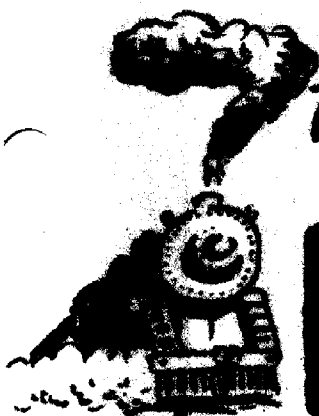




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CORN FIELD MEET

The Fifth Annual Corn Field Meet is again being held at Hank & Henny Menkvelds place in Chilliwack. The Labour Day weekend of September 3,4,&5 will see many tents, trailers and campers descend on 10689 McSween Road.

There is a no-host dinner on Saturday, September 3, and Hank must know no later than Thursday, September 1, how many of you plan to attend the dinner. It would also be a great help in estimating the food required for the corn feed if you would let Hank know when you are coming, and how many there are.

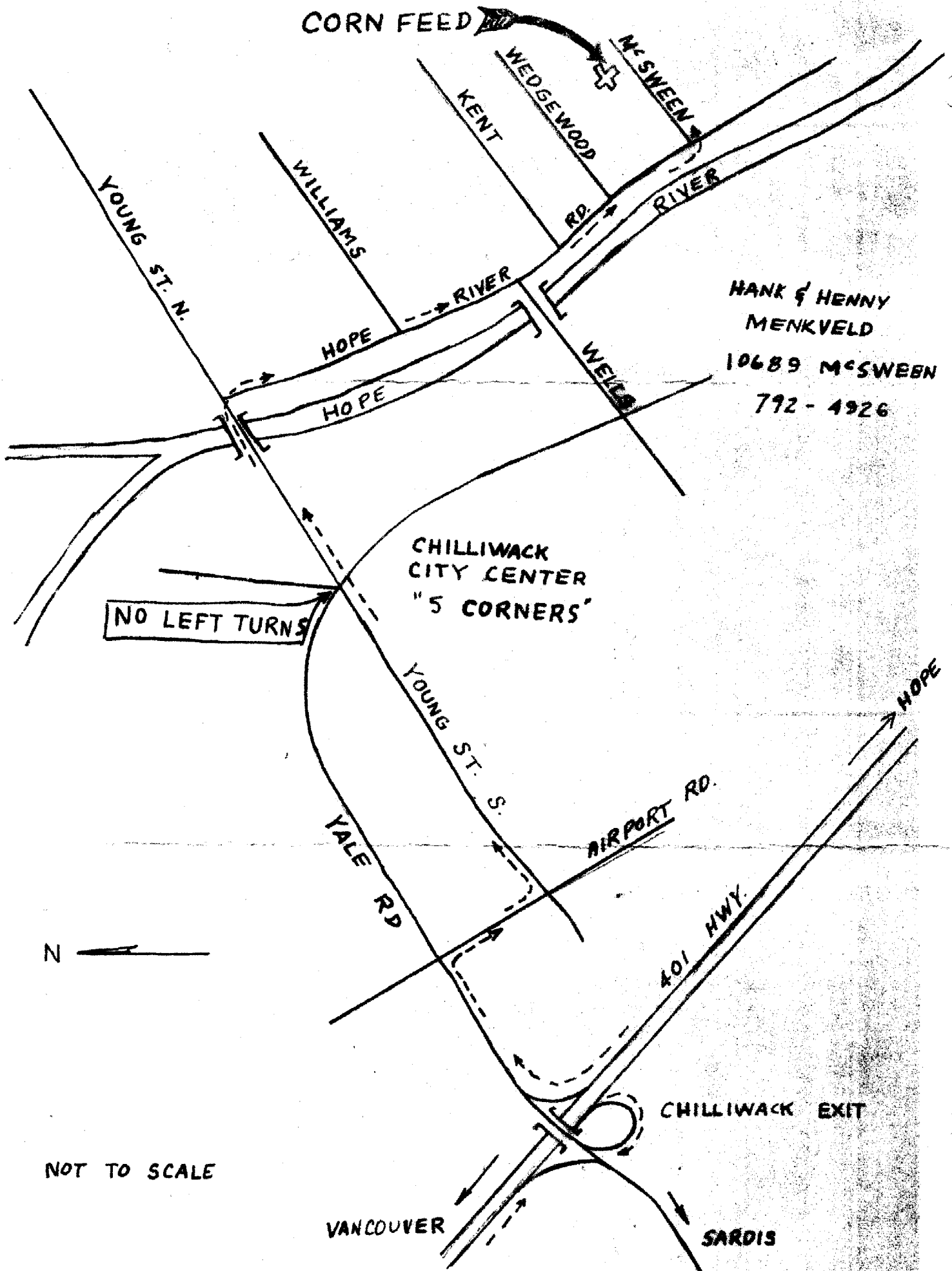
Last year nearly 200 people were fed at the corn feed, although many of them did not camp for the weekend, but rather came out for the day. The feed itself starts in the neighborhood of 4:00pm, but come early and join in the fun. After the food, there are generally some slides and movies shown after dark. Even if it should rain, God forbid, the feed will go on!!

