

Accident Avoidance Workshops

driver trainin' the way it ought'a be!

Driver Trainer Profile:
Jeffrey "Homer" Stillwell

A profile of "Uncle Homer" as authored by a former customer:

"This guy's a nut."

You don't often meet someone who has found their purpose and meaning in life, and as they say "never works" a day in their life. "Uncle Homer" is that guy. His abilities, as he will tell you, are God-given, and he uses them for everything they're worth. If you need a driving trainer who pulls no punches and can connect with your kid in a way nobody else can ... knock 'em down a few pegs, AND give them more *competence*, this is your guy.



Coming from a family that loved cars, he helped his father rebuild his first engine at age 8. He drove a tow-truck in high school, spent 25 years in the automotive industry, got his Mechanic's License from NASCAR at the 1987 Daytona 500, and became a Technical Engineer for Carrera Racing Shocks in the early 90's working at their World Headquarters. He served as a Crew Chief for an S.C.C.A. (Sports Car Club of America) driver in the late 90's, worked with the Georgia State Patrol in helping them design suspension systems for their high-speed pursuit vehicles, and has been training in Crash Investigation for the past 3 years. But that's just "history" as he says.

"Uncle Homer" has a marketing background and is most recently degreed in Mathematics and is now pursuing an education in Crash Reconstruction. He says: "Today's kids require a different touch than they did in our day. I have to truly *connect* with them, or they're just going to look at me the same way they do their parents ... like they "don't know anything".



During a visit to Bristol Motor Speedway back in 2009, someone made the mistake of handing him a microphone and telling "Uncle Homer" to "entertain the crowd". With an evil grin, he replied "gladly!" Ever since that day, "Uncle Homer" has been one of the track announcers at Bristol. His favorite event to host? The National Hot Rod Association Junior Dragster Eastern Conference Finals where kids from ages 8 to 17 come from all over the east coast to compete. He says: "The KIDS are the best ... 'cuz they haven't forgotten how fun it is to be a kid!"

So even in his PART TIME job, "Uncle Homer" continues to do what he loves to do ... play with cars, and mess with people.

After a recent Workshops weekend at Bristol Motor Speedway, the mother of one student stopped her car as they were leaving. She got out, and walked back to Uncle Homer's trailer where she hugged him and said: "My daughter just told me this was the best family-time we've ever spent together."

After she left, Stillwell turned to me, gave me a knowing grin and simply said: "Best job I've ever had".

After your family spends a weekend with this guy, ...
... you'll understand.

