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WAS CONTRACTED BY  
**AMES CONSTRUCTION** TO  
PROFILE GRIND THE SR 143  
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# QUARTERLY

THIS QUARTER THE PROFILER WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME SOME NEW FACES TO THE A-CORE FAMILY.



**Ryan Keith Rodgers** born on Feb 19th, 2012, 23" long and weighing a whopping 10 lbs. He is the son of **Cody & Ashley Rodgers** – Boise office.



**Jack Eric Hadzik** born January 14th, 2012 at 7:25pm. Weighing in at 8lbs 7oz. and 22" long. He is the son of **Eric & Lisa Hadzik** – Murray office.

*Congratulation to these new parents!*

GRIND

A-CORNER



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**YEARS WITH A-CORE** "Time goes by fast; people come in and go out of our lives so quickly so we should never pass the opportunity to tell these people how much they mean to us." We want to recognize the following people of A-Core for their committed years of service.

Brad Rodgers	5/1/1979	33	Ronald Flitton	4/5/2004	8
Murdock, Ed	6/3/1997	15	Creighton Hermes	5/20/2004	8
Smith, Rick	6/21/1999	13	Ryan Guenther	6/15/2004	8
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Jeff Stewart	4/30/2001	11	Ivan Bernuy	5/15/2006	6
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Bertoldo Vite	6/24/2002	10			

# [SAFETY FIRST]

DRIVING WHILE TALKING ON CELL PHONES

## **A**N INTERVIEW WITH MR. SAFETY, **GABE TRUJILLO.**

Gabe is the only person I know that can cut concrete with a white hat or shirt on and return home with both of them stark clean. Much of this is due to his particular close attention to detail which, in turn results in the utmost compliance to safety practices. In 2012, A-Core appointed Gabe Trujillo as the Manager of Health and Safety.



**Profiler:** What do you perform at A-Core?

**Gabe:** Newly appointed Manager of Health and Safety.

**Profiler:** How long have you performed the Manager of Health and Safety job?

**Gabe:** 5 months.

**Profiler:** What is your favorite part of your job?

**Gabe:** The challenge of learning every aspect of our industry and the fact that my past experiences and safety mind set can possibly help our operators stay safe on jobs

small problems become major breakdowns. Make sure that we not only do a pre-trip inspection on our trucks but a post trip inspection as well. That way you know of any problems a day in advanced and possibly still make it on time to your job the next morning.

**Profiler:** What do you like most about working at A-Core?

**Gabe:** The vision that started over 35 years ago is still going strong. I like the fact that no matter what is thrown our way we always

“The vision that started over 35 years ago is still going strong. I like the fact that no matter what is thrown our way we always learn to adapt and grow as a company. There are no limits when it comes to striving to be the best in our specialized industry.”

**Profiler:** Where are you from?

**Gabe:** Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Profiler:** How long have you been at A-Core?

**Gabe:** I started right out of high school in 1996, so about 15 years.

**Profiler:** What is your favorite color?

**Gabe:** Black and silver, go raiders. ha

**Profiler:** What is your favorite hobby?

**Gabe:** Golf and more golf.

**Profiler:** Tell us something unique about you?

**Gabe:** I am president of the thumb club. (Jk)

**Profiler:** What is your favorite food?

**Gabe:** Sushi and any other kind of seafood.

**Profiler:** What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

**Gabe:** Operator's safety. I feel that we as a company are behind where we should be in this growing safety conscious industry. However, I believe through a concentrated effort and individual commitment to our new policies, we will build and strengthen a safety mindset that will reflect our established reputation.

**Profiler:** Any tips for other to help make the shop/mechanics to run more effectively?

**Gabe:** DAILY EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS. Don't let the

learn to adapt and grow as a company. There are no limits when it comes to striving to be the best in our specialized industry. It is very comforting to know that there is job security here with such a great team.



