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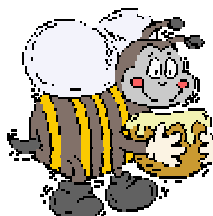
NO MEETING THIS THURSDAY! Remember that our Association meeting is THE POTLUCK PICNIC AT JUDY AND BILL'S, Sunday July 22 at about 12:30. There are always dishes/cutlery but I usually bring my own, and a chair. Bring whatever DISH /SALAD/DESSERT you choose. I usually bring a labeled serving utensil too, depending on my food choice. Bill and Judy always have something great going on the barbecue. There will be refreshments. EVERYONE IS WELCOME, NEW OR OLD MEMBERS, COME AHEAD AND GLAD TO SEE YOU! Bill often shows folks his hives if you want.

Blackberries are halfway done blooming here on Pleasant Ridge. Jean and I did a driving trip through The BC Central Interior. In the Chilcotin and Coast at Bella Coola valley, fireweed is just coming up. There were a surprising number of fruit trees in Bella Coola with only bumble bees doing the job that I could see.. Not a lot of fruit set there. Warm in the sun though, down in the fiords, once it stopped raining. As we came south on Vancouver Island you could see the fireweed growth advancing, which was interesting. Times are tough in

in that country. Tourism is non-existent now and was depended upon to large degree.

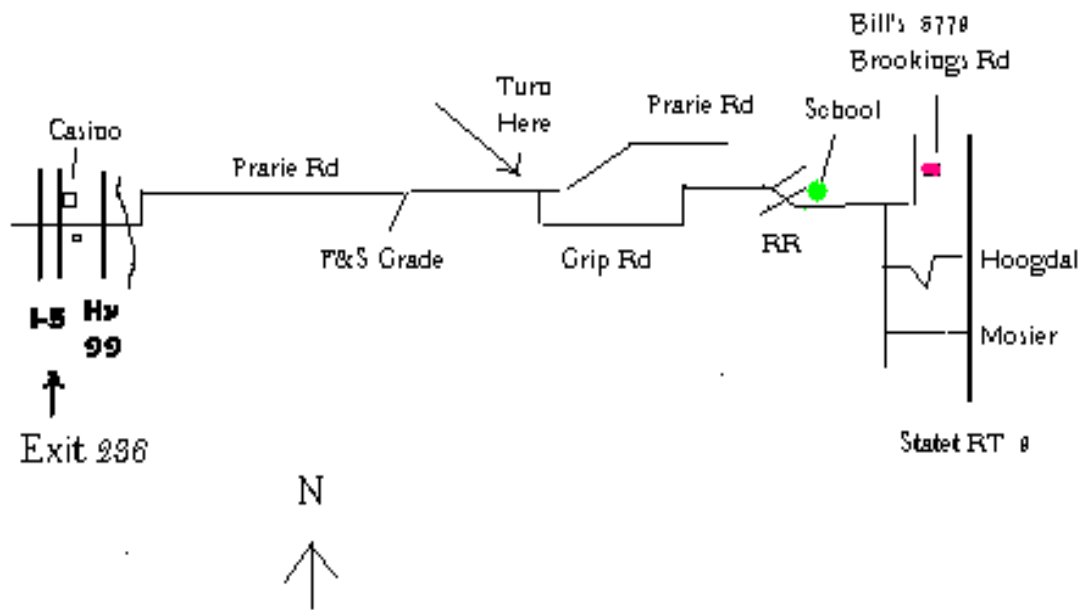
The ferry fare for us and our camper from Bella Coola to Port Hardy on north Vancouver Island was \$700 Canadian. The BC government pays that much more as a subsidy. The crew said they lose about \$40,000 every time they leave the dock. There were 37 passengers more or less and 26 crew for the 24 hour running times. Listed passenger capacity was 300. The crew was great! With bad sleeping chairs and great hot showers, the Queen of Chilli-wack is small enough to service the isolated marine communities with passengers and some freight. It was a 24 hour boat ride. Our fuel was expensive, \$6.00 a gallon, with diesel and gas about equal.

There is a map to Bill and Judy's on the second page of this newsletter. Just follow it from the freeway/Casino/ Bow Hill exit. See you there. Ed Markus



Potluck Picnic

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