

Beyond Blocks and Bricks

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Stonehenge

My younger son, a senior at Penn State, is an endless source of links to interesting websites. Some of the links explore ideas or interests that we share, some confirm his independence, some remind me that I was 42 when he was born, and some are just neat.

Recently, a neat one introduced me to Wally Wallyington, a retired Michigan construction guy whose expertise is in moving stuff. A rigger or millwright, I guess. Wally has some ideas about how Stonehenge was erected. His method requires only a few tools—pebbles, a big kid, sticks, teeter-totters, sand, and water—and a sense of balance.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCvx5gSnfW4&feature=related>

Though I wonder about the flat work surface, I suppose that a bed of timber or a stone hauled in for the purpose would suffice. If I were in charge, I'd requisition a few dozen prisoners of war for the dangerous and heavy stuff.

Still, I wonder at the purpose that compelled the builders to move them across 250 miles of soft earth!