



Glenn Drodge, from McMinnville, Tennessee, graduated from Tennessee Tech with a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering in June 1976. He began his career as a manufacturing engineer with Trane Air Conditioning Company in Clarksville, Tennessee, where he worked on several program teams involved in the introduction of new product families. In 1979, Glenn joined Cooper Industries in Dallas, Texas, a manufacturer of oilfield drilling and production equipment, as a group manager of manufacturing engineering responsible for welding, fabrication, machining, and assembly. One year later, he was promoted to manager of manufacturing engineering at the same facility. In 1983, Glenn was transferred and promoted to Cooper's Industrial Machinery in Quincy, Illinois, as the division manager of manufacturing services/quality. In 1986, Glenn took on the assignment of manufacturing manager of the Quincy, Illinois, facility. Glenn was promoted by Cooper Industries in 1989 to the position of plant manager of the Champion Spark Plug facility in Burlington, Iowa. In 1992, he returned to the South accepting a position as plant manager for the Frigidaire Company in Springfield, Tennessee. In 1994, Glenn joined his current company, Tenneco Automotive, as corporate director of manufacturing engineering. He was promoted in early 1995 to the position of plant manager of the Smithville, Tennessee, facility.

Tenneco Automotive is a global manufacturer of Emission Control and Ride Control products for both the original equipment market and the aftermarket. The Smithville plant manufactures OE Emissions Control/Exhaust systems for Toyota, Nissan, Honda, and Saturn. While at Tenneco, Glenn has led the Smithville plant through a period of dramatic growth, achieving a 600% increase in sales and has been heavily involved in introducing Lean Manufacturing in Tenneco. This culminated with the receipt of Tenneco's "Lean Award" recognizing Smithville's 2001 performance. In early 2002, Glenn completed the University of Michigan's Lean Certification program.

Throughout his career, Glenn has been involved with professional organizations and in community service. He has held such positions such Founding Treasurer of the Robotics International Society of Manufacturing Engineers (DFW Chapter), Certified Manufacturing Engineer, Vice Chairman of the United Way Board of Directors (Iowa), YMCA Executive Board (Iowa), Chairman of Plant Managers/Owners Committee (Iowa), United Way Board of Directors in Dekalb County, and Organizing Committee Member of the Southern Automotive Conference. Glenn has been a member of the Tennessee Tech IME department Industrial Advisory Board member since 1998.

Glenn and his wife Jennifer (APSU 1977) live in Cookeville, Tennessee, with their daughter, Sheridan, a freshman at Tennessee Tech.