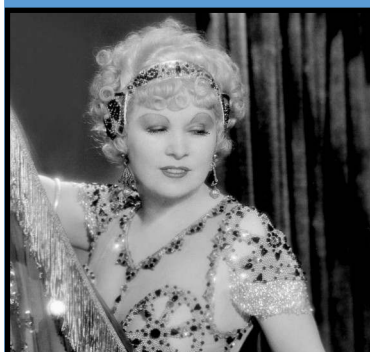




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Between two evils,
I always pick the one I
never tried before.

MAE WEST

Welcome to summer! Today's temperature was 33; it's now 19 with extreme wind warnings, thunder storms and alerts saying to "stay in the basement." A perfect summer day just like our Oilers in game five with Dallas. We are on the road to another Stanley Cup final!

But back to business. Scholarship applications are again open on our National website CNpensioners.org. These scholarships are open to paid-up members' children and grandchildren; there will be five \$1,500 scholarships awarded on the Mountain Region.

Our annual June picnic will be held on June 18th at Rundle Park Family Centre with Smokehouse BBQ serving a delicious hot meal.

After a few years staying in Montreal, the National Pension Committee will hold a meeting in Kamloops in June.

We have three centenarians in Edmonton this year - two in June and one in July.

Be sure to check out our National website for discounts; this site is updated regularly.

We have two National positions up for election this fall - Mountain Region Director (current incumbent Blake Olson) and Alternate Health Care person for the Mountain Region (current incumbent Michael Petrescu). Each are for three-year terms beginning January 2026. If anyone is interested in holding one of these positions check with any member of the executive for information and details.

Note our general meeting in June will be a "mini" meeting at our picnic so there is nothing at the Chateau Nova until September ... see our schedule elsewhere in this newsletter.

Hope to see lots out to our general meetings in the fall. Meantime, have a great summer!!

President's Message

Al Vadden

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Because of a scheduling problem, all RailVets' general meetings in 2025 will be held on the **third Wednesday** of each month, **not the second** Wednesday. All luncheon meetings start at 1100 (February, April, October, December) and those without lunch begin at 1330; there are no meetings during the summer break of July and August. The location remains the same - Chateau Nova Yellowhead, 13920 Yellowhead Trail, Edmonton. Hope to see you there!

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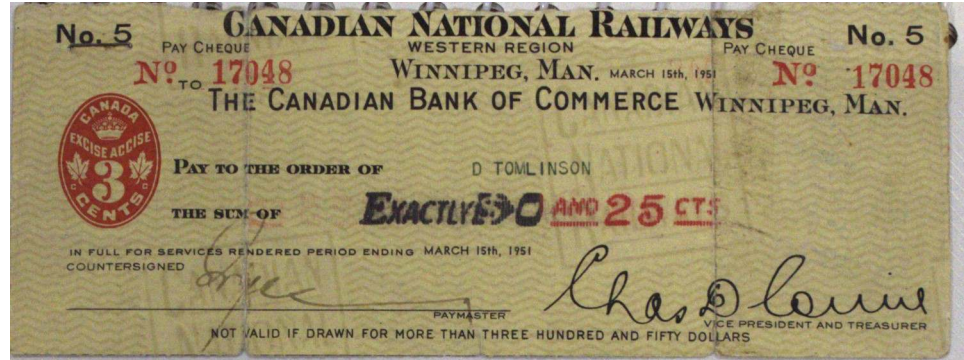
13920 Yellowhead Trail,
 Edmonton, AB T5L 3C2

CHATEAU
NOVA

Pay Cheque

In the days before direct deposit, CN employees were paid with these little pieces of paper you had to take to the bank to cash. It was before my time but I'm sure some of you remember them.

Not sure how long he had to work in 1951 to earn the princely sum of 25¢.



Federal Dental Plan.

In December 2023, the Canadian Government outlined seniors' eligibility for the Canada Dental Care Plan (CDCP). The plan will be phased in over time and, by mid-year 2024, many Canadians over 65 were eligible to receive treatment and coverage under the plan.

