

## Longtime Owner-Operator Relishes Being Successful on His Own Terms



*Today, after more than 30-years in the trucking industry, Dave Wood is the proud owner of a successful five-vehicle fleet, based in Bourbonnais, Illinois, about 50 miles south of Chicago.*

While he loves all his trucks and is happy to haul a wide range of freight coast-to-coast, Wood says that what makes him happiest is driving his newly redesigned, custom silver 1998 Peterbilt, which he bought used and spent two years restoring.

At this year's Mid America Truck Show, Dave proudly displayed his truck to compete in the annual Pride & Polish Truck Beauty Contest for the first time.

Recently, we caught up with 54-year-old Dave to get his take on trucking and learn about his favorite interests outside of the business, such as, NASCAR and motorcycles.

### **Q: You take a lot of pride in having done a great deal of work on your beloved 1998 Peterbilt. What kind of feeling do you get when you drive that around?**

**Dave:** It feels awesome to be in a truck that looks exactly how I wanted and know it's something I did. The truck has more than 1.3 million miles on it and runs like a dream.

### **Q: What do you enjoy most about this profession?**

**Dave:** Being on the open road, the freedom, and the feeling of knowing that you alone are in charge of your success and your life. There is something special about working hard and being successful on your own terms.

### **Q: You pride yourself on taking good care of your vehicles. Can you tell us about your maintenance practices?**

**Dave:** For me, the most basic thing, is also the most important. That's using high quality oil. I have been using Mobil Delvac oil for nearly 25 years and I have never had an oil-related problem with any of my vehicles.

Actually, most of the really successful guys I know use Mobil Delvac. I don't think that's a coincidence. Look at me, I have had lots of trucks go way past 1 million miles thanks to Mobil Delvac – from used trucks I bought with high mileage, to brand new vehicles that I have driven for 15 years or more.

### **Q: Besides trucking, I know you have serious interests in NASCAR and motorcycles.**

**Dave:** I had dirt bikes growing up and motorcycles. Being on my Harley Davidson on the open road . . . man . . . I just love it. I am a huge NASCAR fan too and my guy is "Junior" (Dale Earnhardt Jr.). His dad was my favorite driver when I got into NASCAR and I root hard for "Junior" every weekend.



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