

Dave's Auto Service celebrates 10 years in business

Next month it will be ten years that Dave's Auto Service will be in business. I have always had an interest in cars, racing and most things mechanical.

Growing up in Pottstown, my friends and I would take our bikes and put longer front "forks" on and turn our bikes into "choppers." We also would build wooden carts to race down Eighth Street hill and State Street hill when the only thing there was the old Freese Farmers Market.

As I got older, anybody that had a race car or garage, that is where I would spend most of my time. Some of those places and people are still there or long gone.

Places I used to frequent a lot were Ken Wentzels Cycles, Ted "Squeak" Slaybaugh, Jack Leary's Speed Shop, Paul's Auto Repairs, Home of "The Moose Crew." Paul and his brother Horace were inducted into the Drag Racing Hall of Fame. In the early 90's, Paul used to build my engines for my race car, a dirt late model.

My first job was pumping gas at John B. Hartenstine Mobil in Pottstown during the 1970's. How many remember buying gas during the gas shortage, very long lines, and you could only buy gas on certain days according to your license plate number? I also worked for my mother's cousin, Cotellese Gas Station. It was located at Mervine & Charlotte Street in Pottstown. I pumped gas and did general repairs on vehicles. Then I worked for about one year at Han's Autodrome on Charlotte Street working on BMW's and Fiats.

The one job that I had that taught me a lot was at Parke's Auto Repair and Towing. Parke's is located on Rt. 23 in Knauertown, near St. Peters Village. He had also owned the Red Arrow Gas Station on High St. next to the Orioles and the

Holiday Gulf Station where the Pottstown Diner is at now. He taught me the "hard core" of the business. Things you can not learn in a classroom or learn on the internet. He had the natural ability to fix anything mechanically. After 20 years of employment, I felt it was time for me to go on my own. To this day there isn't a day that goes by that I don't use some knowledge that he taught me.

My wife, Kim, and I would like to thank all of our loyal customers and friends who have helped our business grow. Our promise to you is to keep your vehicle in good running condition and to get your vehicle in and out as soon as possible. We do inspections and emissions, oil changes, tune-ups, transmission services, fuel induction services and brake services.

Call Dave's Auto Service, Inc. at 610-367-1844, located at 925 W. Phila. Ave., Boyertown, for fast and reliable service.

Thanks again from Dave and Kim.



Shown is Dave's Auto Service garage.