# SOUTHWEST

UTAH, ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO

## Chris Praag



*Profiler recently had the chance to catch up with Chris Praag out of the Salt Lake City, Utah office. Concrete cutting runs deep in Chris' veins, his father, Tom, is one of A-Core's proficient go to mechanics. Chris shows a keen knowledge of the complexities dealing with concrete cutting. Day in and day out, he provides creative solutions to contractors needs. Chris is one of A-Core's young generational leaders.*

**Profiler:** Where are you from?

**Chris:** Utah

**Profiler:** How long have you been at A-Core?

**Chris:** 6 years

**Profiler:** What is your favorite color?

**Chris:** Blue

**Profiler:** What is your favorite hobby?

**Chris:** Gardening

**Profiler:** Tell us something unique about you?

**Chris:** I have three family members that have cut concrete.

**Profiler:** What is your favorite food?

**Chris:** Liver

**Profiler:** What is your job at A-Core?

**Chris:** I am a wall saw operator.

**Profiler:** How long have you done this job?

**Chris:** 16 years

**Profiler:** What is your favorite part of your job?

**Chris:** Hand sawing walls and the challenge that comes with it.

**Profiler:** What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

**Chris:** The endurance it takes.

**Profiler:** Any tips for others to help make the shop/mechanics run more effectively?

**Chris:** Everyone needs to work as a team with the same goal

**Profiler:** What do you like most about working at A-Core?

**Chris:** I like that it is more industrial that other places I have worked.

## Damian Rioux



*Profiler traveled to the sunshine of Arizona to catch up with Damian Rioux out of the Mesa, Arizona office. Having been with the Company for 4 ½ years, Damian is learning the dynamics of the industry and how to adapt to tight circumstances. His strong know-how of working with concrete cutting equipment allows him to constantly achieve excellent performance on every job. A-Core really appreciates his hard work and positive efforts to make A-Core of Arizona a better company.*

**Profiler:** Where are you from?

**Damian:** Phoenix, AZ

**Profiler:** How long have you been at A-Core?

**Damian:** 4½ Years

**Profiler:** What is your favorite color?

**Damian:** Blue

**Profiler:** What is your favorite hobby?

**Damian:** 4-wheelin', campin', and... knittin' (ha, ha)

**Profiler:** Tell us something unique about you?

**Damian:** That's a long list... but I'm kind of smart-alecky... and I have killer tan lines.

**Profiler:** What is your favorite food?

**Damian:** uhhhh, Yes?

**Profiler:** What is your job at A-Core?

**Damian:** Wall Saw, Core Drill, Flat Saw, a little of everything.

**Profiler:** How long have you done this job?

**Damian:** 4 years

**Profiler:** What is your favorite part of your job?

**Damian:** I like doing big projects...big chores, big openings, and deep sawing

**Profiler:** What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

**Damian:** Difficult customers

**Profiler:** Any tips for others to help make the shop/mechanics run more effectively?

**Damian:** Probably...?

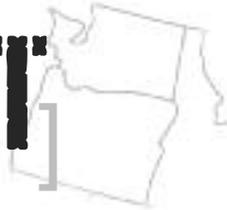
**Profiler:** What do you like most about working at A-Core?

**Damian:** I just like working here.



# NORTHWEST

NW IDAHO, WASHINGTON, OREGON



# NORTH

NE IDAHO, WYOMING, MONTANA



## Rocky Adams



*From the sun in Arizona to the cold in the northwest, the Profiler met Rocky Adams out of the Boise, Idaho office. Rocky clearly demonstrates a strong aptitude to solve many concrete cutting challenges. He is one of A-Core of Boise's selfless stars, who patiently strives for excellence in all he does.*

