

LIVE THE HISTORY OF THE RAILROAD!

JOHN COCKRELL

shares his expressive true stories of working for one of the most beloved industry giants of all time – the Southern Pacific/Union Pacific Railroad.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ONE TRAIN CAN WEIGH UP TO 20,000 TONS?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK ON ONE?

LET'S TALK TRAINS. Speaking Topics include:

The Rat Hole -

- Working in LA's transient warehouse district at nineteen really opened my eyes. This was a dangerous job.

Stopped by Motorist -

- Looking out of my cab, I saw a man waving frantically from the driver's seat of his car. Was this guy nuts or what?

Lazy Conductor -

- Not everyone appreciated their job on the railroad. Am I hearing this guy right?

Big Man Hiding -

- Just one more task before heading home. Checking the engines was nothing new, but the big man hiding was.

Avalanche -

- Mine was the first train traveling eastbound over the Sierra Nevada Mountains after a heavy snow and heading right into an avalanche.

McCarran Blvd., Reno, NV -

- My train, a car in the wrong place and a bridge.

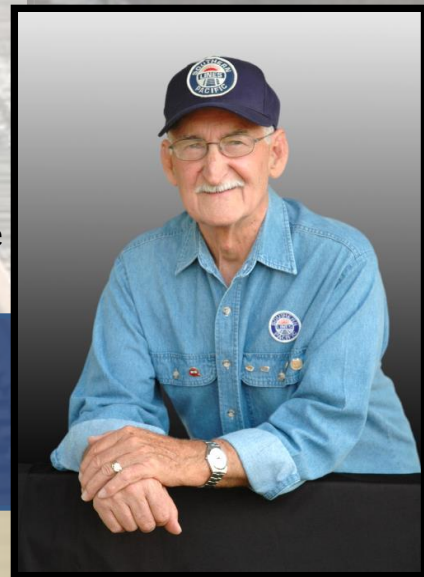
Five Guys in Chico –

- The tracks ran between the baseball fields of Chico State and the students apartment complexes. These kids wanted to play chicken with my train.

Speaking sessions include one to two stories with Q & A.

Session length depends on the chosen topics.

More stories available upon request.



John was one of the few employees hired in train service that started by firing steam engines and retired as an employee operating up to 6,000 horse power computer controlled General Electric diesel locomotives with just under 2,000,000 compensated miles.

Serving his country was also important to him as a Naval Reservist in the United States Navy – Seabees MCB11.



Interactive Q & A always included.

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"Many subjects have been written about the history of railroad companies, their locomotives and equipment, but it is hard to find good stories featuring the railroaders themselves. The stories in "45 Years of True Railroad Stories" fills in this rarely documented niche.. Anyone who wants to learn about what an engineer's experiences and life are like will enjoy hearing them as much as I did reading them." **Bob Church**, SP steam locomotive historian-author

