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### PERSONAL NOTES:

Age: 61 Educated at California State University, Long Beach. Married, with two adult children and lives in Dunsmuir, California, an old Southern Pacific division point town.

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC EMPLOYMENT:

1974-1995 Brakeman/Conductor Pacific Lines

Hiring date: July 15, 1974. Promoted to Conductor: July 15, 1980.

Worked following terminals: Alturas, Wendel, Tracy, Oakland, Dunsmuir, Los Angeles, Stockton, San Luis Obispo, Bayshore, Watsonville, Roseville, Bakersfield, Indio, CA; Yuma, Tucson, AZ; Klamath Falls, Ashland, Medford, OR; Lordsburg, Tucumcari, NM; El Paso, TX, Carlin, NV. Resigned to pursue other activities: April 10, 1995.

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC CONTRACTOR:

1980-1996 Graphic Designer for Advertising/Marketing Department

1988-1996 Consultant to Public Relations Department on History/Company Spokesman on Historical matters

1992-1996 Consultant, SP/Anschutz Corp. movie location bureau

1991-1996 Consultant, SP Law Department

### MISCELLANEOUS RAILROAD RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

1991 - 1996 Cantara Loop mitigation efforts, SP

1993 Archival study and paper, Terrace Hill San Luis Obispo, SP

1993 Archival study and paper, Tracy Reservoir, SP

1993 Archival study and paper, San Luis Obispo APCD, SP

1993 Archival study and paper, El Paso terminal, SP

1993 Archival Research, Pipeline easement/SP Railroad Paunina, Oregon. Pacific Power & Light

1993 Archival Research, Pipeline easement/SP Railroad Canby, California. Pacific Power & Light

1994 Archival study and paper, Granite Rock, San Jose, SP

1994 Archival study and paper, Slover/Colton, SP

1994 Archival study and paper, Pacific Electric Torrance Shops, SP

1994 Archival study and paper, Whittier, CA, SP

1994 Archival study and paper, Colfax/Roseville, SP

1994 Archival study and paper, San Ramon Branch, SP

1994 Archival study and paper, South Yard, Tucson, SP

1994 Archival Research Bayshore Yard San Francisco, SP

1994 - 1996 SP archival sites inventory and disbursement, SP

1995 Archival study and paper, Beaumont, TX, SP

1995 Archival study and paper, Oyster Point, San Francisco, SP

1995 Research, Pine Bluff Shops, AR, SP

1996 Research, Burbank, California, SP

1996 Research, Rainbow Lodge, Donner Pass, SP

1996 Study, Arizona Double-Track, SP

1996 - Archival Research/Expert Witness, SP vs Lloyds of London. Troop, Steuber, Pasich Reddick & Tobey

1997 Study and paper, SP's Mococo Line Alameda county CA, UP

1998 - 1999 Archival Research, Union Pacific's Roseville rail yard/Reno Train Way. Jones & Stokes-UP

1999 - 2000 Archival Research/Cartography, Peninsula Rail Corridor. Caltrain

2000 Archival Research, Salton Sink, Calif. Center for Environmental Management, Univ. of Redlands

2000 Archival Research, North Hollywood, California, station. Metropolitan Transportation Authority

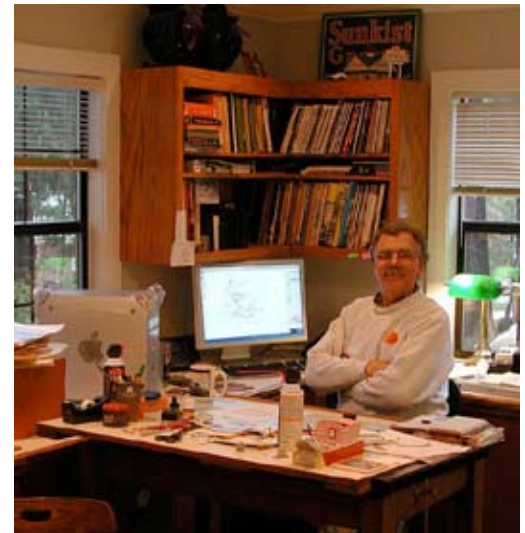
2000 Archival Research, Rocklin, California. Garcia & Associates

2000 - 2001 Archival Research, SP Burbank Branch/Metro Rail project. Myer L. Frank & Associates

