

- **Richard Brahler III of Brahler's Truckers Supply in Jacksonville, IL.** Brahler is the owner and president of Brahler's Truckers Supply, which has seven commercial tire centers and one retreading operation. He is also the owner and president of tire service toolmaker Gaither Tool Company and managing director of its European arm Gaither Europe BV.

- **Wayne Crosswell of WECnology LLC in Amherst, NH.** Crosswell is president and CEO of WECnology, a technology advisor for independent tire dealers and repair shops. From 1996 until 2010, he was president of ASA Tire Systems. Crosswell also was a long-time member of the Tire Industry Association (TIA) board of directors, serving as its president in 2009-'10.

- **Thomas Gyuriak of the Strategic Alliance Group in Granger, IN.** Currently a facilitator for the commercial division of the Strategic Alliance Group, Thomas Gyuriak started his career with the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. as a service manager. He moved to the private sector in a wholesale tire business, and today leverages contacts in the industry to fulfill tire demand across the country with his company, XS Products.

- **Steve Hamilton of US AutoForce in Appleton, WI.** A 30-year veteran of the tire and auto parts industry, Steve Hamilton has held multiple positions in the retail and wholesale tire business. Currently, Hamilton is involved in sales and marketing with US AutoForce.

- **Mike McGee of McGee Auto Service & Tire in Lakeland, FL.** The president of McGee Tire Stores Inc., Mike McGee graduated from Winona (Minnesota) State University in 1973. The following year, he joined his father, John, to help run two tire stores in Lakeland. Since then, McGee Tire has grown to 21 retail outlets, four commercial truck tire centers and a retread plant — all located in central Florida — with more than 250 employees.

- **Dan Nothdurft of Tires, Tires, Tires in Sioux City, IA.** Dan Nothdurft, with his brother Dale, founded Tires, Tires, Tires in 1986, growing it into a three-store tire and auto service business in Iowa and South Dakota. The company was the 2010 winner of the *Tire Review* Top Shop Award.

- **Marc Pons of Chapel Hill Tire Car Care Center in Chapel Hill, NC.** Marc Pons has served as president of Chapel Hill Tire Car Care Centers since 1997, growing the business from a single tires-only business to four full-service centers in the greater Chapel Hill area. In 2012, Chapel Hill Tire Car Care Center was named the *Tire Review* Top Shop Award winner and was recipient of the *Triangle Business Journal's* Clean & Green Award.

- **Darrell Rowe of Bridgestone Americas Retail Operations in Bloomington, IL.** The director of education and development for Bridgestone's company-owned store system, Darrell Rowe holds a master's degree in human resource management and a bachelor's degree in leadership and management. He started with Bridgestone (then Firestone) as a retail store manager, and has spent the last 28 years in management and employee training and education.

- **Kim Sigman of Community Tire Pros & Auto Repair in Phoenix.** Kim Sigman has been in the tire and service business for 45 years, starting with the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. in 1968. He opened his own retail tire and service business in 1973, with a second store in 1976. After selling that business, Sigman went into the wholesale tire business until 2003, then becoming a partner and GM of Community Tire Pros & Auto Repair.

- **Jim Smith, editor of *Tire Review* magazine in Akron, OH.** With 30 years in the tire, automotive and trucking industries, as well as nearly 40 years in communications, Jim Smith has long championed the importance of tire dealer education and growth. He has served as editor of *Tire Review* since 1999.

- **Stu Zurcher of the Strategic Alliance Group in Indianapolis.** A successful tire dealer and educator, Stu Zurcher was a long-time member of the TIA board of directors. He is the founder and president of 20-group operator the Strategic Alliance Group, and has been a member of Automotive Maintenance & Repair Association/Motorist Assurance Program for more than 20 years.