



RAILVETS' NEWS

Winter 2026

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Hello everyone, and welcome to 2026!

We've survived another snowy winter and made it through the snow, ice, and endless shoveling. I started writing this yesterday: sunshine... warm... snow melting and running off everywhere. Today it is cloudy and 10 degrees colder, so maybe summer is not here yet, but at least we know it is on the way.

President's Message

I had a busy November and got re-elected as President for Edmonton E3 Council, even though I was in Montreal attending our Annual National Directors Meeting. I am one of three directors in the Mountain Region, and my third-year term of three ends this year. We had two very productive full days of meetings and engaging discussions about the year ahead.

Our Association has lots of things to look forward to in the coming year. To name a few: You can apply for a digital/electronic membership card, which is easy to have on your phone. There will be a digital National Newsletter coming in the spring in color. You must apply to e-newsletter@cnpensioners.org to receive it and stay informed. There are also lots of discounts available on our website, including over 20,000 various hotels from five major chains, as well as car rentals, phone plans, and more.

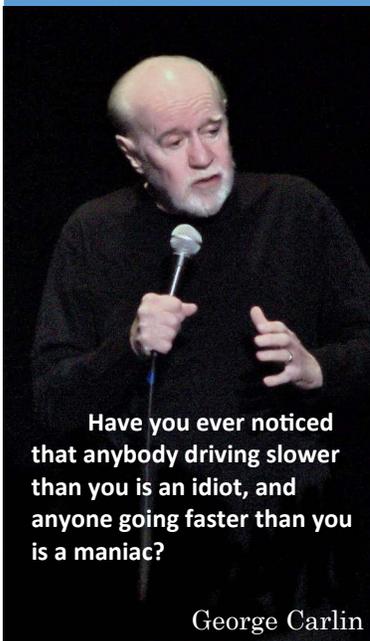
We also have 13 centenarians in the Mountain Region, 10 of which are in Alberta, celebrating this remarkable milestone. Our pension is in great shape; everyone should have received a raise on the January deposit. We have another incredible picnic scheduled for June, with details in the newsletter - a great beginning to our summer break.

We had a very good turnout for our December meeting/Christmas Gala. We sold over 200 tickets, but due to a nasty blizzard, not everyone was able to attend. Still, it was a great start to the holiday season and a wonderful opportunity for our members to celebrate together. Looking forward, as always, we welcome ideas for guest speakers, stories and contributions to our newsletters both locally and nationally from our members. Please contact any of our hard-working volunteer executives if you have ideas.

Please note that our luncheon meetings are going to be \$15.00 this year, paid at the door so exact change would be appreciated. We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and hope to see you at our upcoming general meetings and events.

Regards,

Al Vadden



Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?

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CNPA YEARLY EVENTS CALENDAR 2026

JANUARY 21ST

~~General Meeting
1:30PM
Review of Montreal Annual
Directors Meeting~~

FEBRUARY 18TH

11AM CNPA LUNCHEON \$15



MARCH 18TH

General Meeting
1:30PM

Guest Speaker:
SAGE – Seniors Tax Benefits
(Seniors Assoc Greater
Edmonton)

APRIL 15TH

11AM CNPA LUNCHEON \$15



MAY 20ST

General Meeting
1:30PM

Guest Speaker:
Heart Fit Clinic

JUNE 17TH

RUNDLE PARK
10AM TO 2PM



JULY



AUGUST



SEPTEMBER 16TH

General Meeting
1:30PM

Guest Speaker TBA:

OCTOBER 21ST

11AM CNPA LUNCHEON \$15



NOVEMBER 18TH

General Meeting
1:30PM

Guest Speaker TBA:

DECEMBER 16TH



CHRISTMAS LUNCH 11 AM

CN Pensioners' Help Line



For questions regarding your pension or rail pass and to report contact information including change of address, power of attorney or death involving a CN pensioner, please call CN Pension Administration at 1-800-361-0739. Have your CN PIN (SRB) number handy. As Pensions Administration does not pass along pensioner information to the RailVets please also advise Peter Treloar at 587-338-6014 of any changes.

Mailing in your taxes?



The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is really pushing for tax forms to be submitted digitally this year. Last year, 93% of taxes were submitted electronically.

The agency says it will no longer automatically mail physical income tax packages to individuals, and when they do, some forms will not be included unless requested. You can either print the forms you need from their website or request a set from their automated phone line at 1-855-330-3305. You will need your Social Insurance Number (SIN).

