

Allen Tacy 1943-2011

by Charlie Siebenthal

Allen Tacy, Jr. was born in Michigan in 1943. The family moved west and Allen got his primary and secondary education in the Redding, California public school system. He received a B.S. degree in Business Administration from California State University at Chico. Allen served in the U. S. Army from 1966 to 1968 when he was honorably discharged as a private first class. He was employed by Southern Pacific Railroad from 1968 to 1989 achieving the position of Assistant Product Manager. After completing accounting course work at Sonoma State University he became an employee of AccounTemp and during the period 1997–1999 worked on projects at Lucas Films and Marin Landscaping. During 1988-1992 Allen worked with the Sonoma County Museum, making models, displays and matting pictures. About 1993 he started Brandywine Station model railroad business, featuring dry transfer lettering. This business was sold to Russ Clover in 1996. During the period 2001 - 2002 he was employed by Accounting Principals where he worked on projects for QuantumShift Communications and Media Services Companies. He also held part-time accounting positions with a number of Sonoma County companies during the period 2000–2005. In 2001 he was active with the Petaluma Trolley Organization.

Allen as a founding member of the North Pacific Coast Railroad Society. He served as Archivist of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society from 1996 to 2005 during which time he produced the many right-of-way maps which are offered for sale by the Society. He also pursued an active program of acquiring photographs from member's collections, various local museums and historical societies, and the Bancroft Library at the University of California. From time to time he continued work on a history of the Petaluma & Santa Rosa Railroad originally begun by member Jack Muzio. That manuscript is incomplete at this time. Allen also authored many articles for our Society publications and continued to do so after he stepped down as Archivist. Over the years He also was news letter editor for several railroad, and model railroad organizations in the North Bay.

Always a fan of railroads, and eager to see rail service restored in the North Bay, Allen joined the Friends of SMART at its inception. He was an active participant in the Friends until his death. At his request there was no funeral service.