

THE FLOW

Upcoming Events

July 13th
Scholarship Night
Guest Speaker: Greg Voss
Seamark Ranch
Aloft Hotel
4812 Deer Lake Drive
6:00 pm

July 20th to 22nd
NUCA of Florida Conference
Sarasota Ritz Carlton

August 19th
Fishing Tournament
Registration & Sponsorship
Info
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow NUCA members,

Happy 4th of July to everyone. We are definitely into the heat of summer and temperatures are on the climb. I wish everyone a safe and memorable holiday with your friends and family, I am sure everyone could use a few days break from the 1st half of this year. Thank you to all our continuous sponsors, members and contributors that make our organization the greatest in the industry.

June was busy!! This past month has been all about Trench Safety, as we held our annual trench safety standdown kickoff meeting with several members and partners in attendance. There was great information shared from OSHA, Jacksonville Fire & Rescue, United Rentals, 811 and others. Thank you to everyone that attended and be sure to provide & share any photos where your company supported this mission with internal events of your own.

Other events were also held this past month including our Next Man Up class for "Blueprint- Reading", held at one of our long-time members (A.J. Johns Inc.) training facility. The class was very informative, good participation and a big thank you to Chad Cockrell and Marty Adams for leading our young men and women into the future.

Coming up this month of July is no different than last. We have our College Scholarship Night on July 13th at the Aloft Hotel. As well on the state level, NUCA of Florida is holding their annual state conference in Sarasota between July 20th-22nd. There will be plenty of vendors and colleagues to showcase their services and ample opportunities to increase your network. Several of our member companies from our local chapter will be represented and hope to see everyone there.

As always, help us in growing this construction community. Get involved and "Make NUCA Yours", as our NUCA National chairman, Tom Butler, explains in his most recent newsletter. There are so many dividends that come from being involved in NUCA. As with anything in life, fruit is only achieved from the labor you are willing to put in. The more our members get involved, the better our industry becomes, and your company's prosperity can be endless. The comradery with other members, networking at our events or just a simple phone call for advice is just a few of the countless ways you can make your membership pay you back. Get involved TODAY!

Unit next month, stay safe and stay HYDRATED!

Tim

2023 NUCA of North Florida

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 13th

Board of Director's Meeting
Scholarship Night
Aloft Tapestry Park

July 20th-22nd

NUCA of Florida
Conference
Ritz Carleton, Sarasota

August 8th

Executive Committee Meeting

August 17th

State of Union for
Utility Work
St. Johns Golf & Country Club
6:00 pm

August 19th

Annual Fishing Tournament
NEFMA
St. Augustine

The Law and Your Business

The Law and Your Business – A limitation of Clean Water Act

Tony Zebouni, Lindell, Farson & Zebouni, P.A.

A very significant decision related to development was rendered by the United States Supreme Court. The facts of the case are as follows: Sacketts purchased property near Priest Lake, Idaho, and began backfilling the lot with dirt to prepare for building a home. The Environmental Protection Agency informed the Sacketts that their property contained wetlands and that their backfilling violated the Clean Water Act, which prohibits discharging pollutants into “the waters of the United States.” 33 U. S. C. §1362(7). The EPA ordered Sacketts to restore the site, threatening penalties of over \$40,000 per day. The EPA classified the wetlands on the Sacketts’ lot as “waters of the United States” because they were near a ditch that fed into a creek, which fed into Priest Lake, a navigable, intrastate lake. The Sacketts sued, alleging that their property was not “waters of the United States.” The District Court entered summary judgment for the EPA. The Ninth Circuit affirmed, holding that the Clean Water Act (CWA) covers wetlands with an ecologically significant nexus to traditional navigable waters and that the Sacketts’ wetlands satisfy that standard.

The Supreme Court, however, ruled that the CWA’s use of “waters” in §1362(7) refers only to “geographic[al] features that are described in ordinary parlance as ‘streams, oceans, rivers, and lakes’ ” and to adjacent wetlands that are “indistinguishable” from those bodies of water due to a continuous surface connection to assert jurisdiction over an adjacent wetland under the CWA, a party must establish “first, that the adjacent [body of water constitutes] . . . ‘water[s] of the United States’ (i.e., a relatively permanent body of water connected to traditional interstate navigable waters); and second, that the wetland has a continuous surface connection with that water, making it difficult to determine where the ‘water’ ends and the ‘wetland’ begins.”

