



Larocca

Nortek names new CEO and CTO

In February, Nortek Security & Control (NSC) announced Christopher Larocca as its new chief executive officer (CEO) and Darren Learmonth as chief technology officer (CTO). Larocca will lead the company's 700 employees, overseeing the security, control, access, and digital health business units.

Previously, Larocca served as the CEO at Luminance Brands and held CEO and executive management positions at Dover Corporation, General Electric, and EMCORE Corporation.

As the new CTO, Learmonth will be responsible for the engineering and product line management departments. He has more than 25 years of experience and previously was CTO at Assa Abloy and senior vice president at HID Global and Thales E-Security.

Learmonth holds a degree in micro-electronics and software engineering from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. ■



Learmonth



Wendling

First D+AS editor dies

In January, former Door + Access Systems Newsmagazine editor, Bill Wendling, passed away. Wendling served as the D+AS editor from its founding in 1991 (as "Garage Door Business") until 1999, when Tom Wadsworth assumed the editor role.

For over 40 years, Wendling specialized in strategic planning and crisis communications, serving businesses, school districts, governmental units, nonprofit organizations, and trade associations.

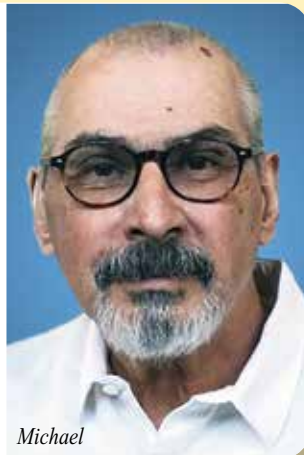
He received many recognitions, including induction into the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) College of Fellows, the Lighthouse Award for career achievements from the Cleveland chapter of PRSA, the Frederick C. Robbins Spirit of Courage Award from the March of Dimes (MOD), and was recognized as one of the "instrumental few" who brought the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame to Cleveland.

Wendling died at his home on New Year's Day, surrounded by family, friends, and his wife, Lynne Woodman. ■

Alpine Overhead Doors appoints new vice president

In March, Alpine Overhead Doors welcomed Gary Michael as vice president of sales. Michael brings over 40 years of door industry and sales management experience and holds certifications with AIA, CDDC, and AMA.

Michael holds a bachelor's degree from Bridgewater State University and an education degree from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. ■



Michael

Colin Willmott retires from Chamberlain

In February, Chamberlain engineer and innovator Colin Willmott retired after serving the industry for 59 years. DASMA recognized his career with an award at the Annual Meeting in Sarasota, Fla. in January. Willmott holds over 100 patents, more than 30 of which pertain to operators. He has helped develop multiple groundbreaking products and was one of the leading safety advocates behind the UL 325 required entrapment protection for automatic garage door openers. ■



Willmott

Arrow Tru-Line manager Paul Nowak dies

On Feb. 28, Paul Nowak, 75, passed away. Nowak had worked in the door industry since 1994. He held the regional sales manager position at Arrow Tru-Line from 1994 to 2008.

Previously, Nowak was the labor relations manager for ARO Corporation in Bryan, Ohio, from 1965 to 1994. He also served in the U.S. Navy from 1962 to 1966 and was involved in the infamous blockade during the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962.

Nowak is survived by his three children, Lisa, Travis, and Matt. ■



Industry veteran Jerry Hennen retires

In January, National Door Industries announced that Jerry Hennen had retired after nearly 34 years in the garage door industry. Hennen spent six years with National Door as the company's national sales manager.

Previously, Hennen served as vice president of strategic business development at Arrow Tru-Line. He also served on the DASMA board of directors and was chair of the Associates Division.

He holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from West Virginia University. ■



Amarr welcomes two new sales managers

In February, Amarr welcomed Andrew Garagan and Grant Randall Wheatley as new sales managers to cover the Canada and Southern Calif. and Las Vegas, Nev., territories, respectively.

Prior to joining Amarr, Garagan served as a dealer sales representative for Norelco Cabinets, a trainer/business solutions expert for Shaw Communications, and a sales manager for Glentel. Garagan earned a bachelor's degree in human resources from the University of Athabasca.

Wheatley served as an outside sales and product manager for Broco Rankin and handled outside sales for DeWell Logistics. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of La Verne. ■



Raynor promotes Royster

In January, Raynor Garage Doors promoted Bill Royster to senior regional sales manager. Royster will be responsible for helping to oversee sales in the central United States. Royster has over 20 years of experience with Raynor and extensive industry knowledge. ■



Enabnit

Action Industries announces two new regional sales managers

In April, Action Industries restructured its sales territories from four to six. The company added two new regional account managers to its North American sales team to cover the new territories.

Josh Enabnit will be based in Clear Lake, Iowa, and has more than 20 years of experience in the industry. He will be responsible for the Northwest region, consisting of 15 U.S. states and six Canadian provinces.

Taylor Millar has served the door and access system industry for over five years and will be based in Strongsville, Ohio. He will be responsible for the Northeast region, including nine U.S. states and seven Canadian provinces. ■



Millar

Raynor appoints new regional sales manager

In January, RJ Shannon joined Raynor's team of regional sales managers and will participate in the company's NextGen Management program.

Shannon began his career at Raynor in customer service.

Previously, he worked as a territory sales representative for Softchoice and in inside sales for General Electric, GE Digital.

Shannon earned a bachelor's degree in industrial distribution with a minor in business administration from Texas A&M University and is currently participating in the Chicago Booth MBA program. ■



Shannon

Raynor hires national accounts sales manager

In January, Raynor hired Charles Ziegler as its national accounts sales manager. Previously, Ziegler worked as an account executive and project manager at Miner, where he gained experience in construction management, vendor relations, and the dock and door industry. ■



Ziegler

Garaga adds another technical adviser

In September, Garaga hired Benoit Mercier as technical adviser, assisting team member Eric Turcotte with providing technical support to its dealers. Mercier is dedicated to answering dealer questions, providing quotes, and offering tech support about openers and accessories.

Mercier has years of computing and automation technologies experience and has worked in the automobile industry as a technical adviser for 12 years. ■



Mercier