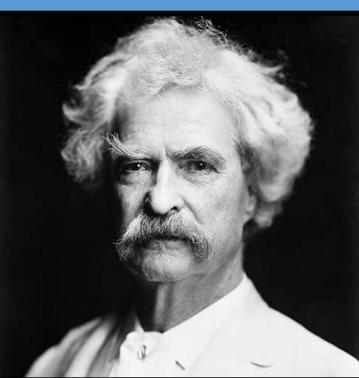




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**Age is an issue of mind over matter.
If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.**

Mark Twain

Greetings everyone.

Hope everyone has been enjoying our hot, dry summer; things are about to change.

We are back in full swing after our July-August time off; our first meeting was held a couple of weeks ago with 52 members in attendance. Our next meeting is a luncheon on October 15th. Please note this will be the last ten-dollar event as next year, starting in February, cost will be \$15.00.

We are looking for ideas, suggestions and articles for both our meetings and newsletter which is issued three times a year.

Our membership is declining as there are fewer new pensioners and more deaths. We encourage you to add your spouse or partner; simply advise Peter Treloar, our Membership Secretary, your PIN and spouse's name... you won't even miss the extra one dollar per month taken off your cheque!

We are also looking for help with arranging for guest speakers and, towards the end of 2026, will be looking for a new treasurer and someone to arrange for the delivery of flowers to those members celebrating special events. We have brief job descriptions of each role so if you or your spouse are interested or know of someone to help please reach out to anyone on our executive. John has agreed to help with this transition. If we cannot fill some of these roles we may need to cut back or eliminate some of our regular activities.

Lots of positive things are happening or have happened. Our annual picnic had 109 people in attendance, and the CN Family Day held in early September was attended by over one thousand people - over 400 more than last year - and had a few pensioners volunteering with this event.

There are lots of updates, new discounts and more news on our national website cnpensioners.org. National council is planning to have an electronic version of their full-colour newsletter next spring; to sign up go to E-newsletter@cnpensioners.org to give your name, PIN, and email address.

Because of sufficient funds in the escalation account, the Pension Board has authorized an increase for 2026; the minimum amount for pensioners will be \$9.00 and \$4.50 for survivors with the maximum increase being \$44.85 per month.

We will be having a Christmas luncheon on December 17th and tickets will go on sale at our October and November meetings. Maximum number of tickets sold will be 200 so first come, first served! Details of this event are mentioned in this newsletter.

Take care,

Al Vodden

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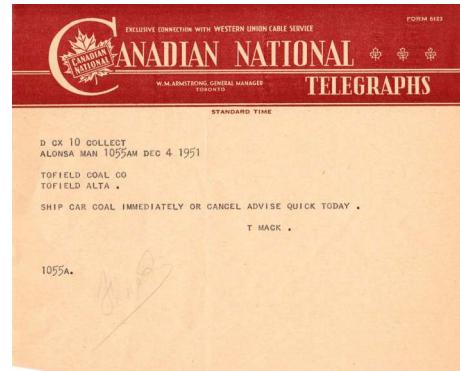
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I wonder what material firefighters use to protect their hoses from a train



Do any of you remember the "High Tech" communications with our customers?

It is amazing what some people hang on to.

RailVets is your organization and we would like to hear from you!

What would you like to see happen; what do you like or dislike about what is being done now; what should be changed, added or done differently; what suggestions and/or ideas do you have to make you want to come to our meetings and social events? Please feel free to contribute; let us hear from you - simply advise one of the executive members.

Mr. Vena Goes to Washington



There was an article on the website of Railway Age about the visit of a certain CEO of Union Pacific to the White House.

Jim was promoting the merger with Norfolk Southern to create a transcontinental railroad.

If the deal does not go through, UP shareholders are on the hook for \$2.5 billion.



Retirement Party

The son of Gerry Fox has been sharing some of his pictures. Does anyone else have any group pictures we could share to jog the memory?

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.

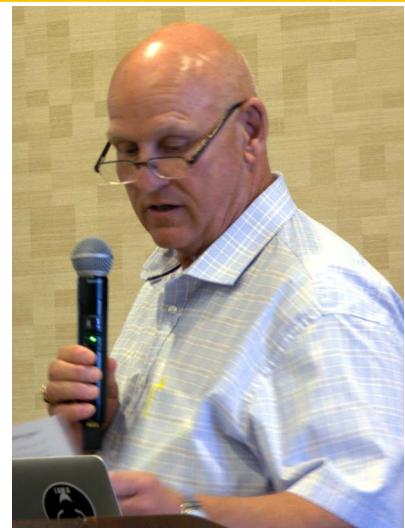


Northwest Seniors Association

Kenn Culbertson, who retired in 2006 as a locomotive engineer, was introduced as our guest speaker for our September meeting.

