



# Hackerspace - Community

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Chris Meyer  
Founder, Sector67

- University of Wisconsin – Madison
  - BS Mechanical Engineering 2008
  - MS ME 2010 – diesel combustion / hybrid & electric vehicle fabrication
- Business plan competitions
  - Always wanted to learn how business worked, change in pace from engineering courses

# Business Plan Contests

SAGE Climate Leadership Challenge Competition - \$10,000:

2009 - 2nd Place

Burrill Business Plan Competition - \$20,000:

2010 - 2nd Place

2009 - 3rd Place

2008 - 2nd Place

2007 - Competitor

Wisconsin State Governor's Business Plan Competition - \$5,000:

2010 - Winner - 3rd Business Services Category

2009 - Competitor - Top 25

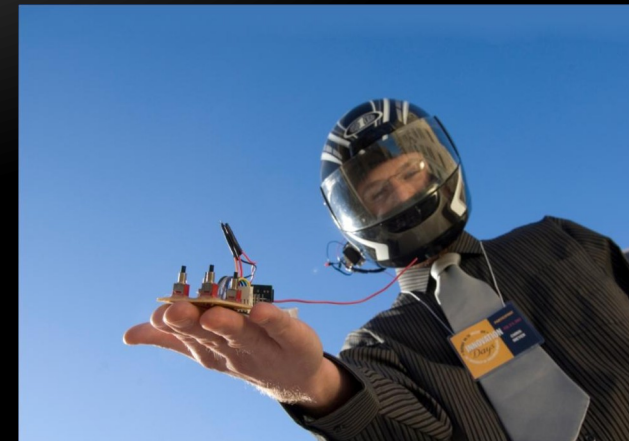
2008 - Competitor - Top 10

Schoof and Tong Invention Competition - \$1,000:

2010-2012 - Mentor

2006 - 4th Place

2005 - Competitor



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# 2010 Business School Competition



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Center for Prototyping, Technology, and Advanced Manufacturing

**What's it look like?**



TechShop - Menlo Park, CA



Noisebridge - San Francisco, CA

**Community Benefits**

- Open Workdays
- Workshops and technical lessons
- Technology Seminars
- Computer repair / refurbishment
- Electronics repair

**Membership Costs**

Membership Level	Benefits	Cost
Contributor	Access during open hours, forum recognition as a contributor, free hand tool usage	\$10/month
Starving Hacker	Student member: College/high school student or for those with extenuating circumstances	\$15/month
Supporter	Full member: Line of the capital equipment after training, anytime key access	\$95/month
Professional Affiliate	Corporate/Business: Reserve tools, machines, equipment, and consulting assistance from other joining members	>\$200/month (or equity)

**What Is Sector67?**

Sector67 is a space for hackers, geeks, students, and the general public to collaborate on projects; creating value and enterprise to sustain physical innovation in the Madison area.

It will provide area community members an environment and opportunity to get involved teaching, learning, building, and creating electrical, mechanical, and software innovations.

**Equipment Offered:**

Mill  
~\$1-5k used



Lathe  
~\$1500 used



Welder  
~\$1700 used



Rapid Prototyping Machine:  
RepRap/Makerbot  
\$600



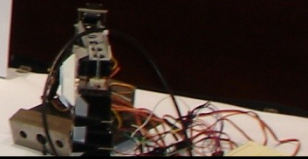
**Why?**

The Madison area is home to over 560,000 well-educated people with no opportunity to develop concepts in a hands-on, little access to facilities.

**Who?**

Sector67 targets area adults, college, and high school students interested in building next generation innovative technology. Also focused on helping FIRST teams, boy and girl scouts, and other organizations with technology.





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## 2010 – Starter Home



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## First Project



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Reception?

