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## Background and Biography of Mike Cocking

- **Education** -- University of Wisconsin (Madison), BS in Mechanical Engineering (internal combustion engine specialty.)
- **Military Service**--- US Marine Corps, Separated as a Captain, honorably discharged.
- **Work History** ---
  - Sales and Application engineer for **Bruel & Kjaer Instruments**--- Sound and Vibration applications.
  - Sales Manager for a family owned machine shop in Brookfield, WI. Became co-owner when the family sold the business. As co-owner was involved in all facets of the business as it grew and expanded.
  - Business was sold to **HyPro Inc.**, Waterford, WI, and became the Sales and Marketing manager in Contract Manufacturing.
  - HyPro Inc. purchased the Marathon Engine (unique specialty engine) from Briggs & Stratton Corp. and formed **Marathon Engine Systems** (1998.)
  - Moved to Marathon Engine Systems (2002) and became the Sales and Marketing manager. Later became General Manager.
    - Marathon's original focus was to use the long life specialty engine in various remote power applications for which it was well suited because of its 4000 hour service interval.
    - The **Marathon 5K™** long life engine became the power source for the ecopower™ microcogeneration appliance manufactured and sold by ecopower AG based in Biel/Bienne, Switzerland.
    - Marathon purchased the manufacturing and marketing rights to the ecopower™ appliance throughout the world (except for Europe) when the original founding company went out of business (2003).
    - Marathon developed the ecopower™ cogen appliance for the North American market and received UL 1741 certification (2007) as well as the **EPA's Emerging Technology award (2011-12)**.
    - Marathon has sold and marketed the ecopower™ appliance since 2008.
  - Retired from Marathon Engine Systems in March of 2012 and started **MicroCogen Partners LLC**.



- **Affiliations and Relationships**

- Member of the **ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, Air Conditioning Engineers)** Working Group SP 204 on microcogeneration.
- Member of the **Society of Professional Engineers.**
- Member of the **Northeast Clean Heat and Power Initiative (NECHPI).** Executive Committee and **Head of the Microcogeneration Subcommittee.**
- Contributor to the **Energy Solutions Center** Technology Assessment Fora and various Consortia groups.
- A contributor to **DELTA-EE** the decentralized energy research specialists, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Presenter to the **USCHPA (United States Clean Heat & Power Association)** on microcogeneration.
- Author of various articles, presentations, and discussions on **microcogeneration and distributed energy.**