GARY CLIMBS MOUNTAINS

CEO, Mountaineer, Cable Pioneer



GARY ERVIN

- Over 45 years experience in all phases of the telecommunications industry
- Started ECC in 1980 with my brothers
- Licensed commercial pilot with over 7000 hours flight time.
- THE SEVEN SUMMIT CLUB
- 2 seasons CBS Amazing Race
- Currently training for the **GRAND SLAM** (7 summits and both Poles that only 60 people have achieved)
- Married 43 years to Lisa, we have 11 grandkids


Cable signal on the way

UNION COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Coal & Corn: Twin Pillars of the Economy



- 9.25 Million short tons (2024)
- River View Mine: One of North America's largest continuous miner room-and-pillar operations



- 85,000 Acres
- UC ranks among Kentucky's top corn producing counties



Company History & Growth

FROM 1980 TO NATIONWIDE LEADER

FOUNDED IN 1980

FOUNDED IN 1980 AS A SMALL CABLE TV BUSINESS BY THREE ERVIN BROTHERS, ERVIN CABLE CONSTRUCTION, LLC (“ECC”) HAS EXPANDED INTO ONE OF THE LEADING TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE PROVIDERS IN THE NATION.

NATIONWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE

ERVIN CABLE CURRENTLY EMPLOYEES OVER 2000 INDIVIDUALS BUILDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS 35 STATES. OUR CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS IS LOCATED IN STURGIS, KY.

2,500+

Team Members

39

States Covered

Sturgis, KY

Corporate Headquarters

ERVIN CABLE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

GEOGRAPHIC EXPANSION FROM 1980

Kansas City, MO



Union Co., KY



Colorado Springs, CO



Salt Lake City, UT



ERVIN CABLE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

Orlando, OK



COACHING THE NEXT GENERATION



Union County Wrestling

Boasting one of the most dominant wrestling programs in the nation. The Ervin brothers have had their hands in this for many years.

89

Individual State Wrestling Titles

17

Team State Titles

The Wrestling Team ranked nationally in the top 20.







HOW IT ALL STARTED

- TRAVELED TO ALL 7 CONTINENTS AND SAW THE COUNTRY RAW.
- COMPETED IN 2 SEASONS OF THE AMAZING RACE.
- SUMMITED MT. KILIMANJARO W/ SONS





