

It has been such a long time since my last update and for this I am truly sorry. I had one customer who had made a comment to me that the “weekly updates” were not as often with the second run of engines. It is not because there is nothing to report, but rather trying to find the extra time is quite difficult. Once again, I will try to be more diligent in the future.

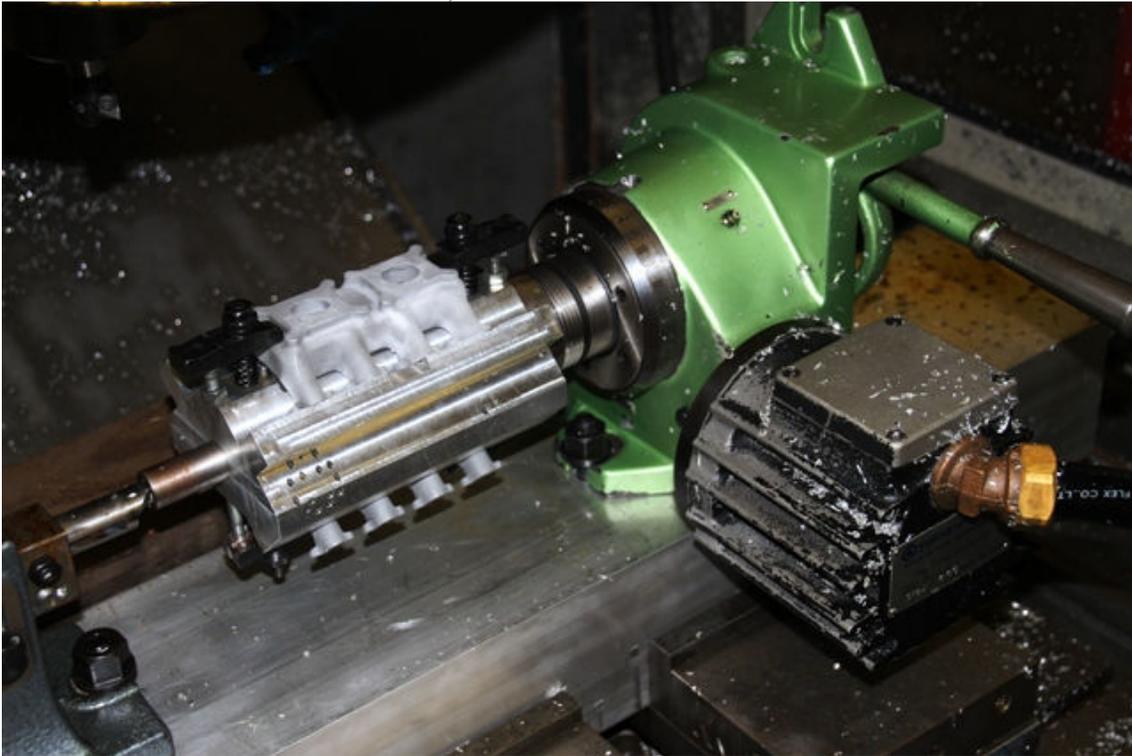
Just in case everyone is not aware, I had to attend the Toledo Model Show the weekend of the 14 of April. The preparation for this show is quite extensive. It takes about a week to prepare, then three days to get back to normal. This year was a little different, in that I had to take another 5 hour drive the very next weekend, to receive my Craftsman of the Year – 2012 award. Once again, after the show was over, another 5 hour drive back home and try to get back on schedule. Loosing two weeks+ is very hard to make up. Anyway here are some additional pictures of just some of the things that are going on. The intake manifolds are nearing completion. What you are seeing is a 4<sup>th</sup> axis which is used to rotate the piece and allow me to program the CNC machining center to machine all the sides without having to touch anything. Each manifold takes 7 minutes 12 seconds to complete. This is certainly a major step from the way they were finished on the first run.

The blocks are still in the machining process. One bank of cylinders is finished and the other side will be started by the end of the week. Hang in there, all these steps take a lot of time to set-up and machine.

