

# Father/Son Business Innovators in Solar Energy

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Rachel Roland is a mom on a mission - exploring beautiful Arizona (and beyond!) with her two little companions, Jeremiah and Sarah, in search of the best restaurants, attractions, and products for you and your children. See what she has in store for your family today!



When I had the chance to speak to David LeClair, one of the owners of [Grid Eraser](#) - the other being his son, Patrick - I was thrilled. I'm quite acquainted with solar power - one of our former homes had solar panels, which I miss - but this is something I'd never heard of...a portable solar generator.

Golf Carts - that's how it started. David moved from Wisconsin to Sun Lakes to be close to Patrick and his significant other, Bekki. While living in Sun Lakes, retired David found that his neighbors with golf carts seemed to have a lot of trouble keeping the batteries charged and tended to worry about how much electricity charging the batteries seemed to take.

This simple complaint piqued David's interest in finding an eco-friendly, green solar solution that wouldn't break the bank. He researched current products on the market and couldn't find anything that would fit what he thought the product should be. So, like any innovator, he and Patrick created his own version the Grid Eraser - something ergonomically functional, economical, and something that generated a lot of power for its small size.



What's so interesting about this solar powered generator is that it's simple and much more cost-effective than alternatives. They're great for people with RV's, golf carts, and people who are interested in an alternative power source in case of emergency. I think it's great that we have such inventors in our own community - people who care about the environment enough to create something to help people save money on electricity!

Grid Eraser is slowly but surely starting to start building its own fan base and distributorships - and the testimonials are quite amazing:

"The solar generator literally saved my life when the power went out, it was 113 degrees." said Jake D. in Maricopa - and there are more testimonials on [their website](#).

In the spirit of Father's Day, I asked David about the relationship between he and Patrick, considering they work so closely together in the day-to-day business. Here's what he said:

"Patrick and I make a good team and we haven't experienced any negative issues that sometimes plague partnerships between friends or relatives. We share all responsibilities of the enterprise equally, although I'm more of the Rube Goldberg design/production engineer and he's more of the creative and computer guru."

I love that these two share responsibilities and work so well together - it's inspiring to see!



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