The Coolest Thing We Ever Made: Phil Hornberger's Story



As we continue exploring the question, *"What's the coolest thing we've ever made at MGS?"*, each new perspective reinforces just how wide-ranging—and impactful—our work has been over the years.

This month's story comes from **Phil Hornberger**, our retired Vice President of Sales, who offers a unique viewpoint shaped by years of working directly with customers and helping turn their needs into reality.

The Project

Phil's pick takes us back to the **1990s**, with a project that combined engineering, coordination, and real-world urgency:

The Philadelphia International Airport Triage Trailers.

These trailers were designed as rapid-response units, always connected to a truck and ready to deploy immediately in the event of an emergency at the airport. While on standby, they were connected to shore power, and once dispatched, an onboard generator would automatically start—ensuring uninterrupted operation.



Equipped with **refrigeration units for blood, plasma, and critical medical supplies**, along with tools and equipment for emergency response, these trailers played a vital role in preparing for high-stakes situations where every second counts.

Phil's Role

Phil led the **sales effort** and served as a key coordinator throughout the project, working closely with the customer, facilitating project meetings, and managing the interface between MGS and Wells Cargo.

This was not a simple, quick-turn project. With Philadelphia International Airport owned by the City of Philadelphia, the effort involved **multiple stakeholders**, each bringing different requirements and expectations. It took roughly **12 months of coordination and planning** to align customer input, design outputs, and manufacturing plans before the project could even be launched.

Why It Stood Out

- It solved a **critical and unique problem**
- It required **creative engineering solutions**
- It pushed MGS to operate at a **higher level than before**
- It was **complex, challenging, and highly visible**
- And most importantly—it had a **significant real-world impact**

For Phil, this project checked every box:

This wasn't just about building a product—it was about creating a system that could support emergency response at a major international airport.

Lessons Learned

Reflecting on the experience, Phil emphasized a powerful takeaway:

We were capable of more than we thought.

The complexity of the project pushed the team beyond its comfort zone—but in doing so, revealed capabilities that may not have been fully recognized beforehand. It's a theme that continues to show up in these stories.

Moments Worth Remembering

Like many great projects, this one came with memorable moments that extend beyond engineering and execution.

Phil recalled that the opportunity itself began in an unexpected place—**a conversation at the MGS booth at Maple Grove Raceway**. A reminder that opportunity can come from anywhere, and that being ready matters.

And in a lighter moment at the end of the project, the customer team had one lingering question:

They couldn't quite figure out the **PA Dutch accent of our receptionist, Ruth.**

It's a small detail—but one that reflects the human side of what we do and the impressions we leave along the way.

Why This Story Matters

Phil's story underscores that the "coolest" things we've made aren't defined only by size or complexity—but by **impact, collaboration, and readiness to step up when needed**.

From a racetrack conversation to a fully realized emergency response system, this project represents what MGS does best:

- Listening
- Adapting
- Coordinating
- And delivering when it matters most

As this series continues, one thing is becoming clear:

The coolest things we've made didn't just happen—they were built through teamwork, trust, and a willingness to take on challenges others might avoid.

More stories to come.

Andy

OEM Division

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our production team, OEM is experiencing a strong increase in customer orders for the second quarter of 2026. While we consistently receive orders each week, it's especially exciting when weekly totals exceed $750,000—an encouraging sign of growing customer demand.

These new orders are actively moving through our processes and are currently scheduled for shipment from late June through July. Because of the team's continued focus on efficiency and expediting, we're also seeing a noticeable reduction in lead times.

This commitment to performance is not only strengthening our operations but also building customer confidence—making MGS an even more attractive partner for their product needs.

We'd like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone for your continued hard work and dedication—your efforts are what make this success possible.

