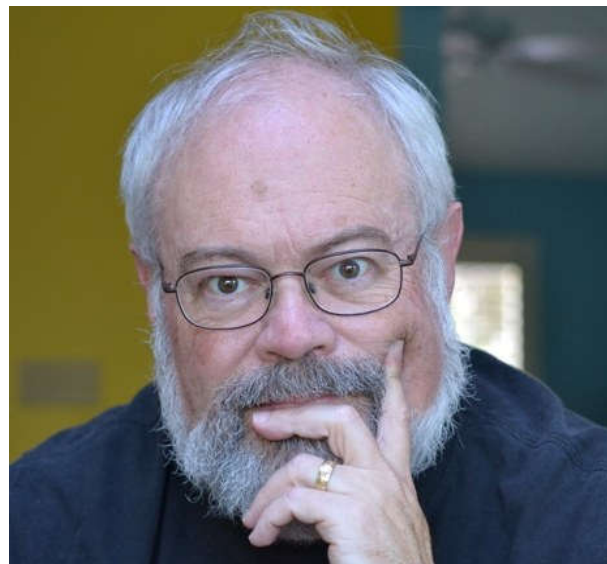


Mark Thoren a mixed signal applications manager at Linear Technology. He holds an MSEE from the University of Maine, Orono **Ask him about:** Building kits with his kids, Dekapots, his home lab, the eFlea. Why we should promote patronage of the remaining junk stores like Excess Solutions, Weirdstuff, Halted, and Anchor.



Lenore M. Edman is co-owner of Evil Mad Science. **Ask her about:** Portland, Boulder, Austin, and Sunnyvale. Studying classical and Koine Greek in college. Modern and vintage bicycle maintenance, electric origami, edible origami, and making naan and curry.

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Ron Wilson is editor in chief at Altera. **Ask him about:** ESD magazine, Embedded.com, and Embedded Systems Conferences. Working at EE Times, ISD Magazine, EDN Magazine, and Computer Design. His work at Tektronix doing IC design.



Kent Lundberg is a professor at Franklin W. Olin College and a lecturer at MIT. **Ask him about:**

Classical feedback control systems, his Reading Jim Williams blog. His obsessive compulsive collection of oscilloscopes, analog synthesizers, old computers, technology artifacts, and classic textbooks on radar, nuclear energy, analog computing, and control.



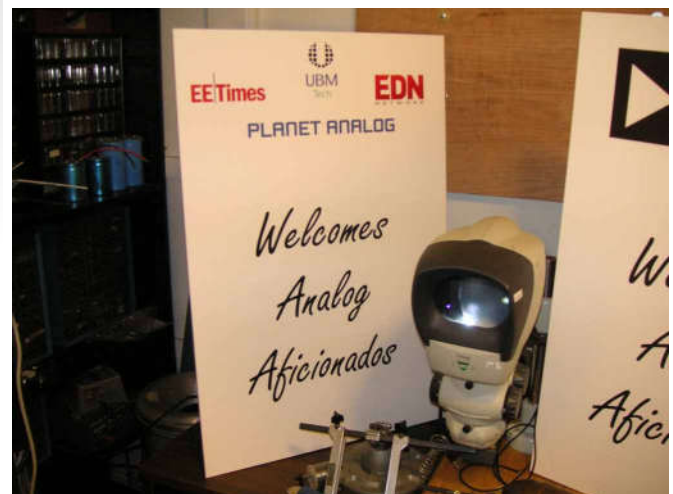
Francis Lau emigrated from Hong Kong when he was 8. He got a 4.0 at UCLA, then an MSEE, and now works at Logitech as a systems engineer. **Ask him about:** his Porsche, his milling machine, his giant sword project, the robot he is building, the motor drivers he designed, the best pho restaurants, and folding puzzles.



