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MONTGOMERYVILLE, PA., TRUCK DEALER NOMINATED FOR TOP INDUSTRY HONOR

McLEAN, Va. (March 6, 2009) — Thomas Strohlein, president and general manager of Del-Val International Trucks in Montgomeryville, Pa., has been nominated for the American Truck Dealers/*Heavy Duty Trucking* Truck Dealer of the Year Award. The winner will be announced at the opening general session of the 46th Annual ATD Convention and Exposition in Washington, D.C., on April 18, 2009.

Building the Business

Strohlein began his career at his father's dealership right after graduation from Penn State University with a degree in accounting in 1983. He started as a delivery driver and moved into truck sales. In 1989, because of health issues with his father, he became the operations manager with all managers reporting to him. In 1996, his father passed away and he became president and general manager. In 2004, Strohlein and his brother, Frank, now owners of the dealership, moved to their larger present location.

Strohlein attributes much of the company's success to hiring and retaining talented, well-trained employees who are committed to service, a loyal customer base and quality supplier support.

Honors, Awards and Service to the Industry

Strohlein is a three-time recipient of the outstanding achievement award from Navistar Financial.

He has been involved with the National Federation of Independent Businesses, North Penn Chamber of Commerce, Pennsylvania Truck Dealers Association and ATD for 19 years. He currently serves on the Pennsylvania Truck Dealers Association board.

Community Service

Strohlein and his wife, Cathy, live in Lansdale, Pa. He serves as a board member and treasurer of Whosoever Gospel Mission, a nonprofit rehab and shelter for homeless men with addictions. He is a member of the Lansdale Presbyterian Church. Strohlein is also a member of the Food from the Heart Committee, which provides a monthly community meal.

The Award

The American Truck Dealers/*Heavy Duty Trucking* Truck Dealer of the Year Award is evaluated based on several categories, including dealership performance, civic contributions and industry leadership.

About ATD

Founded in 1970, the American Truck Dealers division of the National Automobile Dealers Association is the only national organization representing dealers selling new medium- and heavy-duty trucks.