The following forms are no longer in the package automatically and need to be requested separately:

- Schedule 2 - Federal Amounts Transferred from your Spouse or Common-Law Partner
- Schedule 3 - Capital Gains or Losses
- Schedule 5 - Amounts for Spouse or Common-Law Partner and Dependents
- Schedule 6 - Canada Workers Benefit
- Schedule 7 - RRSP, PRPP, and SPP Contributions and Transfers, and HBP and LLP Activities
- Schedule 9 - Donations and Gifts
- Schedule 11 - Federal Tuition, Education, and Textbook Amounts and Canada Training Credit
- Schedule 12 - Multigenerational Home Renovation Tax Credit
- Schedule 13 - Employment Insurance Premiums on Self-Employment and Other Eligible Earnings
- Schedule 15 - FHSA Contributions, Transfers and Activities



Fire Safety

Our November meeting included a lively presentation from Fire Prevention Officer Caryn Levert. Several issues were highlighted.

Have a plan to get out.

If your house is on fire, you have an average of 3 minutes to get out safely. Have a meeting place and inform the emergency responders of any missing persons. Children should **never** go back into a burning building for any reason.

Test and maintain smoke detectors.

You do have at least one smoke detector on every level of the house don't you. The recommendation is to test them every month and change the batteries every year. Detectors need to be replaced every ten years. It is recommended to replace them with ones that detect CO2 as well.

Sleep with the door closed.

Any closed door will act as a temporary fire break, giving you more time to react. Never try to open the door without testing the handle temperature. The metal handle will conduct heat and can cause severe burns.

Cooking is the leading cause of fires in homes. If you have a cooking fire in a pot or pan, slowly slide a lid over top to cover the fire and then turn off the source of heat. If you don't have a pot lid, use a baking sheet or other non-combustible item that completely covers the pot/pan. Never use water on a grease fire.



For the smokers amongst us, always dispose of any materials properly. Make sure that matches and cigarette butts in ashtrays are wet before you put them in a garbage container.

Every year, home heating devices cause a number of fires throughout the City of Edmonton. Make sure your heating equipment is serviced annually. If you smell gas, leave the building immediately and call 911.

A more comprehensive list of recommendations is available online at https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/home-fire-safety.



February Newsletter 2026 - Flower Fund Report

The Edmonton RailVets' will acknowledge members' milestone Birthdays and Anniversaries; we would like to send you flowers/gift card on your 85th, 90th, 95th, and 100th birthday and also on your 50th, 60th and 70th Wedding Anniversary. In the event you were not contacted when you experienced one of these milestone events, contact John Wiebe – email jjwiebe2@gmail.com or phone 780-460-9202 so we can correct this situation.

Between the months of September to December 2025, the Flower Fund had flowers/gift cards delivered as follows:

Month	Flowers	Gift Cards	Unable to Contact	Birthdays	Get-Well or Anniversary
Sept.	5	3	4	6	2
Oct.	3	2	2	4	1
Nov.	5	4	7	3	6
Dec.	9	0	3	4	5



Recipients, unable to contact – due to (not answering their phone, not responding to voicemail message, phone no longer in service, on vacation, contact information out of date, moved.)

Recipients, outside of the Edmonton area that are not serviced by Bunches, our florist of choice, will be sent a Gift Card in lieu of flowers, after their current address has been verified.

We cannot recognize your significant event unless we have the event data and either your current address, your phone number or your current email address, please keep us informed – email Peter Treloar at petertre@gmail.com or phone 587-338-6014 to update your information.

National Newsletter

While the National Newsletter is written and edited by the CN Pensioners Association (Steve Mihell), the final product is translated and produced by CN. They arrange the printing and mailing along with the CN calendar. The cost of doing this is over \$1/2 Million.

As a cost cutting measure, the newsletter is now available via email in electronic format. To subscribe to this, send an email to E-newsletter@cnpensioners.org and give them your name and PIN.

The electronic version will be in colour.



Best Places To Retire In The Prairies



WorldAtlas has named Camrose as one of the eleven places to retire on the prairies for 2026. They highlighted several attractions in the area.

The Mirror Lake trail system that runs around the lake and continues into Stoney Creek Valley. The trail has seniors housing lining part of it, providing easy access for walking year-round. The Bailey Theatre on 50th Street, built in 1911 and restored with city support, offers matinee concerts, film screenings, and lectures with level entry and reserved seating. Alice Hotel Café, located

across from the historic post office, serves early breakfasts and short-order lunch in a single-level dining room frequented by longtime residents. The Chuck MacLean Arts Centre provides subsidized classes in drawing, pottery, and memoir writing, with space designated for mobility devices. Jubilee Park, east of downtown, has wide walking paths, covered shelters, and proximity to the aquatic centre.



Railroaders in the Community

While 2025 will likely end on a positive and even a record year for volunteer numbers and payments, we were advised by CN that due to budget cuts and realignment of priorities, they will be reducing the number of hours CN will pay volunteers charities from the 220 allowed in 2025 to 100 in 2026. This reduction will reduce the maximum amount charities might receive from \$3300 to \$1500.

