



Wayne Pentecost: Like Father, Like Sons

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Like many automotive professionals, Wayne Pentecost started working on cars at an early age. However, in addition to being an extension of his personal interests, his primary motivation came from a sense of responsibility. “I did my first tune-up when I was eight years old,” he remembers. “My mom was a single mother and couldn’t afford to take our car to a shop, so I decided to do it myself. I guess I just had a natural mechanical ability, because it came easy to me.”

Despite his early proficiency in automotive work, Wayne didn’t make it his livelihood until many years later, following a lengthy career as a tool and die maker. Eventually, he reconnected with his first love and

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opened Wayne & Son’s Automotive Repair, LLC in 1987. Today, Wayne says he enjoys working alongside his two sons, Brett and Cody. “When they were young, the boys

would always be underneath the cars with me, handing me wrenches and just watching what I was doing. Now we’re still working together—the only difference is I’m not the only one who’s a certified mechanic.”

Originally from San Fernando, Wayne now resides in Santa Rosa with his wife, Nanette, where he says he appreciates the close proximity to local sites of interest. “We’re close to the beach, the redwoods, the mountains and San Francisco, so it’s really an ideal location. My wife and I enjoy taking weekend trips in our trailer to some of the nearby destinations.”

When he’s not at his auto shop, Wayne spends much of his time tinkering and manufacturing things in his other shop. “I have a little machine shop that’s complete with a lathe, mill and grinder,” he explains.



Wayne Pentecost is a veteran of the automotive industry and owner of Wayne & Son’s Automotive Repair, LLC.

“It’s a lot of fun building and creating stuff—right now I’m making some brackets for a local winery.”

Additionally, Wayne likes being active in his local church and keeping in touch with his and Nanette’s other son, Shawn, who is a nuclear technician with the Navy.

In his life and career, Wayne espouses the importance of operating with integrity. “We stand by our work—if there’s ever a problem with something we’ve worked on, we take care of it,” he affirms. “We’re one of the few shops that give a two-year/24-month parts and labor warranty, which speaks to the level of integrity we’re committed to.”

When asked the first thing he’d do if he could retire tomorrow, Wayne says in addition to spending more time working in his machine shop, he would get involved in missionary work. “My wife and I have talked about going on a mission trip to Europe, Mexico or Africa. There are so many places to go!”

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