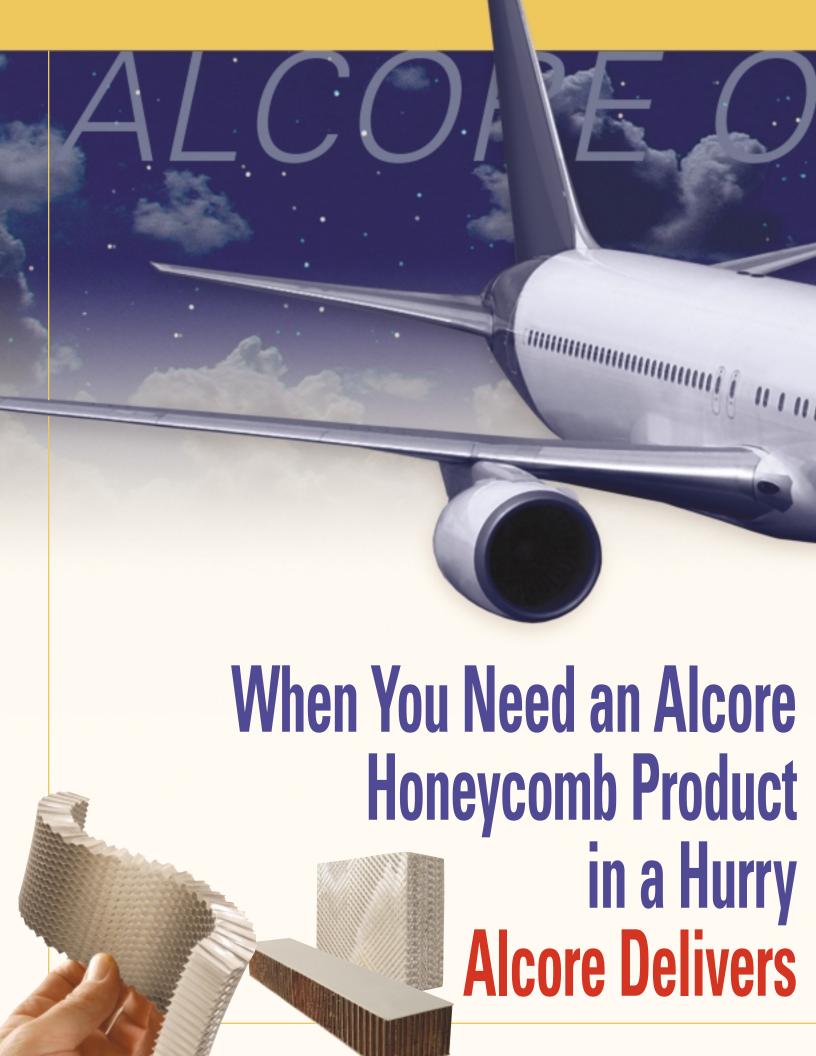
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M.C. Gill Panels Used Throughout Chassis

The Back2Back (B2B) Burner is a 2-seat solar-powered race car. It gets approximately 1,700 watts of power from its solar array in full sun – that's about what a hair dryer consumes. The driver and passenger sit back-to-back to maximize the use of space and keep the vehicle profile low. The fifth and fastest solar car Stanford University has built (they started the team around 1987), the Back2Back Burner raced across the continent last summer in the American Solar Challenge (ASC), placing second in its class. The race route followed legendary U.S. Route 66 from Chicago to Los Angeles.

The chassis of the car began as a flat unidirectional carbon fiber/Nomex sandwich panel, custom-fabricated and sponsored by the M.C. Gill Corporation. Other, smaller, components of the car use composite construction as well: fiberglass battery boxes of M.C. Gill materials, carbon fiber seats and bulkheads made with a Gillfab™ 4109 panel.

In four of its five solar cars, Stanford has used sandwich panels in constructing the chassis. Having studied all of them in detail, Eerik Hantsoo of the race team declared confidently, "M.C. Gill's panels exceeded any other panel we've ever seen in both workmanship and performance. We were really satisfied with both M.C. Gill's product and the support they provided us along the way." Thank you, Eerik!

