

Pacific Ramblings Newsletter

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Message from your President - Bill Fernihough

Well summer is almost here. Many of us will be taking off for our summer holidays soon.

According to weather folks, it is shaping up to be hot dry summer again. Hopefully we won't get smoke from wild fires again like we did last year. If we do, my suggestion would be to take advantage of the special BC Ferry rates for Seniors and head over to Victoria for a break. BC Seniors aged 65 or greater travel free Monday through Thursday except holidays (only applies to passenger fares). There are local buses waiting in the Swartz Ferry terminal to take folks into downtown Victoria and you can travel all day for \$5.00. A great escape.

Have a great summer. See you at the June Potluck Picnic and the Salmon BBQ in August.

Upcoming Events

Stave Falls Family Day July 6

Stave Falls Family Day is being held on Sat. July 6th from 10 am to 4 pm. There will be free guided tours, electricity demonstrations, face painting, a charity BBQ, and more. Admission is free or you can make a Cash Donation or a Food Donation to the Mission Food Bank. This is a fun filled day for all that attend.

The Power Pioneers have again been asked to provide volunteers for face painting and tattoos. At the present time we need volunteers to fill the following time slots:

10 AM – 1 PM (1 volunteer) for face painting

(please arrive at 9:30 for this time slot to review a slide show on safety)

2 PM – 4 PM (1 volunteer) for face painting

2 PM – 4 PM (2 volunteers) for tattooing

Face paintings are applied with stencils (you do not have to be an artist)!

Tattoos are applied with a sticker.

Please contact Diane Watts at 604 850-9250 or by email at dwatts1111@shaw.ca if you can volunteer your time.

June Potluck Picnic June 27

The Pot Luck Picnic is June 27 at the lower grounds of the Semiahmoo Fish and Game Club facility on 184th Street, Surrey.

If you plan on playing in the Bocce Tournament, be there to sign up with Velma at 10:30. If anyone has extra bocce ball sets, please bring them along.

The lunch will follow between 12:00 and 12:30 so bring along your favourite salad, main dish or desert to share. You will also need plates, cutlery, perhaps a tablecloth and covers for the picnic benches. Coffee is provided but you are welcome to bring along other beverages. Remember to bring something to put it in! Contact persons for the picnic are Velma Derksen (778-593-0077), Ruth Norrie (604-597-4707) or Marilynne Hedley (604-590-5594).

Annual Salmon BBQ Thursday August 22

The Annual Salmon BBQ is Thursday, August 22, also in the Semiahmoo Fish and Game Gazebo area. The cost per ticket is \$18 and includes the salmon, salads and desert. The tickets can be purchased at the June Picnic or from Velma Derksen (778-593-0077) by August 15.

September Ramble - September 10

Lorne Nelson and Roy Charlesworth have arranged a visit to the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classic Chinese Gardens and Chinatown Tour in Vancouver, followed by lunch in Chinatown.

Lorne's Daughter-in-law (Claire) is a guide there and will provide us with the tour of these areas, and will also recommend a suitable restaurant (non dim sum) for us.

The group will meet at the Skytrain 'Stadium Station' downtown for the short walk to the gardens at 578 Carrall St, 30-mins prior to the start of the tour (tour time to be announced). The admission for seniors is \$11 and the guided tour is complimentary.

If you are interested in attending this ramble or have any questions, please contact Roy **now** at 604-574-0282 or email royc46@shaw.ca.

Literacy Program

Our Literacy Program continues so please bring your recyclables to the meeting, so John and his team can turn it into cash for "books for the kids"!

Care News - A Get Well card was sent to Celia Hortness who fell and hurt her knee quite badly. For all those unwell, we miss you and our thoughts are with you. Please contact Esther Excelby at 604-507-0230 or by email jexcelby30@gmail.com.

In Memorium - Dave Fox May 26, 2019. [Click here for more information.](#)

Member Profile - Bill Fernihough

Bill joined BC Hydro in 1975 in the Apparatus Department, after a 12 year power system career with the Aluminum Company of Canada. He spent many fun filled and adventurous years in the department, with lots of good memories.

Bill brought some great ideas to BC Hydro, and developed and worked on more while there, including load discharging of large station batteries, infrared testing of substation and transmission lines and PCB destruction process. One of the ideas Bill had the most fun with, and one of his best memories of his time at BC Hydro, was the development of an artificial intelligence program to analyze double test results. This became an instant success and was sold to the Doble Engineering Company in Boston. That effort also created a new industry in BC, which is still alive today.

Bill joined Power Pioneers in 2002 and was pretty low key for many years. After being freed up from his post retirement work in late 2014, Bill took on the role as Pacific Treasurer and then became President in 2018.

Bill brought his love of good ideas to Power Pioneers. He recently introduced Geocaching to the Pacific Power Pioneers, running Geocaching training and workshops with the help of Ben Dobranowski. He also wrote a TV Streaming training manual with Larry Chow and provided help to Pacific Power Pioneers who wanted to get their own streaming systems up and running.

One surprising fact we all learned about Bill was his knowledge of honey bees and that he had honeybees for 20 years.

Bill says the 2018 California Dreaming Jamboree Cruise is certainly his most enjoyable Power Pioneer memory so far.

Recent Activities

Senior Drivers Seminar / Meeting



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Ramble at Stewart Farms



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A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing,
the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.

James Dent

Feedback

If you would like to submit ideas for the newsletter, require more information or would like to comment, please email hmullan@telus.net.