



Nate Beachey -
Automation Engineer

Nate started at Horner, still in college but not in this millennium, in the testing department proving out the new HE693THM665 and its variants. Two weeks later, he rotated into Tech Support for a 2-week stint that turned into 4 years. During that time, the Horner OCS product line got its start and he graduated with a BS in EET from Purdue University. Years of Cscape and more product testing led to years of writing applications in Cscape for both internal and customer OCS projects with a penchant for user interface design. Nate also runs the in-house OCS training sessions... you know, when that was a thing. Nate also ran the in-house OCS Training sessions...when that was a thing...and will now be running our LIVE virtual OCS Training Sessions.

Nate is an Indiana boy from the start and lives in Indianapolis. As comfortable with a wrench as he is behind a PC and with electrical wiring, Nate is a "gearhead" with too many hobbies and not enough cars.



Tim Brant -
Technical Support Manager

Tim is a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale with a four year degree in Electronics Management.

He started his career in Illinois in 1992 maintaining automation equipment for an automotive lighting company and later re-started in Indianapolis maintaining PDP-8 computers (Yikes! Really?) in the mid-90's. Starting with Horner in 2000, Tim has gained experience with PLC programming, integration, industrial communications, and IIOT.

Tim is married with two college age boys (who are both out of the house!) and lives in Indianapolis, IN.



Tom Filipek -
Technical Development Manager

Tom has been in the automation industry for 30+ years. He spent 13 years in the consulting engineering world with water and wastewater projects all over the united states. He then moved on to distribution for 12 years, involved in tech support and management. He also spent 13 years as an independent sales representative for sensors, machine guard safety, wireless communications, distributed I/O, connectivity, controls, LED lighting, linear motion, power supplies and a few automation related products. Tom has been with Horner APG three times and has been involved with their OCS products since they were a concept many years ago.

Tom has been married for 38 years and has two children and four grandchildren. He lives in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota and spends a lot of time outdoors in his free time.



Casey Gardner -
Application & Sales Engineer

Casey has spent the last 6 years in the industrial automation industry gaining experience with various types of controls, manufacturers and applications of all shapes and sizes. He graduated from Purdue with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering Technology in 2015, and since then has enjoyed the exciting variety and challenge of working in the automation industry ever since.

Happily married since 2017, Casey and his wife are expecting a newborn son in April 2021. He couldn't be more thrilled to become a father and welcome the next chapter of his life.



Ken Jannotta Jr. -
R&D & Engineering Manager

Ken received his BS in Computer and Electrical Engineering from Purdue University. He also studied Psychology including visual perception. Ken has taught electrical and computer engineering at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis and worked with their factuality on curriculum development.

Ken has worked for Horner for 27 years in the engineering and product development fields. His first project at Horner was developing the control system and software that was used in the automation of the US postal service in the late 1990's. He was a principal engineer in growing this solution to become the OCS control system and Cscape programming software Horner uses today. When Horner started its solid-state lighting division in 2011, Ken lead the research and development. Products developed include award winning indoor and outdoor industrial lighting. Ken also spent significant time developing specialty inspection lighting. The automotive inspection system developed is used by most major automotive manufactures in North America and their suppliers.

Ken lives in the suburbs of Indianapolis with his wife and 2 children. He enjoys, hiking, photography and hands-on projects around the home.



Chuck Ridgeway -
Automation Technology Manager

Chuck has served a variety of roles in his 30+ years at Horner - but has always been an Applications Engineer at heart. Chuck graduated (a loooooong time ago!) from what is now Kettering University in Flint, MI with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Prior to joining Horner, Chuck worked in the Automotive industry as a Field Applications Engineer for several years in his home state of Michigan.

Chuck is married with two recent college graduate daughters (woohoo! they're done!) and lives in the Indianapolis, IN area.