The only system that had absolutely no failures was, in fact, the chassis – of course, made with M.C. Gill's custom panel. The team finished in 15th place and received the "Artistic Design" award.

Throughout the race, the batteries were a huge obstacle, costing the team a finish in the top five of overall rankings and a great deal of frustration.



Addison Shelton and Eerik Hantsoo are Stanford Mechanical Engineering Department students.





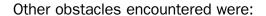


Achieving highway speeds across the desert.

M.C. Gill panels created a highstrength, lightweight chassis.



Addison and Eerik showed off their car at the Composites Show.

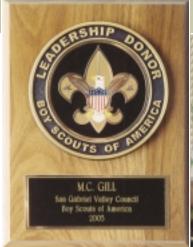


- Blowing out two tires simultaneously on a gravelly road in Texas
- Gravel in the gap of the motor on the same gravelly road
- Some poorly insulated solar cells catching fire as they shorted out across the carbon fiber body of the car (carbon fiber is a conductor!)
- A rear steering arm shearing off the upright along Interstate 40
- Brakes dragging throughout the race
- Various electrical shorts through the chassis and electrical box



Working all night to get the car running.









Employee-Cubmasters, George Sorensen and Greg Zeronian flank Dave Cardenas and M.C.



Scout Executive Bob Booker, San Gabriel Valley BSA, announced the naming of the M.C. Gill Eagle Scout Class of 2003.

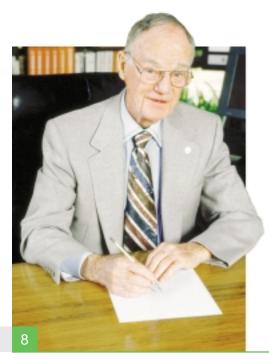
Former Cubmaster M.C. Gill Recognized by Boy Scouts

M.C. Gill, a former Cubmaster, kept his uniform all these years and has worn it numerous times on Halloween. David Cardenas, Senior District Executive for the Boy Scouts of America San Gabriel Valley Council, presented M.C. with a plaque acknowledging the decades he has honored his scouting experience in this way.

"At 93 years of age I can still wear my uniform; in fact, it pretty much still fits," said M.C.

As former Cubmaster M.C. Gill presented the Scouts with a donation, he quipped, "This should make up for some of my past dues. I hope Scouting keeps growing strong, more kids keep getting involved in it and everyone shows their support."

From the Horse's mouth



From time to time, since *The Doorway* began over 40 years ago, M.C. has provided his thoughts, favorite quotations and whimsical insights. Here are a few:

- The best prize life offers is the chance to work hard at what's worth doing.
- Stability is more essential to success than brilliance.

- What do you stand to lose or gain? Take the long view.
- Success does not consist of never making blunders, but in not making the same ones twice.
- Is there another way, a better way, a less expensive way?



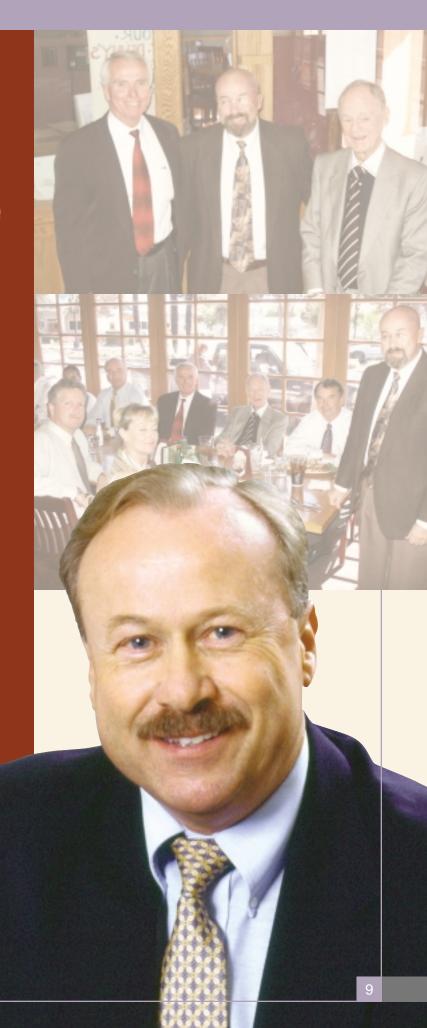
Larry Russell Retires After More than 18 Years of Superior Service

Larry Russell who began with the M.C. Gill Corporation in April, 1985 has retired to his home on an Arizona golf course. For nearly two decades, Larry served the company, most recently as Director of OEM Sales based in our Seattle, Washington office.

