



## Story Of The Goose

### ***Goose Trailers are made in America by American Veterans!***

Both of the principal individuals named on these pages are American veterans. Ben Franklin was a Navy Seal during the early years of the Vietnam conflict and later left the Navy to become an officer in the North Carolina State Guard. Involved in the first Iraqui incursion in 1990, he was disabled out as a Brigadier General when it was found he had prostrate cancer before being shipped overseas in 2003. [B. Craig "Dusty" Johnson](#) served with the US Air Force in Germany prior to going to Vietnam in 1966 where he served with the earliest Air Force Spec Ops units.

Ben Franklin initially approached a childhood buddy (Bill DeVane) with the idea to build light weight, inexpensive cargo trailers for motorcycles and small cars. DeVane already owned RIPP Restraints in Orange City, Florida, a company that made restraints for police departments across the country. The two took over a one-car garage near their homes and began experimenting with fiberglass molds, steel frames, and various hitch systems in late 2005. By the Summer of 2006, Franklin had a patent pending on a novel gooseneck trailer hitch which would allow the trailer to be towed behind a cruiser motorcycle by clamping onto the sissy bar behind the seat. This assembly kept the major towing weight centered almost directly over the rear axle. A standard braw bar would allow the trailer to be used with a standard hitch behind full-dresser motorcycles and small cars utilizing a 1 7/8" ball hitch.

DeVane and Franklin then formed Wheels In The Wind, Inc. and trademarked the name Goose Trailers. At about the same time, they extended an invitation to a motorcycle riding friend (B. Craig "Dusty" Johnson) to join their efforts and assist in sales, promotions, and in building this website.

In 2007, "Dusty" Johnson bought out Bill Devane's partnership when DeVane decided to drop out of Wheels In The Wind and Goose Trailers to concentrate his efforts on a new line of tri-hulled, fiberglass boats for law enforcement use called [SeaBat Boats](#). Dusty and Ben are currently seeking a new, larger location to allow increased manufacturing capability and a limited area for retail display of the Goose Trailer line.

Ben and Dusty have also began designing several new versions of the Goose Trailer including one to be called the "Stealth" model which will be available in July 2007. Slightly smaller than the original Goose Trailer, this new model will be more arodinamic and even easier to tow! Also on the drawing board is a camping model with a fold out tent.

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