



Employee Newsletter

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Did you know....

When designing utilities on bridges, there are several considerations to keep in mind.

1. **Location:** Utilities should be placed below the structures floor, between beams outer girders or within a cell. They should be above the low superstructure steel or masonry.
2. **Support:** Utilities should be above the bottom of the superstructure and should not be attached to a railing or hung from the structural slab.
3. **Thermal movement:** Utilities should be able to accommodate thermal movements by using expansion devices at the bridge deck expansion joints or by supporting the utilities on a roller system.
4. **Future Utilities:** Designers should make provisions for future utilities such as irrigation lines and communication conduits.
5. **Safety:** Utility bridges should be designed with safety in mind even though they are not intended for public use.
6. **Materials:** Aluminum is a good choice for utility bridges because it is resistant to rust and corrosion. Steel is more robust but requires regular maintenance.



Project Updates

Our CFO, Jeff Pinter, shares a list of our completed and upcoming projects.

Great job Team Aptus!



COMPLETED PROJECTS	PROJECT MANAGER	SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN
2417 - (GA) Peachtree Road and Collier Dr.	Adam Kremers	Matt Barnes
2420- (SC) Rochester Hwy over Lake Keowee	Adam Kremers	Matt Barnes
2054 - (SD) Mo River Bridge	Davie Mattia	Delton Locklear

UPCOMING PROJECTS	PROJECT MANAGER	SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN
2423 - (AL) AL 63 over Lake Martin Kowaliga	Dave Mattia	Delton Locklear
2400 - (VA) 1-495 NEXT - VSL	James Puzino	Winona Osborn
2413 - (GA) Nacoochee and Burton Bridge Crossings	Adam Kremers	Matt Barnes
2412 - (MA) Millbrook Street	James Puzino	N/A



PPE and Pinch Points

What does OSHA consider a pinch point: A pinch point or in-running nip points occur whenever machine parts move towards each other or when one part moves past a stationary object.

This includes unsecured materials, concrete blocks, chains and pipes, equipment with sliding parts or hinges and trucks or equipment doors just to name a few.

How to avoid injuries from pinch points from Safety International:

1. Wear proper PPE
 - Safety gloves, forearm guards, and metacarpal guards.
2. Never place your hands where you can't see them.
 - If your view is obstructed, do not proceed.
3. Avoid Shortcuts and pay attention to moving parts
 - Shortcuts may save time but lead to mistakes or injury.
4. Check safety guards
 - Never tamper or disable tool safety guard. Perform a pre-work inspection to ensure proper safety.
5. Follow lock out / tag out procedures
6. Never walk away from machines that are in motion or are turned on.
7. Check machinery and tool safety guards.
 - Safety guards are the most important protection against pinch points.
8. Proper training for all employees.
 - Routinely review training topics and encourage communication between workers.

Employee Spotlights

Employee Spotlight - Field

Frederic Parker

My name is Frederic Parker I was born in Chicago, IL raised in Delhi, La. I have been apart of Aptus Group USA going on a year now. Some of my hobbies include playing basketball, traveling, cooking, and spending time with family and friends. I'm happy to be apart of a company with such great hardworking people!!!
Go Aptus!!



Employee Spotlight - Office

Jason Milks - Preconstruction Manager

My name is Jason Milks, I've been with Aptus for 6 years. I grew up in Buffalo, NY and moved to Charlotte, NC 25 years ago. When I moved to Charlotte to begin my career, my dream was to work in Nascar. I spent the first 10 years of my career working at Chip Ganassi Racing. After racing I worked in manufacturing before landing at Aptus. I truly enjoy working at Aptus, I love what we do, and I enjoy working with our team both in the office and in the field. I am grateful to be part of the Aptus Team!



I live in Concord, NC with my Wife Amber and our two children John (14) and Lisa (12). My hobbies include whatever my Wife and kids are doing which typically means golf with John, hanging out at horse barns with Lisa and trying to find time to relax, work around the house and enjoy good meals with Amber.

Employee Highlights

September Birthdays:

Bradley Coleman – 9/6

Chase Fisher – 9/16

Bill Cox – 9/20

September Anniversaries:

Adam Kremer 9/2019 – 5 Years

Matthew Lucas 9/2019 – 5 Years

Delton Locklear 9/2023 – 1 Year

New Wins



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

Q4-2024	North-East	Jason Milks	2347	MA, Basiliere Bridge - National Grid - Construction	National Grid
Q4-2024	North-East	Jason Milks	2426	(WI) Hwy. 18 over Mississippi River - Inspection	Mi-Tech
Q1-2025	Central	Jason Milks	2507	(OK) Bernice & Lake Eucha Bridges	AEP
Q1-2025	Mid Atlantic	Jason Milks	2503	VA, Route 199 over College Creek	Henry S Branscome
Q4-2025	South-East	Randy Beard	2501	(FL), SR 30 (US 98) Brooks Bridge Okaloosa County	Superior Construction
Q4-2025	South-East	Randy Beard	2502	(FL) Big Carlos Utility - Superior	Superior Construction

Project Photo of the Month



Winona Osborn
Essex Bridge - Salem / 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 October's Issue to see which picture won in September.