



Employee Spotlight – Nick Parnello, Applications Engineer

This month we focus the spotlight on Nick Parnello, who joined R.R. Floody a year ago as one of their six application engineers.

Tell us a little about your background and life before coming to R.R. Floody

I was the vision/robotics specialist for a custom machine builder for 14 years, before coming to Floody. I had long been a customer of theirs and respected the knowledge and support that they provided.

What do you like best about working at RRF?

Well the people I work with are great. I also like the fact that we get involved in so many different applications that there is always something new to learn and it challenges you to think.

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

My 14 years of vision experience gives me a level of knowledge that has proven very valuable. Also having been involved in machine design I understand how to provide our customers a solution that not only solves their problem but also fits their needs. There are usually several approaches you can take to solve an issue, but the best solution takes into account the customers automation process including available space and support resources.

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

A positive attitude, hard work and perseverance go a long way.

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

I have 3 children from ages 11 to 14 years and have had the wonderful opportunity to coach them in basketball and soccer. I also enjoy fishing.

What is one thing your customers might not know about you?

I like to fly and I have had my private pilot's license for 17 years. My dad's a pilot and he took me flying since before I could walk. I was the only one in the family who would go with him when he did Aerobatics.

Have you done Aerobatics and how do you do it the first time?

I have done some aerobatics myself, although we have to rent a plane that is designed for it. You want to get 'really high up' so you have time to try the maneuver and recover. The most difficult is flying upside down, everything is backwards.

Thanks to Nick for sharing a little about himself and we look forward to spotlighting his co-workers in the month's to come.



Nick and his Dad on a Father's Day flight