You can review the provisions, eligibility, timing and how and when to apply online at the Government of Canada website - <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/dental/dental-care-plan.html>

You should receive a government letter when you are eligible to apply. When you receive the letter:

1. Follow the instructions in the letter to apply by phone.
2. Wait to receive a confirmation from Service Canada that lets you know whether your application was successful and you qualify for the CDCP.
3. If you do qualify, wait to receive your welcome package from Sun Life before scheduling any dental appointments. It will explain further when you can start to get care paid for and how.

NOTE: You must re-apply each year.

If you need help, get a family member to assist you, but make sure you take advantage of this important and valuable benefit. If you still have a general question, you can call Service Canada at 1-833-537-4342.



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.



CNPA SUMMER PICNIC – YOU'RE INVITED!!

(No meeting at The Nova)



📍 WHERE: RUNDLE PARK'S FAMILY CENTER (2903-113 AVENUE)

📅 DATE: WEDNESDAY JUNE 18TH

🕒 TIME: 10:AM to 2:PM

The CNPA Picnic is just around the corner, and you won't want to miss it! Get ready for a fantastic day of great food, great company and fun times!

How to Get Your Tickets:

Missed getting your ticket at the May 21st General Meeting?? No Problem!

💰 Price: 10\$ per person

*Tickets are available to RailVet contributing members and one guest. *

Reserve your tickets by contacting Diana Novak at 780-456-7289, and then:

- E-transfer: send \$10 per ticket to jjwiebe2@gmail.com OR
- Mail: Send a cheque to Railvets, 61 Estate Crescent, St. Albert, AB T8N 5X2

Note: Reserved tickets available at sign-in desk at Rundle Park.

🚫 No tickets will be sold at the BBQ.

Only 120 tickets available – first come, first served!!

What to Expect:

☑️ Rain or shine, we're covered! Cozy indoor comfort of the Rundle Family Centre

🚗 Parking: No Stress! - Parking available onsite in the designated parking lot

🍖 Delicious Smokehouse BBQ – This year we're bringing in the BEST! It's going to be delicious! Serving up a hot, mouthwatering meal featuring:

- Southern Fried Chicken
- St. Louis Style Ribs
- Baked potato salad
- Caesar salad

🎁 Door Prizes: **WE ARE GIVING AWAY A SMOKER AND A BBQ!!**



“Bring your appetite, your good vibes and join us for a great day at the park!” 😊

Hearing Life

If anyone needs hearing aids, one of our partners, Hearing Life has a limited-time offer of up to \$2100 off the latest Hearing Aids.

They provide a free hearing test and if the test shows that you could benefit from hearing aids, they will fit you for your very own hearing aids. You can try these hearing aids for 30-days, free of charge.

The info is posted on the National Facebook page or, here are the links:

English: <https://tinyurl.com/2100-ENG>

French: <https://tinyurl.com/CNPA-FR>



CNPA members & family save an EXTRA 10%.

CNPA YEARLY EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY 8THGeneral Meeting
1:30PMGuest Speaker:
Dr. Kelly Polzin
Amplified WellnessFEBRUARY 19TH

CNPA LUNCHEON 11:AM

MARCH 19THGeneral Meeting
1:30PMGuest Speaker:
Brenda Barr
Stars Air AmbulanceAPRIL 16TH

CNPA LUNCHEON 11:AM

MAY 21STGeneral Meeting
1:30PMGuest Speaker:
David Aaron PhotographyJUNE 18THRUNDLE PARK
10AM TO 2PM

JULY

NO
MEETINGSummer
Break!

AUGUST

NO
MEETINGSummer
Break!SEPTEMBER 17THGeneral Meeting
1:30PMGuest Speaker:
North West Edmonton
Seniors CenterOCTOBER 15TH

CNPA LUNCHEON 11:AM

NOVEMBER 19THGeneral Meeting
1:30PMGuest Speaker:
Fire Rescue Services
& Fire PreventionDECEMBER 17TH

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 11 AM

Meetings held at:
13920 Yellowhead Trail,
Edmonton, AB T5L 3C2

CHATEAU
NOVA



Rather than going over or around obstacles, sometimes it is better to go through them.