This decision has been applauded by developers and landowners and decried by environmental protection entities. There is no current legislation proposed to circumvent the determination made by the Supreme Court.

TRENCH SAFETY STAND DOWN KICK-OFF HIGHLIGHTS

We had a full house for our Trench Safety Stand Down Kick-off event at the Northeast Florida Safety Council. United Rentals Trench Safety, Sunstate Trench Safety, OSHA and Sunshine 811 had tables set-up and provided materials and give-away items for companies to use during their own Trench Safety Stand Down presentations.

The meeting started out with a welcome by NUCA of North Florida President Tim Gaddis. OSHA Assistant Area Director Jeff Lincoln did a presentation of trench safety as well as discussing resources available thru OSHA. Both United Rentals Trench Safety and Sunstate Trench Safety discussed that they would be available to come out and do site visits during the week and make presentations and provide materials. This was followed by a presentation by JFRD Trench Rescue on how they will handle a trench rescue. We also discussed partnering with JFRD to do some on-site Trench Rescue training for their department.



Displays by Sunshine 811, United Rentals Trench Safety & OSHA



Trench Rescue division of Jacksonville Fire Rescue



Sunstate Trench Safety display

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL NEXT MAN UP CLASS HELD

In June, we held a next man up class on plan reading. The class covered basic civil plan reading from the cover sheet to the details, how to identify what is existing and what is proposed, how find the scale on the plans and how to check to see if the scale is correct, how to read stationing and figure the distance between existing and proposed elevations and how to figure elevation cuts both above and below sea level. Students were also taught how review the detail pages in the plans and how to figure the percentage of slope in a line between manholes. They were also taught how to read precast structure shop drawings.

Thank you to Marty Adams, TB Landmark, Chad Cockrell, A.J. Johns, Inc., and Rick Parker, Rinker Materials for teaching the class and A.J. Johns Inc. for the use of their training room.

Plans are in the works for a Materials Testing Class later on in the year.





Permitting Reforms Included In Debt Ceiling Bill

The debt ceiling bill (Fiscal Responsibility Act, HR 3746) signed into law by President Biden on June 3 also included revisions to federal project permit rules and protected IJA funding from any cuts. For our industry, the [changes to federal permitting regulations](#) are welcome, but they will need to go further. The bill also moved forward the Mountain Valley Pipeline between West Virginia and Virginia, which had been a top priority of Senate Energy Committee Chairman Joe Manchin (D-WV). Two Senate bills introduced last month by Republican Senators (RESTART Act and the SPUR Act) provide clear timelines on permits, and Manchin's own bill, "Building American Energy Security Act," also promises to provide reforms for important project permitting requirements.

U.S. Supreme Court's *Sackett v. EPA* Ruling Applauded by NUCA

The U.S. Supreme Court on May 25 issued its long-awaited ruling on [Sackett v Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#), removing many of the arbitrary and over broad classifications used in federal wetlands regulations that unnecessarily delay construction projects. NUCA's CEO Doug Carlson [applauded](#) the high court for carefully defining the Clean Water Act and narrowing the reach of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) definitions for wetlands. For too long, construction projects have faced unpredictable deadlines because of uncertainty over broad definitions of wetlands subject to federal regulation. This unnecessary confusion has delayed rebuilding the nation's crumbling infrastructure, increased taxpayer costs, and negatively affected too many Americans and other essential utility infrastructure.

Washington Summit: Making The Difference

NUCA's annual Washington Summit once again delivered real results for our association and our industry. Our 110 attendees discussed our several issues in a record-setting 106 meetings with House and Senate lawmakers and staffers. A top highlight of this year's Summit was presenting House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Chairman with the 2022 "We Dig America" award, our association's top award for making a significant national contribution to the industry. Those our attendees met with in Congress were very open to the association's legislative goals, and we expect this year's Summit to deliver dividends into the session ahead.

2023 NUCA Convention & Exhibits, October 26-28: Registration Open

2023 is the year to "Make NUCA Yours!" Pencil in on your calendar the 2023 NUCA Annual Convention & Exhibits, our very popular annual member get-together. This year, the Convention will be held October 26-28 in Naples, Florida, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. (The hotel liked our members so much in 2021 they wanted us to come back!) Our preliminary program is available and includes our relaxed favorites and new events. Our keynote speaker, kindly sponsored by NUCA National Partner Core & Main, is the charismatic [Randy Fox](#), former NCAA official and corporate leader.