CORN FEED, APPROX. 4:00 pm, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1983.

CLINICS

As you will notice, there is no Timetable in this Summer Issue. One of the main reasons for this, is the fact that we no longer have a place to hold our clinics. As we adjourned for the summer, no such problem was anticipated. However, Woodward's has accelerated their re-building program for Oakridge, and after August 31, the Auditorium we have been using will vanish. I have been assured that in about 14 months time, there will be a new auditorium for us to use. In the mean time, the Standing Committee will endeavour to find an alternate site for us to use. Please bear with us until we have a chance to do some scouting around. Any suggestions you might have will be greatly appreciated. Please forward them either to the clinic chairman, or any other member of the Standing Committee.

Thanks,
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RECESSION STRIKES AGAIN !

A further effect of the present and continuing recession has made itself felt here in the Seventh Division with the resignation of Nathan Oxhandler as Superintendent of the Division. Nate's position with Tektronix Canada has been eliminated, and with it, since he is an American citizen, so did his permit to reside and work in Canada. The Standing Committee were informed of the problem in May, and at the June meeting, yours truly happened to be standing in the wrong place at the right time. Presto-- two hats to wear!

You could take the view that I was snookered into trying to fill Nate's shoes (no mean feat). At present Nate's plans are quite flexible, including a trip from the Winnipeg Convention to the American mid west to renew some old friendships, but he also indicated to me that he would return to the Pacific Northwest to reside in Portland and go into business with an old friend of his if everything worked out as he had planned. Once a westerner, always a westerner. We all owe Nate a vote of thanks for all the work he did as Superintendent, and most particularly for organizing the Robson Square Media Center for our November 5 Meet. We have not seen the last of Nate, or the Oxwagon.

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NOTEWORTHY ITEM.

At the Winnipeg Convention, the Prize Committee decided to ask for cash donations rather than the usual merchandise. This was done for two reasons that I am aware of, namely to avoid customs hassle for the American contributors, and to cut down the length of presentation time after the banquet, since there were nearly 100 contributors.

For those of you who were fortunate enough to have attended, and missed the usual brass prize from Van Hobbies, it should be pointed out that out of a total of \$853 US dollars contributed, one eighth or \$100 US dollars was donated by our good friends and supporters Phil Crawley and Ron Small of Van Hobbies.

A tip of the hat and thanks from all of us who derive so much from the hobby, and especially those who went to Winnipeg.

Editor.

DEWDNEY ALOUETTE RAILWAY SOCIETY.

After lengthy and protracted negotiations with the Municipality of Maple Ridge, the partnership formed by the DARS and the Maple Ridge Historical Society has culminated with the acquisition of a Heritage Building for the Maple Ridge Museum.

The Maple Ridge Historical Society will use the ground floor, and the Dewdney Alouette will get the use of the basement of the former Superintendents house of the old Haney Brick And Tile Company, located on the new Haney highway by-pass. Included with the house and also made of brick, is the old Office, which will also form part of the complex.

The buildings are located down on the river, and directly across the road from the CPR mainline, and about 200 yards from the site of the old Haney station. The club will have possession almost immediately, and will move as soon as is practical into an area of over 1100 square feet. Not included in this figure, is another area of over two hundred square feet suitable for workshop space. After four years of looking and fund raising, the DARS has found a home.

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TACO FEED

Bob and Nancy Smith's 10th annual Taco Feed drew 125 people over the July 30 weekend, according to Doug Kelleway. Nearly 20 of those were from north of the 49th. What's really interesting is that everyone that Doug talked to, was also planning to come to the Corn Field Meet at Hank Menkveld's.

