

## The Winners Are...

### 2009 Person of the Year

The Person of the Year Award has two winners this year: **Adrian Murray** and **Chris Thomson**. This award is in recognition for their outstanding conscientious dedication as individual members of the specialty industry.



**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.



**Chris Thomson** A native of Phoenix, his automotive aftermarket experience includes tenure with such notable companies as Mr. Gasket, Flowtech and Holley Performance. Now he is the National Sales Manager for AIRAID Filter Company. Chris takes 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 me to participate in our industry's leadership. His dedication to the industry has led me to serve SEMA as a member of the MPMC Select, Diesel Marketing Task Force, Rep of the Year, and WD of the Year committees. He has worked all sides of the industry, from warehousing to retail and wholesale sales, to manufacturing. Chris understands the common goals and challenges we all share.

### 2009 Manufacturer of the Year

The Manufacturer of the Year Award has two winners this year: **Airaid Filter Company** and **K & N Engineering**. This award is in recognition of outstanding contributions to the specialty equipment industry and in appreciation of their conscientious efforts in support of the warehouse distributor of merchandise distribution.



**AIRAID Filter Company** has been manufacturing and distributing a complete line of cool air intake systems, premium air filters, modular intake tubes and throttle body spacers for pickups and SUVs. Every AIRAID premium filter features AIRAID's SynthaFlow technology, which provides maximum filtration and superior air flow. All AIRAID products are made in the USA and feature our "No Hassle" Warranty.



**K&N Engineering** is the world's leading manufacturer of washable performance air filters and air intake systems. K&N invented the reusable high flow cotton air filter in 1969 and has been perfecting the technology ever since. Celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2009, K&N is a world-class filtration company selling air filters, oil filters, and intakes in over 30 countries. K&N sells over 5,000 products designed for cars, trucks, motorcycles, engines, and industrial applications. From their Million Mile Warranty to their Consumer Protection Pledge, K&N stands behind their products and their consumers 100%. The distinctive K&N logo represents performance from one of the original performance companies.

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