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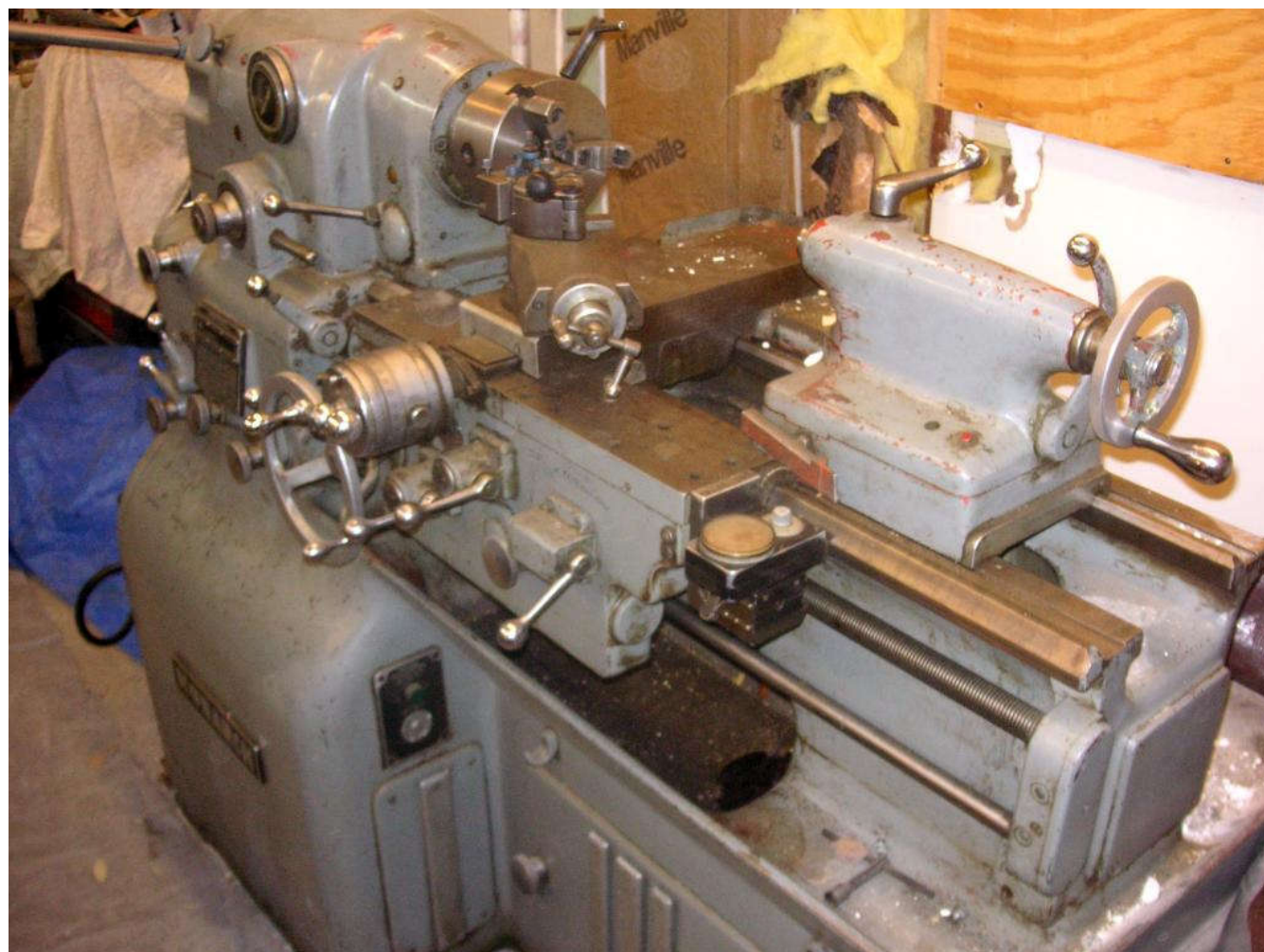
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Leave Cali day 2

The move to Florida, selling the machinery on Craigslist.



My garage in Silicon Valley had six Sportsters and this beautiful Monarch toolroom lathe. It has an infinitely variable speed so machinists love it. Now that the house I bought in 2008 was above water, I could sell it and move to Florida. I would not have to work for corporations anymore, other than some freelance writing to keep from spending savings.

Besides this lathe I had a giant mill out in the side yard from when I closed my shop. It was old and rusty and obsolete. I designed and built a control for it, but with no tool-changer the mill was worthless. The guy that bought the lathe had the riggers scrap the mill. A happy day seeing it go. I also sold an air compressor, phase converter, and the control rack for the mill. It helped finance the move.



The empty bookshelf and some books to sell.



Sold the compressor cheap, its 3-phase.



Some more books to sell or give away.



Panels I designed for the mill, gave away.



The 8000-pound Bostomatic milling machine.



Parted out the rack I designed for the mill.



From my shop this went in the side yard.



The rack and packing material in the shed.



Sold the lathe and gave this to the rigger for scrap. Worthless, even if it was not rusty.



Popcorn for eBay sales and antenna mast base.



Rusty ways and a rebuilt Quincy compressor.



Gave the mast and rotator to a pal.



Phase Perfect 3-phase inverter, sold for cash.



Lathe had a flux-vector speed control.



Tooling for the Monarch lathe worth a lot.



This is where the dc control used to go.



Got the lathe and tooling, \$1500 at Dovebid.



Expensive tool holder and a collet feed.



Sold with the lathe rather than parting out.



One of the belts was broken



Tools from the microwave company auction.



It had an inductor for noise and brake resistors.



The Monarch is beautiful but too big and heavy to ship to the house in Florida.



The Phase Perfect had inductors for noise as well. Better sold than moved to Florida.



The rating plates on the Phase Perfect. It was a beautiful unit that creates the third phase with an inverter rather than use capacitors. It is ideal to run 3-phase CNC machines. I bought it to run the lathe, mill and air compressor.



This is literally the money shot, The lathe and tooling I paid \$1,500 for sold for \$4,400 on Craigslist.. Best yet, the guy asked the rigger to take the mill to the scrapyard at no charge to me.

That milling machine was the 8,000-pound albatross that was keeping me from moving. I sold the controller rack dirt cheap at the electronic flea market.

The air compressor and Phase Perfect sold on Craigslist as well. With money from that, the eFlea, and eBay I put enough cash together to finance the move.

I still had 14,000 pounds, a lot of motorcycle parts, tools, and test equipment. The movers were amazed, they had to send for a second crew.

Even though it was only February, the big rush was to move the stuff to Florida ASAP, so I could list the house empty. I lived in a studio apartment for 6 months for the balance of 2014. I flew to Florida for good just before Christmas.