Nothing beats student writers

EAST SIDE 'SECTOR' HOSTS HACKERS  
UW grads program anything and everything at nondescript warehouse. **ARTS, ETC.** | 6

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THE BADGER HERALD

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN'S INDEPENDENT STUDENT NEWSPAPER SINCE 1969



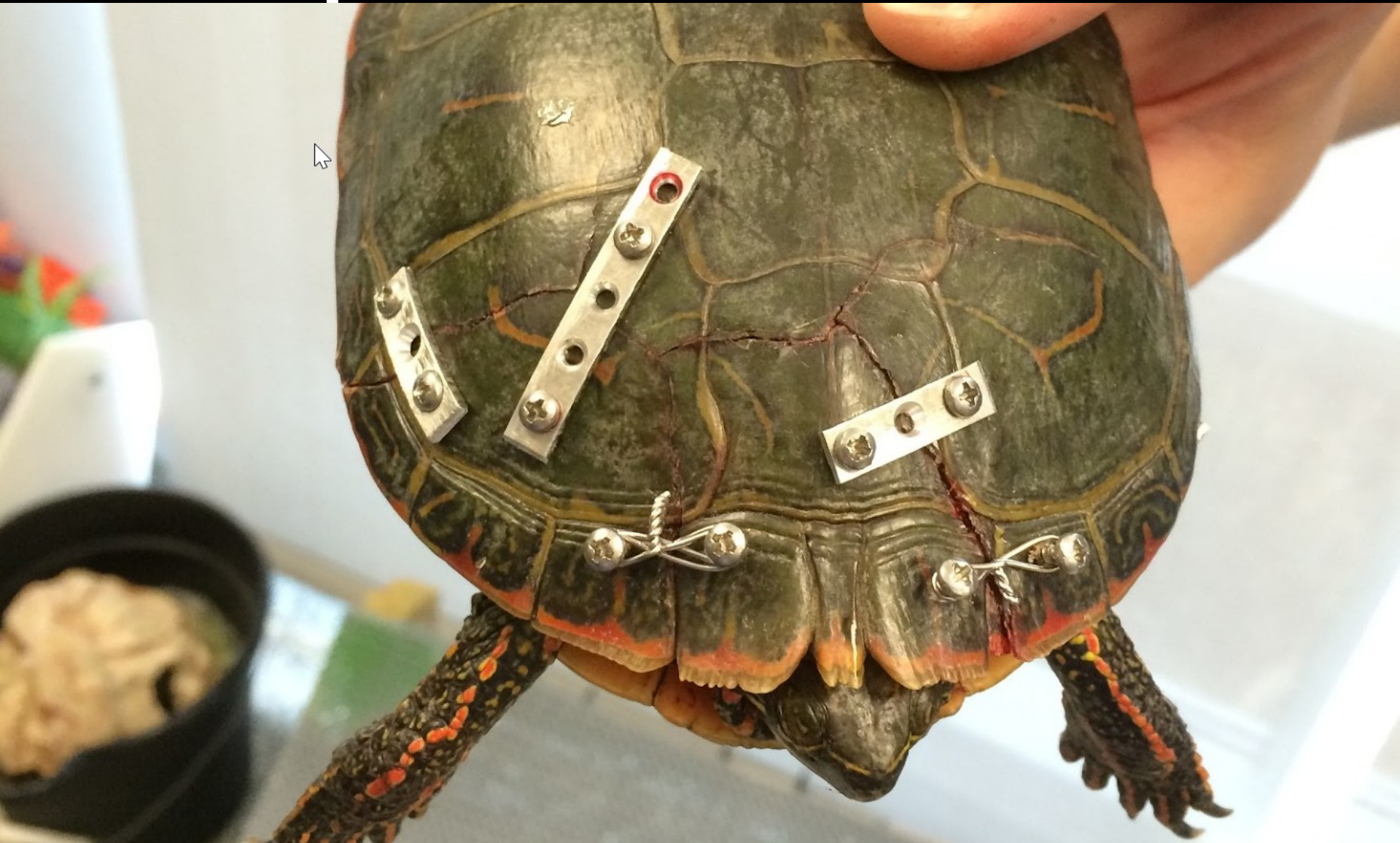
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Kickstarter



