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History Rocks

Posted by [REDACTED] @ 2009-07-28 10:34:16

Tags: bill's dip, history today

Mood: cheerful

Bill's Dip - 10 Years later

(U) Hard to believe it's been 10 years since Bill took the swim in the NBP1 fountain. I'd have forgotten today was the anniversary if another coworker in my office hadn't mentioned it. The story on the page gets most everything right. The one thing I think is not quite clear is "the promise".

(U) Bill's promise, as I remember it, was made in jest at a status meeting. We had a thousand, maybe two-thousand clients installed. Some issue came up with capacity or management once we hit 10,000 installs. Bill said "If we reach 10,000 installs, I'll take a swim in the fountain" or something to that affect. He certainly did not think we'd hold him to it.

(U) Once installs started ramping up, we kept reminding him of what he said. When we hit 10,000, he reluctantly agreed to take the plunge. But you have to admit, he did it right: limo, snorkel, goggles and a duck float. Bill is a character and this stunt just proved it.

(U) Something else that wasn't mentioned is that [REDACTED] and I put up 2 signs on each floor of NBP1 the day before the momentous event. That's how so many people found out and literally lined the balconies of each of the 12 floors of NBP1. I really wish the photographer had gotten a shot of the number of people who were looking down on the event.

(U) Cake was also served, compliments of Bill, during lunch of that day as well.

(U) The story also made the quote "they'd follow him anywhere after that." Well, Bill inspired us without having to jump into a fountain. He knew how to treat his subordinates, do what it takes to get the job done and have some fun along the way. I'm convinced that he's the reason that BEANSTALK is still around and functioning today. He had a large role in laying the foundation for the project.

278 [REDACTED] @ 2009-07-28 10:40:04

(U) Thanks for your memories of the plunge!

279 [REDACTED] @ 2009-07-28 20:42:10

Bill's Dip

(U) I loved reading this story. I just can't believe in 10 years, I never heard it before!

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2792 re 279: [REDACTED] @ 2009-07-29 11:20:25

Re: Bill's Dip

(U) Enjoy this link then. ;)

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2814 [REDACTED] @ 2009-07-29 19:05:48

Bill who?

2817 re 2814 [REDACTED] @ 2009-07-30 09:56:36

Bill Maher. See the link above for additional pictures and information.

2840 re 2792 [REDACTED] @ 2009-08-10 20:34:08

Re: Bill's Dip

I thought his name was Bill.

(b) (3) -P.L. 86-36

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