2002 Archival study and paper, Oakland Pier. Union Pacific Railroad

2002 Archival study and paper, Southern Pacific steam in service 1956-1962. Union Pacific Railroad

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- 2002 Archival study and paper, San Francisco switching districts/State Belt RR. Union Pacific Railroad
- 2003 Archival study, Northwestern Pacific Tiburon Shops. Union Pacific Railroad
- 2003 Archival Study and paper, Roseville Roundhouse and Shops, shopping practices and hostling activities. Union Pacific Railroad
- 2003 Archival study and paper. Pacific Electric Ry. Santa Monica Airline, Myer Frank & Associates/MTA
- 2004 Archival study D&RGW Salt Lake City roundhouse. Union Pacific Railroad
- 2004 Research, SP Caboose construction and operation 1969 to the mid-1980s. Phelps, Dunbar LLP, for Union Pacific
- 2005 Archival Research, City of Tucson Transportation Center (SP depot), Interpretive Exhibits
- 2005 Los Gatos Creek and Guadalupe River Bridges Study, Parsons Transportation Group for Caltrain
- 2005 San Lorenzo River Bridge, Santa Cruz, California, Union Pacific Railroad
- 2007 Archival research, Meadow Valley Wash, Nevada construction, Union Pacific Railroad
- 2007 Archival research and paper, Dayton Ave. Tower. Jones & Stokes/City of Los Angeles
- 2008 Archival research, Electrification Studies 1960s Southern Pacific, Union Pacific Railroad
- 2008 Port of Los Angeles San Pedro Rail Facility Study/Jones & Stokes
- 2009 Research, former Southern Pacific rail yard El Paso, Texas/Western Towers
- 2009 Research, Wilmington Waterfront Cultural Resources, Port of LA/Jones & Stokes
- 2009 Research & review Union Pacific railroad facilities Streeter (Riverside) Calif. /Jones & Stokes
- 2010 Union Pacific Long Beach Cut-Off study/Jones & Stokes
- 2010 Research Southern Pacific (T&NO) Englewood, Texas, tie treating plant/ Pastor, Behling & Wheeler
- 2010 Research Southern Pacific (T&NO) San Antonio, Texas, diesel shop/Pastor, Behling & Wheeler
- 2010 Research SSW (Cotton Belt) terminal facilities, Texarkana, Texas/Pastor, Behling & Wheeler

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- 1994 - Editor, Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society quarterly magazine *S•P Trainline*
- 1996- Editor, Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society quarterly magazine *The Warbonnet*
- 1998- Editor, Union Pacific Historical Society quarterly magazine *The Streamliner*

### Books:

- Rails in the Shadow of Mt. Shasta* Howell-North, Berkeley 1981
- Tehachapi* Golden West Books, San Marino 1983
- Donner Pass* Golden West Books, San Marino 1985
- Southern Pacific of Mexico & the West Coast Route* (with John Kirchner) Golden West Books, San Marino 1987
- Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad* Golden West Books, San Marino 1988
- Baumont Hill SP's Southern California Gateway* Golden West Books, San Marino 1990
- Southern Pacific's Coast Line* Signature Press, Wilton 1994
- Southern Pacific Depots Volume One - Three* Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society 1997-1999
- Southern Pacific's Shasta Division* Signature Press, Wilton 2000
- Southern Pacific's Western Division* Signature Press, Wilton 2003
- The Sunset Limited*, (with Mike Jarel and Dennis Ryan) Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society 2006
- Southern Pacific's Salt Lake Division* Signature Press, Wilton 2007
- Santa Fe's Raton Pass*, (with Jared V. Harper), Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society, 2010

### Articles:

- Southern Pacific's Siskiyou Line* CTC Board 1979
- Southern Pacific's Kentucky House Branch* Pacific News 1983
- The Carrizozo Subdivision* SP Bulletin March - April 1983
- Southern Pacific's Common Standard Station No.22* Railroad Model Craftsman 1983
- A Rich Heritage* (SP Tucson Division History)Tucson Division-1989
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- SP's West Texas Mountain Division El Paso to Del Rio* S•P Trainline No.47 Spring 1996
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*The City of St. Louis* The Streamliner Fall 1999 (with Art Riordan)  
*SP's 1960 Winter Olympics Specials* S•P Trainline No. 63 Spring 2000  
*Dynamometer Car 137* S•P Trainline No. 64 Summer 2000  
*PE's Branch Line Orphan* S•P Trainline No. 67 Winter 2001  
*UP-served Pocket-Sized Grain Terminal* The Streamliner Winter 2002  
*The ICTF, SP's Container Crossroads* S•P Trainline No. 75 Spring 2003  
*The Khrushchev Special* S•P Trainline No. 75 Spring 2003  
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*A New Look - SP's Brief Fling with Speed Lettering* S•P Trainline No. 80 Summer 2004  
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*The Golden Gates* The Warbonnet First Quarter 2005  
*The Aspen and Altamont Tunnels* The Streamliner Fall 2005  
*The Death Valley Scotty Coyote Special* The Warbonnet First Quarter 2006  
*Espee and the Holiday Mail* S•P Trainline No. 86 Winter 2006  
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*The Suntan Special* S•P Trainline No. 87 Spring 2006  
*Next Time, Try the Train* S•P Trainline No. 87 Spring 2006  
*Southern Pacific Fire Trains* S•P Trainline No. 89 Fall 2006  
*SP in El Paso* S•P Trainline No. 90 Winter 2007  
*SP's Dayton Ave. Signal Tower* S•P Trainline No. 92 Summer 2007  
*Espee vs the California* PUC (Three parts) S•P Trainline Nos. 93-95  
*The Salt Mine Branch* (with Mike Palmieri) S•P Trainline No. 94 Winter 2008  
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## **PAPERS:**

Tehachapi Pass before the Kern County Historical Society, 1982  
Southern Pacific's Shasta Division before the Siskiyou County Historical Society, 1985  
Maps, A Perspective View before the Lexington Society, 1995  
SP and the Great Salt Lake before the Lexington Society, 1996  
SP's Montalvo Cutoff before the SPH&TS, 1997  
SP's Western Division before the SPH&TS, 2003  
SP's Salt Lake Division before the Nevada Historical Society Symposium, November 2006  
GMO 89748 before the SP Retired Executives Club, San Francisco, 2007

## **TELEVISION:**

Huel Howser's California Gold - PBS - Indio "Submarines"/Donner Pass/San Luis Obispo  
American Experience - PBS - First Transcontinental Railroad  
Trains Unlimited - History Channel - Railroad Police/The Big Four/Cab Forwards Mallets/Cabooses/Streamliners  
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