Did you know that there are more than 80 tunnels across CN's network that are more than 135 feet long.

Some are under water and others pass through mountains.

James (Jim) K. Leskewich



One of our members has received the Royal Canadian Air Force Association Life Membership Award for his contributions to #700 wing and other military groups over the decades. At 101 years, he is older than the RCAF.

Jim enlisted in the Air Force in 1942 as an air force technician. Starting his training in Moose Jaw then St. Thomas, Ontario, he finished his training in Calgary as an airframe mechanic.

Posted to 1664 Heavy Conversion Unit in Dishforth, Yorkshire, England as part of Six Group, Bomber Command with the RAF, his unit provided conversion training for fighter pilots and crews for 6 Bomber Group RCAF. This upgraded crews to four engine bombers like the Halifax Mk III. In 1945, he was posted to the Pacific Theater but was transferred to the reserve on the surrender of Japan.

Jim and Joy have been long time members of #700 wing. Volunteering and participating in November 11th ceremonies and Battle of Britain parades.



Spring Newsletter 2025 - 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 January to April 2025, the Flower Fund had flowers/gift cards delivered as follows:

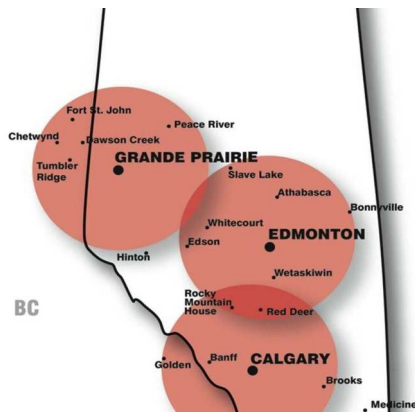
Month	Flowers	Gift Cards	Unable to Contact	Birthdays	Get-Well or Anniversary
Jan.	7	1	1	5	3
Feb.	4	6	5	10	0
March	6	3	2	9	0
April	6	4	2	6	4

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.)

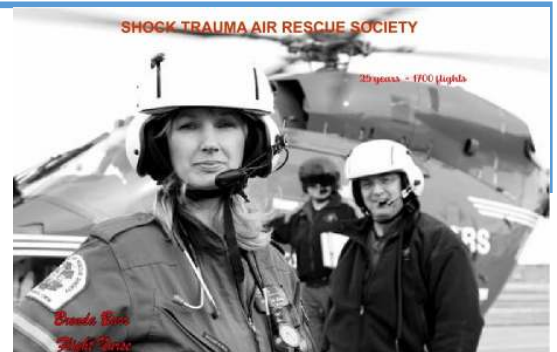
Recipients, outside of the Edmonton area, will be sent a Gift Card in lieu of flowers, after their current address has been verified.

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



Brenda Barr, an excellent speaker and critical-care flight nurse from Stars Air Ambulance, gave a presentation of its history, purpose and structure.

Stars is a non-profit organization which relies on donations and contributions from service groups and the government. It began in 1985, currently has three centres in Alberta - Edmonton, Calgary and Grande Prairie - each with an area spanning 250 kilometers, as well as two centres in Saskatchewan and one in Manitoba. Stars performs emergency care and transportation for critically ill and injured patients with 700 missions a year.



David Aaron Photography

Our guest speaker for May, David Aaron, is a photographer and has authored three books of pictures he has collected over several decades. His interesting presentation showed rail and rural pictures around Alberta, and then-and-now pictures in Edmonton naming various sites and pointing out and explaining the various landmarks. His books were for sale after his presentation with each buyer getting an autographed copy.





