

Structural Components, Inc.

Located in Yakima, Washington

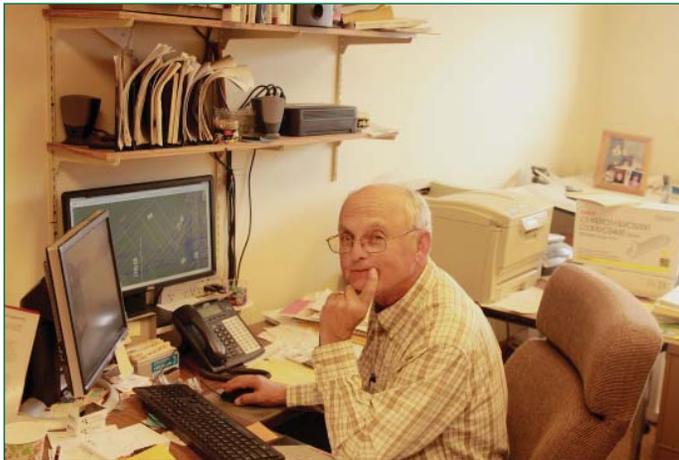
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Structural Components, Inc. was the brainchild of two very special people: Joan and Phil Fluaitt. In 1971, they built a very extraordinary truss company - a company dedicated to giving each and every customer who comes through its doors the best quality, price, and service that it can provide. Starting out with very little money, the couple had to find suppliers, who were great people, and would allow slow payment



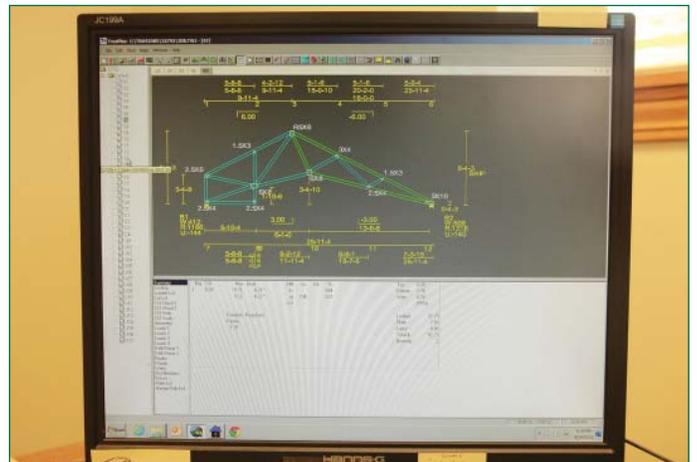
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Phil Fluaitt, owner and founder of Structural Components, Inc. He has over 50 years of experience in the roof truss industry.

Don Fluaitt (son of Joan and Phil) is the financial manager for the company. Don grew up learning the lessons of quality, honesty, and respect for customers that were instilled by his parents. The challenges of today, are the challenges of most companies, keeping up with modernization of equipment, government

when things were tight. During the 70s, mortgage rates soared to 14% and new construction was often slow. All truss design was done by hand and then had to be mailed to the engineer for approval. For over 48 years, and even through those years of struggle, Structural Components has honored the same promise to its customers who come for roof truss systems.



Today, computerized drafting makes the calculation and design more efficient than a drafting table and pencil!



Another set of trusses going out to the building site.

regulations and the current labor market. Despite the issues, quality, price and service remain the steadfast commitment of the company today.

Don notes that the company has a great staff that makes everything possible. Today trusses are much more complex, often designing scissored hip trusses with 4 to 5 pitch changes in the span of the truss, attic trusses for living space, and other extremely

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complicated designs that would have been impossible to build with the available equipment in the 70s.

"We only worked on 150 or less truss packages a year in the mid-70s, but now we do more than 700 truss packages a year," said Don.

With over 105 years of combined experience, the design and sales team are able to serve the needs of contractors, re-modelers, homeowners and commercial builders.



Roman Camacho hard at work on the DeSaw automated component saw.

The "Mom and Pop" shop that began in a small open pole building, with nothing but hydraulically actuated flip jigs and older manual saws, has become a large company in a steel building with modern laser guided gantry systems and automated saws. Looking back at its history is gratifying, knowing that the production has grown to a thriving business.

Don stated, "TPM has been an invaluable partner in providing excellent health insurance at reasonable prices for many, many years. They are very knowledgeable on employee issues as well, and help with questions we have in regards to the issues we encounter."



The gantry is the heart of production, the table layout and pressing system press the preset nail plates into the truss, which increase production and reduces labor injuries.

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