

## Russell Bik



**WHERE WERE YOU BORN / RAISED?** Born in Waterbury, Connecticut in the forties and was moved to San Diego when I was in elementary school.

**EDUCATION:** I graduated with a BS from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 1970

**MILITARY SERVICE:** After graduation from college, I enlisted in the Navy and flew in the S2 and P2 aircraft. I was later a member of the United States Naval Air Reserve. I was fortunate to be discharged from active duty in Alameda, California and quickly found my way to Santa Clara when Silicon Valley was first emerging.

**CAREER:** I worked as a Program Manager for Unisys and joined Intel in 1976 to establish and manage the function of new product development and introduction into manufacturing. After seven years at Intel, I was a founding shareholder of Sun Microsystems in 1982. I managed Product Engineering, Manufacturing and founded the Federal Division. During my tenure, Sun was the fastest growing company the United States ultimately reaching 38,000 employees.

**HOW DID YOU END UP ON THE CENTRAL COAST?** After retiring from full time work at Sun, my wife Darlene and I moved to Arroyo Grande in 1993 and built a house in the Edna Valley where we now live. I continued to participate in startups in the Bay Area, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara.

**HOBBIES / INTERESTS:** Science, and electronics in particular, has always been a hobby since I was in my teens and continues to this day. I supply wireless Internet to our neighborhood. I hold multiple patents in electronics, mechanical and biotech engineering. I am a licensed Instrument Pilot with both military and private experience with thousands of hours flight time.

**NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** The mentoring of employees and students throughout my career.

**FAMILY:** I have been happily married for over 46 years. No children. We are currently between cats.