SEVEN SUMMITS OF THE WORLD

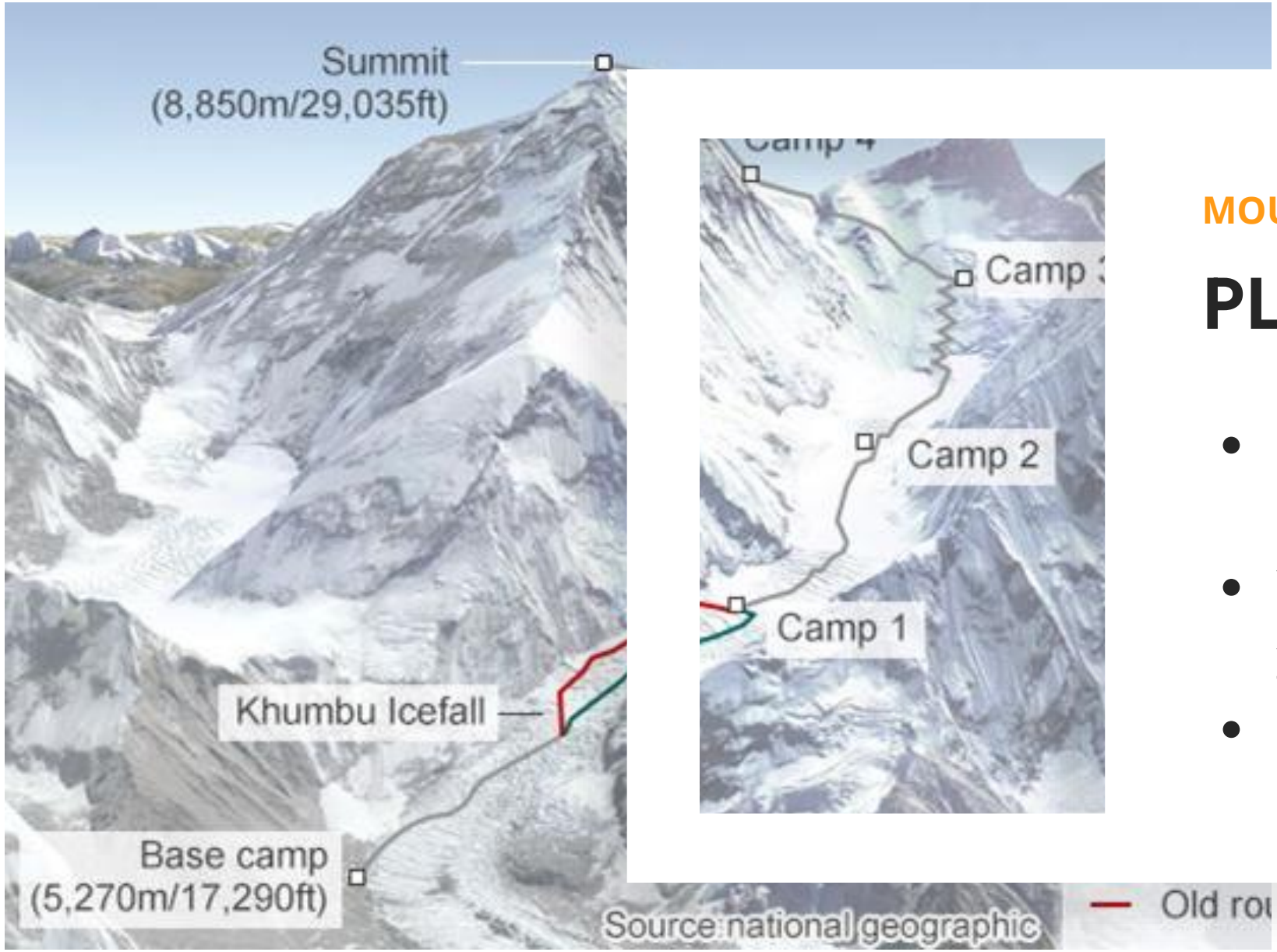




MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

5 STEPS TO GET TO THE TOP

01. PLAN
02. EXECUTE
03. ASSESS
04. KNOW YOUR LIMITS
05. KNOW YOUR WHY



MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

PLAN

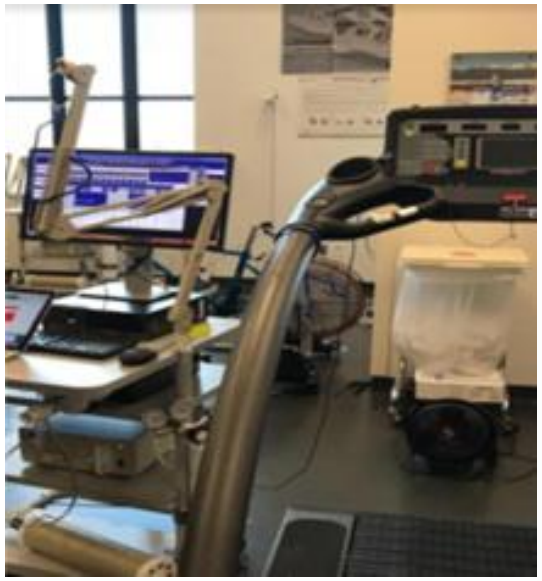
- Map the route to your destination
- Visualize the mountain you are training for
- Have a contingency plan

MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

EXECUTE | BE A DOER NOT A DREAMER



THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT



TRAIN FOR THE TASK



CLIMB WITH THE RIGHT TEAM



MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

CONSTANTLY ASSESS









MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

KNOW YOUR LIMITS

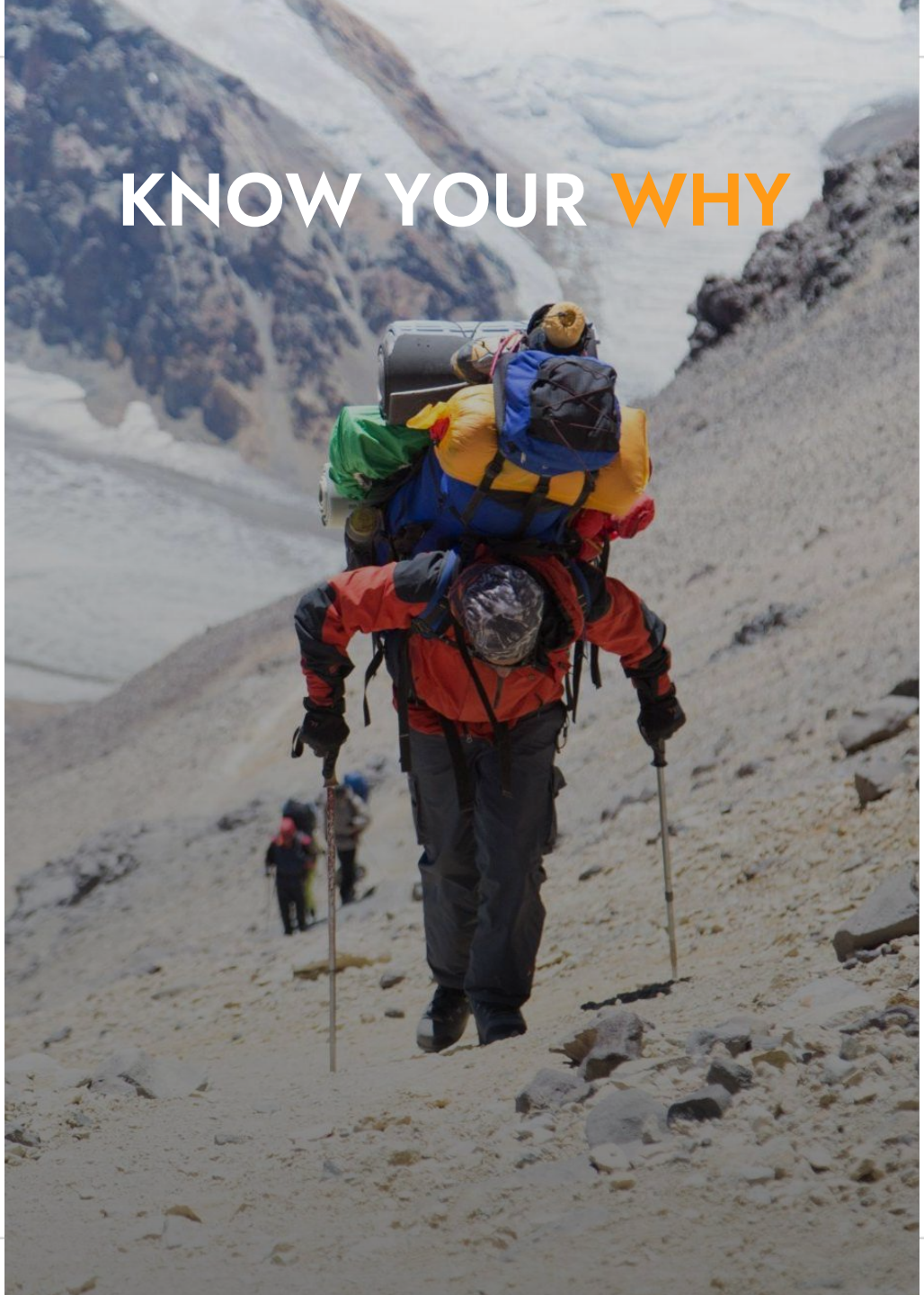








- Have time to think about what's important in life
- Have something to train for and not regret trying
- See something that I have never seen
- Challenge myself physically & mentally
- Recharge
- Learn Portuguese?
- Meet new friends with similar interests
- Think I can survive a nuclear winter



