

**MAT DISHMAN**

Some people grow up and never get a chance to follow their dreams or have a passion for trucks and racing. This is not the case for Mat Dishman. Born and raised in the Danville, IL area, Dishman thrived in a family that embraced life to the fullest. At an early age, building, repairing, and fabricating trucks, motorcycles, and 4-wheelers; Dishman put in numerous long hours learning and listening from his father and brother. At his family home, the two-car garage turned into a mega work shop for family and friends fixing all motor and assembly problems.

It was no accident that Dishman came to the industry of monster trucks. His brother, Geremie Dishman, already worked for Hall Brothers Racing, so any down-time, summer vacations, or race days with Hall Brothers Racing, you could find Mat in the “pit area” swinging a drill or grabbing an impact wrench to help the team with crew duties. After graduation, the profession of monster truck racing chose Mat Dishman to be part of the Hall Brothers Racing team.

With a huge smile and a gentle disposition, Mat will tell you “I was born to be in the monster truck industry. At a young adult growing up and throughout high school, I knew I had to be part of the racing business. What an opportunity to work for one of the winningest teams in the racing industry and being able to learn from Tim and Mark Hall---I couldn’t have better teachers.” In 2004 I went to my first race with Hall Brothers and in 2005 was part of the winning championship! And in 2010 Mat won the MTRA “Rookie-of-the-Year Award”.

“The hard work and long hours have paid off” explains Mat with an uncanny tone in his voice. Since my full time employment from high school with Hall Brothers Racing, I have amassed several “**firsts**”. Recently married, watching the birth of my daughter, Faith, getting his CDL license and having the responsibility of assignment of a semi, and executing his first car crush at a dealership; life is wonderful, fun, and always a great day!

What’s next? “I’ve got a beauty of a 1968 Army truck sitting in our home shop waiting for motor, body-work, and a whole lot of TLC ” Dishman explains---“but the down-time at home comes with a great appreciation that “sometimes life does give you all the wonders that you want and achieve for. If you have patience to wait and work really hard -- you too, can set your goals early on in life like I did!”

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