**Profiler:** Where are you from?

**Rocky:** Tacoma, Washington

**Profiler:** How long have you been at A-Core?

**Rocky:** 4 years

**Profiler:** What is your favorite color?

**Rocky:** Red

**Profiler:** What is your favorite hobby?

**Rocky:** Hunting & Fishing with my family

**Profiler:** Tell us something unique about you?

**Rocky:** I always put my family before me

**Profiler:** What is your favorite food?

**Rocky:** Spanish omelet

**Profiler:** What is your job at A-Core?

**Rocky:** I run a hydro combo truck, which includes every thing but wire sawing

**Profiler:** How long have you done this job?

**Rocky:** About 8 years

**Profiler:** What is your favorite part of your job?

**Rocky:** I enjoy the feeling of accomplishment after finishing a challenging job.

**Profiler:** What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

**Rocky:** The most challenging aspect is the paper work

**Profiler:** Any tips for others to help make the shop/mechanics run more effectively?

**Rocky:** Always ask questions and be willing to learn how to do a more efficient job

**Profiler:** What do you like most about working at A-Core?

**Rocky:** Working with all the different A-Core "characters"

## Bryan Hanson



*Traveling east, Profiler introduces Bryan Hanson of the Idaho Falls, Idaho office. Bryan is another one of A-Core's stellar employees. He is a seasoned service operator who will take on any task he is asked. Bryan's dynamic skill set and willingness to get things done, makes him a huge asset to the family of A-Core Companies. Nice to meet you Bryan.*

**Profiler:** Where are you from?

**Bryan:** Ririe, Idaho

**Profiler:** How long have you been at A-Core?

**Bryan:** Almost 6 Years

**Profiler:** What is your favorite color?

**Bryan:** Black

**Profiler:** What is your favorite hobby?

**Bryan:** Hunting

**Profiler:** Tell us something unique about you?

**Bryan:** I am extremely patient

**Profiler:** What is your favorite food?

**Bryan:** Pizza

**Profiler:** What is your job at A-Core?

**Bryan:** Service Operator aka everything

**Profiler:** How long have you done this job?

**Bryan:** Almost 6 years

**Profiler:** What is your favorite part of your job?

**Bryan:** Being in a different place every day and doing something different each day

**Profiler:** What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

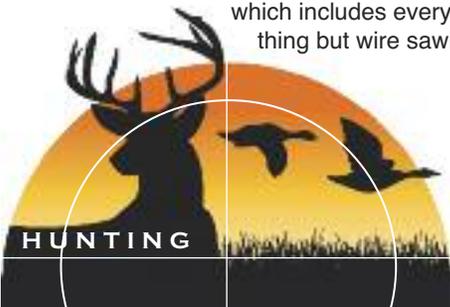
**Bryan:** Never knowing when I am getting off work

**Profiler:** Any tips for others to help make the shop/mechanics run more effectively?

**Bryan:** Clean up after yourself; don't leave a mess for someone else.

**Profiler:** What do you like most about working at A-Core?

**Bryan:** Not having someone looking over my shoulder all of the time.



# PROJECT

SR-143 OFF-RAMP - Phoenix, AZ

**Contractor:** Ames Construction  
**By:** Jarrod Williams

**A**-Core Concrete Cutting Inc. was contracted by Ames Construction to profile grind the SR 143 off-ramp to the Sky Harbor Airport. Due to the fact that Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) authorities had to close the entire ramp to and from the Sky Harbor Airport, this project was very time sensitive. The overall project scope consisted of profile grinding 4,000 square yards of 20-year old river rock on a highly traveled bridge deck. Since this aged road was in bad shape, grinding this material presented a challenge. The contractor, Ames Construction, anticipated A-Core crews to work on the project for 3 weekends. Authorities closed the bridge at 11:00 pm Saturday night planning to reopen it on Monday morning. However, due to the committed efforts and apt skill set of A-Core's grinding crew, the project was complete in a 14-hour window. ADOT was pleasantly surprised and extremely pleased with the outcome, allowing them to reopen the bridge for traffic Sunday morning.



**How'd we do it?** We did it with great people and innovative equipment. For the first time ever, A-Core deployed the PC 4500 grinder built by Diamond Products. This machine increased production significantly, resulting in A-Core crews to get in and get out. Lance Jensen, a seasoned A-Core grinding operator ran this behemoth. Accompanying him was Tyson Porter, who operated the smaller PC 150 grinder. These two had a strong supporting cast consisting of 4 water tankers that collectively hauled approximately 45,000 gallons of slurry to an environmentally sound off-site location. Together, the A-Core grinding and grooving division accomplished the unexpected; leaving the contractor (customer) and project owner more than pleased.



