



Author Profile for Lawson McDowell

Lawson McDowell was almost born in the backseat of a Buick, but a wild ride through the wheat fields near Dodge City, Kansas, arrived at the hospital in the nick of time. That was in the 1950's. It seems Lawson has been in a hurry ever since.

When he was five, his family moved to West Texas, establishing roots in the small town of Andrews where Lawson's father worked in the oil industry.

Lawson grew up with rattlesnakes and roughnecks in the rough and tumble oil boom years of the 50's and 60's. In 1965 he lived in the middle of America's foremost oil producing county and joined the celebration when the county delivered its billionth barrel of oil from one of the 196 surrounding oil fields.

After high school, Lawson charged into the oil fields to join the wildcatters and boomers. He enjoyed the madness and bedlam of the industry, but chose to go to college. He attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, where he graduated near the top of his class.

After graduation, Lawson went to work for Southern Pacific Railroad learning train operations and rail yard supervision across the Southwest.

He advanced through the ranks, eventually serving as Terminal Superintendent in Los Angeles and Division Superintendent in Tucson and Kansas City. At the corporate level, he served as director of safety in Denver, and chaired the Association of American Railroads Safety Section in Washington. D.C.

Lawson attended executive education classes at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. While in Boston, he developed a love for Boston and the Northeast.

Now serving with Union Pacific Railroad, Lawson is Director of Network Operations where he helps meet the nation's demands for premium transportation services.

Lawson is in his 43rd year of railroading. Working with trains is still a passion.

He and his wife live in Omaha, Nebraska.

Lawson writes in his spare time.

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