



2009 Persons of the Year

The Person of the Year Award is in recognition of Chis' and Adrian's outstanding contributions to the warehouse distributors and in appreciation of their conscientious dedication as members of the specialty equipment industry.



Chris Thomson

A native of Phoenix, his automotive aftermarket experience includes tenure with such notable companies as Mr. Gasket, Flowtech and Holley Performance. Chris is now the National Sales Manager for AIRAID Filter Company. He has taken great pride in helping AIRAID grow from fledgling manufacturer to winning back-to-back titles of MRC Sales Team of the year in 2004 and 2005.

AIRAID is a progressive, energetic company that encourages him to participate in our industry's leadership. Chris has worked all sides of the industry, from warehousing to retail and wholesale sales, to manufacturing. He understands the common goals and challenges we all share.



Adrian Murray has been active in the automotive industry for 25 years, starting as a salesman for Federal-Mogul in 1978, first in Los Angeles and later in Dallas, Texas.

In January of 1988 he went to work for Edelbrock Corporation as its National Sales Manager and eventually became its Vice President of Sales, a position he held until October of 1998. A desire to move back to Texas put him in touch with Painless Wiring in Fort Worth. Painless Wiring, soon to be known as Painless Performance, was looking to broaden its market niche and in the past four years Adrian has overseen the company's emergence as a key player in the performance aftermarket.