



2010 Pioneer Award

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



GARY LIGHT

Gary was literally born into the business. Gary's dad, Jerry Light, started Vic Hubbard's Speed and Marine in the late 40s. Vic Hubbard's was Northern California's first speed shop and is probably the oldest existing speed shop in California. In 1962, Jerry Light started Speed Warehouse, which is one of the charter members of PWA. While in high school, Gary started working at the speed shop. He learned the business from the ground up starting with dusting shelves. While in college, Gary majored in chemistry and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and learned how to program. This knowledge was beneficial when they decided it was time to automate the business. In December of 1982, Speed Warehouse expanded into Southern California and purchased an exiting warehouse, "Orange Performance." This acquisition gave "Speed" the ability to service all of California with next day service.