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Some Good Ol' Texas Training!

"Architecture Online..." by Gary Guy Wilson, AIA, LEED AP



Architect and Carolyn had an unusual adventure: A "Journey" to Texas, and the Allaso Ranch. It is about 2 hours' drive from Dallas, out in East Texas and a few miles from a tiny frontier town of Hawkins and out in the rolling mountains and hard oak woods. The purpose of the journey, we believed, was to pursue our interest in possibilities of Architecture Online... A place that could be a focus point for Property Owners, Home Owners, Builders, Contractors, Engineers, even Other Affiliated Architects, and also Municipalities and Students...an

Online Place where members will be drawn to, and interact and avail themselves of information, designs, plans, drawings, documents, and communication pertinent to their world. It will be a place that all persons of multiple disciplines can interact, participate in referrals, make contact and contract through the website for their special services and skills... It will be a place where persons interested in Architecture, Creating Architecture, and impacted by Architecture or working with Architecture can learn, see, think and muse about Architecture; while at the same time, receive practical advice, tips, and specific information to improve their opportunities and their profits... and see the welcome mat at... A place online the Architect is currently building...

Besides the event providing good training in understanding of processes, hands on techniques for website building and in online marketing; each afternoon or evening, there were also physical challenges, training to strengthen the body, mind and soul... **Imagine this...**

Carolyn thrusting her throat on a pointed arrow, knowing it could pierce right through while the drums and music beat the rhythm. But, at the same time knowing she had the mental power to break the arrow into slivers before it cut her neck?...

The Architect walking on broken glass knowing his feet could be cut to ribbons, but also knowing that mind over matter would not allow the glass to cut his feet?...

Or both climbing up tall poles to balance walk rails tethered with swinging cables 24' above the ground with no safety nets...And then doing a belayed back dismount to the Ground...

Finally both the Architect and Carolyn, each walking the walk of fire, over coals flaming and red hot to over 650 degrees... Experiments, exercises and demonstrations of the Power of Your Mind... And don't let me forget a fun- filled after-

And don't let me forget a fun- filled afternoon of Mountain Biking, carrying bricks and 2x4's.... Carolyn has the scars to prove it... Questions? Ask the Architect/LEED AP: ggw@ggwarchitects.com.













SPOTLIGHT Guy Bennallack

Just imagine being primed for your career at age 13. That's exactly what GGWArchitects client, Guy Bennallack of H.B.R. Construction, did when he accompanied his dad, a roofing and general contractor, on jobs. This early exposure introduced him to the very business he runs today.

After graduating with a Business Management degree from UNLV, Guy took over the family business. When it was eventually dissolved, Guy established his own company in 1986. He handled contracting, roofing, paint, and drywall for both residential and commercial projects. In 1988, Guy took over H.B.R. as President.

At its peak, "we were over \$100-million. We've gone down to \$15million," says Guy. Unfortunately, the economic slump has also forced 25 layoffs. However, H.B.R. Construction is meeting the new challenges head on.

"My day is split between generating and keeping customers." Guy is deeply involved in project proposals, marketing efforts, and banking needs. Between the administrative team and field crew, H.B.R. still employs a staff of 35. That includes Guy's sister, Doreen Coddington.

The focus has changed from large projects to small rehabs and restorations for mostly public projects. They are more difficult with tighter time constraints, but it *is* work!

Recent projects include the Las Vegas Valley Water District Solids De-watering Facility, Nellis Air Force Base military housing, and a McCarran Airport project. H.B.R. just signed 2 new Clark County School District projects, and H.B.R. has even begun work in California and Arizona.

In addition to the construction business, Guy heads a separate roofing, painting, and window company, Power House. Guy is especially proud of their new solar division. "It's a whole new industry and very successful."

Guy also plans to hire a sales team to pursue clients during the recovery period which he believes will take 3 to 5 more years.

Guy's involvement with GGWArchitects came in the mid-90's on the Jones Mini-Storage project at 4349 Jones Blvd. He interacted with both Architect Gary Guy Wilson and G. Cash Wilson. By that time, Cash was already an active force in the business. GGWArchitects was "always professional." Though it's been a number of years since we've worked together, Guy hopes to re-connect professionally again.

A Las Vegas-born resident, Guy went to Bonanza High School, where he played on the football team as defensive end all 4 years. Guy met his wife, Karrie, there, also. The couple has 3 children, all in their 20's now. His parents, brother, and sisters also remain Las Vegas residents.

Las Vegas has been good to Guy. He's created a successful business and is actively laying the groundwork for keeping it a strong player in the construction industry. GGWArchitects certainly would love to be included in future projects. We make a great team!

