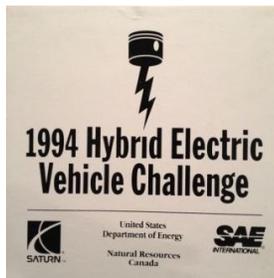


Patti Personnel Spotlight – David G. Foster

Our Vice President of Engineering, David G. Foster, has more than 17 years of experience in management, project planning, employee development and hiring, and most importantly, engineering. He has been with Patti Engineering since 1995 and holds both a Michigan and Texas Professional Engineering license, as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Kettering University (GMI) in Flint, Michigan. He has also served as the Automation Group Leader for the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of ISA.



Dave moved quickly up the ladder at Patti Engineering. He was hired in 1995 after Sam Hoff and his wife, Patti, met him at the North American International Auto Show, where he displayed a Hybrid Electric Vehicle that he developed on a college team in 1994. The opportunity to work for Patti Engineering brought him from Grand Cayman back to Michigan, where he was born. Dave was the fifth employee of the company, where he jumped straight into his first project – a paint system upgrade for FANUC/GM Shreveport. It was not long before Sam promoted Dave to Senior Engineer and he was responsible for essentially every project Patti Engineering had in the works. By 1998, Dave had excelled and displayed his expertise for the automation and integration space so well that he was promoted to the Vice President of Engineering position that he still holds.

In addition to being a vital piece of the Patti Engineering puzzle, Dave also co-founded LEID Products (Law Enforcement Intelligent Devices) with Sam. LEID Products, LLC is the pioneer of electronic locker, cabinet, and gun rack storage with biometric asset protection and control. The patented Biometric Access Control Systems (BACS™) - developed in 2006 for LEID Products by Patti Engineering - is a proven asset management and inventory control system used to secure and track critical inventory for a wide range of customers.



When Dave is able to steal some free time from his hectic schedule, he enjoys working on his many rotary engine powered cars (auto racing at the SCCA Club level), and Quarter Midget racing with his two sons Evan and Owen. He lives in Clarkston, Michigan with his sons and wife, Cindi. They spend summers boating on the Great Lakes, and winters watching the boys play basketball. Dave loves anything with an engine that floats or rolls. He has been an avid boater his entire life, and actually learned to drive a boat before he could drive a car when he lived in the Grand Cayman Islands as a child with his Father.

During his college years, he split his time between attending GMI in Flint and working as a Co-op engineer for Caribbean Utilities in Grand Cayman. He traveled back and forth every 3 months for 5 years and met Cindi while in college in Flint, and she visited him while he spent time in Grand Cayman during college. They were married in 1995 shortly after he joined Patti Engineering. Their children were born in 2000 and 2003.





Dave and his family enjoy traveling all over the great lakes region on their boat. Including an annual Lake Erie trip where they enjoy staying at the Cedar Point amusement park. Some other hobbies of his include rebuilding rotary engines – his favorite is the Mazda RX-7 but he has owned numerous. One fun fact is that he co-owns the Patti Engineering racing #13 RX-7 and races it at the local Waterford Hills race track.

Dave’s role at the company has continually evolved over the last 17 years and he is now involved in almost every aspect of the company. “It is clear that Dave is a very smart and respected man within our Patti Engineering family,” said Sam Hoff, president of Patti Engineering. “His contribution has been instrumental in the growth and success of our company.”

