

Jim Zimmerman

Present Position: Corporate Used Truck Manager, Kenworth of Pennsylvania

I grew up on a dairy/crop farm in South Central Pennsylvania with my four brothers and three sisters. My dad had grain trucks that I started driving at 14 years of age. I thought I was big stuff. Dad taught us early on that hard work was not going to kill us although at the time we were not sure that was correct. I overhauled my first diesel engine at 15.

At age 20, I started hauling farm machinery out of the Midwest for my uncle in a 1977 Marmon cab over. Following that, I hauled produce out of California into Pennsylvania as an owner operator. I was given the opportunity to oversee Vehicle Maintenance for the produce company I was hauling into. I enjoyed that for 15 years. The local CAT dealer then offered me a position as a Truck Engine Training Instructor. I did that four years until I got bored following the same format every day.

UTA Experience: In 2003 I had the opportunity to join the team at Kenworth of Pennsylvania as the Corporate Used Truck Manager. My predecessor encouraged me to join the UTA, and I've remained a member since 2003. I find it helpful and rewarding to interact with others in the same field. I became a part of the UTA Dealer Group from the beginning. Great team to work with!

I am amazed at how the UTA has grown over the years. I would enjoy being part of the team helping it to continue growing and ensuring those coming into the industry have the same opportunities I had in teaming up with experienced individuals.

Personal Background

My wife Charlene and I have been married 41 years. (No idea how she put up with me this long.) We have five children ages ranging from 19 to 38. We had the awesome opportunity to be called Mom and Dad by 72 foster children, two of whom are a permanent part of our family. My greatest joys are spending time with my family, going to the beach, riding our dirt bikes/ATVs, and just hanging out with the family.