By, Clay Golden – OEM Division Manager

DMS Division

May has been an interesting month, with production beginning on warehouse trailers for the DLA and some promising new business opportunities involving portable tent systems for use in the Andes Mountains of Peru. We are partnering with our customers at ACT and Milton Cat to provide a stand-alone ECU system that will not only control the climate but also power the tents. This is a very unique project that is turning some of our longtime customers into vendors. The climate range for this system is -4°F to 122°F. We are hopeful this project gains momentum and brings a new customer to the DMS portfolio.

By, Cory McQuate – DMS Division Manager

UFS Division

By the time you receive this newsletter, MGS will most likely be on our way home from our 17th UFMC Show in Williamsburg, VA. We will be exhibiting our first gas/water product at the show and pairing our offering with a White's Welding 500 CFM gas-powered vacuum excavator. Kevin Antol and Kevin Cummins will no doubt be busy during the show portion of the event, while I will have yet another opportunity to deliver a three-minute presentation to all the managers about our new offering. Wish us luck!

By, Cory McQuate – UFS Division Manager

2026 Holiday Schedule

HAPPY Fourth OF JULY!

Independence Day -- Saturday, July 4, 2026

Since the holiday falls on a Saturday, it will be observed on Friday.

**(3rd and Weekend Shift to follow schedule below.)*

★ MGS will be closed Friday, July 3, 2026.

★ MGS will reopen Monday, July 6, 2026.

2026	Holiday	Date of Holiday Observed	1st Shift Observed	1st & 3rd Shift 4-10 Observed	Weekend Shift Observed
	New Year's	January 1, 2026 (Thursday)	January 1, 2026 (Thursday)	January 1, 2026 (Thursday)	NA
	Good Friday	April 3, 2026 (Friday)	April 3, 2026 (Friday)	April 2, 2026 (Thursday)	April 4-5, 2026 (24hrs.)
	Memorial Day	May 25, 2026 (Monday)	May 25, 2026 (Monday)	May 25, 2026 (Monday)	NA
	Independence Day	July 4, 2026 (Saturday)	July 3, 2026 (Friday)	July 2, 2026 (Thursday)	July 4, 2026 (Saturday 12hrs.)
	Labor Day	September 7, 2026 (Monday)	September 7, 2026 (Monday)	September 7, 2026 (Monday)	NA
	Thanksgiving Day	November 26, 2026 (Thursday)	November 26, 2026 (Thursday)	November 26, 2026 (Thursday)	NA
	Christmas	December 25, 2026 (Friday)	December 25, 2026 (Friday)	December 24, 2026 (Thursday)	Dec 25-26, 2026 (Friday 12 hours Saturday 8 hours)

Planning additional time off??

Time Off requests must be submitted in Paylocity by

★ Friday, June 19, 2026 ★

Celebrating OUR TEAM!

★ HAPPY WORK ANNIVERSARIES! ★

Thank you for your dedication, hard work, and commitment to our team. We appreciate all that you do!

- ★ John D'Amore ..... 19 YEARS
- ★ Sherrie Anderson ..... 11 YEARS
- ★ Nathan Monderewicz ..... 6 YEARS
- ★ Dennis Hitz ..... 1 YEAR
- ★ Scott Stricker ..... 13 YEARS
- ★ Krista Clark ..... 9 YEARS
- ★ Wes Upton ..... 5 YEARS

★ *Thank You!* ★

Your contributions help build our success every day.

Celebrating JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

3RD	Paul Gould
5TH	Brandon Schweitzer
5TH	Brian Meck
10TH	Cynthia Lara Munoz
10TH	Barry Beck
16TH	Noah Young
27TH	Jeff Grumbling

Happy Birthday!

We hope your day is filled with joy and the year ahead brings you success!

June

EVENTS TO CELEBRATE

HONORING HISTORY. CELEBRATING COMMUNITY.

