

GARY STRAHAN

Gary Strahan has been an NDT (Non-Destructive Testing) Level III since 1990. Since then, he has been teaching primarily Infrared Thermography, but also Radiography, Ultrasonic, Magnetic Particle Inspection, Liquid Penetrant Inspection, Vibration Analysis, Acoustic Emission, and various methods of leak testing.

Strahan was born in Pasadena, Texas and moved to Beaumont, Texas when he was two. His father, Gene Strahan, went to work at Goodyear in Beaumont, Texas for 38 years and retired there in 1999. His mother, Jeanie Strahan, died in 2008 from type C hepatitis that she contracted during a tubular pregnancy when Gary was only 9 years old.

As a child, Strahan sold lemonade (not very successfully), Christmas cards, mowed yards, and, after his father got home from work, he helped cut and trim trees. He enjoyed swimming, fishing, hunting, and playing ball with the neighborhood kids. Strahan attended Sallie Curtis Elementary School, Marshall Junior High, and then Forest Park High School. Strahan says, "I was a handful for my parents as a child and especially as a teenager; a young man always living on the edge."

After high school, Strahan attended Lamar University and joined the U.S. Navy. He was a Hull Technician and Diver while in the Navy in 1978 and is now an Honorably Discharged Veteran. He attended boot camp in Orlando, Florida, A Schools at Treasure Island and in San Diego, California.

After leaving the Navy, Strahan worked at General Dynamics for a short time and then Campbell's Shipyard as a welder and diver. He attended College of Engineering (Now California Polytechnic) where he studied Dive Physics, Dive Medicine and Physiology, Mixed Gas, and Saturation Diving. Strahan has been 640 feet down in the Gulf of Mexico! He also performed and assisted in the set up some of the first underwater NDT (Non-Destructive Testing) testing, including Underwater Ultrasonic testing, testing the Blackburn Underwater UV and Electromagnetic for Underwater Magnetic particle Inspection and Oil Leak detection. Strahan attended Don Boscoe Technical Institute where he studied Non –Destructive testing methods such as radiography, Ultrasonic, Magnetic Particle and Liquid penetrant Inspection. Strahan has attended Lamar, UCSD, College of Oceanering, Don Boscoe Technical Institute, and Williamsburg College AC and refrigeration courses, as well as numerous other Technical Schools and courses over his lifetime. He is also an Authorized Inspector for the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors and API 510, API 570, and API 653 Pressure Vessel Inspector.

Gary Strahan worked at Mobil Oil from 1989-1994 and was Construction Inspection Engineer, Inspection Manager, and Mobil Oil Senior NDT Level III while there. After, he was Mechanical Integrity Manager at Ameripol Synpol Corporation from 1994-1995. Then, worked with Agema Infrared Systems.

Agema merged with FLIR in 1998 and with the purchase of Inframetrics in 1999, the merged company was called FLIR. In 2005, Infrared Cameras Inc (ICI) began writing software, calibrating infrared cameras and manufacturing their own infrared cameras. Strahan left FLIR in 2000 to help build Mikron, which was purchased in 2007.

Strahan is a private pilot and still enjoys flying, swimming, fishing, and scuba diving when he gets the opportunity. He has been diving in the Atlantic, Pacific, Caribbean, South Pacific, North Sea, Red Sea and

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other oceans around the world. He has walked on the Great Wall of China, the Ancient Ruins of Petra, Rome, Greece and climbed the Great Pyramid in Egypt (when it was still legal 😊).

Garys Strahan is married to Jill Blashack Strahan and splits his time between ICI's location of Beaumont, Texas and Alexandria, Minnesota where his wife resides.

Gary has four boys Ben, Joe, David, and Zach as well as one daughter, Jenny.