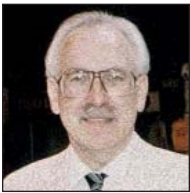




2009 Pioneer Award

In recognition for Don's outstanding contributions to the development of the Warehouse Distributor in the Specialty Equipment Industry.



Don Tognotti

From a youth with a fascination of cars, especially customizing, Don Tognotti started a business in his parent's garage involving specialty auto parts. Soon ousted because he was taking over the garage, he began the rapid steps from a storefront location in 1964 through numerous moves to ever-increased sized locations. Don built the company reputation on quality, personal attention to the customer needs and always knowing his customers got the best deal on quality products. Tognotti's has attained an extremely loyal community image...it's THE place to get your complete auto needs. Don will be remembered as a true pioneer and standard of measure in the industry.