

Member Profile: “EJ” Mackay

NAME: Edward John “EJ” Mackay

DEPT: Electrics

MEMBER SINCE: 1993

WHY ACFC WEST: “I like the personalness about our union. It’s easy to get to know more people because we are not really huge in numbers. I also like the idea of being hired on merit and good work ethics rather than just on seniority.”

RESUME: (partial) Gunfighter’s Moon, Last of the Dogmen, West of Sarajevo, Step Sisters, Ronnie & Julie, City of Fear, Dead Man’s Gun, So Weird, Call of the Wild

FIRST FILM JOB: Lamp op

FIRST SHOW: Under the Gun

BEST FILM EXPERIENCE: “The series “So Weird”. The crew was excellent on this production. I like doing shows for Disney.”

SPECIAL SKILLS: “Electrical work, running generators, talking to and encouraging people.”

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY:

“I began working in the film industry because of my interest in what my son did. He was a gaffer and through his interest and enthusiasm, I became interested, especially in the lighting department. At first I worked only as a day call, working on my days off and on my vacations. I was a full time Baptist Minister at the time. Due to health reasons, I left the ministry and began working full time in the movie industry in 1995. When the series “Dead Man’s Gun” came along I was asked to be genny op. The work was hard, but I loved it. I went on from there to get my required electrical tickets and have been a genny op since. I really like what I do and a bonus for me in the movie industry is meeting and working with so many different people.” 🎬



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