His video presentation was about the Northwest Seniors Association showing pictures of the centre along with explaining the activities offered, social events held, entertainment, monthly birthday parties, bazaars, etc. A handout of their regular program and a copy of their newsletter were provided. His very informative talk concluded with a short clip taken from the cab of locomotive going through a derailment.

Cliff Gervais reinforced Ken's suggestion to join such a centre saying one of seniors' foremost concerns is loneliness.



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 May and August 2025, the Flower Fund had flowers/gift cards delivered as follows:

Month	Flowers	Gift Cards	Unable to Contact	Birthdays	Get-Well or Anniversary
May	11	4	2	10	5
June	10	2	5	7	5
July	8	0	3	7	1
August	11	3	2	7	7



Note:

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, 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 peterltre@gmail.com or phone 587-338-6014 to update your information.

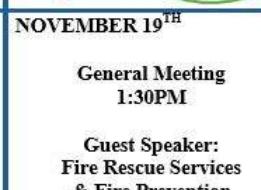
A Big Thank You to Lewis Estates Tim Hortons!



We'd like to thank Amol Richardson and the Lewis Estates Tim Hortons for their generous monthly donation of three \$10 gift cards. These gift cards have become a tradition in our door prize giveaways.

Their ongoing support is truly appreciated, and contributions like these make our events more enjoyable for everyone. A big thank you again for their kindness and generosity!

CNPA YEARLY EVENTS CALENDAR 2025

JANUARY 8 TH  General Meeting 1:30PM Guest Speaker: Dr. Kelly Polzin Amplified Wellness	FEBRUARY 19 TH  CNPA LUNCHEON 11:45AM	MARCH 19 TH  General Meeting 1:30PM Guest Speaker: Brenda Barr Stars Air Ambulance
APRIL 16 TH  CNPA LUNCHEON 11:45AM	MAY 21 ST  General Meeting 1:30PM Guest Speaker: David Aaron Photography	JUNE 18 TH  RIBBLE RIB 10:30 AM TO 1 PM
JULY  NO MEET Summer Breakfast	AUGUST  NO MEET Summer Breakfast	SEPTEMBER 17 TH  General Meeting 1:30PM Guest Speaker: North West Edmonton Seniors Center
OCTOBER 15 TH  11AM CNPA LUNCHEON \$10 	NOVEMBER 19 TH  General Meeting 1:30PM Guest Speaker: Fire Rescue Services & Fire Prevention	DECEMBER 17 TH  CHRISTMAS LUNCH 11 AM

Railway Terms

I saw a post about thousand miler the other day and was wondering how many terms would be unknown or foreign to today's railroaders.

- Thousand Miler
- 19Y or 19R
- Watch card
- PK
- OS
- Superior train
- Friction bearing
- Grain door
- Flax Liner
- Operator
- Closing up at stations
- 92B
- Call boy
- LCL
- Hoop
- Train order signal
- Passenger flagman
- Train register
- Register ticket

Timothy Urbanovitch

Walter Arseniuk



Walter Arseniuk celebrated his 100th birthday on Sunday June 1st. Walter worked for CN for over 29 years, hired on 22 March 1956 and retired from his position as Yard Foreman on 30 November 1985. He worked his entire career at CN in the Edmonton area. When presented with the Crystal Train, he put on his new CN hat and said, "Book me on, I'm ready to go to work."



Electronic National Newsletter

There was an article in the summer edition of the national newsletter and a post on the national website that introduces an electronic version of the national newsletter scheduled for the spring 2026 edition.

There are benefits to this format, such as being environmentally friendly, timeliness of delivery with no mail disruptions and available in full colour. There is also the cost benefit of not printing and mailing copies and the "return to sender" rejects due to incorrect mailing addresses.

There will be another promotion of this product in the December edition of the national newsletter. To sign up for an electronic version simply send an email to e-newsletter@cnpensioners.org and include your PIN number; you will get a return confirmation email thanking you for signing up.

Lydia Jan

Lydia Jan celebrated her 100th birthday on July 11, 2025, at the Aspen House in Morinville with family and friends.

Lydia was born on July 14th, 1925. She was one of ten children raised on a farm near Fox Valley, Saskatchewan.

While working in Jasper, Alberta she met and married David Jan, who worked as a machinist at CN.

David Jan's employment at CN took him to Wainwright, Edmonton, Vermillion and finally back to Edmonton where he retired in 1982.



As a homemaker, Lydia raised four children and later went to work as a retail salesclerk until her retirement in 1985.



Dennis Jan - Son



Natalie Carley

Natalie Carley celebrated her 100th birthday with friends and family on July 5th at the Dunluce Community League Centre in Edmonton. Natalie was born on June 18th, 1925. Natalie wrote "It is a heartwarming gesture of the CNPA Railvets to honor those who reach 100 years of age. The unique gift (crystal train set) of the "train lamp" will invoke many fond memories of my "Railroading Family". Thank You for such a meaningful gift."

