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Holiday Wishes, Miniature Misses, and More!

An interview with Brian Reese, President, Reese Tower Services

How does your family celebrate Christmas?
The kids are a little older now but we still spend this special day at home. Typically the movie *A Christmas Story* is on TV in the background throughout the day.

Does your family have any traditions or customs during Christmas?
December is always filled with movies like *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, *Elf*, and the classic *It's a Wonderful Life*. Of course with daughters there is always the Hallmark Channel. We attend a Christmas Eve gathering at church to start the holiday itself.

Do you put up a nativity scene?
Yes, we believe Christ's birth is the reason for the season.

Tell us about RTS's custom of sending miniatures? How did it begin?
Sometimes a blind squirrel does indeed get the nut. My marketing skills are limited....but this certainly has been popular. A number of years ago I found a linesman store online that was selling a rock climbing figure. I purchased

that one and it went on to become our 2016 Tower Climber. The Welder then followed in 2017 with the Tower Engineer and Lady Tower Climber in 2018 and 2019, respectively. We

engineers cannot help but play with things! It also seems to bring out the kid in all of us.

Have you had many memorable responses?
I enjoy seeing our Christmas cards and figures long after Christmas has past in clients' offices. We see them hanging on tower models, office furniture, computer monitors, and on vehicle dashboards!

How has the miniatures give-away been affected by so many working from home?
We're excited about planning the figure every year and look forward to sharing it with our clients and friends. Last year we sent over 500 figures with Christmas cards. It's a challenge getting them to their final destination; invariably, every year a handful come back due to changed addresses or employ-

ment. With COVID-19 and the large number of workforce still at home, logistically there is no easy way this year to send the figures. We are disappointed but this year's figure is going to remain a secret and stay with us until next year. We wish it was not the case but this year we'll only be sending an e-card for Christmas. □

What has been the response to the Christmas card and Miniatures?
Overwhelmingly positive! We have a significant engineering influence in our industry...

What Is True About Huawei?

By Don Bishop, Executive Editor of AGL Magazine
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The China-based multinational company Huawei Technologies has enormous importance in the world of 5G wireless communications. It is a supplier of superior core network, base station and antenna products. Its ownership and its potential and actual intelligence-gathering capability are matters of concern. They affect the suitability of its equipment and software for use in capitalist countries governed as democracies. This concern has led several countries to reverse their previous acceptance of Huawei and to bar its future participation in their communications networks.

Huawei's website says its employees own the company. Huawei says that it operates without Chinese government control, and thus without obligations to serve the purposes of the Chinese Communist Party or the People's Liberation Army. Last year, Christopher Balding and Donald Clarke presented research results that contradict the assertion of employee ownership. Their research into the complex documentation

of employee, trade union, founder, management and government relationships involved concludes that Huawei effectively is state-owned.

Huawei disavows receiving much in the way government subsidies that would account for its research and development surpassing its competitors. However, the Wall Street Journal found that the company had access to as much as \$75 billion in state support. The weight of revelations about perceived national security threats led Congress to adopt the Secure and Trusted Telecommunications Act. The Act bars U.S. carriers from accessing and using funds administered by the FCC to purchase equipment from Huawei and other companies. The president signed the Act into law on March 12. On April 29, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced the 5G Clean Path. It restricts Huawei, ZTE and other untrusted vendors that are required to comply with directives of the Chinese Communist Party.

National Security Advisor Robert O'Brien, FBI Director Christopher Wray and U.S. Attor-

ney General William Barr individually delivered speeches in June and July. In their speeches, they gave details about China's theft or acquisition by coercion of intellectual property. They gave U.S. government assessments of economic and security threats posed by the Chinese Communist Party and companies it owns.

When he spoke during an appearance on CNN on July 19, Cui Tiankai, the Chinese ambassador to the United States, said that the fundamental question is simple: "Is the United States ready or willing to live with another country with very different culture, very different political and economic systems, whether the United States is ready to live with it in peace and cooperate on so many and still growing global challenges?"

The answer is that the United States should be able to live in peace with China. The United States should be able to do that without helping the Chinese Communist Party advance its different political and economic systems by making use of untrusted vendors. □

Reese's MINIATURES



BRIAN AND THE MISSING MINI

WITH APOLOGIES TO BURL IVES AND RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER
A BRIAN REESE PRODUCTION

THERE'S THE TOWER DOG,
AND WELDER, LADY CLIMBER TOO,
THERE MAY BE ANOTHER,
I THINK THIS IS TRUE.

	
	

BUT ARE YOU AWARE...
WHY NO MINI, THIS YEAR OF THE SCARE?

BRIAN THE MINI FIGURE,
IS AN ENGINEER BY NAME,



EACH CHRISTMAS HE SENT MINIS,
TWAS A PORTION OF HIS FAME.

ALL OF HIS CLIENTS LOVED THEM,
SENT HIM PICS AND WORDS OF PRAISE,



SOME NICE WORDS
NICE WORDS
THANKS!
MORE NICE WORDS

MADE SUCH A STRONG IMPRESSION,
SHARED 'EM TO HIS FACEBOOK PAGE.

THEN ONE YEAR A VIRUS HIT,
NO CLIENT LEFT THEIR HOME,



NOW HE CAN'T SEND MINIATURES,
JUST PICTURES OF HIS DRONE.

STILL ALL HIS CLIENTS LOVE HIM
EVEN SHOUT HIS NAME WITH GLEE



BRIAN THE MINI FIGURE
WILL DO IT NEXT YEAR YOU'LL SEE

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