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Lonnie Carlson, PLS, Marks Milestone Anniversary at Triad

Woodinville, Washington, March 8, 2016 – Forty years ago last month, Lonnie Carlson joined Triad as one of its first employees. Initially he was a civil designer, putting his degree from the University of Washington to work. But it didn't take him long to decide surveying better suited his love for the outdoors and his cowboy demeanor. Today, he's completed well over 1000 projects and made numerous significant contributions to the Puget Sound region's built environment.



“Lonnie’s quite a character,” commented Greg Juneau, PLS, Triad Vice President and Director of Surveying. “Customers appreciate Lonnie’s extensive surveying expertise and unflappable, low-key, affable style. His influence on our company is immeasurable.”

In forty years, Lonnie has seen many changes in the surveying profession, with most of those in the technology realm. In the 70s, four-man crews were common; the U.S. Defense Department was developing GPS; and electronic measuring instruments were in their infancy and were often heavy, bulky and difficult to use. Steel tapes and transits were the tools of the trade, and field crews communicated with hand signals.

Lonnie has specialized in large, complex construction survey projects where clients find his keen insight to be invaluable when making fast-track field changes that require economical and efficient solutions. Some of Lonnie’s most memorable projects include:

- Overlake Hospital Medical Center – over three decades of surveying for Bellevue’s premier medical campus
- Seattle’s Columbia Center and Bellevue’s Lincoln Square – surveying for two of our area’s most iconic office towers
- Puget Sound Energy’s Lower Baker Dam – 30-MW Lower Baker No. 4 Powerhouse and penstock, the dam floodwall, and the Lake Shannon Floating Surface Collector
- SeaTac Airport FAA Air Traffic Control Tower – with a field crew seven stories up, a magnitude 6.8 earthquake temporarily disrupted construction
- Other Notables – a dredging project at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard that allowed larger ships to access Pier D; phase 2 construction staking on Sultan River’s Culmback Dam that raised the dam 90 feet thus quadrupling the capacity of Snohomish County’s Spada Lake Reservoir; and monument recovery projects at Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest’s Marble Gulch and Stampede Pass.

When asked why he stayed at Triad all these years, Lonnie said without hesitation, “Good people who want to be in service to others – who have a servant attitude. I never expected too much, and I’ve always been treated fairly.”

About Triad

Triad produces high-quality design solutions for complex land development, infrastructure and construction projects around the Puget Sound region. Located in Woodinville, Washington, Triad provides professional services in five disciplines: site design, civil engineering, surveying, land use planning and landscape architecture. In July 2015, Triad completed a corporate merger with the consulting firm of David Evans and Associates, Inc., allowing clients of both firms to benefit from expanded services, resources and capacity.