She also thanked us for the flowers we presented stating that having the RailVet group present on the July 5th brought some extra joy to the occasion.

Sincerely

Natalie Carley

CNPA Scholarship Report

The CNPA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM is sponsored by the CNPA National. Its purpose is to financially assist the educational pursuit and career development of families of the CN Pensioners Association Contributing Members. Eligible applicants must be children/grandchildren/great-grandchildren that were sponsored by CONTRIBUTING CNPA members.

The 2025 Scholarship (\$1,500.00 each) Winners have been awarded, the winners are:

Eliot Avery Scott – Vancouver, BC sponsored by her grandfather Gerald Scott of the Edmonton Council.

Kalli Cooper – Hanna, AB sponsored by her grandmother Linda Campion of the Calgary Council.

Lauren Kemp – Surrey, BC sponsored by her grandfather Gerald Spence of the White Rock Council.

Abigail Lawes – St. Albert, AB sponsored by her grandfather Reed Kowalchuk of the Edmonton Council.

Jonathan Dydzuk – Abbotsford, BC sponsored by his grandmother Jeanette Dydzuk of the Prince George Council.

This year, the scholarship committee received 49 applications from the Mountain Region (AB & BC) for the 5 scholarships awarded, unfortunately 12 applications had to be rejected due to not meeting the required application criteria as outlined in our website cnpensioners.org/scholarships. (7 applicants were disqualified because they failed to include a resume with their application and 5 applicants were disqualified because their sponsor was not a contributing member of the CNPA)



Congratulations to the winners and to all the applicants; you all achieved great marks.



Anne Amero	Bulletin Clerk OSC, Calder	Albano Horta	Operator, Edmonton
Irene Bezruki	Widow of Mike, Claims Adjuster, Edmonton	Bruce Johnson	Conductor, Jasper
Robert Bishop	Classified Labourer, Edmonton	James Karpluk	Locomotive Engineer, Jasper
Barbara Blacklaw	Widow of Frank, Work Equipment Supervisor	Douglas Kluthe	Conductor, Edson
Michel Boucher	Vice-President	Daisy Lahaie-Schoen	Widow of Fred, Boiler Inspector - CN Tower
Bernice Cable	Widow of Thomas	John Leslie	Telegraph Operator, Edmonton
Angel Cala	Labourer, Edmonton	Manuel Lima	Track Maintainer, Edmonton
Rory Calhoun	Motive Power Officer - Fleet Planning, Edmonton	Nancy Lischuk	Widow of Fred, Conductor, Edmonton
Laverne M. Campbell	Maintanance, West Wing, CN Tower, Edmonton	Janett E. Longpre	Widow of Bert Belcourt , Carman, Edmonton
Helen Carson	Widow of James, Computer Office Clerk, Edmonton	Anne Maze Andrushch	Widow of Bill Maze, Maintenance Supervisor, Edmonton
Elizabeth Courteau	Widow of Frank, Claims Agent, Edmonton	Denis T. McGettigan	Locomotive Engineer, Edmonton
Michael J. Davis	Conductor, Jasper	James McGreevey	Car Management, CN Tower
Mary Derksen	Widow of John, Supervisor Signals, Prairie Region	Betty McQuarrie	Widow of Jim, Superintendent, Edmonton
Paul Dhaliwal	Senior Fleet Officer, Edmonton	Almanzar Michaud	Track Maintenance Foreman, McLennan
Edward Didow	Conductor, Edmonton	William (Andy) Morris	Train Dispatcher, Edmonton
Alice Drabot		Lorrie Olenik	Track Forman, Edmonton
Maria Fabro	Widow of Angelo, Electrician, Calder Diesel Shop	Bert Oplanich	Fork Lift Operator, Edmonton
Yolanda Flett	Siginals & Cummunications, Edmonton	Shirley O'Reilly	
Joanne Fode	Widow of David, Yard Forman, Edmonton	Josephine Soetaert	Widow of Jules, Carman, Edmonton
Walter Footz	Transportation Planning Officer, Edmonton	Clifford Soucie	
Shirley Furniss	Widow of Leonard John, Signal Maintainer, Camrose	Gerald Stotz	Bridgeman, B&B, Edmonton
Steve Hand	Advisor Mechanic, Edmonton	Noe Tavares	Track Maintainer, Edmonton
Graham Hayward	Senior Clerk, Edmonton	Cecile Thibeault	Widow of John, Agent, Grande Prairie
Stan Horodyski	Carman, Port Mann		

Our condolences go out to **Tarlochan Gill** on the death of his wife **Gurshinder** and **Bill Stayko** on the death of his wife **Sylvia**.

