

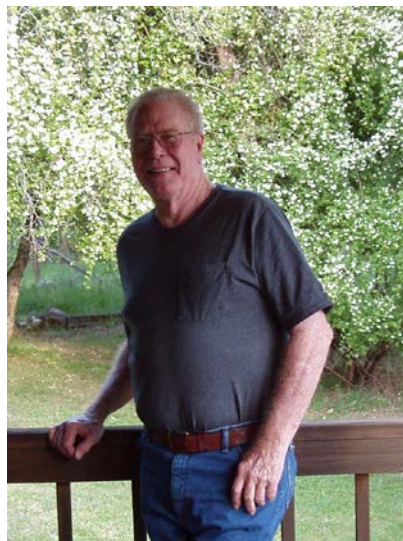
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I joined Monsanto Opto Electronics in 1972 and worked in Discrete Components then left during the transition to G.I. In June of 1979 I took a job with Vince Knaebel and Harold Allen at Spectronics/Honeywell Opto division in Richardson, Texas. After two years Carol, the kids and I got homesick for California. Lucky for us, Larry Punte called me and made an offer I could not refuse; working for him at Fairchild Opto Electronics. I was laid off within about a year when they closed down and then went to work for Ron Molnar at Siemens Opto. I later went to work again for Ron at VLSI Technology in Milpitas.

Enough Electronics, in 1989 I bailed out, did a bit of heavy equipment operating while selling our house in San Jose. June of 1990 the house sold and we bought our ten acres of scrub oaks in Browns Valley, Yuba County. In 1992 I took a job at the Yuba County Jail, stayed for nine years and then retired in 2001.

Since retiring I seldom leave the area. My wife Carol likes to travel a little bit but I like being at home. Our two kids and five grandchildren live nearby. We have spent many hours on genealogy research; mostly we enjoy the casual country life, an occasional family party in the barn and watching baseball.



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