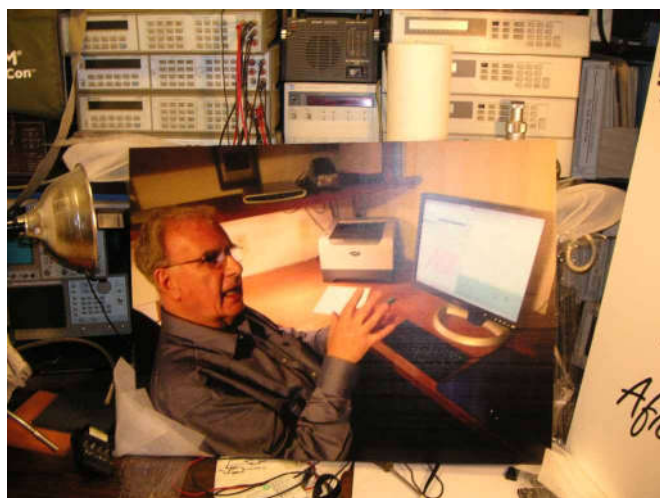
Todd Bailey is a consultant from New York. He graduated (cum laude) from Oberlin College with a degree in

English Literature. **Ask him about:** The toy industry, designing 1500-pound automated doors for celebrities, having his work hanging on the walls of the Whitney Museum of Art, phase shifting color subcarriers, building vector arcade games, and winding RFID antennas.

The posters came in from Banner Express, and 4 days early no less.



Here is the poster of Hans. I put it in my lab so he would feel at home.



Here is the stack of 174 badges I ran off Thursday night:



Here is who has signed up:

Edward	Abramczyk	Consultant
Doug	Adams	Stanford
Mark	Alden	Texas Instruments
David	Anderson	Texas Instruments
Sander	Arts	Atmel
Todd	Bailey	Consultant
Danny	Bankman	Stanford
Eric	Basham	Intel
Joshua	Baylor	Intersil
David	Bell	ex-Intersil/LTC
John A.	Bielawski	Consultant
Tony	Bonte	Linear Tech
Bob	Boschert	Boschert Inc.
Rob	Bowers	Brocade
Peter	Bradshaw	Intersil retired
Mark	Brasfield	Texas Instruments
Derek	Bray	Interdesign retired
Barry	Briggs	Enmetric Systems
Bill	Broach	NSC/ADI Retired
Kip C. M.	Brown	Consultant
Gayle	Bullock	Texas Instruments
Phil	Bunker	Logitech
Doug	Burns	Applied Materials
Dave	Bursky	Media consultant
Rob	Busse	Maxim
Kevin	Cameron	Cameron EDA
Ricardo	Capeillo	Maxim
Mike	Coln	Analog Devices
Bob	Cordell	Cordell Audio
Angela	Cordell	with Bob
Joseph	Curcio	Texas Instruments
Jonathan	David	Qualcomm
Martin	DeLateur	DeLateur Engineering
Bob	Dobkin	Linear Tech
Jon	Dutra	Maxim
Vladimir	Dvorkin	Linear Tech
Lenore M.	Edman	Evil Mad Science
David	Erhart	Stem

Jeff	Feldman	ex-Harris	Anurag	Kaplish	Consultant
Mike	Fisher	Linear Technology	Philip	Karantzalis	Linear Tech
Jeffery	Fisher	with Mike	Ronald	Koo	Maxim
Garrett	Fisher	with Mike	Bob	Krause	Fairchild
Donald	Flowers II	SJSU	C. S.	Lam	TXC
Jeroen	Fonderie	Touchstone Semi	Craig	Lambert	IDT
Edison	Fong	UC Santa Cruz	Francis	Lau	Logitech
Sergio	Franco	San Francisco State U	John	Lee	Cisco
Paul	Fritz	AOSense	Thomas	Lee	Stanford
Scott	Fritz	Atmel	George	Lewis	Consultant
David	Fullagar	Maxim retired	Simon	Lim	Linear Tech
Jeff	Furman	OCS Inc.	Jiyuan	Luan	Texas Instruments
Adolfo	Garcia	Touchstone Semi	Kent	Lundberg	Olin College & M.I.T.
Robert	Getsla	WattMinder	Juan	Luo	Analog Devices
Jiun	Goh	Texas Instruments	Alan	Martin	Texas Instruments
Sean	Gold	Maxim	John	Massa	Consultant
David	Goodson	One-Stop Engineering	Hong	Massa	with John
Anh	Goodson	with David	Dave	Mathis	Consultant
Nick	Gray	Seeking work	Sean	McCommons	Bartender
Paul	Grohe	Texas Instruments	Earl	McCune	Consultant
Bill	Gross	Linear Tech retired	Barbara	McCune	with Earl
Radius	Gunawan	Analog Devices	Timothy S.	McCune	Linear Systems
Sheetal	Gupta	Analog Devices	Marty	Mcgrath	Consultant
John	Haggis	Consultant	Kishore	Mehrotra	MimoMax Wireless
John	Hall	Linear Systems	Prateek	Mehrotra	Consultant
Barry	Harvey	Intersil	Dennis	Monticelli	Texas Instruments
Steven	Herbst	Intersil	Paul	Moore	Micrel
Steve	Hobrecht	ex-LTC	Josette	Moore	with Paul
Fran	Hoffart	Linear Tech	Carl	Nelson	Linear Tech
Wayne	Holcombe	ex Silicon Labs	Sher	Nelson	with Carl
Henry	Hsieh	Global 3C Newsletters	Paul	Norton	Linear Systems
Omer	Inan	Countryman	Dennis	O'Neill	Linear Tech retired
Gregg	Iufer	Analog Devices	Steve	Ohr	Gartner
Mansour	Izadinia	Micrel	Windell H.	Oskay	Evil Mad Science
Felipe	Jimenez	San Jose State U	Richard K.	Oswald	Consultant
Art	Kalb	Analog Devices	Todd	Owen	Linear Tech
Margaret	Kalb	with Art	Terri	Owen	with Todd
Keiko	Kaleta	Luxeon			

