

HOUSTON COUNTY FMCA-HFH BUILD
Warner Robins, GA
3/28-4/8/2005

Team Leaders __ Bobby & Clarice Mangum
Assistant Leaders _ Ron & Kari Laubham

Team members _1st week 20, 2nd week 18_ Coaches _1st wk 10, 2 coaches left at the end of the 1st wk but one came in to give us 9 coaches for the 2nd wk.

Coaches cancelled _1 cancelled 1st wk but came the 2nd wk.

First-timers (on RV build) _2 couples_

Hours worked by team (estimated) _1062_

Builders on the team _19_ Non-builders _1_

Total days worked __ 8 1/2_

Welcome/Orientation Gathering: Orientation by team leaders & welcome by affiliate.

Safety Guidelines Distributed to first timers. Safety reviewed yes.

We worked on three houses that were in a row. One was almost completed leaving only installation of cabinets and countertops which was completed by primarily two members of our team. The second house had the walls up but not the trusses. On the second house some interior walls were constructed, members of the local affiliate raised the trusses and our team put the sheathing and felt on the roof. The affiliate contracts for the shingling so we did not do that. In the second house we also installed deadwood, windows and doors. The third was a newly poured slab. On this house we built and erected all walls, put up trusses, built and mounted the barge rafters, sheeted the roof and put on the felt. We also put up the deadwood and blocking for kitchen and bathroom cabinets. On the last two days we installed all doors and windows and completed the sheathing of the gables for both houses.

Parking was at the Houston County Fairgrounds, a privately owned fairground that was being converted to other business activities. We had water and 30 amp hookups with a dump station on site. Also a club house was available for our use. The operator was Ted Pulsifer who was very cooperative.

Construction supervisor is normally Lewis Landry but he was unavailable for most of this build so his father Lenis Landry, filled in for him. Lenis was knowledgeable and very interested in getting materials for us. Lewis also checked in with us from time to time and provided technical advice.

What could the affiliate have done to make the build more effective? Don't know of anything.

Problems or concerns expressed by team members: One member expressed concerns about the ladders. I think that was because he slipped and hit his thumb. The ladders were well used but I thought they were still in good condition.

Accidents & injuries: No major injuries occurred. A few nicks, bruises, and splinters with the worst injury occurring to Paul Ferrenti who hit his left thumb with a hammer on Thursday of the second week. He hit it with a framing hammer rolling the skin up and bruising the thumb. It was a substantial hit that will take about two weeks to heal. This was right after we received an E-mail from John Lee saying to keep our thumbs out from under the hammers. Guess Paul doesn't follow instructions well. But if he says it really hurt, he ain't lying.

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Highlights of build: One of the homeowners, Sarah, worked in the HFH office and could not work with us during the week but did arrange for us to receive donated lunches and brought the lunches to us. Anna, the mother of the other family worked with us on one day and her husband, Jordon, worked several days before going to his regular job moving frozen chickens from the frozen lockers into trucks. Neither owners were able to attend our farwell dinner. Sarah was busy helping run a fund raising golf tournament for HFH at that same time and I do not know why the Toddings could not be reached. A reporter from the local paper did come out Thursday of the last week, so we expect some good publicity for Houston Co. HFH, but the article did not come out until after we left so we cannot include a copy of it.

Names of recommended future team leaders: Ron & Kari Laubham (received team leader briefing from John Lee at this build), Also recommend Wayne & Carol Harris.

Other comments: The farewell dinner was held at the Warner Robins AFB Officers Club. Attendees could select either chicken, salmon, or prime rib. Quiet a few mentioned that the meals were excellent and the club setting was very nice.

Attachments: Financial Report (Audited? Yes) List of team members with updated contact information -- Attached.

Performance of assistant team leaders: Ron & Kari gave us enthusiastic support and did a good job. I see no reason why they would not do an excellent job as team leaders.

Additional Comments: This affiliate had three houses under construction at the time we arrived. One house was almost completed with the dedication scheduled for the following Sunday. The second house had all the walls up except for a few interior walls. The third was a clean slab that had been poured the Friday before we arrived. It was my hope that we could just work on the third house alone and treat that as just our project. Due to the inclement weather and the affiliates need, it was not practical to do that. As a result of these factors and in an effort to keep everybody gainfully employed, we worked on all three houses. I had, at the beginning of the build expressed my desire to concentrate on the third house. I think this caused some to feel frustrated that we did not have more completed on the third house than what we did. That is my fault for directing them in that direction at the beginning. I believe my decision to work on all three houses was the correct way to go as we got a lot more done and was of much greater help to the affiliate in that way. Considering the weather delays, the team got a lot of work accomplished and in that respect I think they were quiet satisfied. Had we tried to concentrate on just the third house we would have had a lot of down time waiting on subcontractors for electric, plumbing and drywall and would not have accomplished as much for the affiliate as we did. I was well pleased with all of the team members in their enthusiasm, cooperation and dedication to the idea of "Get it done".