

Rudi von Prittwitz MMR # 172

Rudi Von Prittwitz was born in Silesia, Germany in 1935. He completed an auto mechanic apprenticeship in 1953, and emigrated to the United States in 1956 and settled in California. Rudi was a service manager in a VW dealership until his

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entry into the Army in 1958 for two years. With his military duty finished Rudi returned to his job until 1965 when he

opened his own repair shop. This business ultimately evolved into a full Mercedes Benz dealership in 1975.

Rudi got into model railroading in Germany in 1948 with the purchase of his first locomotive, (which he still has,) and has been in the hobby ever since.

After his move to the U. S., Rudi really got involved in the hobby, and enjoys building locomotives the most. His fourth and present layout measures 23' by 68' and 15' by 16', very large for a private layout. The layout has given Rudi unending pleasure and he states happily, “is never finished”.

Many friends show up every Tuesday night at Rudi's layout to operate. Rudi says, “Seeing others enjoying gives me much pleasure and I hope to have inspired some of them to also try this great hobby.”

Rudi joined the NMRA in 1978 and is presently a Pacific Coast Region (PCR) Director for the Daylight Division and he has become the PCR Achievement Program Chairman.