Rachel	Pang	with Mansour Izadinia	Teera	Songatikamas	Analog Devices
David	Parent	San Jose State U	Craig	Southeren	Stem
Aaron	Partridge	SiTime	Jon	Spaulding	Stanford
Don	Paulus	Linear Tech	Michael	Steffes	Intersil
Benjamin	Pease	Bob Pease's son	Gregory	Steshenko	STR Research
Nancy	Pease	Bob Pease's widow	Lee	Stoian	Elantec
Tien	Pham	Altera	Arlie	Stonestreet II	ICE Corporation
Robert	Polleros	Maxim	Paul	Swearingen	Notespeed
Vlad	Potantin	Vivid Engineering	Kimo	Tam	Analog Devices
Ron	Quan	Author	David	Tamura	Texas Instruments
Paul	Rako	Analog Devices	Marc	Tan	Supertex
Zeke	Randolph	Linear Tech	Norzin	Tan	with Marc
Tim	Regan	Linear Tech	Steve	Taranovich	UBM / EDN
Gabriel	Rincón-Mora	Georgia Tech	Paul	Tasker	Cardiff University
Min-Yu	Rincón-Mora	with Gabriel	Mark	Thoren	Linear Tech
Shergill,	Robbie	Hittite	Michael	Tuason	Maxim
Jeff	Robins	Geotest-MTS	Don	Tuite	Electronic Design
Yisela	Robins	with Jeff	Vicky	Tuite	Terrajoule
Noelle	Rodolari	with Mike Fisher	Paul	Ueunten	Monolithic Power
Kirkwood	Rough	KRLabs	Ross M.	Walker	Stanford
Dave	Ruigh	AMO/Visx	John	Wiggenhorn	MPS
Ricardo	Salaverry	NDS Surgical Imaging	Amy	Weinstock	with Mike Coln
Eva	Salaverry	with Ricardo	Steve	Williams	Retro-tech hoarder
Steve	Satra	Audio consultant	Ronald	Wilson	Altera
Carl	Sawtell	Fairchild	Donna	Wilson	with Ron
Greg	Schaffer	Touchstone Semi	Scott	Wurcer	Analog Devices
Eric	Schlaepfer	Google	Pearl	Yuan	Texas Instruments
Tamara	Schmitz	Intersil	Steve	Young	SRI International
Shizue	Seigel	with Ben Pease			
Ted	Selker	Carnegie Mellon			
Hassan	Sharghi	IDT			
Sergey	Shumarayev	Altera			
Issac	Siavashani	Maxim			
Jimmy	Simmons	Consultant			
Phil	Sittner	CED			
Deb	Sittner	with Phil			
Jeff	Smith	Analog Devices			
Lynn	Smith	Stem			
Steve	Sockolov	ex ADI, Elantec			

Here are the email invites from the oldest to the latest:

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11-19-2012

Kent Lundberg dropped me a note asking about the aficionados party, so here ya go.
<http://www.rako.com/Articles/72.html>
 Check out the cool portrait of Bob Pease, the discrete NE555 Eric Schlaepfer built to honor Hans, as well as news about Ron Quan's upcoming book on radio circuits.