# ADMIN BITS

WOODROW LANE



Just a few years ago, the yard adjacent to the offices on 5360 S. Riley Lane were home to the famous A-Core horse, known as Lady. At this time, the land was full of lush grass as a pasture for the horse to roam. Years later with the passing of our beautiful Lady and growth of A-Core, the company decided to keep up its' vast fleet it needed more than just the notorious "blue building".

Through much deliberation and debate as to what should occupy this once green pasture and empty land, A-Core ownership decided it would be best to build an asset that would serve A-Core for the years to come. They decided to build a fully equipped state-of-the-art building. This building would include everything A-Core would need to build, fix, and maintain its equipment. Bringing everything under one roof would create jobs and efficiencies in A-Core's operational model.

Commissioned in the beginning of 2011 and completed nearly 8 months later, A-Core now offers a full-service mechanic and supply division, as well as a complete metal fabrication arm, with capabilities to meet all of A-Core's needs. Within this 15,850 square foot building, is storage for one of the largest core drill bit inventories in the country. In addition, to the west is a truck wash basin to help keep A-Core's fleet clean. The yard is now fenced in with a fully automated access system, and under video surveillance 24 hours a day for 7 days a week.

A-Core prides itself on providing each employee with the proper tools to succeed. We feel that this new building is one of the ways in which we can ensure that every piece of equipment we operate and truck we drive is fixed timely and meets A-Core's high standards of excellence. The new A-building will provide all of A-Core's family

of companies the resources needed to operate efficiently. It stands not only as an operational facility, but also as a demonstration of the hard work and dedication from each and every one of A-Core's employees. This new addition expresses our drive to build and operate the most specialized and respected concrete cutting and demolition company in the nation.

Thank you to everyone who had a hand in building this structure. We also want to express our sincere thanks to all the A-Core employees who went beyond their call of duty in order to make the transition possible. We anticipate having a grand-opening sometime this spring or summer.



# LOOKING AHEAD

Summer is making way, tulips are in bloom, divisions are gearing up, saws are spinning, and A-Core employees are running around... therefore, the Profiler would like to inform all its' readers of the exciting opportunities coming your way! This is a fun season for the Company, its employees, and its partners. In an effort to accomplish our mission of developing a workplace culture that helps employees, customers, and communities to reach their highest potential; A-Core actively participates in community organized events.



This year, team members will compete in races, marathons, basketball, and join together to participate in various other events throughout the communities we serve. We encourage all employees along with family and friends to participate in this summer fun!

The highly anticipated company summer party is quickly approaching. This will be A-Core's 12th Annual Summer Party held at Lagoon Theme Park in Salt Lake City, Utah. ~~✍~~ Mark your calendars for June 24th. Lunch runs from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM with the famed raffle beginning at 1:00 PM. There will be some new and exciting prizes; you won't want to miss out.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!!!

The following is a list of some of the events planned throughout the summer:



**May 18th**  
AGC of Idaho Golf  
Tournament



**June 1st**  
AGC of Utah Golf  
Tournament



**June 2nd**  
The Dirty Dash



**June 24th**  
A-Core  
Lagoon Party

Many thanks go out to all who contribute to the *Profiler*. It is our hope that this quarterly publication will inform and unite all A-Core partners and across the country. There will be much more to look forward to in upcoming issues. Stay tuned to the *Profiler* to see if you or your division gets featured. Also watch for more awesome project overviews.



A-Core offers vast flexible concrete cutting, diamond wire sawing, and demolition solutions, which provides outstanding value to owners and contractors no matter what industry or region. This is accomplished by constantly providing exceptional expertise, technical knowledge, and tailoring our

services to any type of project. A-Core strives to prove and protect every day, on every job the solidified reputation it has earned in the United States. A-Core continues to embrace and invest in emerging technologies that add value to our clients' projects. Although we possess the resources and

capabilities to take on any size contract, we remain deeply rooted in our commitment that there is no job too complex or too simple for our personalized attention. It is our closely held value that every project deserves our utmost attention to detail and commitment to customer satisfaction.



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