We want you to see you in sunny Florida this fall! (We also want to see you and your guest in Palm Springs, California, for the 2024 NUCA Annual Convention & Exhibits, March 20-23, 2024.) Registration for the 2023 Convention is now open at www.nucadigs.com.

NUCA's Newest Membership Benefit: NUCA Choice

NUCA is proud to unveil this month our newest member benefit, NUCA Choice. FCCI Insurance Group and NUCA announced on June 1 their joint partnership for FCCI to become NUCA's preferred commercial insurance carrier. The multi-year agreement is called NUCA Choice and is offered to NUCA members where FCCI writes business. NUCA Choice will offer NUCA members commercial insurance options for auto, crime, property, general liability, marine, surety, umbrella, and workers' compensation. Members can also consult with FCCI's local risk control team and use the FCCI Risk Solutions Network, a cloud-based platform to help participants stay compliant, manage risks, and educate employees to build a safer workforce. To find out more, go to NUCAChoice.com.

SAFETY NEWS

By Jeff Blomgren
Safety Director at Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors

Summer Safety Tips

Stay Hydrated:

Heat kills more than 600 people a year in the US. Know the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Those most susceptible to heat related illnesses are for people under Age 4 and over age 65 or those with medical conditions. Staying cool and hydrated and watching heat advisories will help in prevention of heat related issues.

Sunburn:

UV rays can burn skin in as little as 15 minutes but it can take up to 12 hours to show damage. The most dangerous time for exposure is between 10 am and 4 pm. Working in the heat can be a problem if a worker is not acclimated to the heat. Hard hats provide sun protection and sun shield can be applied for additional protection. Long sleeved material that provides wicking will help keep the worker cool. Sunglasses with UV protection will help prevent eye damage. Hydrating with water and electrolytes will help replenish minerals lost through sweating. Frequent breaks to rest and cool down are necessary. Heat is cumulative. It's important to get rest and give your body a chance to recover.

Swimming Pool Safety:

Drowning is the leading cause of death in young children 1-4. Make sure everyone has basic swim skills and water safety awareness. Assign a "Home Lifeguard" to watch children swimming. Know the signs of a swimmer in distress and how to perform CPR. Prevent access to the pool when it is not in use. The CDC has a lot of information on pool safety. If you have children, be sure you know the hazards associated with water and pool use.

Boating Safety:

Wear a life jacket. Take a boating safety course. Florida Fish and Wildlife has an online boating safety course that comes with a lifetime wallet card for successful completion. Get a free boat safety check. Go to uscgboating.org to get a free safety check. Drink responsibly while boating.

Living in Florida has so many opportunities for fun in the sun and surf. No matter where you are in Florida, you are never more than 60 miles from the ocean. Florida has the highest number of backyard pools in the United States with 1,590,000 pools, 250,000 more than California. Florida is second in tourism in the United States. People want to be here. Many times, those visitors are the ones that can be identified by their sunburns. We are fortunate to live in Florida but knowing how to live here is half the fun. Stay safe this summer and enjoy our wonderful state.

NUCA
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PUTTING ON THE RITZ



2023 Annual Conference
July 20-22, 2023
Sarasota Ritz Carlton

REGISTRATION OPEN

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We are “Putting on the Ritz” this year at the Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota, July 20-22, 2023, for the NUCA of Florida Annual Conference. Sponsorship of this event offers an exceptional opportunity to network, collaborate and discuss innovative ideas within the industry. Conference attendees include key decision-makers: CEO’s, General Managers, Project Managers, Supervisors, Engineers, as well as manufacturers, distributors and material suppliers involved in the underground utility and excavation contractor industry. Network in a relaxed setting in downtown Sarasota, sip cool beverages poolside, dockside or at the Ritz-Carlton Beach Club. Showcase your company and its products as a Conference Exhibitor—an easy, cost-effective way to market your products and services to industry decision-makers and increase your company’s visibility.

