

Who built the No Name Creek Bridge?

Kansas Structural Composites, Inc., (KSCI) built the bridge. The bridge was conceived by Dr. Jerry D. Plunkett, President of KSCI, who put together a team to design, test, build, and install the bridge.

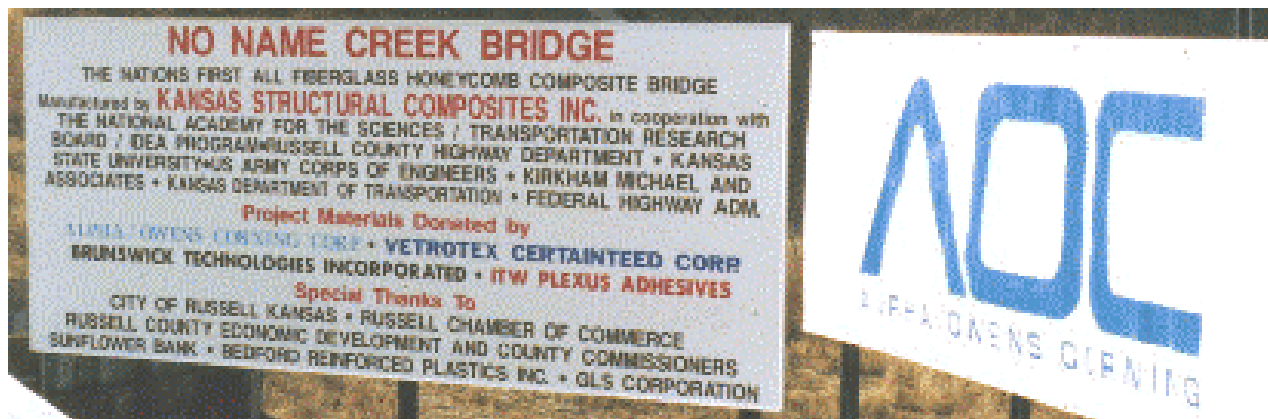
The bridge was initially funded by the Transportation Research Board, National Research Council (IDEA Program) under contract NCHRP-96-ID030. The Department of the Army Corps of Engineers Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) provided funding along with the Russell County Highway Department. The official title of the project was "Rapid Replacement Composite Bridge No. 1" (a copy of the report is available from the NTIS - NTIS # PB97-201511).

The bridge was dedicated by E. Dean Carlson, Kansas Secretary of Transportation, in December 1996.

As a result of building the bridge, KSCI was given the following awards:

- Best of Market -- Infrastructure - International Composite Expo, Nashville, TN - January 1997
- Counterpoise Grand Design Award - International Composite Expo, Nashville, TN - January 1997
- R&D 100 - Chicago, IL - September 1997. The award was accepted for KSCI by Bill Graves, Governor of Kansas.

A complete listing of all participants in this bridge project can be found at www.ksci.com/nncb1.html.



The above sign was made by John Kunz, an employee of KSCI at the time, for the bridge dedication to honor those who made the greatest contributions to building the bridge.

Infrastructure Composites International, Inc. (ICI), headed by Dr. Geza Nagy, and Core Craft Technologies, Inc, headed by John Kunz, are now claiming that they built the No Name Creek Bridge, that they built the bridge for KSCI, and that their proprietary technology was used in building the bridge. These assertions do not fit the facts. It is interesting that ICI and Core Craft Technologies, Inc. forgot to put themselves on the sign honoring what they claim to have been their companies' significant contributions. This is a case of revisionism in trying to translate their initial contributions into something more significant. To KSCI's knowledge, the only composite bridge that either Core Craft or ICI have participated in is the Salem Street Bridge in Dayton, OH. They were one of several FRP deck suppliers for that project. Neither ICI nor Core Craft list a place of business on their web sites.

Inquirers can contact KSCI for further details or for references to third parties who are knowledgeable on this subject.