EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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Sr. Applications Engineer



What is your role at RRF?

To support customers and sales staff with integration and technical challenges associated with the products we sell for a complete robust solution**.**

Tell us a little about your background?

I was raised in a small town, I'm the youngest of 4 kids raised in a family business.

With support from my wife of 33 years, we raised three boys now ages 32, 30 and 26.

In 1989 I started and ran our own business for more than 20 years in the water and wastewater industries and in 2013 retired from the local volunteer fire department after 23 years.

Now I work to keep my mind sharp, to satisfy a passion for problem solving and technology, and to be help RR Floody Company reach its full potential.

What brought you to RRF?

I guess it would be the chip shortage and Ryan Pryor. The start of this year brought about the end of my career at Magna Belvidere after nearly 5 years. After going from three shifts down to two and then one to a half of a shift, I found myself looking for a new job. Ryan Pryor reached out and let me know the RR Floody was looking to fill a roll and thought I'd fit in nicely. The rest is history.

What strengths do you bring to this job that makes you a valuable resource to your customers?

Many years of experience programming and working with PLC's and automation systems. Also, real world knowledge of Best Practices when setting up automation systems as well as 3D design, electrical panel design/schematics.

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What are some key lessons you have taken from your career thus far?

Nothing is impossible, maybe cost prohibitive, but not impossible. As my father always says, *"The difficult we do immediately, the impossible takes a bit longer"*

Describe some of your hobbies – what do you like to do outside of work?

Woodworking, electronics, tinkering, working with dogs, and I just started beekeeping this year.

What is one thing your customers might find surprising about you?

As a kid my nick name in the neighborhood was EVEL, after Evel Knievel and even to this day, we use the nick names we grow up with when we see each other around town. Just another thing, I think I'll never outgrow.