\$7,500 - DINNER SPONSOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 conference registrations • Exclusive Wi-fi password • Opportunity to speak at Keynote Breakfast • One reserved table at the Saturday night dinner • Logo on sponsor signage throughout event • Live company introduction at Keynote Breakfast and Saturday night dinner • Premier Booth at Contractor’s Day • Prominent logo displayed throughout conference events/brochure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your firm’s profile included in the conference program (*deadlines apply) • Company logo displayed on “Sponsor Page” in the NUCA of Florida <i>Ditchmen</i> • Sponsor ribbon added to name tag • Company logo displayed on NUCA of Florida website as a “Platinum” Sponsor • Company’s logo on pull-up banner provided by NUCA of Florida • Sponsor signage at conference and included in conference brochure • One-year ad placement in <i>Ditchmen</i> magazine
\$5,000 - PLATINUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One reserved table at the Saturday night dinner • One full registration at the conference • Logo on sponsor signage throughout event • Live company introduction at Keynote Breakfast and Saturday night dinner • Premier Booth at Contractor’s Day with one booth attendant • Prominent logo displayed throughout conference events/brochure • Profile of your firm included in the conference program (*deadlines apply) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company logo displayed on “Sponsor Page” in the NUCA of Florida <i>Ditchmen</i> • Sponsor ribbon added to name tag • Company logo displayed on NUCA of Florida website as a “Platinum” Sponsor • Company’s logo on pull-up banner provided by NUCA of Florida • Sponsor signage at conference and included in conference brochure • Ad placement in <i>Ditchmen</i> Magazine for 6 months
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\$2,500 - GOLD

- Profile of your firm included in the conference program (*deadlines apply)
- Company logo displayed on
- "Sponsor Page" in the NUCA of Florida Ditchmen
- Sponsor ribbon added to name tag
- Company logo displayed on NUCA of Florida website
- Company's logo on pull-up banner provided by NUCA of Florida
- Sponsor signage at conference and included in conference brochure

\$1,500 - SILVER

- Company logo displayed on "Sponsors Page" in the NUCA of Florida Ditchmen
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- Sponsor signage at conference events and included in conference brochure

\$1,000 - BRONZE

- Company's logo on pull-up banner provided by NUCA of Florida
- Sponsor signage at conference and included in conference brochure
- Company logo displayed on "Sponsors Page" in the NUCA of Florida Ditchmen

\$500 - COPPER

- Sponsor signage at conference and included in conference brochure
- Company logo displayed on "Sponsors Page" in the NUCA of Florida Ditchmen

\$250 - FRIEND OF NUCA

- Sponsor signage at conference and included in conference brochure
- Company name displayed on "Sponsors Page" in the NUCA of Florida Ditchmen

EXHIBITOR

\$850 – Exhibitor Booth only, includes up to two attendants;

\$250 – additional booth attendant

- One 8' Table with tablecloth, chair(s) and wastebasket
- Company name listed on the NUCA of Florida Website
- Company listing throughout conference events/brochure
- VIP Reception held in Exhibitor area
- Company name displayed on "Sponsors Page" in the NUCA of Florida Ditchmen

Name _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SPONSOR/EXHIBITOR LEVEL

☐ \$7,500 - Dinner Sponsor

☐ \$5,000 - Platinum

☐ \$3,500 - Diamond

☐ \$2,500 - Gold

☐ \$1,500 - Silver

☐ \$1,200 - President's Luncheon

☐ \$1,000 - Bronze

☐ \$500 - Copper

☐ \$250 - Friend of NUCA

☐ \$850 - Exhibitor Booth

☐ \$250 - Additional Booth
Attendant

x _____ (number of attendants)

**2023 NUCANF Fishing Tournament
Northeast Florida Marlin Association
3030 Harbor Drive, St. Augustine
August 19, 2023
No Inflation, Same price as last year!**

Cast-off: 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Back to Dock: 3:30 p.m.
B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Boat)

Cost per Angler: \$125 Includes Meal & Beverages (after Weigh-in)

*Each Angler will also receive a Commemorative T-shirt & Door Prize Entry ticket at weigh-in

Kid's 13 & under fish for free with an adult registration

PRIZE STRUCTURE: First, Second and third place prizes will be awarded for the heaviest legal fish in each of the following categories: Kingfish, spotted sea trout, redfish, flounder and all other species. There will also be a prize for the redfish with the most spots on one side, a prize for the woman weighing in the heaviest legal fish and a kid's prize (13 & under) for the heaviest legal fish.

SPONSORSHIP IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE TOURNAMENT'S SUCCESS! If you are interested in being a TOURNAMENT SPONSOR, please check off one of the levels of participation.

