

THE BEACON

Beacon Technologies Quarterly Newsletter

Employee Success Story

Travis Crowe, Senior Software Engineer

Travis grew up in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and attended Northern Michigan University where he graduated in 2013 with a degree in Political Science (it's a long story). After a timely pivot into a Computer Science minor prior to graduation, he relocated to the Appleton area and worked for a time as a technical recruiter (it's a long story) before landing a staff job with a local consulting company writing test automation software for a Madison-based client. For the next five years he worked in full-stack development across technologies and client industries before joining Beacon in the fall of 2017. Travis is now primarily focused on API product development for a Madison-based client in the automotive industry using tools like Kotlin, Spring Boot, MongoDB, and Kubernetes to build new product offerings for vehicle OEM and auto insurance customers, which will allow them to connect their vehicles, mobile apps, and drivers with rental, tow, repair, and all other types of vehicle service providers across the globe. He is also a certified Scrum Master and staunch believer that you don't have to attend a meeting if it doesn't have an agenda.

Favorite Project

Travis' favorite project was a conference demo built for THAT Conference in 2016. Travis and one other engineer were set to work on a short deadline to build a decentralized app (dapp) on a private Ethereum blockchain hosted in Azure to facilitate a game where players from the conference would gamble with our tokens on which song would be next to play from an internet radio station like "70's Rock" or "90's Hip Hop." The project included the network infrastructure, a smart contract representing the dapp to handle bets and payouts, and a mobile website where players could play and see their balance compared to others. This was an incredibly fun project, not only because he says "we were way out of our element technically, but also because we were turned loose with a rough idea and a timeframe to build something novel. We ended up getting owned by a clever attendee who found the blind spot in our network. Oops!"

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Trivia



In our last newsletter we asked "which team was the most popular pick to win the NCAA Tournament this year in our Beacon Bracket Challenge?" and no one responded correctly with Gonzaga. The trivia question this time around is "what year was Beacon founded?" Respond to Keegan O'Brien at kobrien@beacontechinc.com and one person with the correct answer will win a \$25 Amazon gift card.

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McGMO Charity Golf Event

Beacon is proud to sponsor the 23rd Annual McGMO Charity Golf Event on Friday, July 30 at Delbrook Golf Course in Delavan, WI. Proceeds of the event support the patients at the Aurora Cancer Care in western Racine and Walworth counties.



Upcoming Events - Things to Do

Click the images to be taken to more information on each.

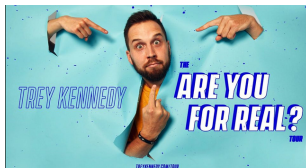
MADISON



Terrace at Memorial Union



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Employee Anniversaries

July

Krishna Chaithanya - 4 years
Kathy Maglio - 4 years
Mike Saunders - 3 years

August

Jeffrey Krueger - 22 years
Tyler Erickson - 5 years
Scott Fields - 5 years
Jordan Ward - 4 years
Bill Gross - 3 years

Eric Smasal - 3 years
Thomas Tenley - 2 years
Rafael Castro - 1 year
Robynn Grover - 1 year
Derrick Wright - 1 year

September

Dee Ott - 19 years
Rebecca Rosenthal - 6 years
Travis Crowe - 4 years
Craig Wagner - 4 years
Jean Burke - 3 years
Carol Johnson - 2 years
Matt Stangel - 2 years

Spotlight: Madison Hurling Club / Craig Wagner

Craig Wagner, Sr. Recruiter with Beacon Technologies, is a member of the Madison Hailstones Hurling Club. He encourages anyone to come out and watch or check it out if they want to get involved. Some Q & A with Craig about hurling in Madison.

- How long have you been involved? How did you get involved?
 - I started playing in 2012 after meeting some hurlers socially and meeting the Madison hurlers at the International Festival in Madison, a great event that happens every winter at the Overture Center that everyone should check out when it returns in 2022.
- Why do you like it?
 - It is a fast-paced, physically challenging and competitive, exciting sport. It has been dubbed the “fastest game on grass” and is by far the fastest-moving field sport in the world.
- Do you play for a specific team?
 - We have several teams that compete at various levels in the U.S. Gaelic Athletic Association. Our intermediate team plays at the second-highest level in the U.S., while I play on our junior team that competes at 1 of 4 levels every season, and our over-40 “Legends” team. We also have leagues within our club and travel throughout the U.S. to play in tournaments. This year, we play in Austin, Texas, Denver, Chicago and at the USGAA championships in Boston, before closing the season by hosting our own tournament in Madison on Sept. 18.
- Do you play a specific position?
 - On our traveling teams and in club leagues, I play full-forward, while running mid-field and half-forward for our Legends team.
- If someone wanted to play, how can they start?
 - Easiest way is to talk to me, but anyone interested can also look at our website to learn more and request more info there as well. www.madisonhailstones.com.

If you are interested, the next action is July 11 at the Wisconsin Rugby Sports Complex in Cottage Grove, beginning at 2pm, with 2 club league games, followed by a Legends match at 5pm.



Craig Wagner, Sr Recruiter
Feel free to reach out to Craig at cwagner@beacontechinc.com to learn more!



Craig Wagner hauling in a back-shoulder pass from a teammate about 30 yards behind the play
Photo credit: Wisconsin Rugby Club

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Family and Hobbies

Travis lives in Appleton, WI with his wife Ashle and their two dogs Ragnar and Vesta. His main hobby is collecting hobbies, but recently he has been doing a lot of gardening, woodworking, and all forms of gaming: tabletop, board, video, whatever.

Interesting Fact

Interesting fact: Travis once held two world record scores in Def Jam Rapstar for the Playstation 3.



Travis and his wife, Ashle, in Sheboygan
(pictured right)