★ WORLD WAR 2 ★ WEEKEND

JUNE 5 – 7, 2026

MID-ATLANTIC AIR MUSEUM
READING, PA



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY	JUNE 5
TRAILER SAFETY WEEK	JUNE 7 – 13, 2026
FLAG DAY	JUNE 14
JUNETEENTH	JUNE 19
FATHER'S DAY	JUNE 21
FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	JUNE 21
STRAWBERRY MOON	JUNE 29

Make the most of June! ♡

MGS 2026

Summer Fitness Challenge

AMERICA 250

May 25th – August 2nd

Want to join the Challenge?

Contact :

Mike Zappone at mzappone@mgsmail.com

or

Evan Wallick at ewallick@mgsmail.com

For 2026, the MGS WELLNESS COMMITTEE has created the Summer Challenge to help make physical activity part of your daily routine this summer.

WHAT: You can do whatever "exercise" you prefer: walking, running, biking, swimming, playing pickleball, weightlifting, etc.

WHEN: You can do your "exercise" whenever it suites your schedule.

EXTRA CREDIT: Visit a state, local, or national park, Complete USA themed trivia questions and riddles, Take a picture celebrating Memorial Day Weekend and 4th of July, or Complete a 5k, Fun Run or Bike Tour.

At the end of the Challenge, we will hold a drawing for 1, 2 & 3 bonus vacation days. The more Extra Credit you complete, the higher your chances of winning!

1 Ticket in Vacation Drawing	2 Tickets in Vacation Drawing	3 Tickets in Vacation Drawing	4 Tickets in Vacation Drawing
Complete 1800 Minutes	Complete 1800 Minutes and 4 extra credit opportunities	Complete 1800 Minutes and 8 extra credit opportunities	Complete 1800 Minutes and all 10 extra credit opportunities



Why June Matters for Workplace Safety

June marks the beginning of summer in many parts of the Northern Hemisphere, and with that comes new challenges: higher temperatures, increased outdoor work, vacation staffing gaps, and changes in operational pace. All of these factors can contribute to safety risks if not proactively managed.

Heat Stress and Hydration

As temperatures climb, heat-related illnesses like heat exhaustion and heat stroke become more common. This makes **heat stress prevention** a top priority in June.

First Aid and Emergency Response Readiness

With CPR and AED Awareness Week falling in early June, it's an ideal time to revisit emergency response protocols and refresh employees on life-saving techniques.

Equipment and Machinery Safety

Summer often brings increased production demands. Reinforce preventive maintenance and inspection of machinery and tools to ensure safe operation. Encourage employees to report any equipment malfunctions immediately and provide refresher training on proper machine handling, lockout/tagout procedures, and PPE usage

Fall Prevention and Ladder Safety

Falls remain a leading cause of workplace injuries. Review ladder safety protocols, ensure proper use of harnesses, and conduct inspections of elevated work areas.

Safe Driving and Material Handling

For manufacturing facilities with delivery or transport operations, reinforce safe driving practices, proper load handling, and awareness of roadway hazards. Summer travel increases the risk of vehicle-related incidents, making this a critical focus.

Slips, Trips, and Falls

These are among the most common workplace injuries. Preventive strategies include keeping walkways clear, using proper equipment, cleaning spills promptly, maintaining handrails, and ensuring ergonomic workstation setups

401(k) PLAN INFORMATION SESSIONS

Start Planning for Your Future Today!

If you were hired between Oct and Dec 2025, you are eligible to begin participating in the MGS 401(k) plan on July 1, 2026

You will receive a letter from Human Resources inviting you to a meeting to learn how the plan works, how to enroll, and how to start saving.

Already eligible but, not enrolled? You are welcome to attend.

MEETING DETAILS

June 18, 2026

10:00 AM – Training Conference Room

5:30 PM – Barn Conference Room

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Log in to your John Hancock account and review/update your beneficiary information.

Keeping this information current ensures your benefits are distributed according to your wishe

📨■ Please contact HR if you would like to attend.

Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your future!

Retirement Readiness Session – Interest Survey (Ages 60+)

Are you starting to think about retirement?
We're exploring the opportunity to offer an **onsite Retirement Readiness session** designed specifically for employees approaching retirement.