_____ \$125 Single Angler with Meal/Drink Complimentary T-shirts .

_____ \$ 30 Spectator with Meal and Beverages only

~TOURNAMENT SPONSOR LEVELS INCLUDING ANGLERS~

_____ \$350 TWO (2) Anglers with Meal/Drink & Company Logo on T-shirt, Complimentary T-shirts.*

_____ \$650 FOUR (4) Anglers with Meals/Drinks & Company Logo on T-Shirt, and Complimentary T-shirts.*

* Please email logo in .jpg format to NUCANF@gmail.com

(See Sponsorship form for details as to what is included with your sponsorship)

Company Name: _____ Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Reservations for Fishing Tournament need to be made by Friday, 8/4. List all those who will be fishing or attending:

#1 _____ #2 _____

#3 _____ #4 _____

Kid's 13 & under: Please provide name, age, and child's shirt size)

#1 _____ #2 _____

#3 _____ #4 _____

Send your Entry/Payment to:

NUCANF, PO BOX 16810, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32245 or email to nucanf@gmail.com

2023 NUCANF Fishing Tournament Sponsorship Opportunities

SOLD

\$1,000 Raffle Sponsor (Limit one)

Your company name will be prominently displayed on a sign at the event; your company logo will appear on the T-shirt and you will be acknowledged at the awards dinner that evening and your company will be recognized in the NUCANF newsletter, The Flow, and the state association publication, The Ditchmen. A complimentary full page ad will also appear in the October or November 2022 Flow Newsletter.

SOLD

\$500 Grand Prize Sponsor (limited to one spot)

Your company name will be prominently displayed on a sign at the event; your company logo will appear on the T-shirt and you will be acknowledged at the awards dinner that evening and your company will be recognized in the NUCANF newsletter, The Flow, and the state association publication, The Ditchmen. A complimentary 1/2 page ad will also appear in the October or November 2022 Flow Newsletter. You may also have a vendor display at the awards dinner.

\$500 Dinner Sponsor

Same benefits as grand prize sponsor.

SOLD

\$500 Weigh-in Sponsor (limited to one spot)

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\$300 Door Prize Sponsor

Your company name will be prominently displayed on a sign at the event; your company logo will appear on the T-shirt and you will be acknowledged at the awards dinner that evening and your company will be recognized in the NUCANF newsletter, The Flow, and the state association publication, The Ditchmen. A complimentary 1/4 page ad will also appear in the October or November 2022 Flow Newsletter.

\$300 Registration Sponsor (Limited to one spot)

Same benefits as door prize sponsor.

\$500 Trophy Sponsor (Limit one)

Same benefits as door prize sponsor

\$300 Kid's Prize Sponsor (limited to one spot)

Same benefits as door prize sponsor

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Payment: _____ Check (NUCANF) _____ Bill my account _____ Charge credit card*

Visa/MC/AX: _____ Exp Date: _____ V-Code: _____

Billing Zip Code _____

(The V-Code is the last three digits in the signature strip on the back of the credit card (Visa/Mastercard) or the digits on the front on the card for American Express.

Name on card: _____

***A 5% processing fee will be added to all credit card charges.**

Return with payment to: NUCANF, PO Box 16810, Jacksonville, FL 32245



Thursday, August 17, 2023

State of the Union
for
Northeast Florida
Utility Construction

St. Johns Golf & Country Club
6:00 pm

Invited guests:

JEA (confirmed attendance)
Clay County Utility Authority (confirmed attendance)
St. Johns County Utility Division (pending)

More details will be coming soon

BEAN TOURS RINKER PLANT

Rinker Materials had the opportunity to host Congressman Aaron Bean for a Plant Tour of the Green Cove Springs Precast manufacturing facility. Congressman Bean, also on the Committee for Transportation and Infrastructure, had special interest in processes of manufacturing sanitary and storm related products that are used in building the infrastructure we all live, work and shop in. After a brief tour of the facility, Congressman Bean met with all of the staff and spoke on continuing a strong economy in Florida and thanked the employees for their hard work in the tough environment of the outdoors. He also spoke on some of the educational initiatives in front of him as a member of the Committee for Education and Workforce. Congressman Bean spoke to the overspending in Washington and how important it is that he not miss voting due to how closely divided the numbers are in the House of Representatives. Congressman Bean took questions from the employees about education, Washington's overspending and the concealed weapons laws within the state of Florida. It is fair to say that Congressman Aaron Bean knows how important the construction industry is to the economy and is an ally to the construction industry.