We are sure that our dedicated volunteers will continue to provide their excellent charitable support despite the fact that there will be this large reduction of money distributed.

You can register your volunteering through the CN SPARK web site at <https://cn.benevity.org/>.

To login the first time:

Username: your CN PIN number.

Password: the first three letters of your first name + the first three letters of your last name + the 4 digits of the year you were hired at CN + !!

Example: The password for Jane Smith, hired in 1999, would be: jansmi1999!!



Railroaders 
in the Community

You're Invited! RailVets Annual Picnic at Rundle Park

The Edmonton RailVets is excited to announce our **Annual Picnic** on **Wednesday, June 17th**. We are returning to the Rundle Family Centre, ensuring a great time regardless of the weather!

Join us for an afternoon of camaraderie and a hot meal catered by the fantastic **Smokehouse BBQ**.



When: Wednesday, June 17th | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Where: Rundle Family Centre (2909 – 113 Ave, Edmonton)

Cost: \$20 per person (Members and one adult guest)

How to Get Your Tickets: Tickets must be purchased in advance as **they will not be available at the door**.

1. **In-Person:** At our General Meetings (Chateau Nova Yellowhead) on March 18, April 15, or May 20.)
2. **E-Transfer:** Send funds to jjwiebe2@gmail.com.
3. **Cheque:** Mail to RailVets, 61 Estate Crescent, St. Albert, AB T8N 5X2.

Note: Tickets reserved via E-transfer or cheque will be held for you at the event sign-in table.



Hockey Helps the Homeless



Hockey Helps the Homeless is a volunteer-driven charitable organization established in 1996. It hosts all-day Pro-am and Collegiate hockey tournaments across Canadian cities where all funds raised locally stay local to benefit homeless support agencies. They believe that every man, woman, and child should have a place to call home and the supports they need to thrive.

The event in Vancouver was held November 29th and exceeded their \$1.1 million goal.

The Edmonton event will be held Friday, May 1st at the Booster Juice Recreation Centre in Terwillegar. Pros scheduled to be there include Craig MacTavish and Charlie Huddy along with 19 others.

Donations can be made through the web site <https://hhth.akaraisin.com/ui/HHTHEdmonton2026>.



James Ackerman	Car Mechanic, Edmonton	Annie Mills	Widow of Clarence
Muriel Anderson	Widow of Louis, Electrician, Coach Yard, Edmonton	Ines Pacheco	Widow of Jose, Labourer, extra gang
Bernice Bachynski	Widow of James, Clerk, Edmonton	Elias Palichuk	Yard Foreman, Calder
Darrell Balaski	Transportation Supervisor	Ron Pearce	
Walter Boston	Locomotive Engineer, Edmonton	Eric Phillips	Pipefitter, Calder
Richard Buckland	Trackman, Edmonton	Alain Picard	Asstant Track Supervisor, Edson
Oma Lillian Casault	Widow of Lawrence, Conductor, McLennan	James Powell	Crane Operator, Edmonton
William Collier	Widower of Carol, Supply Management Agent, Edmonton	Sonja Ray	Widow of Bill, Track Maintenance Forman, Mirror
Mildred Dofka	Widow of Herbert	Kenneth Relitz	Manager - Operating Practices, Edmonton
Joaquim Dos Ramos	Labour, Calder Yard	Helena Sass	Widow of Steve, Track Supervisor, Edmonton
Maria Dos Ramos	Widow of Joaquim, Labour, Calder	Ronald Schamber	Field Mechanic, Peace River
Barry Drinkwater	Marketing, Edmonton	Myrna Soneff	
Garry Gristwood	Locomotive Engineer, Edmonton	Brian Stothard	Labour Mechanic, Pr. George
Helen Harvie	Widow of Bertrum	Walter Stoyko	Leading Track & Relief Foreman, Lloydminster
Melvin Hill	S&C Maintainer, Edmonton	Lidia Tavares	Widow of Jeremias, Track Maintainer, Edmonton
Lorraine Korol	Widow of John, Diesel Shop Machinist, Edmonton	Leita Timms	Widow of Bill, Supervisor, Financial Planning, Edmonton
Clint Landals	Conductor, Edmonton	Dean Umpherville	Locomotive Engineer, Jasper
Ewald Lange	Roadmaster, Vegreville Coronado	Kathaleen Wallace	
Evie Lazenby		Wayne Williams	Locomotive Engineer, Jasper
Edward Lechman	Special Projects Engineer, Edmonton	Con H. Wolansky	Locomotive Engineer, Edmonton
James Leskewich	Conductor, Edmonton	Rowena Yanish	Widow of Walter, Conductor, Edmonton
John (Bill) Lissimore	Conductor, Edmonton		
William Lyon	Board Adjustment Manager for Western Canada, Edmonton		