The final four pictures are of the 34 belly pan which came back from custom paint, just in time to be displayed at the Toledo Model Show. As you can see, a lot of things are going on at the same time. It should be evident why it is hard to find enough time for the weekly updates. Believe me when I say “I am not trying to avoid anything”, but rather trying to schedule everything within the confines of 24 hour days. This is only a small part of what is going on. I now need to send the body to the mold makers so that I can get the first run of 34’s in “Q”.

On a special note, a very very dear friend – Gaul Giles passed away on Friday night. I had just seen him and his lovely wife Sue at the Toledo Show. Although his heart was not in good shape, he decided to surprise everyone and spend a couple of hours with old friends. Little did I think it would be the last time I would see him. I do not know about all of you, but I do not have one extra friend! I am truly a better person for having known him. Paul, you are in my thoughts and I was ever so hopeful that we could have had many more memories. Good bye “old friend”. You will truly be missed.

Pic #1 (Intake manifolds in 4<sup>th</sup> axis)



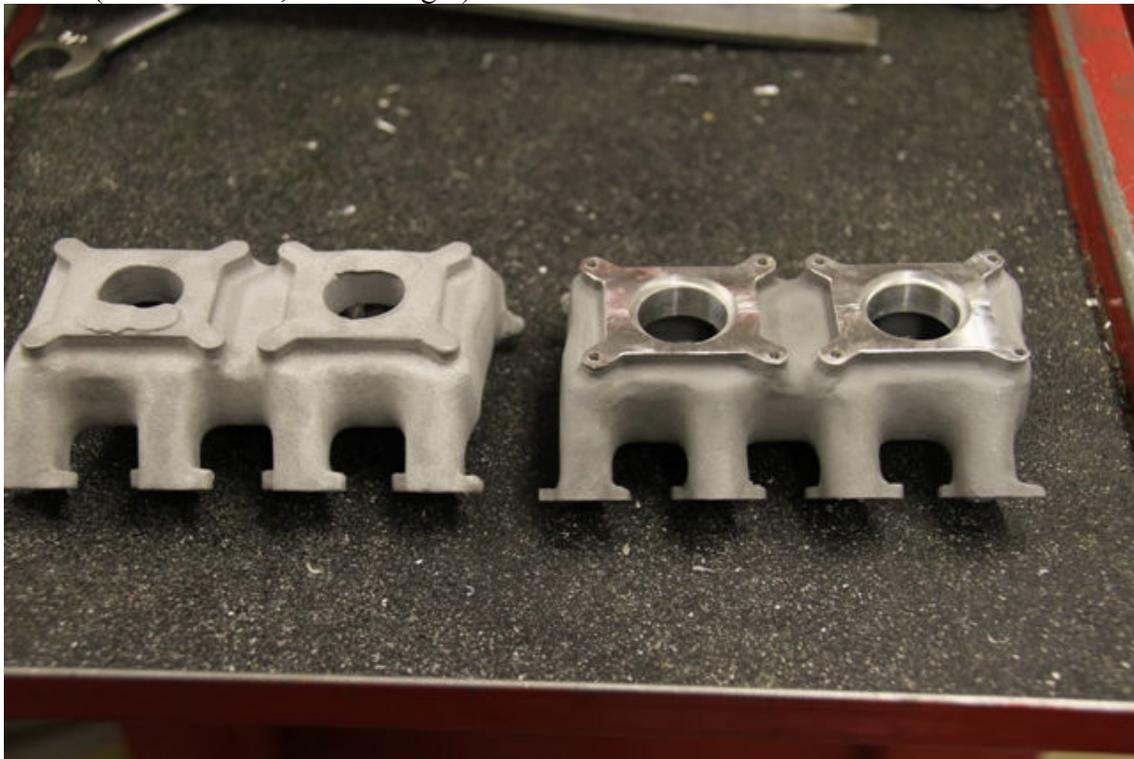
Pic #2 (Machining legs of intake manifold)



Pic #3 ( Finished manifolds on left)



Pic #4 (Before on left, after on right)



Pic #5 (Before on left after on right)



Pic #6 (34 Belly pan with finders back from paint)





