

# BEAU ANDERSON

## Making Cars like Eighth Wonders of the World The Man Who Does It All at Air Ride Technologies

Graduate: Class of 1999    Occupation: Drafter

His knowledge and creativity explain his way of life. Because of his personality, Beau Anderson is the one person who loves his work-along with his company. A 1999 graduate of Forest Park High School, Beau now possesses the skills of a drafter, who makes custom parts on a computer in the Jasper, Indiana company Air Ride Technologies.

Beau Anderson, a role model to me, stated, “Study hard, have fun, and get into as many activities as you can while you're in school. This way you can explore many different options. Remember! Education is something no one can take away from you. Explore everything you can and take advantage of every opportunity there is given to you.”

Air Ride Technologies build custom suspensions for specialty cars, amazing hot rods, and street rods. Beau has performed his duty for five years. Even though Beau went straight into the work force, he learned the most important skill of all; responsibility. He worked at Sternberg's where he drove a wrecker and operated a punch press.

Beau designs parts in the research and design department, then puts their ideas on the computer, and makes them work. He also designs his own ideas and designs new parts that would make a boring car look “rad.”

Beau has a family of his own. He has two daughters and a son: Kasady, who is four years old; Bailey, who is six months old; and 16-year-old Cody.

In his spare time, he likes working in his garage on random objects-mostly motorcycles, cars, and ATVs. I met Beau while riding my quad at his nephew's house. He gave some tips on adding more power to our quads that wouldn't cost a dollar. I still use his advice today.

Beau's craziest on-the-job mistake occurred while he was learning how to use a machine that cost \$80,000. He wanted to get a part done in a hurry-and he broke the machine. He said, “I for sure thought I was going to get sacked for this screw-up.” To his surprise, his boss came out, shook his hand, and said; “Now you learned something.” His boss wasn't mad at all.

Regarding who his most influenced teacher was, Beau remarked, “There were a couple of teachers that stuck out in my mind. Most of all would have to be Ms. Shobe.” He said she really put up with a lot of aggravation from him, but when he needed help, she was always there.

I really enjoyed interviewing Beau; I learned some information about him that I had not known before. Beau comes across as a hard-headed biker. When really he is one of the nicest guys you will ever meet. He also is really smart, and a big help when it comes to bikes and motors. It is obvious that Beau really appreciates his Forest Park education, and proved to be a supportive alumnus.