Saturday February 16, 2013, right before ISSCC.

From 5:00 to 9:00PM.

David's Restaurant, like last year.

Let me know if you are coming so I can print you and any guests a badge.

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1-12-2013

Saturday Feb 16, 2013

5:00 to 9:00PM

David's Restaurant, Santa Clara, CA

Thanks again to Tim McCune, John Hall, and Paul Norton from Linear Systems for contributing \$2000 to the party. I will be asking previous sponsors too, but the \$2000 for food, that they have paid months in advance, means we have reserved David's Restaurant and will have at least \$2000 of excellent food. If your company wants to contribute \$500 let me know. I am not accepting contributions from individuals, but thanks to all the folks that offered. I have updated the invite page with the people I have heard from, see the table at the bottom of the page:

<http://www.rako.com/Articles/72.html>

Once again, if there is any chance you are coming please email me to this address, and let me know, as well as any guests, and I need your company too. Ask any analog friend, but just tell me if they are coming. Felipe Jimenez, San Jose State grad student wrote:

"I was just thinking about this event the other day at work. Are students still welcome to attend this event again? If so, I would love to go as I had a great time last year."

You bet, just send me their name and school, and it would be nice to have their email so they can be on the list. I actively promote getting students together with working engineers and professors like Tom Lee and Sergio Franco and Ted Selker. The party is built on 5 pillars:

1. Students
2. Professors
3. Analog gurus (John Hall, Monticelli, Dobkin, there will be dozens.)
4. Media (Don Tuite from ED, Dave Bursky, Steve Ohr, and maybe the Mercury News will show up.)
5. All us analog types, including non-engineers like Phil Sittner and Rob Bowers and other tech lovers.)

Several people have moved-- I need contact emails for:

Jimmy Simmons who was at IDT

Dave Bell who was at Intersil-- I did contact his admin to see if she can forward him something.

Brian D. Battaglia who was at HVVI and is now at Integra Technologies

Dave Ritter is now at Apple, Bob Thomas, can you get his email for us?

Famous video blogger Chris Gammel, the producer of the 555 contest a couple of years ago, is mentioning the party on his show, the Amp Hour [<http://theamphour.com/>]. He wrote me:

"I know that Yi Yao was able to attend last year after he heard about it from us and was super pumped to attend. Think Todd Bailey was the same. Dave [Jones] seems to be doing good. He did a really fun teardown of an old [\$250k IBM] hard drive last week, you should check it out: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBjoWMA5d84>

He's still a crazy Aussie, which we of course all love him for. [snip] I'll be purchasing my first CNC machine before the end of the year which I'm pretty pumped about."

Speaking of crack consultant Todd Bailey, he is coming from New York for the party. He wrote us:

"I wouldn't dream of missing this. I had such a great time last year. "

Phil Sittner is coming in from Napa Valley. I just saw him and he told me about this \$99 hand-held spectrum analyzer:
<http://micro.arocholl.com/> Phil writes:

"I noticed you already have me checked as a "yes" and I will be there for sure. Kent Lundberg has done a yeoman's job in reviewing Jim's [Williams] application notes and is a great read
[<http://readingjimwilliams.blogspot.com/>]."

Also got a note from Joe Betts-Lacroix telling us he can make it this year. Joe is a founder of oqo, the very first hand-held computer that ran Windows. And real Windows, not broken Microsoft Surface tablet Windows. In addition Vicky Tuite will be there to tell us about her new job at Terrajoule. Ron Quan will be there with his new book on building radios. Nick Grey is coming, as is Mark Thoren from Linear Tech. Keiko Kaleta is coming, and if its OK with her I will write to her National Semi alumni list with an invite.

