

Kerry A. Freeman

Kerry A. Freeman is the former Publisher/Editor-in-Chief and a 26-year veteran of Chilton Book Company until leaving, when the company was sold, in 1997. Chilton is one of the best-known names to automotive consumers and professional technicians. Mr. Freeman joined Chilton Book Company in 1970 as an Automotive Editor and held a variety of positions, including Senior Editor ('72-'75); Assistant Managing Editor, Consumer Books ('75-'78); Managing Editor ('78-'83); Executive Editor ('83-'88); Editor-in-Chief ('88-'91); Publisher ('91-'93) and Publisher/Editor-in-Chief ('93-'97).

While at Chilton, Mr. Freeman developed key new products including Chilton's Spanish Language line of repair manuals, Chilton's Electronic Engine Controls Manuals, Chilton's Total Car Care series, Chilton's Technical Assistance hotline and Chilton's automotive information database. He also directed the acquisition of the Cascade ECS manual, the basis of visual inspections in almost every state enhanced emission program.

Mr. Freeman has maintained an active role in the automotive marketplace and industry affairs for more than 30 years. He is currently employed by MCIWorldCom as an Executive Program Manager, overseeing operation of enhanced emission and I/M programs nationally and in the northeastern US. He was a voting member of the J2008 intra-industry task force, charged by the EPA with identifying future automotive equipment and service requirements and developing and implementing automotive information standards required by the Clean Air Act of 1990. He has served as an expert witness before the Federal Trade Commission, the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) Task Force and the EPA, as well as Chilton's only authorized spokesperson regarding labor times. He was an invited participant to the AAA/EPA-sponsored Vehicle Maintenance Initiative Conference.

Mr. Freeman has contributed feature articles and columns to various consumer magazines (*Four Wheeler* and *Your Car & Your Money*), trade magazines (*Motor/Age*, *Automotive Industries* and *Body Engineering Journal*) as well as currently writing a weekly automotive column for the *Delaware County Daily Times*. He has made numerous radio and TV appearances locally in Philadelphia, Scranton and Lancaster, PA as well as national appearances in Los Angeles, Detroit and Washington, DC and served as an automotive consultant to Herb Denenberg, consumer reporter for WCAU-TV in Philadelphia. He has edited more than 40 books on automotive subjects and authored Chilton's Guide to Consumer's Auto Repairs and Prices, Chilton's Easy Car Care and Chilton's CB Handbook. The latter two won Chilton's "Best Staff-Written" book awards when they were published.

Mr. Freeman is a member of Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) and a past member of the Equipment & Tool Institute (ETI), with membership in the Underhood Service Group and the Access to Information and 1997 Annual Meeting Program Committees. He is also past Chairman and Technical Chairman of the ETI Computer Systems Group and a featured speaker at the 1991 ETI Annual Meeting.

Mr. Freeman is a graduate of Kutztown State University with a B.S. in Education and a major in English, a lifelong-resident of the Philadelphia area and currently resides in Aston, PA with his wife, Linda.