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Rotary Club of White Rock Peninsula

eBulletin

for Bruce Kleeberger
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Hello Bruce! This email has been generated just for you as a member of our club.

Editor: Bruce Kleeberger
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Future Speakers

Oct 21 2008
 DG Larry Stinson
 "District Governor Visitation"

Nov 4 2008
 David Robinson

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Dinner
 Oct 14 2008

Membership Fireside
 Oct 17 2008

DG Visitation October 21 Executive Meeting
 Oct 21 2008

Club Meeting October 28 Business Meeting
 Oct 28 2008

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by Bruce Kleeberger

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Peter Holt - The Interurban Railway

by Kleeberger, Bruce



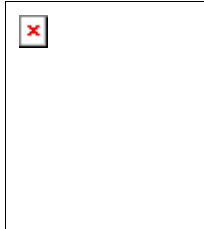
At our regular meeting of October 7, Mr. Peter Holt, a director of the Fraser Valley Heritage Rail Society and Valley Transportation Advisory Committee made a very well received presentation to a small attendance on the subject of the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway.

Mr. Holt is a resident of Surrey and a director of Buckley Blair and Associates engineering firm. He was the Executive Director of the Surrey Board of Trade, and is also an active member of the Vancouver Board of Trade. He writes articles for local papers and has appeared on local TV and radio.

The Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society is promoting and proceeding with the Interrurban Railway project. It is directly involved in reestablishing use of the Railway as a heritage transportation service which focuses on research and application of transportation technologies applicable to the lower mainland.



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The BC Electric Railway was built in 1910 when the population of the lower mainland was 15,000. Surrey was a series of Hamlets serviced by an urban railway line along the Valley Community Rail. It functioned until 1950 and was 60 miles long. It used 600 Volt overhead transmission lines for power and the power was also distributed to commercial power users along the line (such as electric milking machines!). The first service was from New Westminster to Langley in 1910.

The mission of the Society is to restore and operate heritage interurban cars on the original route through Surrey and the Fraser Valley to link heritage tourism destinations. It began in 1996 from a original donation of a interested citizen. A popular movement was formed to begin using the route again. The organization realized that it:

First had to get a railcar

next restore the car

then operate a car (which required refurbishment and reinstallation, at some places, of the interurban rail line)

For the refurbishment a "Car barn" was built at Sullivan (2003) on leased city land

Then a small station was built in Sullivan.

There are only 2 electric railway cars left that could be restored. One was bought from Paris, California in 2005 and restoration is underway by Volunteers.

The Heritage Railway Demonstration Project has an agreement with the railway for 1 year.

Goals and objectives are to be the first in North America to operate a hydrogen powered passenger service, to demonstrate the service prior to the 2010 Olympics and be part of BC's "Hydrogen Highway"

In N. Vancouver there is a firm which scavenges hydrogen for use in fuel cells. the fuel would be 20% hydrogen and 80% natural gas.

The line would run from Newton to Cloverdale on weekends and there would be a fare box and service preference for groups.

It is possible to extend the line in the future. Next Sunday is the last "open day" for the season for anyone wanting to learn more about the project. Members and their families are welcome to visit the project at Sullivan Station.

News from October 7 Meeting

by Kleeberger, Bruce

Everyone is reminded about our visitation from District Governor Larry Stinson on **21 October**. President Lyle asked all members to **wear a hat** for the meeting.



David Hothi reported on the successful **bread run** completed while the remainder of the club met. More news to come.

Also, President Lyle asked each member to consider where they do business in their community.....those fellow citizens who are business persons in our community are potential Rotarians....they just haven't been asked yet!

Bruce's Commitments