



Employee Newsletter

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Fun Fact:

There is a National Bridge Day held on the 3rd Saturday of October each year that commemorates the 1977 completion of the New River Gorge Bridge in West Virginia.

www.officialbridgeday.com

Did you know....

The span of a bridge can serve as a gateway of convenience and as a portal to a new experience or adventure. To bridge a gap between two people, places or things. For instance, the Bridge of Sighs in Venice is sometimes referred to as the Lover's Bridge by the couples who pledge eternal love to each other in the city canals. However, the 17th

century Bridge of Sighs is a historical monument that is named for the prisoner's sighs as they passed over it before their imprisonment.

Conversely, there are love lock bridges in Venice, Paris, New York, Dublin, Moscow and around the world serving as evidence of the display of affection and a lifelong commitment to one another. Legend has it that a woman started fixing padlocks to the bridges where her lover,

lost in World War I, would meet; doing so as an expression of her unbreakable love. And so, the tradition began with people from all over the world attaching padlocks in the hope of sealing their love.

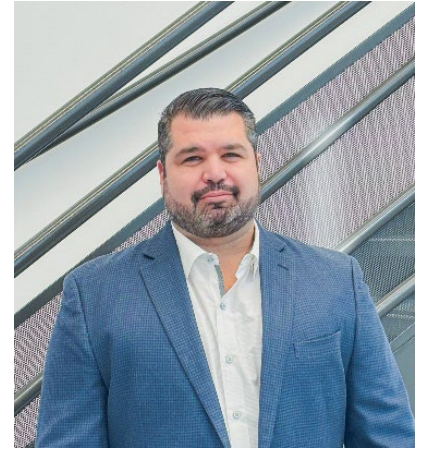


Pictured: The Bridge of Sighs located near the Doge's Palace in Venice, Italy.



Pictured: Accademia Bridge in Venice, Italy

Project Updates



Our Chief Operating Officer, **Ben Trapuzzano**, shares a list of our **upcoming projects**. Great job Team Aptus!

UPCOMING PROJECTS	PROJECT MANAGER	SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN
1821 – NSN RR Bridge, NC	Steve McLaughlin	Omar Brown
2233 – 365 Tollway, TX	Dave Mattia	TBD
2412 – Millbrook Street, MA	James Puzino	TBD

Employee highlights

August Birthdays:

James Puzino – 8/3
Alsadig Osman – 8/4
Devin Battle – 8/14

Frederic Parker – 8/14
Jeff Pinter – 8/14
Scott Dill – 8/16

August Anniversaries:

Scott Dill – 26 years

Safety Updates

Hitch and Trailer Safety

Trailers have the potential of becoming unguided missiles if they are not properly hooked up or cared for. Trailers come in many shapes and sizes. Pulling a trailer requires extra care and attention. A trailer is an added responsibility for the driver, it puts extra weight on your vehicle and increases the space you need to drive and stop safely.

TRAILER HOOK-UP PROCEDURE

1. Before attempting to hook a trailer to any vehicle, ensure that the weight of the trailer doesn't exceed the maximum capacity of your tow vehicle. Also, ensure the hitch weight rating is sufficient for the trailer.
2. Prior to hook-up, check the hitch on the tow vehicle for loose bolts and attaching pins. Also, check the ball or loop on the tow vehicle to make sure that it is in good condition.
3. Check the electrical connector plug on the vehicle for loose or frayed wires.
4. Hook trailer to tow vehicle: Check to ensure that the hitch is securely attached, the pintle is down and the safety pin is installed. Tie wire, cotter pins, or other make-shift devices should not be used. Only a properly sized locking pin is acceptable.
5. Attach safety chains to tow vehicle.
6. Connect the electrical plug.
7. Check to ensure that the hazard, brake, and signal lights are operating satisfactory. Check electric brake control (if applicable) to ensure trailer is braking properly.
8. Check tires for proper inflation.
9. Check all gates and latches.
10. Ensure that any loose materials have been secured and tied down.

Employee Spotlights

Employee Spotlight - Field

Steve McLaughlin - VP Field Operations

I have worked at Aptus for a little over 12 years.

I have enjoyed all the people that our team has assembled and the relationships that were gained. Enjoy being in the field working with the crews on all types of projects.

Love the challenges that we face daily of completion of successful jobs from start to finish.

When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends back home which is in Ohio.

I also spend more time recently traveling to places where I can enjoy some vacation time. This is new to me as much as we spend in hotels, I never took time to explore the world. I have 3 daughters that we went to Ireland with me recently to spread my fathers' ashes. I want to continue to adventure when time allows.



*Employee Spotlight -
Office*

**Sean Faro -
Sales / Estimator**

“My name is Sean Faro, I have been with Aptus since April of 2024. Currently I help Jason and Randy with the sales and estimating side of things here in the office. I have a Fiancé, Vanessa, we’ve been together for around 9 years now



and we’re getting married next year. I spend most of my free time with her, our cat Arthur and our dog Loki. When I’m not with them I compete in Brazilian Jiu-jitsu tournaments in my free time. I’ve been practicing BJJ since I was 14 and I have my purple belt. One interesting thing most people wouldn’t know about me is I was a D-1 college wrestler and 2-time state placer (5th and 8th) in wrestling for the state of North Carolina my junior and senior year of high school. Working at Aptus has made a great impact on my life in a short amount of time. I love the challenges that come with each new project and the opportunities to learn new things every day.”

New Wins



Congratulations to our Sales and Estimating Team for bringing in the new wins!

Q3	South-East	Randy Beard	(GA) Bob Callan Trailhead Engineering	Cable East
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Project photo of the month



James Puzino
Essex Bridge
Salem, MA - Beverly, MA

Remember to submit photos to the email address: FieldPhotos@Aptus.com every month for a chance to win \$100. The winners will have a chance to get their photos on the Aptus website. Check September Issue to see which picture won in August.