This session would be customized to your questions and interests—covering topics like Social Security, Medicare, retirement income, and more
so, you can feel confident and prepared for the next stage.

To help us determine interest and plan a session that best meets your needs, a brief survey will be sent to those employees who are 60 yrs and older through **Paylocity.**
👉 Please take a few minutes to complete the survey by **June 10, 2026**.

If you prefer, you're also welcome to reach out directly to HR to express your interest.
Your feedback is important and will help us decide next steps.
Thank you for taking the time to participate!

SP95 Wash Booth Replacement

After more than 20 years of service, the original SP95 wash booth on Paint Line 1 had reached the end of its life. Instead of outsourcing the replacement, our team designed and built the new booth in-house—showcasing strong planning, craftsmanship, and collaboration across multiple groups.

The project brought together internal expertise in design, fabrication, welding, assembly, and corrosion prevention. The result was a durable new booth built with galvanized structural components and stainless steel cladding—and delivered at a final cost 72% lower than the outside vendor quote

To minimize downtime, major sections were pre-built before the April 2026 shutdown window. Demolition began on April 13, installation was completed by April 25, and the Weekend Shift washed its first job through the new booth on April 26—an impressive turnaround made possible by careful preparation and teamwork.

Spotlight at a Glance

- Built in-house
- 72% below outside quote
- Improved corrosion resistance
- Fast shutdown installation
- First job washed on April 26, 2026

People Involved:

Design — Brandon Sheaffer (Booth Design); Dennis Weitzel (Design, Materials and Build Planning); Jeff Grumbling (Design, Materials and Build Planning).

Project Planning — Matt Sweigart (Project Management); Chris Steinman (Design Team Selection and Technical Advisor); Jon Mummert (Developmental Planning and Technical Advisor); Paul Gould (Materials and Scheduling Technical Advisor); Brian Meck (Developmental Planning and Technical Advisor); Blair Wartzenluft (Developmental Planning); Mick Lorah (Developmental Planning); Jordan Baldrige (Developmental Planning).

Demo, Build and Install — Nick Luettgen (Build Foreman and Supervisor); Brian Meck and Blair Wartzenluft (Maintenance Builders); Brandon Brown (Production Specialist); Dylan Binkley (Assembly); Cameron Battito (Assembly); Jordan Kline (Assembly); Joe Mastle (Paint); Mark Ulysse (Wash Bay).

This project showcased the strength of cross-functional teamwork—from design and planning to demolition, fabrication, and installation. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this effort such a success. It is another strong reminder that we can accomplish remarkable things together.

Completed SP95 wash booth



Upgraded structure and installation details.



Final result of the in-house project



SWEET & SIMPLE STRAWBERRY RECIPES

FRESH, FLAVORFUL & PERFECT FOR ANY OCCASION!



Easy Fresh Strawberry Mousse

INGREDIENTS

- 12½ ounces strawberries (3/4 pound)
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup cream whole, heavy or whipping cream (with at least 30% fat content) (cold)
- extra strawberries for topping

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Clean and slice the strawberries, In a blender or food processor add the sliced strawberries and the sugar and puree. Remove ½ a cup of puree and set aside.
2. In a cold bowl add the cream and beat until stiff peaks form. Then fold in the remaining puree (not the ½ cup) gently.
3. Divide the ½ cup of puree between the 4 small/medium** glasses and top with the strawberry mousse. Refrigerate for approximately 1 hour or even over night if desired. Top with fresh sliced strawberries and serve. Enjoy.

** for size purposes, the glasses I used hold 1 cup of water.

NOTES

For anyone wanting to use this as a filling (eg pie or cake), this might help, whip the cream until thickened and stir in the puree, then in a small pot add 2 tablespoons of milk and sprinkle 1 tablespoon of gelatine on top, let stand one minute, then place the pot on low heat and heat just until the gelatine has dissolved, stirring often (1-2 minutes), do not boil, then immediately remove from heat. Add 1 -2 tablespoons of the whipped cream mixture to the gelatine mixture and stir gently to combine, fold the gelatine into the remaining whipped cream mixture.



