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Fab Masters Establishes its Home

In late May of 1986 the gold two-story, 2,300 square foot metal building on M-40 North of Marcellus became the home of Fab Masters Co., Inc.

Specializing in precision fabricating services for brass, aluminum and steel, and employing six people that produced 1,000 parts per week.

December 1999

Jim and Ron, with their Dad, Dick Troxell. Fab Masters first employee. Carol, their mother worked at Fab Masters for a while as well. Truly a family business.



Employee of the Month

Dick Troxell was chosen as December's Employee of the Month. Dick received a certificate and a newspaper write-up in the Marcellus News. He and his wife Carol are also celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



Above is Fab Masters in 1991, after its second expansion. Originally started as 48'x48' two years later a 48'x46' addition was added. Then five years later that space was doubled by a 5,376 expansion.

Below is Fab Masters after the last expansion in 2009 when shipping was cemented and enclosed. This brings us to a total of 102,500 square feet.



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The original CNC

Equipment

Check out these firsts'. Our original CNC, and the first manual saw.

Notice the cart in front of the operator, it contains the cutting tools that were changed by hand. Tool change is automatic now, as quickly as 1.7 seconds. And the sawyer in the top right photo is cutting one piece of metal at a time.

We now have 19 vertical and horizontal CNC machining and tapping centers. Our saw department has four twin-headed CNC automatic saws, and a bundle cut saw that has cut up to 49 pieces at a time.



1st Saw



Our newest Milltronics machining center purchased in Jan. 2014



Fully automatic Bundle Cut Saw

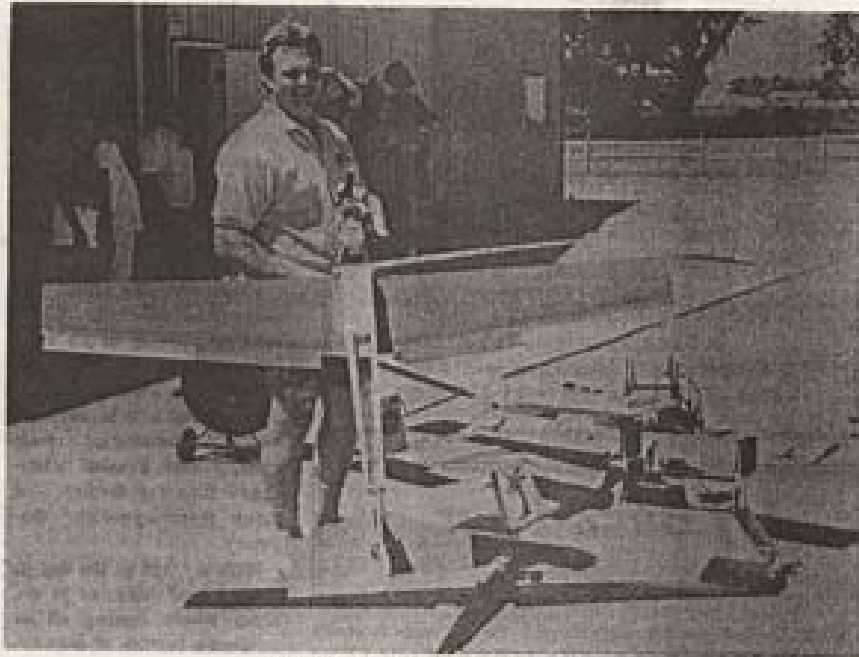
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Fab Masters, Inc. Celebrated 11th Year In Business July 29



Ron Troxell, Fab Masters CEO

11th Year Anniversary celebration

Ron Troxell and the Fab Masters team played host to about 150 customers, vendors, friends and neighbors Saturday, July 29, 1995 at an Open House and Hog Roast to celebrate the corporation's 11 years in business. Guests enjoyed watching model airplane and helicopters in flight, pitched horseshoes and feasted under a large canopy.

They have had two building expansion programs in the last 18 months and currently employ about 20 people.



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1st Knee Mill

Equipment

Our first knee mill is pictured here along with the first large Milltronics CNC machining center.

Notice the rotary fixture in the Milltronics— boy we thought this was the bees knees. This machining center is still in service.

Our Quality department was improving as well. In 1995 we got our 1st height gage, and shortly there after the first piece of "High-Tech" equipment the video optical comparator.

Quality now has two coordinate measuring machines, one that is computer numeric controlled (set it and forget it) it will measure a part by itself, and is capable of reverse engineering.



Video Optical Comparator



Our 1st large Milltronics CNC,
still in service



1st Height



Computer numeric controlled
Coordinate Measuring Machine

Faithfull
Customers &
Employees

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Extruded Aluminum Corp.
Our oldest customer

Customers & Employees

Ron shows his appreciation to Ray Klein, and Charlie Hall of Extruded Aluminum Corp. for being our oldest customer.

Our oldest running part is an oil manifold being produced for Cummins Consolidated Diesel. And we are still manufacturing refrigerator rails for Northland/AGA Marvel (1999.)

Our longest standing employee Gene Sibley, programming & maintenance manager retired in April after 25 years at Fab Masters. Gail Klein hired not long after Gene to become our secretary / treasurer accounting manager.