Gerald Adair	Director Customer Service, Edmonton	Swapon Lall	Heavy Duty Mechanic, Calder Diesel Shop
Monty Baker	Heavy Duty Mechanic, Edmonton	Edna Lerl	Widow of Eldon, Trainman, Calder
William Baraniuk	Train Movement Clerk, Edmonton	Harold MacKintosh	Conductor, Edmonton
Gordon Buchan	Payroll Clerk, Edmonton	Terry Miller	Asstant Manager, Walker Diesel Shop
Douglas Cane	Mechanic, Work Equipment	Ray Morris	Carman, Calder
Allen Chmilar	Field Supervisor, Edmonton	Mary Munsey	Widow of Jim, Manager, Accident Prevention & Safety, Edmonton
Marnie Daniel	Widow of Cullin, Truck Driver, Diesel Shop	Darlyne Nunweiler	Widow of Vern
Donna Dark	Controller Workforce & Equipment	Henry M. Ogradney	Engineer's Office Supervisor, Edmonton
Mario De Ponto	Machinist Walker Yard	Richard Price	Carman Walker Yard
John Devereaux	Conductor, Mirror	Heather Root	Widow of George, Police Lieutenant
Mary Eglinski	Widow of Victor	Art Rowe	Human Resources, Edmonton
Barbara Eichel	Janitor, Edmonton	Jean-Roger Sedillot	Extra Gang Forman, Edmonton
Heather Flewin	Rail Traffic Controller, Edmonton	Ramesh Singh	Manager Corporate Development, Edmonton
Barry Halbauer	Trainmaster, Edmonton	Elizabeth Smart	Engineering Clerk, Edmonton
Mary Lou Hansen	Widow of John, Diesel Shop Labourer	Fred Somers	Intermodal Safety & Training Officer, Edmonton
Roland Havell	Relief B&B Master, Edmonton	Richard Sutherland	Conductor, Edmonton
Bob Hawthorne	Electrician, Edmonton	Luba Yewchuk	Sr Administration Clerk, Safety & Loss, Edmonton
Peter Hlus	Claims Inspector, Edmonton		
Bruce Hunter	Consultant, Business Management, Edmonton		
Michael Janusz	Locomotive Engineer, Edmonton		
David Kading	Locomotive Engineer, Jasper		
Anna Kienzler			
Helen Kirsch	Widow of Leo		
Mario Krolo	Classified Labourer Diesel Shop		
Peter Krotowich	Asst. Supervisor, Treasury, Edmonton		
George Kushneryk	Car Distribution, Edmonton		

Our condolences go out to **Lorne Nolt** on the death of his wife **Wendy**, **Joe Samide** on the death of his wife **Zeta**, **Merle Shockey** on the death of his wife **Flora** and **John Tytgat** on the death of his wife **Beverley**.

MILESTONES July 2025-October 2025

85 Years Old

John Krupicz
Eleanor McLeod
Ann McPherson
Herbert McDonough
Kenneth J. McManus
Maria Cerminara
Robert Van Dyk
Anita Brunetta
Mary A. Sadoway
Shakoor A. Uppal
Vida Hill
Micheal Nakoneczny
John Gorman
Maria Fabro
Ina Tkachuk
Frances Rychlo
Russell Letain

Jul 6 Constance Gaudin
Jul 24 Anne Krogh
Jul 28 Mary Ann LaRose
Aug 4 Mary Derksen
Aug 8 Vincent A. Desjardins
Aug 16 Julie Charters
Aug 16 Emelia Heeks
Aug 19 Alice R. Arsenault

95 Years Old

Sep 1 Jean Bistrigan
Sep 1 Donna Buchanan
Sep 4 Sheila Paplawski
Sep 15 Victoria R Ball
Sep 23 John Beloglowka
Sep 25 Ida Dumont
Sep 25 Olga Trachuk
Oct 19 Margaret Rose
Estelle Marshall

90 Years Old

Jul 26 Lydia Jan
Jul 29
Aug 5
Sep 4
Sep 11
Sep 27
Oct 13
Oct 17

100 Years Old

Jul 14

50 Years Married

Aug 9 Garry & Darlene Meleshko
Aug 10 Richard & Bauni McFadyen
Aug 16 Edward & Patricia Ramstad
Aug 16 Dave & Linda Goretzki
Sep 3 Sei & Sylvia Chin
Sep 13 Raymond & Jane Kostyra

60 Years Married

Jul 5 Earlwin & Eloise Williamson
Jul 11 Nai Tong & Kiei Yan Goh
Jul 11 Florent & Helene Duguay
Jul 16 Kenneth & Joan Reed
Aug 28 Colin & Karen White
Sep 19 Roger & Luella Nadeau
Oct 21