Fresh Strawberry Cake

INGREDIENTS

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour, spooned into measuring cup and leveled-off
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened, plus more for greasing the pan
- 1 cup + 2 tablespoons sugar, divided
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup milk (low-fat is fine)
- About ¾ lb strawberries, hulled and halved

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C) and butter a 9-in (23-cm) deep dish pie pan (or 9-in/23-cm round cake pan).
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside.
3. In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat the butter and 1 cup of the sugar until pale and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the egg and vanilla and beat on low speed until well combined. Gradually add the flour mixture, alternating with the milk, and beat on low speed until smooth. (Note: the batter will be thick.)
4. Transfer the batter to the prepared pan and smooth with a spatula. Arrange the strawberries on top, cut side down, so they completely cover the batter, using more or less as needed. Sprinkle the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar over the strawberries.
5. Bake for ten minutes, then reduce the heat to 325°F (165°C) and bake until the cake is lightly golden and a tester comes out clean, about an hour. Let the cake cool in the pan on a rack. Serve with sweetened whipped cream or vanilla ice cream, if desired.

NOTES

The cake can be stored at room temperature for several days, loosely covered.

FREEZING INSTRUCTIONS:
The cake can be frozen for up to 3 months. After it is completely cooled, cover it tightly with aluminum foil or freezer wrap. Thaw overnight on the countertop before serving.

Employee Referral Program

We are always looking for top quality talent like YOU to join our team. If you know someone who would be a great fit, refer them and get rewarded! If we hire a quality candidate from your referral you earn **$1000.** Here is a terrific way to do it using social media. Here is an example…

When you follow MGS on Facebook, LinkedIn, or other social applications you may share our job opportunity ads and let others know you enjoy working at MGS and encourage them to apply! For more details contact Human Resource.





Current Job Opportunities at MGS

PENNSYLVANIA			
PAINT	Painter	3rd	1
	Painter	Weekend	2
	Coatings Manager	1st	1
P&S	Press & Shear Operator	3rd	1
Weld	Welder	1st	2
Sales	OEM Account Manager	1st	1
Operations	HR Recruitment & Employee Relations	1st	1
	Maintenance Mechanic	1st	1
COLORADO			

Please contact Human Resources if you are interested in a position.
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WELCOME TO THE TEAM

MAY 2026 NEW HIRES

We are excited to welcome the following team members to MGS. Please join us in making them feel at home as they begin their careers with us.

COLORADO

STEVE GINGER

Trailer Sales & Truck Fitting – Outside Sales

PENNSYLVANIA

JUAN PALMORE	ROB MILEY	CODY MILLER
WASHBAY	GROUNDSKEEPER	WELDER

Please Join Us in Welcoming

STEVE GINGER | JUAN PALMORE | ROB MILEY | CODY MILLER

Welcome Aboard!

MGS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT HIGHLIGHT

Employee Assistance Program – M&S EAP

Frequently Asked Questions

When should I use my EAP?

Anytime! If you or your family is experiencing a difficult time in areas of stress, anxiety, depression, family-related issues, substance abuse, or any other problem area, we are available 24/7. We can assist with any issue that may be taking your focus off of your everyday routine. We can also provide community resources for a variety of issues.

Is my family covered?

Yes. Any household members are welcome to use the program, even if you, as the covered employee, do not. Household members may contact us directly. They will only need to identify their relationship to you and who you work for.

Is the EAP confidential?

The EAP benefit is completely confidential. Mazzitti & Sullivan EAP strictly adheres to confidentiality statutes as required by both state and federal laws. Information is not released to anyone without your consent in writing. There are four exceptions that will force the breach of confidentiality:

- If someone is threatening to harm themselves
- If someone is threatening to harm someone else
- If there is a court order
- If there is reported child abuse

How much does it cost?

