

NTDA pays tribute to Northern Ireland Region's William H. Nutt



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The NTDA would like to pay tribute to a true 'Master of the Round and Black' Mr William H. (Willie the Boss) Nutt, who sadly died on 12th February.

Willie, a tyre man to the core, started selling tyres in 1970 as the Manager of Motorway Tyres Limavady Co. Londonderry. In 1977, along with his wife Bea, he decided to set up his own tyre business in Limavady. They called the business WH NUTT & SON and in December 2022, it will be celebrating 45 years of highly successful trading.

In January 1996, Willie joined the NTDA and WH Nutt has been an ardent supporter of the Association ever since. In December 2014, Willie was presented with the NTDA Northern Ireland Region Chairman's Award for 'meritorious' service to the Northern Ireland Tyre Industry.

Willie was very well known within the tyre trade across UK and Ireland and travelled the world with many other trade legends such as Roland Cummings, Harold Greer, John Banks, Philip White and Francie McQuaid. As a consequence, he always had a great story to tell from someone climbing up coconut trees to someone playing the piano until the early morning hours, stories that were frequently repeated many years later!

Willie's life was his business and he made many friends within the tyre trade. His favourite saying was: *"It was a great trade to be in and there were a lot of great and good people in it."*

The NTDA was informed of Willie's passing by his son Roy, now an Honorary Life Member, who in the past served as the Northern Ireland Chairman for 5 years, during which time he, and the company, were at the forefront of many tyre safety campaigns. The NTDA team's thoughts are with Roy in what undoubtedly is a very difficult year for him and the entire Nutt family.

Willie will be truly missed, but never forgotten.

Further speakers named for NTDA Tyre Industry Conference



Renowned automotive aftermarket specialist Neil Pattermore and leading automotive training professional Dave Walker have been confirmed as speakers at the NTDA Tyre Industry Conference, sponsored by GB Tyres (UK) Ltd, which will be held at the VOX Conference Centre, Birmingham on **Thursday 6th October**.

Neil Pattermore (*pictured left*) has worked for over 45 years in the Automotive Aftermarket, for parts distributors, parts manufacturers and vehicle test equipment manufacturers at a senior level, both in the UK and internationally. Prior to Brexit, Neil worked for 10 years as the Technical Director at EGEA and FIGIEFA - two of the leading European Aftermarket associations, working in Brussels with various European institutions to support the rights of independent aftermarket service providers. Following Brexit, Neil is now a key part of UK AFCAR, who are focused on achieving effective UK legislation to ensure continued direct access to the vehicle and its data.

Dave Walker (*pictured right*) is Business Development Director at Autotech Training, a company under the umbrella of Autotech Group, the automotive industry's go to employment and training solutions provider.

Responsible for expanding the company's training course portfolio, Dave has been instrumental in the growth of Autotech Training's electric/hybrid vehicle training offering – supporting the rollout of training on the premises of ANY aftermarket business across the UK. Prior to joining Autotech Group in 2021, Dave spent over 30 years working within the motor industry including Light and Heavy Vehicle, Collision Repair and Refinishing, and the Tyre and Fast Fit sectors.

For the last 15 years he held apprenticeship and training management positions and previous roles include Project Manager at Remit Training, Scania Apprentice Programme Manager and National Technical Curriculum Manager for Ford UK.



With a passion for the development of people and raising standards within the automotive Industry, Dave has been a judge for the World Skills UK competition for 10 years and has also been on the judging panel of Autogem's TPMS Expert UK Competition.

The NTDA Tyre Industry Conference is free to NTDA and TRA members, but delegate spaces are limited to 200 and with more than 150 already booked, the team at Aylesbury is recommending that people book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. The event will also feature a trade exhibition with the following exhibitors already confirmed: ABAX, Autogem Invicta, Autotech Group, BitBahn, CAM, Commercial Vehicle Show, Driving for Better Business, First Stop, GB Tyres (UK) Ltd, GSF Car Parts, Maritime Cargo Services, Marsh Commercial, Nokian Tyres, PFTP Ltd, Rema Tip Top, Roadside Safety Ltd, Techni Ltd, The Garage Magazine, Trelleborg Wheel Systems Ltd, Tyrepress, Tyre Trade News, Vehicle Service Group and Wheelwright Ltd.

If you would like to attend the 8th NTDA Tyre Industry Conference, please book your place(s) with **Alison Keitch** via **info@ntda.co.uk**