MILESTONES November 2025-February 2026

85 Years Old

Richard Buckland
Eleanor Thimer
Josie Craplewe
Ruth Ragnitz
Sandra Borysuk
Herman Ryksen
Pauline Roberge
Larry W. Forbes
Marianne Fallowfield
Edward Tchir
John McGill
Denise Domsky

90 Years Old

Carol Ann Zahara
Robert Ewers
Lyall C. Kortzman
Robert K. MacDonald
John O. Stokalko
John (Jack) McLeod
Ida Osadchuk

Benito Leggio

Florence Rusnak

Nov 7 William Turin

Nov 9 Barry A. Biglow

Nov 29 Mary Smith

Dec 1 Gilbert J. Frontain

Dec 21 Grace Beloglowka

Dec 22 Erwin F. Lischewski

Jan 2 Doris M. Small

Jan 3 Lloyd G. Bodette

Jan 5

95 Years Old

Jan 6 Alice Goebel

Jan 24 Mary McManus

William J Didow

Nov 9 Maria R. Scott

Nov 15 Thomas C. Howard

Nov 18 Harold F. Sacher

Nov 19 A. Greg Thompson

Nov 19

100 Years Old

Nov 21 Colleen Guthrie

Dec 7

Dec 28

50 Years Married

Jan 6 Richard & Susanna Tougas

Nov 7

Jan 8 George & Lillian Emmons

Nov 20

Jan 23 Rick & Robyn Maze

Dec 5

Feb 4 Edward & Jean Posyniak

Dec 6

Feb 17 John & Odette Haines

Jan 2

Feb 17 Laurie & Mary Bronson

Jan 9

Feb 20

60 Years Married

Feb 23 John & Anita Brunetta

Nov 13

Dennis F. & Marlene Noyes

Nov 20

Anthony & Marie Rossi

Nov 27

Nov 22 Roy & Cecile Schneider

Dec 18

Dec 10 Herbert & Edith McDonough

Jan 28

Jan 20 Allan H. & Margaret Ann Bentz

Feb 5

Jan 28 Kenneth M. & Debbie McLean

Feb 25

Feb 9

70 Years Married

Feb 12 Melvin O. & Valerie Hauer

Nov 3

Feb 11

Christmas Party

Mark your calendars and save the date! The RailVet annual Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Chateau Nova Yellowhead – Grizzly Room on Wednesday December 17th commencing at 11:00AM. A short meeting will be conducted prior to the buffet style meal.

Tickets will be available at our General Meeting in October and November, cost \$25 per person. Tickets will also be available from the following Executive Members: Al Vodden, Diana & Andy Novak, Mary Jean Strachan and John Wiebe – Members wishing to purchase tickets by e-transfer, use email jwiebe2@gmail.com, advising name.

This event is open to all RAILVET MEMBERS plus spouse or one guest. Due to capacity limits, our ticket sale limit is 200. We hope to see you there!

New Members

Phyllis Culbertson
Peter Fougere
Antonio Gatmaytan

Bruce Lamarre
Ann Peet
Sheila Perdue

Greg Pilot
Anna Raposo
Ricardo Raposo

Marvin Senz
Colleen Thomas Calhoun

Annual Summer Picnic

The 2025 Annual Picnic in the Park event, hosted at the Rundle Family Centre on June 18th was attended by 109 pensioners and their guests. It was a wonderful success! Members and their guests came together for a day filled with laughter, friendship and plenty of fun.

The main event, the meal, was nothing short of incredible. The caterer, Smokehouse BBQ, went the extra mile and served us our dinner inside as they were unable to park in a convenient location due to ongoing construction. Thank You guys! Our meal – the Smokehouse BBQ Deluxe Party Pack – Southern Fried Chicken and St. Louis BBQ Ribs along with Double Stuffed Baked Potato Salad and Caesar Salad. It was a feast enjoyed by all! I received a lot of positive feedback from attendees.

To make this event even more special, fellow pensioner Wanda Johnson and her husband Evan, on their own initiative, gathered 20

awesome door prizes for our attendees. They solicited donors for all the give-away items; they delivered them to the site and were instrumental in the door prize draw process. THIS IS HUGE, but then Wanda and Evan also provided “Dessert Pastries” for all in attendance. **THANK YOU**, Wanda and Evan, your kindness and organizational skills, you made our event an exceptional event and

added so much excitement for all those in attendance.

And of course, a special thank-you to the RailVet members who volunteered their time and efforts to organize the BBQ and ensure everything ran smoothly.

From the food – to the prizes, to the laughter, the day was about enjoying good company and having fun. The atmosphere was lively, the weather was on our side, and it all came together for a fantastic day.



If you missed it this year, be sure to join us next summer!

