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A PROACTIVE PARTNER

Third Party Logistics and the Architecture Industry

TREK Freight, LLC



The planning was flawless. The design captured the vision. The extrusions have been fabricated, the finishes applied, and the parts have been assembled. Everything has been carefully crated and protected for the journey.

Crews are eagerly waiting for the pieces of the puzzle that will translate the paper design into reality. The only thing left to do is get the finished product into their hands. Getting this right can make or break the entire experience. Third party logistics companies (3PL's) have been a wealth of knowledge and resources for anyone in need of transporting their hard work and passion.

In the case of the architectural design industry, a partner that understands the importance of deadlines, equipment rental, limited access areas, and jobsite unloading challenges is one that's worth its weight in gold.

Proactive and timely communication is key. Partners with experience will have the required foresight to anticipate challenges and be prepared with creative solutions

that help avoid wasting time and money.

For over 17 years, TREK Freight has been that partner for AGS, Inc. If you're looking for information or are just curious as to what they do to ensure success for their clients, call 866-266-9623 and reach out to John Andreotti (jandreotti@trekfreight.com) or Brian Olsen (bolsen@trekfreight.com) at Trek Freight Services, LLC.

-Brian Olsen, TREK Freight Service, LLC

MEET OUR SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE

Eric Wellston

This past February, Eric Wellston, aka “Grape” celebrated his 12 year anniversary with AGS, Inc. He does just about everything in the shop from fabricating to welding and building custom jobs. In 2003, Eric started out as a cutter in the industry, and practiced welding during lunch and after work. The owner noticed his eagerness to learn and decided to take the time to professionally train him as a welder. Eric thanks Bob Flaws, a fellow AGS team member who has worked by his side for many of those years and shared his wealth of knowledge as well. Today, Grape welds some of AGS’s most complex projects. NEIU (pictured right) is a Custom Vertical Sunshade job he is especially proud of. Thanks so much for your hard work and dedication all these years, Grape.

Also in February, he and his new bride, Shari, decided to tie the knot. Congratulations Grape & Shari! Their home is a full house with three girls – Skylar (16), Sofia (12), and Hannah (9). Needless to say, they hope to enjoy getting away soon for their honeymoon. In the mean time, on the weekends they enjoy relaxing, doing a few home improvements and practicing lots of patience.



RIDDLE ME THIS BATMAN...

See if you can figure this brainteaser out and when you think you’ve got it, find the answer here.

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Dynamite is a tool that can be used to cut down trees. To cut a tree 18” dia. Requires 5 sticks of dynamite: one on the north, south, east and west sides of the tree and the 5th stick on the side to which the tree should fall. During construction of a dam, a tree 18” dia. was completely covered by water. Since the treetop was fouling the boats propellers, it had to be cut down. A diver went down and put a stick of dynamite on the 4 sides of the tree. Since the current is flowing at 2 knots per hour, on which side of the tree would you instruct the diver to put the 5th stick of dynamite if you wanted the tree to fall north?

AGS, INC. FEBRUARY CHILI COOK OFF

Drafter, Sherricka Smith Simmers up a Tasty Tradition



On February the 14th, five contestants shared their favorite homemade chili recipes. All AGS, Inc. employees sampled & judged each chili in the running. As you can imagine, it was hard to decide between so many delicious dishes. The good news is, we all love to eat here at AGS, therefore we really didn’t mind sampling as many times as necessary. Our chili judging was based on color, aroma, texture, flavor and after-taste. Finally, after much anticipation, AGS, Inc. Drafter, Sherricka Smith came out the winner.

Congratulations Sherricka!

In addition to knowing how to make a great pot of chili, we are proud to say Sherricka has been a skilled member of our drafting team for 4 years now. A couple recent AGS projects she has worked on are 250 Kisco BMW – 1” x 6” Sunshades (page 3) and OSO Apartments - Perforated Custom Aluminum Panels (pictured left).





AGS, Inc.
would like to wish everyone
good health & safety
in the weeks ahead.

SPOTLIGHT PROJECT

250 Kisco BMW - Mt. Kisco, NY

Custom Vertical Sunshades using aluminum rectangular tube infill blades.

The 250 Kisco BMW project gave AGS the opportunity to provide the customer an engaging upgrade to the existing building. These sunshades wrap around curved curtainwall, adding to the aesthetic of the entrance while providing greater control of light passing through. The four-sided, full height sunshades consist of equally spaced 1" x 6" rectangular tubes spanning horizontally between ¼" vertical outriggers. Aluminum brackets are mounted to a full steel support frame. Each sunshade is secured in place by a fastened connection between the outriggers and brackets. Paying close attention to the spacing of the tubes and brackets, we achieved a consistent and visually appealing sunshade for the building façade.

—Joe Molony
Project Manager
Architect: Sparc+



Recently AWARDED PROJECTS



Region 19 Education Service Center
El Paso, TX



Notre Dame School
De Pere, WI



**University of Alabama,
McCallum Basic Health Science Building**
Birmingham, AL



Stanford Public Safety Building
Stanford, CA



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We'd love to show off your photos
of recently completed jobs. Please
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Thank you!



AGS Solitary Survival Activities

With the COVID-19 quarantine underway, saying it has been a difficult time for all of us would be an understatement. Here are some ways AGS employees figured out they can beat the quarantine blues.

1. John Trainor & family repurposed a room in their house (turn a dining room into a family game room, home office, green house, etc.)
2. Home Improvements – John Schramm got the kids in on a project (put in a new floor, repaint a room, paint cabinets, update a bathroom)
3. Learn something new like Erin McGinty – Try the Great Courses app and learn just about everything about anything and its free for the next month!
4. Bob Flaws and his grandson recorded some new music together.
5. Have a family cookoff - contestants must use same 3 ingredients and whatever else is in the fridge and let the judging begin. Time your chefs to make it more exciting. -Grunert Family Tradition
6. Grab some poles and go fishing....Rich Smith and family.
7. Joe Molony and his crew started roller blading and biking the neighborhood together to cure their cabin fever.
8. Gerard Huguélets home team set up a soccer net in the yard and got some good competition going.
9. Sarah Bauer and her tribe built a bonfire in the backyard and unplugged for awhile... Tell stories, jokes, & make smores.
10. Eric Niemeyer enjoys long romantic walks with his wife and dogs.