

McCune Technology

Metal Outsourcing



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Biography

David McCune is President of McCune Technology / Fayetteville Steel. Established in 1975 and located in Fayetteville North Carolina, this state-of-the-art business is defined as a miscellaneous steel fabrication center and metals warehouse. Their scope of work ranges from production weldments to extensive projects for our U.S. military.

David has also been a professional artist for the past fifteen years. His medias include, but are not limited to metal sculpture, metal wall art, watercolors, photography, acrylic, jewelry and custom furniture.

David's true passion over the years has been in the area of workforce development. He currently serves on county, state and national boards.



Steel artwork created by McCune



McCune Technology employee works with steel

Interview

Q: In thinking back where you started your company, did you think you would ever be where you are today?

A. The business began in a one-bedroom apartment in Haymount. I'm proud of its growth over the years. Our division, "Fayetteville Steel Service" is an extension of the business that works well even during the economic downsizing of our customer base. Having the ability to fabricate the weldment, process metal components and retail raw metal materials has given us the flexibility to compete in the marketplace. Our three specialized CNC cutting machines have been able to keep production up and constant rising labor costs down. Our customer base outsources their specialized cutting requirements to us daily. This helps to keep their labor cost down as they assemble their weldments. Cumberland County and Fort Bragg have been very helpful and a great place to be located over the past 31 years.

Q: You were the first plant to locate in the CIC, and people said you were taking a huge risk. How do you feel now

about being the first in the park?

A. The land in the industrial park is similar to the rest of the land that makes up Cumberland County. Unfortunately some local politicians of the eighties era called it "Swamp Land". Ranny Nimmocks was the realtor that helped me find the land. The tract I purchased was high and dry. Some county commissioners were attempting to sale the large tract and get out of the industrial park business. However, Commissioners Charlie Speagle and Mac Gillis along with County Manager Cliff Strassenburg kept the torch burning. Their persistence paid off. My little development was the catalyst that led to hiring Danny Fore. His goal was to fill the park with very vital tenants. As the years passed industry has continued to locate in our industrial park. Locating in the industrial park I believe was my contribution to the betterment of our community and McCune Technology.

Q: What does McCune Technology manufacture and what was your first product?

A. My first product was the rear window louver for the Datsun

240Z. I came up with this idea and drew up the plans. Mastercraft, a sheet metal shop in Fayetteville, made the first set for me back in 1975. Since then, I've created a host of assorted assemblies, including the Leafvac. With business, industry and the military as our customer base, we've made just about everything imaginable out of metal over the years. Some of the products were one of a kind; others we mass-produce by the thousands.

Q: We understand that you have upgraded your machines that cut the steel in different ways and you use them for your art. Can you tell us about your art and how you got started?

A. Over the years whether economic times were good or bad, we modernized our equipment. Our cutting equipment allows us to compete in a global marketplace. Building the "Ghost Tower" in Arsenal Park in Haymount is what started me in art. With a weight of over 60,000 lbs, it's impressive. I also created the Kokopelli design. We've sold



Artwork, "Fairy Tales"

thousands of these little tricksters around the world. The art I fabricate now is quite advanced.

Q: Do you see major changes on the horizon for McCune Technology?

A. Our plan is to take McCune Technology to the next level, and maybe some day I will come up with a totally original idea that will catch on sort of like the pet rock or hula-hoop did.

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