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Prominent guitar expert, player and photojournalist Robb Lawrence wrote the original byline for Guitar Magazine's popular 'Rarebird' column on vintage guitars. He began his association with Les Paul in 1972 and has been his West Coast concert tech for many memorable shows. Their association has included work on The Wizard of Waukesha, a 1978 film about Les Paul and the recent 2001 Grammys tribute film.

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