Tremors (1990)

Written by

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Directed by

Ron Underwood

Cast

Kevin Bacon	*Valentine McKee*
Fred Ward	*Earl Bass*
Finn Carter	*Rhonda LeBeck*
Michael Gross	*Burt Gummer*
Reba McEntire	*Heather Gummer*
Bobby Jacoby	*Melvin Plug*
Charlotte Stewart	*Nancy*
Tony Genaro	*Miguel*
Ariana Richards	*Mindy*
Richard Marcus	*Nestor*
Victor Wong	*Walter Chang*
Sunshine Parker	*Edgar*
Michael Dan Wagner	*Old Fred*
Conrad Bachmann	*Jim - The Doctor*
Bibi Besch	*Megan - The Doctor's Wife*

Trivia

- Kevin Bacon originally resented being in Tremors, only agreeing to do it because he needed money for his new marriage and upcoming newborn child. When the film was not financially successful, Bacon feared his career was over, and in following years would refuse to acknowledge the film's existence and even called it the "worst thing I ever did." However, Bacon would eventually come around to Tremors, calling the filming of Tremors to be "the single most fun time I've ever had making a movie in my entire career”.

- Although "Tremors" was not a hit during its theatrical run, the film became a runaway smash in the home video market.

- For the scene where Rhonda had to get out of her jeans to escape the Graboid about to eat her, Finn Carter intentionally didn't rehearse the scene. The response she gives to having to undress in front of Kevin Bacon in less than five seconds was authentic.

- The filmmakers were forced to add the scene towards the beginning where Rhonda is unknowingly stalked by a Graboid as she heads to her truck, and the scene where Old Fred is killed. They originally wanted no hint of a monster in the film until the road workers are killed to make the audience think a person may be the killer, such as with Edgar's death. The studio instead wanted to market the film as a monster movie, and thus demanded more scenes involving on-screen kills before their big reveal.

- Michael Gross began filming only one day after shooting the very last episode of Family Ties (1982).

- The original script was written with the name "Land Sharks" but this was changed because that title was already being used for a Saturday Night Live (1975) skit that was airing at the time.

- The "wave" effect where the creature is moving beneath the surface and rolling the dirt or porch boards was accomplished by towing a boat buoy behind a pickup truck.

- The water tower was originally written to collapse during Rhonda's rescue, but Universal wouldn't give them the money to film it.

- Val and Earl's pickup truck is a 1963 Jeep Gladiator thriftside.

- The Graboid is based on the Mongolian Death Worm, a worm-like cryptid that purportedly attacks animals, and possibly humans.