

## Steelville Manufacturing Company Unveils Longest Fastems Cell in North America

Steelville Manufacturing Company (SMC) recently held an open house event at its Steelville, MO manufacturing facility. The event showcased and demonstrated SMC's utilization of their new Fastems Cell.

Over 300 people attended the open house including representatives from SMC's manufacturing partners such as Okuma America Corporation, Hartwig Inc. and Fastems. Missouri State Senator Frank Barnitz and Steelville Mayor Terry Palmer were also in attendance.

The open house showcased the much-anticipated Fastems Cell, which is the longest in North America measuring 167 feet. Accompanying the Fastems Cell was the new Okuma Multus machine, Okuma Millac machine, and Okuma MA600HB machines.

Currently, three OKUMA CNC machining centers coincide with the Fastems Cell with plans to add two additional OKUMA MA600HB machines later this year. SMC has provisions for a total of six OKUMA machines to accompany the Fastems Cell. "The Fastems MLS (Multi Level System) bi-level construction at SMC enables easy and optimal storage for different types of sizes and loads," said a Fastems spokesperson. "It combines large capacity with small floor space needs. Due to the modular construction of the Fastems Cell, the MLS is also easy to expand. The integration possibilities for the mechanical and control systems make it suitable for all machines, and automatically and manually controlled cells."

Attendees were treated to a barbeque lunch buffet followed by a series of tours demonstrating SMC's computerized metalcutting, waterjet and Fastems capabilities.

"Owned and operated by the Bell family since 1979, the Steelville Manufacturing Company is well known for manufacturing in the aerospace and military industries," said a company spokesperson. "The bold and innovative methods in machining have set SMC apart from the competition and earned them the title of 'Preferred Supplier' with one of the world's leading aerospace companies. SMC's growth can be directly attributed to the leadership and dedicated employees of the company in addition to the precision machines that are well maintained and updated regularly."



(l-r) Dennis Bell, President; Bob Bell, Production Manager; John Bell, Vice President, Steelville Manufacturing Company.



(l-r) Larry Schwartz, President, Okuma America Corporation; Joe Kluba, General Manager, Homeyer Tool and Die Co.; David Fischer, Senior Applications Engineer, Okuma America Corporation; Gary Hartwig, President, Hartwig, Inc.; Tim Wetzal, Sales and Marketing, Homeyer Tool and Die Co.



(l-r) Steelville, MO, Mayor Terry Palmer, presents Steelville Manufacturing Company President Dennis Bell with a plaque recognizing SMC's growth and impact in the community.

"Steelville Manufacturing Company has come along way since I first started working here as a teenager with my brothers, Dennis and John," said Bob Bell, Production Manager, Steelville Manufacturing Company.

Steelville Mayor Terry Palmer also presented Dennis Bell, Steelville Manufacturing Company president, with an award plaque acknowledging the growth of Steelville Manufacturing and its commitment to the city and region.



SMC utilizes a 167-foot Fastems Cell in their manufacturing processes. This Fastems cell is the longest in North America.