70 Years Married

Oct 21 Thomas & Kathleen Howard
Oct 15

New Members

Ian Allan
Marianne Andresen
Joan Baker
Connie Baxter
Paul Bourbeau

Lesley Anne Brown
Rosalinde Brown
LeRoy (Rick) Hutchinson
Bill Kruk
Eleanor Kubish

Ines McGowan
Brian Nestorovich
Lisa Oszust
Maria Pettinato
Chris Purcell

William Reinke
Pam Reiser
Jodi Lynn Zemrau

2025 CNPA Scholarship Program

The CNPA Scholarship Program is again available this year. The program provides a \$1500 one-year scholarship for each fall school year.

Eligibility applications are accepted from children, grandchildren, great grandchildren (including legally adopted and stepchildren and step grandchildren) of **CNPA Contributing Members**.

Applications will be accepted beginning April 14 until August 13, 2025. Winners will be contacted by the end of the first week of September 2025.

Rules, terms and all pertinent information are available on our website <https://www.cnpensioners.org/scholarships/scholarships-national>.

Note: Applications will be accepted by email only and must include all scanned or electronic supporting documentation as one complete PDF file.

Applicants: Ensure you read ALL the scholarship materials on the website. Applicants must have a minimum 80% grade average over the most recent 2 full academic school years to be considered.

Applicants are assessed based on a combination of their marks and several other important weighted factors such as community involvement, personal and academic achievements, extracurricular activities, career objectives and other relative information provided by the applicant.



CNPA News Summary for April 2025

National News – April 2025

Did your tax return get flagged for a review? Don't panic, experts say

The Canada Revenue Agency sends tax review letters to about three million taxpayers every year, according to its website, mostly to verify benefits and credits claimed on the return. Generally, he said, reviews aren't serious if a taxpayer has claimed legitimate costs, followed the procedures and has the numbers correct. In most cases, the CRA is looking for more information to verify the tax credits and benefits claimed, such as medical bills or receipts from moving expenses. This is different from a tax audit, which is a comprehensive review of your financial records.

Alberta Government News – March 2025

Enhancing cardiac services in southern Alberta

Alberta's government is accelerating planning for expanded cardiac services in southern Alberta, ensuring Albertans can access the care they need close to home. The plan consists of \$5 million to enhance intensive care services in Lethbridge and Medicine Hat.

Opening more doors to primary care

Budget 2025 includes \$20 million to plan new primary care centres that will improve access to essential services across Alberta.

- There are more than 12,000 registered physicians and more than 68,000 regulated nurses delivering health care services in Alberta.
- Primary Care Alberta's priorities are to:
 - Ensure every Albertan has access to high-quality primary care services across the province.
 - Incentivize care models that improve health outcomes and prioritize patient experience.
 - Support integrated teams of family physicians, nurse practitioners, midwives and pharmacists to provide the best care possible.

Update on Measles situation in Alberta

Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Mark Joffe issued a statement on the measles situation in Alberta.

"In light of the measles outbreaks across the province, I want to remind all Albertans that these outbreaks are highly preventable. Albertans can protect themselves and those around them by ensuring their measles immunizations are up to date. Immunization with measles-containing vaccine is the single most important public health intervention to prevent measles."

Cases have been reported in all areas of the province but especially the south. If you are not immunized and plan to visit Two Hills, Taber MD, the County of Lethbridge, or the County of Forty Mile, your risk of being exposed to measles is significantly higher than elsewhere in the province.

Bear activity advisory for backcountry and outdoor areas

Alberta Forestry and Parks and Public Safety and Emergency Services are issuing a public safety advisory as bears begin emerging from hibernation across the province.

Anyone spending time outdoors in bear country is urged to take the following precautions:

- Travel in groups and stay on official trails.
- Make noise regularly to avoid surprising a bear.
- Keep dogs on a leash at all times.
- Carry bear spray and know how to use it.
- Store food, garbage and other attractants in bear-resistant containers or facilities.
- Avoid areas with fresh signs of bear activity such as tracks, scat or diggings.