- Best steak and Malbec ever
- Seeing and feeling the South face of Aconcagua
- It's a sin to waste the gifts God has given you, I have been blessed to be able to do this
- Only God knows why
- Overcoming days like yesterday
- Mate gets me jacked up
- Made me appreciate simple things again


LESSONS TO GRANDKIDS
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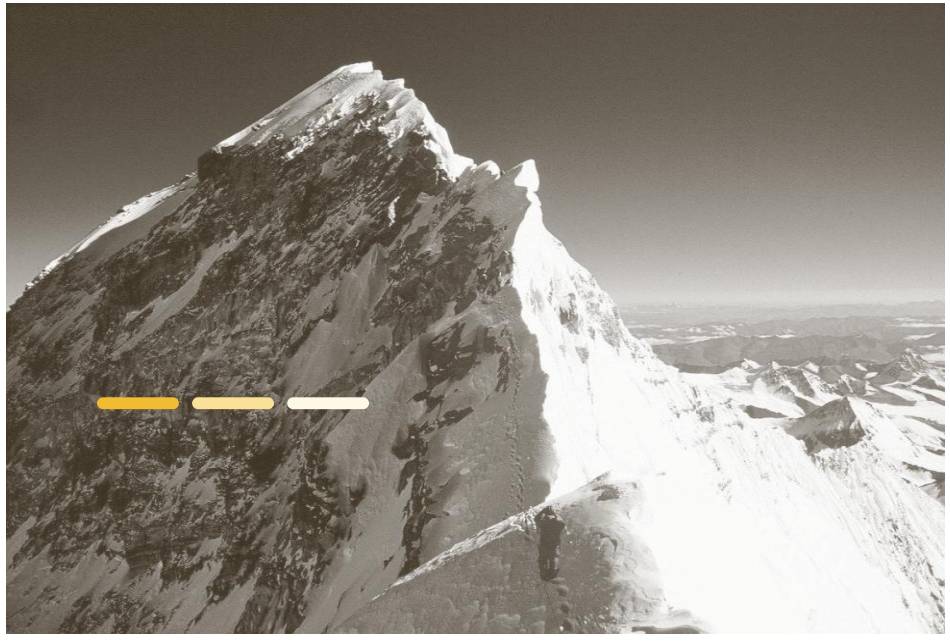
LESSON 1

IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD, CLIMB A MOUNTAIN

Challenge yourself. Look to be the best person you can be. Strive for excellence in everything you do. Complacency and mediocrity will keep you from reaching the summit.







LESSON 2

DON’T STICK TO THE SAME YAK TRAIL

- Make your own route.
- Life is about the journey, we may never reach the summit but don’t miss out on what you may learn from choosing a different path.









LESSON 3

BE HUMBLE

I have made it to the top of the highest point in the world and I still have problems telling people I climbed Mt Everest. You will climb as high as the people lift you. Don’t get blinded by success and forget the people around you. You don’t walk this life alone and from time to time we all need help.

LESSON 4

YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE BAD DAYS

- Some are worse than others.
- Take control, identify what you did right or wrong to affect the outcome.
- If you have the ability to change things, do it. If not, don’t beat yourself up and tomorrow will be better.







LESSON 5

GET OUT OF THE NOISE

In the quiet you can hear your real thoughts and find direction. Prayer and meditation are vital to dealing with the noise.

LESSON 6

PURSUE HAPPINESS

Climbing mountains make ME happy.

Find their own mountains. **Do not wait.**

The future value of time is far less than the present value…do not defer your happiness, live in the moments that happen everyday.

Don’t let anyone define happiness for you.







LESSON 7

EMBRACE THE UNKNOWN

You will never know what -40 feels like unless you get out in it. Some will say it is terrible, others like me, say it's exhilarating and makes your body feel alive. Like in the last lesson about others defining your happiness, **do not let others define your misery.**







WHAT'S NEXT?

EXPLORER'S GRAND SLAM
WINTER TRAINING ELY, MN

COMPLETED SOUTH POLE JANUARY 2025
NORTH POLE APRIL 2028





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