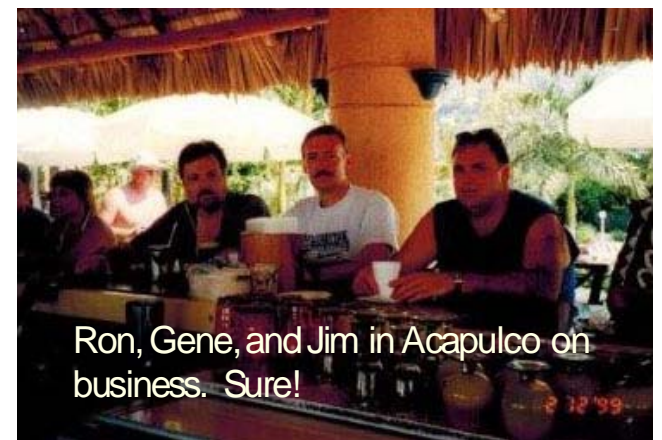
Gene Sibley -25 Years of service



Northland / AGA Marvel - We have
manufactured these parts for them
since 1999



Our gal Gail, friendliest
face in the place.



Ron, Gene, and Jim in Acapulco on
business. Sure!



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Fun & Games

1. Community Participation—donkey basketball
2. Our accounting team passing out tee shirts, at an employee appreciation dinner.
3. Ron's Dad and Aunt Margaret.
4. Employee appreciation dinner.
5. Pie throwing at 2008 Halloween party.
6. Ron gets even with Jim.
7. Only a woman would hide behind a baby, right Gail?



Fun Times Over
The Years

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Pumpkin steal 2008 Halloween party

Fun & Games

In 2004 we held our 1st Chili Cook-Off. Ron won 1st place, Ed Durbin was 2nd, and Gene Sibley 3rd. This kicked-off a chili rivalry between Ed and Ron that lasted for nine years. Ed placed or won seven times, Ron three.

In 2008 Tammie Mortimore shot an 11 point buck, and won hands down with her venison chili.



Kerry Rimes 2005



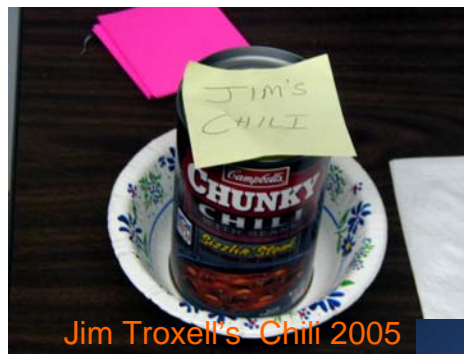
Jennifer Romig



Ed Durbin 2009



Tammie Mortimore



Jim Troxell's Chili 2005



Sandy Wilkins
2011



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Greg Peters 2012



Kevin Wiles



Fun & Games

2012 & 2013 Chili Cook-Off Winners



Chris Borys, Nikki Kline, Julie Rosen, Sandy Wilkins



2008 Open
House & Hog
Roast

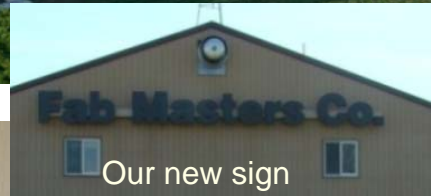
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Celebrating the completion of the 31,000 square foot facility expansion and our 24th anniversary.

Ron was presented an award of recognition for growth & and success from Thomas Tarleton, Mich. Economic Dev. Corp., and received a letter of congratulations from Congressman Fred Upton.



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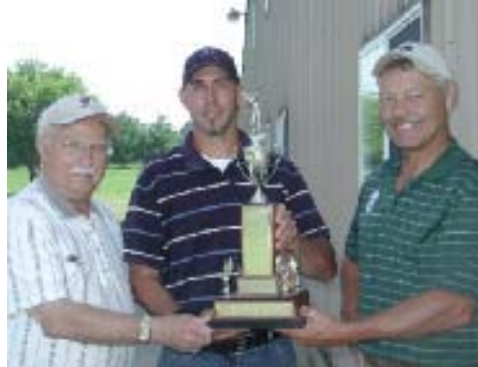


Fab Masters Annual Golf Outing...

originated in 2008 and is a much anticipated event. Spending a day with our vendors and customers is cherished time.

In 2010 the golf team from Fab Masters won the first annual Charlotte Anodizing Products versus Fab Masters Golf Challenge. FMC has a long-standing relationship with Charlotte Anodizing, which has grown very strong over the years. FMC has always strived to have good strong relationships with all of its vendors.

Fab MASTERS wins at Augusta (Augusta, MI)!



Arthur Osterwald, CEO, (left), and Ronald McDiarmid, President (right) of Charlotte Anodizing presenting Jason Mott with the trophy. (2010)



Sam Cropsey/Kim Fox (FMC) & Bryan Farwell/Chris Bullock (SAPA) won 1st place in the 2011.



2013

Fab Masters Howard Miller, and Josh Hunsburger teamed up with Mike O'Bryan and John Willis from Elixir taking first place.

Awards

2001 Certificate of Appreciation – Employer of the Year for hiring veterans, by the Economic Commission of the American Legion

2004 Recognized by Cass County- for commitment to Cass County and the manufacturing industry

2004 Certificate of Achievement by The Village of Marcellus for 20 years of continued growth and customer satisfaction

2005 Michigan 50 Companies to Watch by Edward Lowe Foundation

2008 Achievement for Growth and Success by Michigan Economic Development Corporation

2008 Certificate of Excellence for a Welding Program that has gone beyond the requirements of the American Welding Society and the U.S. Department of Defense by Bumgarner Welding and Inspection Inc.

2009 Michigan's Economic Bright Spot Award by Corp! Magazine