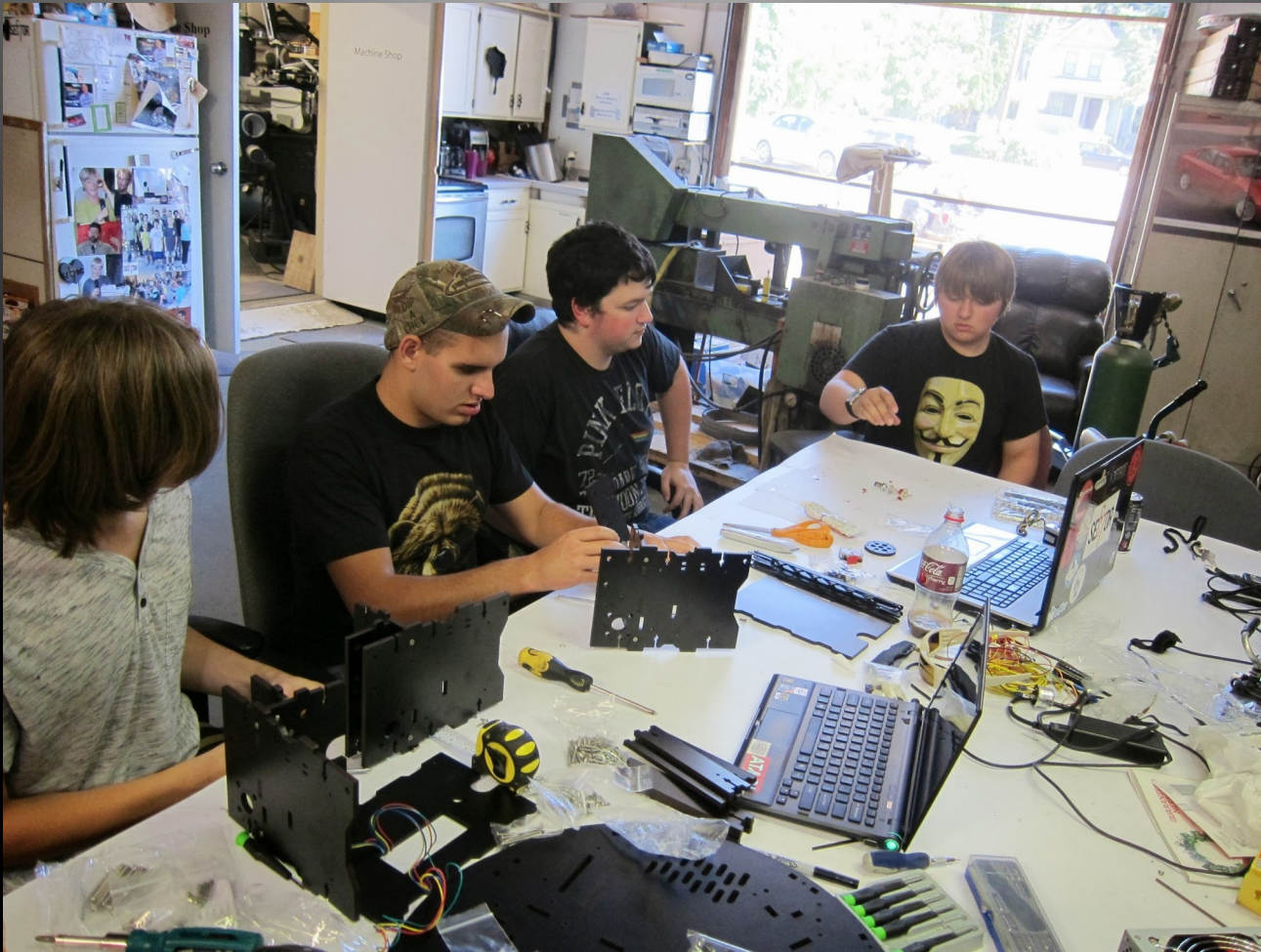
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# Wildlife Rehabilitation



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## MG21 – Alternative School



