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**Bio:** I was born in SW Kansas and am the second of 4 boys. I graduated from Garden City and attended Kansas State University, where I attained a BS in Civil Engineering and a BS in Mechanical Engineering and met my wife, Lisa Marie. I worked for KDOT out of college spending time in both Road Design and Transportation Planning. While at KDOT, I got involved in KS-ASCE's Younger Member Group and started the Great Plains Future City Competition. I left KDOT and took a job with Quadstone Paramics, then the #2 microsimulation software both in the US and the world. I provided technical support and training for the Paramics User base, as well as technical sales support. We moved to Boston and had two children, Teagan, and Chewie (CW II). I got laid off due to the 2008 US economic crash and the company deciding to close the US office. I moved back to the Midwest and took a job Airlanco, Inc designing industrial air filtration systems and fans. Left there to return to civil engineering and moved back to Garden City to be the Assistant City Engineer, then left the City to open the Kirkham Michael office in Garden City. My wife got her BFA in Ceramics from KSU and has since gone back to school and gotten her RN from the Garden City Community College and now her BSN from Wichita State and is the Infection Control, Quality Assurance, Risk Management, and Employee Health Manager for the Wichita County Health Center. My kids are 10 and 12. Teagan plans to be an engineer, and Chewie wants to be a Sea Turtle Doctor.

**Fun fact about me:** I asked my wife for help on this, and she had two. 1) I have been asked for directions (and provided them) on ever overseas trip we have taken. 2) Our children were baptized at the Old North Church in Boston with a baptismal bowl from Paul Revere.

**Favorite Quote:** "Do or do not. There is no try" – Master Yoda

"The situation you are in now is a lot like juggling chainsaws. It can be done, but if something goes wrong it gets messy quick" – C.W. Harper

**My job would be a lot easier if...** I had a time machine.