

My passion for trucks started at a young age. One of my best friend's father was a truck driver. He would allow us to ride with him during the summer. I was hooked, you couldn't keep me out of a truck. I couldn't wait to get my drivers license.

At 16 I received my chauffeurs license and my trucking world began. During the summer I drove trucks as many times as I could. Driving strait, dump, wrecker, and tractor and lowboy. I was in heaven. This continued as summer and part time employment. Living in Windsor, Ontario I was destined to work in the automotive industry. I became a tool maker for International Tool and Die. Found out this wasn't my calling. I tried to find my calling. Moving my family to Winnipeg, Manitoba I was involved with a major distribution company for all of Canada as a purchasing agent and distributing merchandise.

Immigrating to the United States with my family I started my life in the auction industry with Anglo American Auto Auctions. During my tender with Anglo I opened a trucking terminal in Ft Lauderdale, FL (Auction Transport). From there I started to work in their Specialty Auctions division. With the help of many mentors I was able to learn the Specialty business and grow it. In a short period of time Anglo developed a Heavy Duty Truck sale, this was my calling. I was fortunate enough to become a part of this venture. With the help of many people I was able to learn the truck business and grow the auctions.

The sendoff into the world of trucks was when I was working for my wife Maria Larsh and together with the help of John Gresley and the Ft. Wayne group we started the Sanford Heavy Duty Truck Auction. From that time the opportunities have been endless. Opening Truck auctions for both ADESA and Manheim across the United States.

Fast forward to today. I now have the opportunity to work for Insurance Auto Auction Specialty Division. With the help of Mike Cole, Jay Burgess, Pat O'Connor Shelley Warren, Kristen Brothers and the whole Specialty team we are building an online auction second to none.

I have been a member of UTA since 2000 and have supported the organization every year since then.

Win lose or draw I would like you all to know what an honor it is to even to be considered for this nomination.