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## Maker Faire - PPPRS



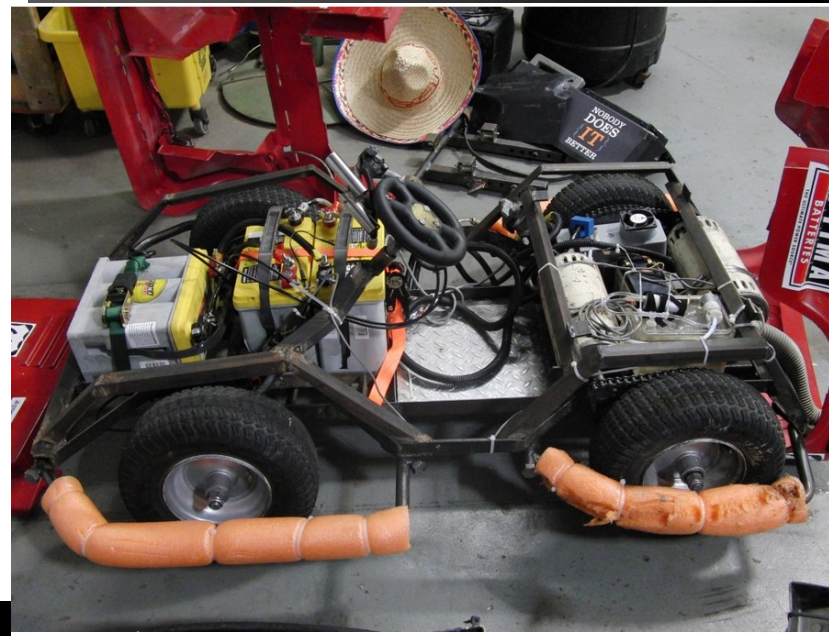
## Sector67 Presents: The Fauxrarri 2012 PPPRS Championship car build

Posted on August 13, 2012 by JKerman

For the last year, when people from the street stop by Sector67 and ask what a hackerspace is, my first stop has been the PPPRS car that sits prominently on our shop floor. It shows off so many capabilities of so many of our members in such a small object, but at the same time is completely ridiculous and fun. It is a physical embodiment of "what the heck we do here".

This year our PPPRS team took seemingly everything to a completely ridiculous level. This post is going to focus on the car itself. While speed and cornering and acceleration are useful, they are not the core point of this racing series. Our Moxie (style) was through the roof, and will have its own post.

Before I go into details of the car, I have to say that there is one way in which Sector67 completely totally cheats in PPPRS. Our founder, as well as more than a few members of our team are Engineers and former members of the Wisconsin Hybrid (<http://vehicle.slc.engr.wisc.edu/>) and Formula Hybrid (<http://fhybrid.slc.engr.wisc.edu/>) teams at UW-Madison. While a lot of what they did may seem like a cakewalk, many hours of hard work and planning were put in. As someone who watched from afar, it was an absolute pleasure to get to learn so much about all this stuff! It only makes sense to show off this crazy contraption to the world in a proper way.



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## Local Press

August 26, 2011 ♦ Vol. 36, No. 34 ♦ Madison, WI ♦ TheDailyPage.com

# ISTHMUS

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SINCE 1976

Chris Meyer  
in Sector67's  
champion racer

PHOTO BY  
NARAYAN MAHON



WELCOME TO  
HACKERSPACE

Creative types have a place to dream at **Sector67**

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## National Press

# WIRED

CAGE FREE | OCT 2011



## Hot Wheels

A race series for adults who build and ride souped-up kiddie cars.

Enter the Power Racing Series, which pits overclocked minibikes against one another in tiny but heated competition. Entrants must spend less than \$500 (excluding safety gear) and use low-voltage batteries to avoid electrocution. Racers compete in three challenges: a drag race, a 15-lap mini Grand Prix, and a 75-minute endurance challenge. The unofficial series motto: "Speed. Glory. Electrical Fires."

Though the tourney was founded in 2009, this year marked its first full season, complete with circuit stops at Make magazine events throughout the Midwest. The final race, held in Detroit in late July, featured the crowning of an overall champ: Team Sector67 out of Madison, Wisconsin. Sector67 fielded a camouflage jeep capable of reaching 24 mph thanks to two 1.25-horsepower street-sweeper motors attached to an electric differential and wheelbarrow wheels with regenerative brakes. (The differential lets the rear tires spin independently for tighter-than-usual cornering.) The true breakthrough, however, is a remote telemetry kit that monitors motor temperature so the team can track overheating. That's not to say all blowups are bad—especially if you want to win fan-favorite points. "It's not necessarily where you finish, but how. Do you go out in a blaze of glory?" says Jim Burke, the 25-year-old director of Power Racing. Think you've got a tiny-car racer in you? The series starts up again next summer. —Ben Painter



From left: Team Sector67's Mitch Erickson, Dan Silvers, and Alex McLees during a pit stop.



iPad Extra: Download the [Wiired](#) app to see the Power Wheels racers in action.





