

Celebrating the retirement of



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Highlights from Ken's Career*

(*IN HIS OWN WORDS)

FAVORITE PROJECT

Kinard Junior High School – best design team effort combining 21st Century learning, quality daylighting, and outstanding energy performance. A poster child for Solatube, Kinard photos show up in every trade show we attend.

IN THE LIMELIGHT

I enjoyed speaking around the country on energy efficiency and daylighting in schools, often with Poudre School District facilities folks. Did you know Poudre School District is larger than the state of Rhode Island?

TECHNOLOGY TRIUMPHS

The most expensive working computer in our office was our original IBM with amber screen. It cost well over \$20,000, but that included the Wordperfect software! Truly a museum piece.

HONORS AND ACCOLADES

In 2004 RB+B Architects was named AIA Colorado Firm of the Year. I was honored to receive Architect of the Year from AIA Colorado North Chapter in 2013.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Wayne Carle Middle School – which included our first mechanical crawl space – was also the only building we ever had to relocate to another site during design because of the presence of an eagle's nest.

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ARCHITECTURAL TRAVEL ADVENTURES

I volunteered to travel to the city of Bunia in the Democratic Republic of Congo to Masterplan an expansion of an existing college campus. Ate at an outdoor pizza place on the shores of Lake Victoria under the watchful eyes of fully armed guards.

THIN AIR EXPEDITIONS

In the fall of 2015, I climbed the last of Colorado's 14ers. It took 18 years to tag each of the 54 peaks, sometimes leading RB+B hikers, spouses, and kids up Mt. Sherman, Mt. Yale, and several other journeys. Didn't lose anyone!

TEAM LEADERSHIP

The office at one time fielded a recreational slow pitch softball team. We were in a league of our own – with a perfect record! Zero for everything. Yours truly did some of the pitching, which at least partially explains the results.

JOBSITE WOES

The remodel of Poudre High School boasted a very tough winter. A large number of roof joists were "lost", only to find them in the spring when the snow finally thawed.

ANCIENT PRACTICES

Remember overnight plotting or pin bars? If you do, why are you reading this? You too should already be retired!