Chairman M.C. Gill says about Larry, "He is first-rate in the field and knows the commercial aircraft business real well. He is highly regarded by customers, because he is anxious to help in every way he can. This includes Larry's desire to do more than just sell. He closely participated with customers by knowing their products and helping them grow."

Irv Freund, VP Sales and Marketing, toasted Larry at his retirement party, "Larry Russell is someone I can always count on. He's committed to delighting customers and providing world-class customer service. He is irreplaceable."

Larry enjoys golf and at one time even pursued motorboat racing. All of hismany friends at the M.C. Gill Group of Companies, and the many in and out of aviation around the world, wish him well.



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David Burton, Managing Director, Airport Metals Ltd. Niddrie, Victoria, Australia



Jacques Gauron, VP Product Development, Marketing Masters Company



Gisela Dorothee Lohl, Director, Global Aviation Supplies Co. Ltd., visits with M.C.



Bill Carmichael, Purchasing Group Leader, BAE, Ayrshire, Scotland

Jeremy Hale Appointed M.C. Gill Corporation **Northwest Regional Sales Manager**



Jeremy Hale has been appointed Northwest Regional Sales Manager at the M.C. Gill Corporation, world leader in high-performance composite products headquartered in El Monte, California.

Mr. Hale has over 20 years experience with aerospace composite materials, having held various positions in manufacturing, engineering, project management and sales. He will be based in the M.C. Gill Seattle office.

Mr. Hale holds a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Washington.

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Trivia

Roosters cannot crow if they cannot fully extend their necks.



The underside of a horse's hoof is called the frog. The frog peels off several times a year with new growth.



New Zealand kiwis lay the largest eggs with respect to their body size of any bird.



A donkey will sink in quicksand, but a mule won't.



The "wild" horses of western North America are actually feral, not wild.



Animal epidemic is called an epizootic.



The pupil of an octopus' eye is rectangular.



Only one in one thousand animals born in the sea survives to maturity.



Bees must collect the nectar from two thousand flowers to make one tablespoonful of honey.



Ajax was the name of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's horse.



Banjo and Lucky Jenkins were the names of the horses in Hopalong Cassidy westerns starring Russell Hayden.

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Brown Beauty was the horse borrowed by Paul Revere when he rode calling the warning that, "The British are coming."

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Montana mountain goats will but heads so hard that their hooves fall off.

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Reindeer like to eat bananas.

President Theodore Roosevelt said of the Grand Canyon: "Leave it as it is; you cannot improve on it; not a bit."

The Funny Side

An old country farmer with serious financial problems bought a mule from another old farmer for \$100, who agreed to deliver the mule the next day.

However, the next day, he drove up and said, "Sorry, but I have some bad news:

The mule died!"

"Well, then, just give me my money back."

"Can't do that. I went and spent it already."

"OK, then. Just unload the mule."

"What're you gonna do with a dead mule?"

"I'm going to raffle him off."

"You can't raffle off a dead mule!"

"Sure I can. I just won't tell anybody he's dead."

A month later the two met up and the farmer who sold the mule asked, "Whatever happened with that dead mule?"

"I raffled him off just like I said I would. I sold 500 tickets at \$2 apiece and made a profit of \$898."

"Didn't anyone complain?"

"Just the guy who won. So I gave him his two dollars back."



How does a flea get from place to place?

By itch-hiking.



What kind of bears like to go out in the rain?

Drizzly bears.



What do you get if you cross a road with a safari park?

Double yellow lions!



What do whales eat?

Fish and ships.



What do snakes learn in school?

Reading, writhing and arithmetic.