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**2012-2018**

**Real Estate Crunch**



**1949 Warehouse  
Should have torn it down...**



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Instead we lifted it up!



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+10 Feet  
Simple code refactor. . .



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## Functional Building



Oct 2017

Oct 2018



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# Where are we . . . ?



## Madison Linux

Madison Linux is a place for Linux users of all skill levels to meet and share knowledge, troubleshoot, and show off. Completely open to the public, we will meet monthly starting in January 2026. Every 3rd Thursday, at 7PM. [Sector67](#) is hosting us again, so a big thank you to them!

 [Add to Calendar](#)

Agenda for March 19th:

- Main topic TBD
- Group discussion, questions
- Break out into smaller groups of your choosing

See you then!

## Join our Discussion Space

Email:

[Groups.io Page](#)

[View Archives](#)

## We have saved **6** computers!

### Need help?

If we set up your Linux installation and you need help or guidance, shoot me an email at [cory@madisonlinux.com](mailto:cory@madisonlinux.com).



## 2026 Internship Opportunity

Posted on [January 17, 2026](#) by Chris Meyer

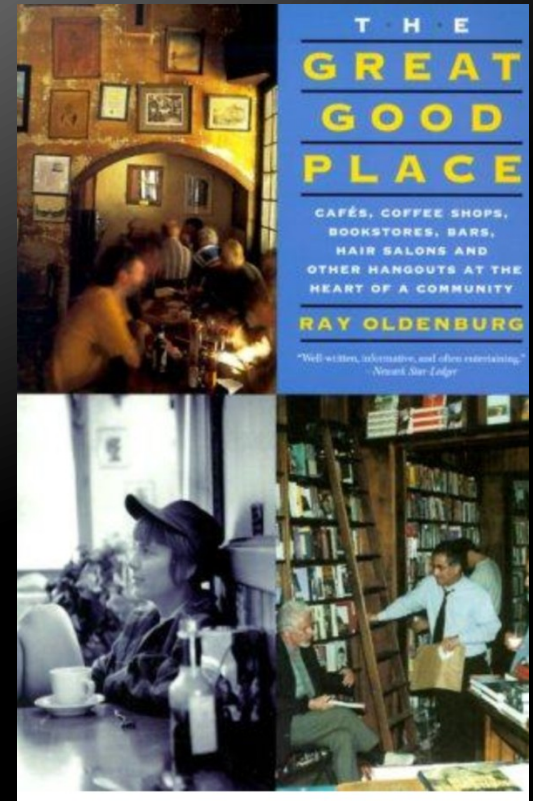
We're building a permanent endowment to offer annual internships/student co-ops at Sector67, if you'd like to contribute please [contact us](#) for more information or [donate here](#). An anonymous donor has stepped up to match funds so we're very proud to announce a 2 to 1 match up to \$200,000 contributed to our endowment! Every dollar you donate turns into \$3 that will support our internship program expenses forever into the future.



# Reading Recommendation

- Ray Oldenburg – Great Good Place
- All about building community in a Third Place (not work, not home, . . . ?)

“Cafes, Coffee Shops, Bookstores, Bars, Hair Salons, and Other Hangouts at the Heart of a Community”



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# Chicken / Cat Tax

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**PLEASE VOTE / RUN IN ELECTIONS!**

- Building now sustainable
- → Labor sustainability
- Creating an endowment
  - Now can pay 2 interns annually for work over the summer
- Working towards part / full time employee

- 2017 – launched \$750,000 fundraising campaign for build out
- Trick for fundraising – start with more than half of what you need
- 118 people contributed \$3k on average
- Largest single donor was \$70k

- Entrepreneurship is a hard lifestyle
- Lots of preparation (physically, mentally, financially) to make a runway
- Different goals
  - Make money
  - Build community
  - Have “fun”
  - Learn
- Pursue opportunities, know when to quit, know when to push

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## Whoops . . . 1960's