There is no cost to you to use our services. The benefit is paid for and provided by your employer. If you need to continue with additional services outside of the covered EAP sessions, you may continue with the same counselor and utilize your health insurance benefit.

When Can the EAP Help?

Mazzitti & Sullivan EAP is here to help you through many difficult situations, including but not limited to:



How do I use my EAP?

Contact us at **1-800-543-5080** or visit **www.mseap.com**. You can contact us any time with questions or concerns, to access resources, or get started with services.

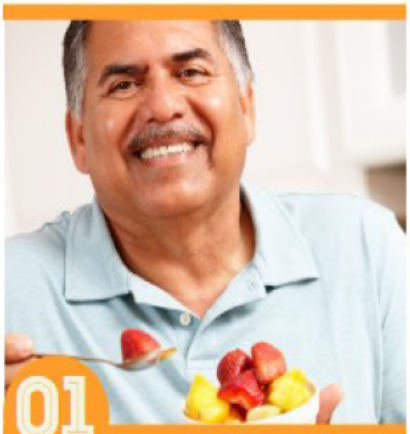
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HEALTH & WELLNESS

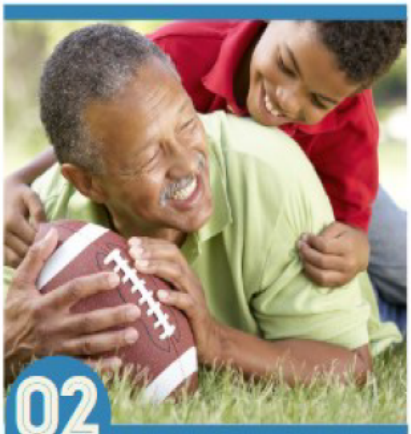
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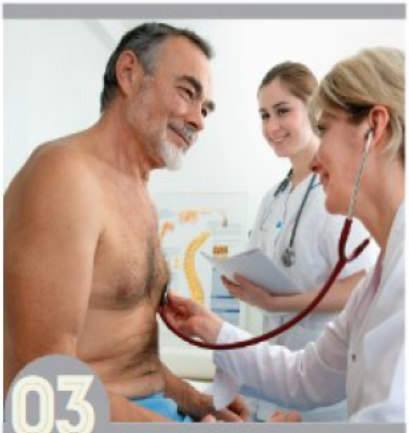
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Eat Healthy. Start by taking small steps like saying no to super-sizing and yes to a healthy breakfast. Eat many different types of foods to get all the vitamins and minerals you need. Add at least one fruit and vegetable to every meal.



02

Get Moving. Play with your kids or grandkids. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Do yard work. Play a sport. Keep comfortable walking shoes handy at work and in the car. Most importantly, choose activities that you enjoy to stay motivated.



03

Make Prevention a Priority. Many health conditions can be prevented or detected early with regular checkups from your healthcare provider. Regular screenings may include blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, prostate health and more.

100%

Women are 100% more likely than men to visit the doctor for annual exams and preventive services.

1 IN 2

1 in 2 men are diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime compared to 1 in 3 women.

1994

On May 31, 1994 President Clinton signed the bill establishing National Men's Health Week.

"Recognizing and preventing men's health problems is not just a man's issue. Because of its impact on wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters, men's health is truly a family issue."
Congressman Bill Richardson (May 1994)

In 2000 there were fewer than 80 men for every 100 women by the time they reach age 65 – 74. **80**

ONLINE RESOURCES

Men's Health Month
menshealthmonth.org

Men's Health Network
menshealthnetwork.org

Get It Checked
getitchecked.com

Talking About Men's Health Blog
talkingaboutmentshealth.com

Women Against Prostate Cancer
womenagainstprostatecancer.org

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