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The Sum Of Its Parts

by Josh Rittenberry



A phrase that is often attributed to the Greek philosopher Aristotle says that “the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.” In other words, a business as a whole is more valuable than the individual components that drive it. In no place is that quote truer than at Mid-Continent.

The word “parts” strikes an important note because our parts department has played and continues to play an important role in our company. Heading that department today is Dennis Davis whose voice is one with which many are familiar.

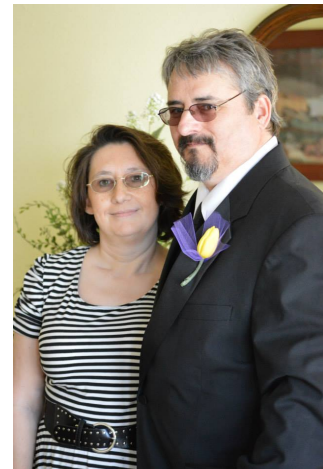
If you have noticed something special in that voice, that’s because it’s well-trained; it used to boom from radio stations in northeast Arkansas during Dennis’ tenure as a radio DJ in Jonesboro and Corning. Dennis also had stints as a telephone installer, insurance salesman, and truck driver.

Dennis first came to Mid-Continent by way of NAPA Auto Parts Store in his small hometown of Piggott, Arkansas.

“When J.C. Helms, my friend and a salesman at Mid-Continent, came in to to buy some parts to rebuild an engine he was working on,” Dennis recalls. “He said I really needed to talk to Dick Reade about a job. That was in 1995 and I’m still here.”

Dennis joined the parts department as the self-described “low man on the totem pole”. But Dennis was no stranger to the company’s heavy agriculture-centric business.

“I grew up on a small family farm. I would be out plowing and watching the planes in the distance or listening to Ag Cats fire up at Larry Flanigan’s as I hoed the beans. It made me dream of flying.”



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5,175.7 A/F TT, 5175.7 TT Engine, No Damage, 2970.5 TT Landing Gear,

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1938 BOEING STEARMAN A75 N1 N54284

6,080.7 A/F TT, 520.4 TSMOH, 450 HP, Garmin SL-40 Com, PS Engineering PM-1200, Oilomatic Preoiler, Airwold Remote Oil Filter Smoker, Speed Ring, 46 Gal Fuel, Redline Brakes, Garmin GDL 82 ADSB-Out

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1973 CESSNA 172M N328DD

5,267 A/F TT, 700 TSMOH, 52 Gal Fuel Tanks, Lycoming O-320, McCauley 2-blade Prop, Bauman BF 2550A Amphibious Floats, Garmin 430W GPS w/ Glide Slope/VOR/GPS, Garmin GTX330 Transponder, ADSB Out, LED Landing Lights, Power Flow Exhaust, Brackett Aero Poly Air Filter, JP Instruments 450 Fuel Flow, Electronics International EGT/OAT/CHT Gauge, PS300 Four Place Intercom GI106A VOR/ILS/GPS, Excellent Four Seat Interior



1966 PIPER PAWNEE N4484Y

3,513 A/F TT, 780 TSMOH, 235 HP, Bantam GPS, Intelliflow, Smmker, Spreader, Completely Recovered, Replaced All Cables, Pulleys, Shocks and Windows, Repaired All Metal Parts. Very Clean Western Airplane.

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2013 THRUSH S2R-H80 N3046N

3,600 A/F TT, 800 HP, Load Hawg, VGs, Bottom Fuel/Dual Load, Intelliflow with Smart Pump, Leading Edge Lights, Stainless Steel Booms, Hopper Rinse, Bantam, Smoker, Spreader with Kicker Plate, CPs, MVP 50T Glass Panel

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**1998 Air Tractor AT-802A
N5094H**

12,152.6 A/F TT, 1230 HP, 2000 SPOH, Reabe Digital Hopper, Quantity & Spray Boom Pressure, E-TEC Inc Fast Start System, Comm Radio, Hemisphere G4 GPS, RT Side Boom Shut Off, Smoker, Hydraulic Gate, Air Conditioner, Wipaire Vortex Generators, Wingman Wing Due at 15,823.2, Gear Due at 12,798.2, Eyebolt Stabilizer Due at 14,798.2, 4479.7 Hobbs

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**1981 CESSNA A185F
N61955**

7,300 A/F TT, 770 SFRM, Continental IO520, 285 HP, Audio Panel w/ 3 Light Markers, Garmin 430 WAAS, Garmin 255 Com, Garmin GTX 345 w/ ADSM In and Out, Glide Slope, Stormscope, S-TEC-50 Auto Pilot with Altitude Hold, Rosen Sun Visors, VG Kit, Horton STOL Kit, Float Kit, Cessna Turbo Vents for Cabin Cooling, Backup Altimeter, Backup Artificial Horizon

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**1978 PIPER PAWNEE
BRAVE
N3787E**

4,559 A/F TT, Lycoming T1O-540, 1851.0 TT Engine, 446 Hrs on New Carbine, Cylinders Top OH, Spreader, Boom & Nozzles, 86 Gal Fuel, Satlock GPS, 3656 Hrs Left on Wing Spars

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