Bob and his missus have been making these super tacos since before I got into the hobby, and I have yet to be able to get away to one, and by gum next year I'm going to do it!

HAL RIEGGER

After the hospitality that Hal showed the four of us (Lucille, Tom Beaton, Gerry O'brien, and I) when we went down to the PCR Meet this spring, I was delighted to be able to reciprocate when Hal was in town after the National, where we had little time to talk. Hal and I prevailed upon our good friends out at B.C.Hydro Rail to let us ride the Langley switch one evening last week.

This train is called for 16 o'clock, and carries out and picks up from all of the sidings out in Langley. Most of these are not seen from the road, and the train is really fun to work.

SANDING THE FLUES

This is a re-type of a letter that our PNR VP, Greg Madsen sent me. I have copied it over because the one I have will not come out on our electro-scanner. All you contributors please note--send good black copy only.

19 July 1983

Dear Member,

Re: PNR Selling Policy at Conventions

At present, the policy of the PNR regarding whether or not selling will be allowed from the floor of the manufacturers and commercial display area is not stated anywhere in detail. The NMRA Executive Handbook states that two different areas must be set aside, one for selling, and one for display only. By this, it implies that selling is allowed, although it is not stated as such. From talking to various people, I understand there officially cannot be any selling from the floor due to non-profit or tax reasons, however as you are all aware, selling has been allowed in the past.

The other item that is not clear, is exactly what is meant by "two areas" in the NMRA EHB. Do the areas have to be in different buildings, different rooms, or can they be at opposite ends of the same room? Thus there seems to be quite some confusion as to whether selling should be allowed or not.

In the light of the foregoing, the PNR Board should decide on a black and white policy for the PNR and its Divisions, regardless of whether or not the NMRA does likewise. Exactly what policy that should be, I do not know - that is up to the Board - however it should be checked by a legal expert to ensure that it does not run afoul of any of the PNR's legal responsibilities such as our non-profit status.

I therefore propose that the subject be added to the agenda for the meeting in Eugene in August, and ask that you give some thought to the matter before that time.

IF you have any comments or questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Gregory Madsen,
PNR Vice President.

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This is an area of intense interest to the Standing Committee of the Seventh Division, and they have spent some time on it. It behooves all of us who are involved with the running, and attending of the meets to let Greg have your views before he goes to the meeting in Eugene. Do it!!

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NEWS RELEASE

The 1983 PNR Convention Committee has decided to try a computer assisted auction at the 83 PNR. Dave Blanchard, the sub-committee head, will be the auctioneer. Members of the First Division are writing a program that will, at the very least, not hinder the process. It might even speed it up.

The auction will take place on Friday, August 19. Check in and viewing time will start at 1:00 pm, with the auction beginning promptly at 2:30 pm.

In order to help us through this first use of our program (and to save the delicate fingers of our data entry person), please consider sending a list of the items that you wish to offer for sale and also include any minimum selling prices. The list doesn't have to be perfect as we will be able to make changes, additions, and deletions when you check in. If you don't show up, we can't sell phantom merchandise.

Send your list to:

Kerry Baird,
358 S. 9th Ct.,
Coos Bay, OR 97420

Please Note--IT IS NOT MANDATORY that you send us your list in advance, although we think it will help us out.

For those of you interested in this sort of thing, you can see the clinic "Computers In Model Railroading" on Thursday, August 18 at 1:00pm and again at 2:30 pm. It's written in Applesoft basic, and is well documented.

Editors Note-- I received this request about a month after we put out the last issue of the BB. However, I checked with the committee, and you can take your list with you, along with the goods you wish to sell. Just pass along the necessary data as soon as you can when checking in at the Meet.

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DEADLINES

Speaking of the above, the next deadline for material for the Bulletin Board is August 21, 1983. Further deadlines for the fall are; October 16, and December 4.

HERE COME DE JUDGE

I found it interesting to note (for those of you who are interested in such trivia), that fully 30% of the Judges at the National in Winnipeg, were from the PNR, and of those judges, 50% were from the Seventh Division.

It serves to demonstrate what an active group of model railroaders we have here in the Pacific Northwest Region. We know it, but does the rest of the NMRA?