

# MPACT SPOTLIGHT:

## RECOGNIZING HIGH IMPACT INDUSTRY LEADERS



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### LEARN MORE ABOUT ERIC LANE AND THE MPACT HE MAKES AT CONCRETE SUPPLY CO.

#### **I'd love to hear the origin story - how you got started!**

I started off in JNS and I started driving a concrete truck. I started off in a 1962 International with an 18 speed in it. No air ride seat - no air ride nothing - only thing inside the cab got a discharge charge lever sitting up on them metal pedals. You want to lock the chute? You get out and lock it. You want to raise the chute? You go out and you raise it. Had to crank up a pony motor and it has a chain that goes around and runs them (the chutes) and runs the drum - the truck didn't run the drum - had to crank up that pony motor.

#### **Eric, I think I understand why you stopped being a driver and start being a mechanic because by the time you're driving, you're already a mechanic - fixing stuff.**

Well see, I started on down there (at JNS) and I worked there for 12 or 13 years and then I went on from there. I was a mechanic at the same time I was driving. I'd drive the truck, then be a mechanic, then drive some more. I worked for Cemex, and then Concrete's Fireball South. Been doing this for 20 years I reckon.

#### **What's your favorite car you've owned?**

My old '72 GMC. Hunter green and white. My daughter still has it.

#### **Tell us what you like about the industry. What's the hook that keeps us in this crazy business?**

It's not boring. It's something crazy every day you go in. I'm telling you - it's unreal what you see, and what you get into and it's something different every time.

#### **What's your advice for people starting out?**

Take your time, learn it, and enjoy it. If you're not enjoying it, you need to find something else.

#### **What do you like to do in your free time?**

Fishing! My wife and I like to go fishing. My wife loves fishing - she will out fish me. I'll be just sitting back in my chair listening to the radio and she will still be fishing.

#### **If we were to ask your coworkers what it's like to work with you, what would they say?**

They'd probably say I'm trying to make it a better place to work.