And just like Todd Bailey coming from New York, Allie Stonestreet is coming from Kansas. If you want to know how to deliver a megawatt of power to Boeing 787 wing deicers, as well as anything about silicon carbide and silicon nitride transistor circuits, Arlie is your man. He writes:

"You must be reading my mind! Last year I got to visit Linear Tech and this year I was wondering how I might get a chance to pay a similar visit to any of the other fine companies like the ones you mentioned. I was a little apprehensive of approaching anyone only because I know how busy these folks must be and I really didn't want to impose on anyone. However, if you do know any fellow Aficionados who wouldn't mind me dropping by I would love to arrange something during my visit -- perhaps in exchange for some "8-Bit Pale Ale" from the high plains of Kansas to sweeten the deal. Check it out here
<http://tallgrassbeer.com/8bit.html> Cheers, Arlie"

Of course I will take him around ADI, and I am nominated power gurus Alan Martin and Jon Dutra to show him Texas Instruments and Maxim respectively. If any of you want to hang out with Arlie the days before the party let me know and I will connect you with emails so you can co-ordinate. I will try to get Arlie a meeting with Paul Brokaw, who I am also trying to insure will be at the party.

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1-20-2013

To work you up into a frenzy of participation, I have waited until now to post Fran Hoffart's pictures from the 2012 Analog Aficionados party. This year we have professors from SJSU, SFSU, MIT, Georgia Tech, Stanford, and Carnegie Mellon. David Fullagar is coming as is Dave Bell. Check out the list below.

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1-25-2013
For immediate release:

The forth annual Analog Aficionados party is Saturday February 16, 2013. The party is at David's Restaurant in Santa Clara, 5:00 to 9:00PM, in the heart of Silicon Valley. Analog electronics tech workers and their guests are welcome to attend. The party is also well-attended by students, college professors, and tech media. Please RSVP to the email listed on the party blog page so we can have a badge ready for you and your guests:
<http://www.rako.com/Articles/72.html>

This year's party is in honor of Hans Camenzind, the designer of the ubiquitous NE555 timer chip. Hans passed away last August. Already confirmed as attending are professors from MIT, San Jose State, Georgia Tech, San Francisco State, Carnegie Mellon, and UC Santa Cruz. There will be industry luminaries from Texas Instruments, Analog Devices, Linear Technology, Fairchild, and Intersil. Experienced analog experts such as Dave Fullagar, the designer of the uA741, will mingle with young students and working engineers from all over the country.

Attendees of previous Analog Aficionado parties are enthusiastically awaiting this year's event: "I wouldn't dream of missing this. I had such a great time last year," said Todd Bailey, a consultant that came from New York for last year's party. "I know that Yi Yao was able to attend last year after he heard about it from us and was super-pumped to attend," reports analog blogger Chris Gammel. Notes Felipe Jimenez, a San Jose State grad student, "I would love to go as I had a great time last year."

Sponsors of the 2013 party include transistor maker Linear Systems, and media giant UBM, home of EETimes, EDN, and Planet Analog. Also reprising their sponsorships are analog IC makers Texas Instruments and Analog Devices.

Analog company PR staff are welcome to circulate this within their company

Permission is granted to reproduce any of the nearly 700 pictures of previous parties linked on the party blog page in coverage of this event.

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2-5-2013
OK analog lovers. The Analog Aficionado party is less than two weeks away, the Saturday before ISSCC:
Saturday Feb 16, 5:00 to 9:00PM
David's Restaurant, Santa Clara
5151 Stars and Stripes Dr, Santa Clara, CA 95054
(408) 986-1666

Please email me your name and company/college if you want to come and are not yet marked with a "Y" on the list on the invite page:
<http://www.rako.com/Articles/72.html>

Texas Instruments has signed on as a sponsor once again, and so has Analog Devices. The Multisim folks from National Instruments are sending a representative and they offered to chip in if we run out of desert.

Power supply company founder Bob Boschert is coming, as is Bob Pease's widow Nancy and son Ben. Robbie Shergill and Nick Gray are coming. Jeff Keyzer is coming in from Seattle. Scott Wurcer is flying in from Boston. I told authors Sergio Franco and Ron Quan to bring a few books to sell. Media legend Dave Bursky is attending as is Steve Ohr. Several PR people are coming. Mark Alden and Gayle Bullock from TI. Ron Wilson, my former boss at EDN magazine, and his wife Donna. I am asking some fine folks from Maxim as well as my friend Doug Dickinson from Linear Tech.

We will have more food this year and I think I can spring for iced tea and soft drinks. I figure to get some food out early, 5:30, so feel free to pop in early and leave early if you have other obligations. The party shuts down at 9:00PM so there is still plenty of time to go clubbing and hit the raves.

