

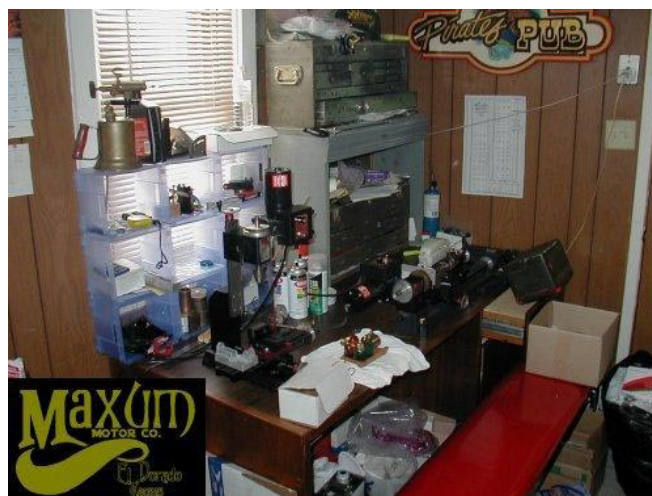
Compact Workshop 5—Kitchen Workshop/Steve Peirce

In 2003 Steve Peirce was just getting started in machining. He entered in the “Novice” division of Sherline’s Machinist’s Challenge contest at the NAMES show in Michigan and took top honors in that division. In 2004 he came back to the contest with two entries and ended up finishing 2nd and 4th overall and only missed first place by 10 votes. With his combined winnings from both projects he ended up the top money-winner in the 2004 contest. He built two very detailed compressed air engine models of two different Maxum engines. In the 2005 contest, his two-cylinder “Achilles” engine took the overall win, completing his move from novice machinist to first place winner. All that award-winning work came out of this tiny kitchen shop, again proving that bigger isn’t always better.



Steve's kitchen workshop keeps everything within reach. He's within an arm's length of both the refrigerator and a radio and has plenty of light from overhead.

This is actually the 2nd shop Steve set up. His first was even smaller (see below), and the above shop is soon due to move to another location to make the kitchen more useable as a kitchen. No doubt it will be just as neat and organized, although Steve does admit that when he is in the middle of a project the shop doesn't look like this. He also notes that the “Cannery Row” street sign is genuine, coming from outside Doc Ricket's Laboratory one block from the Monterey Aquarium. It was a gift from when he returned from *Operation Just Cause* in Panama in 1990.



Steve's first shop fit on one desk.