MILESTONES March 2026-June 2026

85 Years Old			100 Years Old
Betty Ledger	Mar 9	Leona Bretzer	Jun 15
Jack Hollinger	Mar 9	Balbir S. Chana	Jun 24
Antoine P. Saulnier	Mar 13	90 Years Old	Lydia Stanko
Maureen Haczkevicz	Mar 14	Earle B. Irvine	Mar 10
David A. White	Mar 14	Sheila Setter	Mar 14
Arthur Derrien	Mar 16	Cecile Schneider	Mar 19
Lillian Emmons	Mar 27	Rita E. Odorizzi	Apr 1
Yu Chai Chin	Apr 3	Edward Schiestel	Apr 14
Helena Boos	Apr 10	Joyce Busch	Apr 18
Gertrude Barilla	Apr 12	Josephine Slabysz	Apr 26
Jeannie Woo	Apr 20	Chrystal E. Breining	May 22
Sandra Barnes	Apr 23	William H.V. Tsen	May 24
Velma Downing	Apr 24	Donavon G. Miller	Jun 10
Lance Learmonth	May 9	Vivian Tront	Jun 27
Jeanne Golden	May 10	Ernest Callihoo	Jun 28
Juat Chew Foo	May 11	95 Years Old	Greg & Elaine Blundell
Gerald A. Schiele	May 12	Grace Giese	Apr 23
Dan Klymko	May 13	Josephine C. Salagay	Jun 17
Sheila Bossert	May 22		Marcia V. & Art Auch
Raymond Knight	Jun 12		May 14
			50 Years Married
			N. Eric & Louise Engman
			Lyle & Lorraine Kenny
			Angelo & Tina Mannella
			Robert & Lilly Velt
			William & Diane Brookwell
			Kenneth & Marion Sherman
			John & Joanne Goodspeed
			Marvin & Wanda Sagmoen
			Michael & Brenda Argan
			60 Years Married

New Members

Charles Adam	Madelene Boston	P. Daniel Hartley	James Pichor
Hyathem Altaher	Corazon Cala	Maria Horta	Carrie-Ann Purcell
Luis Anastacio	Shirley Derrien	Julie Hushagen	Tony Tambasco
Fanny Anderson	Wincenty Eichel	Leanne Kading	Amy Thompson
Richard Auger	Cliff England	Sally Leskewich	Lilly Velt
Glenanne Ball	Gail Estell	Tammy Moore	Patti Walsh
Rhona Beaudry	Ahmed Farhat	Anthony Osterlund	Barbara Waitas

E-Membership Cards

Membership cards are an expensive option for the CNPA. Last year we spent over \$5000 for just 400 membership cards, when we factor ordering mailing and packaging costs. It also takes up to 4 months to get a replacement or new membership card.

Most members don't know where their membership cards are – SO with the addition of "MEMBER ONLY" discounts such as Rogers Cell Phone plans, Spec Savers, Rocky Mountaineer and other REQUIRING proof of membership we decided to offer E-Membership Cards

There is no cost to produce the cards and they are ready in usually 24/48 hours. You can store the picture on your phone or print it if you like and use it as needed.

The details on procuring these are still being worked out but, if you are interested, please email Peter Treloar at peteretre76@gmail.com. You will be put on a list and supplied with the E-Membership card when it is available.



Annual Christmas Luncheon

Our 2025 Christmas Gala was a resounding success! We were thrilled to welcome just under 200 attendees, creating a lively and festive atmosphere despite the blustery winter weather. The room was buzzing with holiday spirit as colleagues reconnected and shared in the joy of the season.

The afternoon had an added touch of holiday magic with an assortment of door prizes, along with a raffle that helped raise funds to cover event costs. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and CN Pension Association members, there were prizes ranging from TVs, gift cards and dining experiences to specialty baskets and unique surprises.

While there are too many donors to list individually, we sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the event. Just to name a few, Encore Communications, Telus, Visions, B&G, JW Marriott, Denny's, El Corazone, and many others whose donations made the door prize selection especially memorable. The combination of delicious food, exciting prizes, and lively conversation made the afternoon an event to remember

Behind the scenes, we also want to recognize the many volunteers whose hard work ensured the event ran smoothly. From organizing the raffle and door prizes to collecting tickets and welcoming members, their dedication was essential to creating the joyful atmosphere that made the afternoon so enjoyable for everyone.

The Christmas Gala was a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season, giving members a chance to celebrate together and enjoy the camaraderie that makes our Association so special.

We look forward to carrying this festive spirit into 2026 and seeing everyone at our upcoming meetings and events throughout the year.

A massive thank you to our "ever-helpful Elves," **Wanda and Evan**. Their hard work in organizing the door prizes and raffle items was instrumental in making the afternoon run smoothly.