Bring your gizmos and curiosities. Greg Schaffer just told me he will bring his vacuum tube multi-vibrator he built as a kid. Todd Bailey, Eric Schlaepfer, and Ted Selker always have some cool projects for you to admire, as will Stanford's Tom Lee.

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More more more, that is the theme of this year's Analog Aficionados party in Santa Clara.
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Make sure you are on the list on this page with a Y if you are coming so I can make a badge.
Tell your friends and have them write me for a badge ASAP.

More food, thanks to the sponsors:
Linear Systems (quadruple sponsor)
UBM/EDN/EETimes/Planet Analog (double sponsor)
Texas Instruments (double sponsor)
Analog Devices (double sponsor)

More swag-- Texas Instruments is bringing 20 evaluation boards worth \$500 we are awarding to interested parties, either hackers, professors, or students. Professors can take a handful for their students.

More respect-- we have a new poster of Hans Camenzind, and Mark Alden is bringing Bob Pease's poster while Doug Dickinson is bringing the Jim Williams' poster.

More professors-- RF consultant Earl McCune is bringing professor Paul Tasker from Cardiff University to add to the ones from Georgia Tech, San Jose State, San Francisco State, UC Santa Cruz, Carnegie Mellon, MIT, and Stanford.

More authors-- Ron Quan is bringing his new book, and Earl McCune and Sergio Franco will have their books as well. Linear Tech is bringing both volumes of Jim Williams and Bob Dobkin's books. Bob Cordell will bring his audio power amp book.

More sentiment-- Nancy Pease, Bob Pease's widow, is bringing down a stack of his posters to share. Her son Ben is coming as well.

More test equipment-- Barry Harvey is bringing his broken Tek 485 scope, to confab with Phil Sittner, who just fixed 4 of the 5 broken ones he has.

More gizmos-- Greg Schaffer is bringing his tube multivibrator, Eric Schlaepfer will bring the 555 timer he made from discrete transistors. Tom Lee and Todd Bailey are always good for something interesting to check out.

More students-- first year grad student Danny Bankman is adding to the usual cadre of students. He sent a picture of his 1946 Philco model 46-1203 radio to demonstrate his analog aficionado qualifications.

More technical fellows-- Kimo Tam, Mike Coln, and Scott Wurcer from ADI, as well as Dennis Monticelli from Texas Instruments. Sr. director of analog Sergey Shumarayev from Altera is going to make it.

More tours-- Jon Dutra from Maxim, Alan Martin from Texas Instruments, Mark Thoren from Linear Tech and me from Analog Devices will be showing Aficionados Todd Bailey and Arlie Stonestreet our respective companies and getting together for lunch and dinner Friday.

More PR people-- my former boss Ron Wilson and his wife Donna, as well as Mark Alden and Gayle Bullock from TI, and several more PR people are making the event.

More open source-- Lenore and Windell, the owners of Sunnyvale kit maker Evil Mad Science will be at the party, and will bring their 555 footstool to honor Hans Camenzind.

More audio gurus-- Omer Inan from Countryman microphones is coming as is Bob Cordell and TI apps guru Joe Curcio. Bob will bring a few of his books on designing audio power amps.

More consultants-- my pals John Haggis, John Massa, and Dave Mathis, and Kip Brown, Anurag Kaplish, Jimmy Simmons, John A. Bielawski, Marty McGrath, Richard K. Oswald, Todd Bailey, and many more.

And naturally, more people-- about 150 signed up so far. Keep 'em coming.

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I added sections to the invite page
<http://www.rako.com/Articles/72.html>

174 people are confirmed, I changed the list to go by last name and took out all the deadbeats.

I laid out the who's-who place-mat and posted the pdf link, as well as put the people directly in the article.

http://www.rako.com/Articles/files/Analog_aficionados_2013_rev_1.pdf

I added the food and the food schedule. We will bring out the food at 5:00, but still leave some for 7:30 and 8:00.

I put up pictures of the new parking deck and 49ers stadium across the street.

I added pictures of the sponsor posters and the poster of Hans Camenzind.

I added a picture of my badge printer spitting out 174 badges.

It is too late to RSVP but if you show up Saturday we can print you a badge on the spot.