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Hi, Friends!

I'm back again as your friendly Predictor editor. It's one way of staying in touch with what's going on down there. As I'm sure you've noticed, I'm bad at letter writing, but will try to keep you apprised of life up here in the Great Northwest.

Your ever ready editor,

Bobbie McNicol

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To: B.J. Hill

From: M. Rothermich

Well, the old calendar on the wall says that 1994 is just about over. So before I bid adieu, a quick look back to see where we've been. This year we were all over southern California: from the Mission Inn in Riverside to the Peterson Museum in Los Angeles to Packards in Ramona to Oceanside, El Cajon, Vista, and all points in between. There were also picnics, potlucks, costume parties, swap meets, shows, even silent movies with our own organist. As always, something new and different, as well as a few old favorites.

Along the way we met a few new people who have become friends, as well as losing a few old ones - Mark Brewer, R.H. Peck, and Ed Henneberg - we shall miss them all.

Before I close, I want to remind all of you about the upcoming meeting at the Automotive Museum in Balbca park on December 8, Thursday evening. A representative from ACCC will be speaking on legislation concerning automobiles. I urge you to attend and be heard.

Next month Colin Fort steps up to this space in the *Predictor* with what's on his mind. And it's not mold!

Best wishes for the holidays.

Happy Packarding!

Mark



Christmas Party December 3

5:00 p.m. *6:00 p.m. dinner

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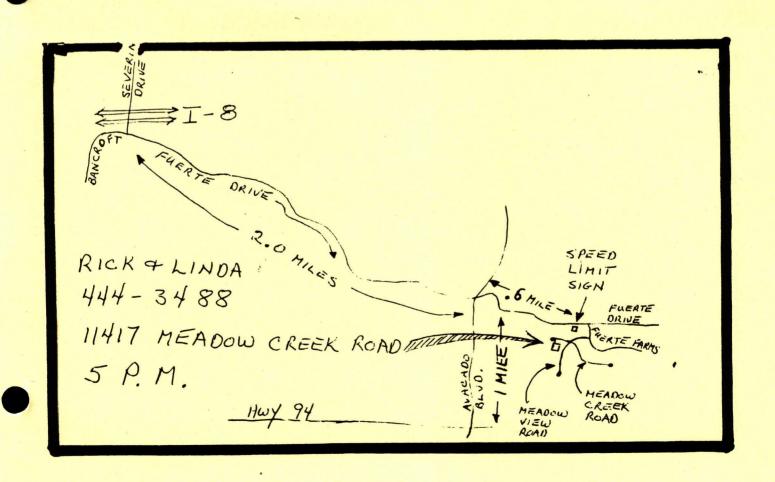
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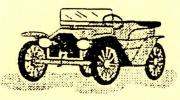
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PLAN TO ATTEND:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1994 7:00 PM AT:

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- 1995 Pacific Northwest Tour --- Itinerary-

Day		Tour Events
	Optional	Gordon Apker's Event (invitation only)
August 13 Sunday	Afternoon	Arrive and check-in at the Wyndam Garden Hotel, Bothell, Washington; pick up tour packets at the hotel desk. On own for Seattle sight-seeing, etc.
	Evening	Reception at the Wyndam; hosted hors d'oeuvres and no-host bar from 6 - 8 pm. Dinner on own.
	Hotel	Wyndam Garden Hotel, Bothell, Washington.
August 14 Monday	Morning	Begin tour to Whistler, Canada; caravan up Interstate 5 and cross the US - Canadian border Douglas early Monday morning. From the border, we proceed up 401 then head west over the Fraser River and then across the 2nd Narrows Bridge on to the Upper Levels Highway to Horseshoe Bay, then on the Sea to Sky Highway to Squamish, where we stop for lunch.
	Lunch	Lunch @ Squamish, Canada.
	Afternoon	Continue on the Sea to Sky Highway to Whistler, arriving at by mid afternoon. Check into the Westbrook, on own for Whistler-area sightseeing.
	Evening	Mixer and dinner at Cut Bart's Restaurant followed by short slide show on traveling through Russia in a Packard.
	Hotel	Westbrook Whistler, Whistler, British Columbia
August 15	Morning	Depart Whistler returning via the Sea to Sky Highway, crossing Burrard Inlet via the 1st Narrows Bridge (Lions Gate), around Stanley Park to Spanish Banks for a box lunch on the beach.
Tuesday	Lunch	Catered Box Lunch @ Spanish Banks
	Afternoon	Continue around Point Grey to the Delta River Inn. Check-in at hotel and continue on to Jim Ratsoy's Estate for a BBQ Dinner and car show hosted by Jim and the Vancouver Chapter of the Vintage Car Club of Canada. (Jim has a collection of 100 vintage and classic cars.)
	Evening	Evening BBQ dinner @ Jim Ratsoy's Estate, car showing, etc. On own for Vancouver sight-seeing, etc. after Ratsoy BBQ.
	Hotel	Delta River Inn, Richmond, Canada.
August 16	Morning	Caravan to Whiterock, BC, a seaside community just north of the US - Canadian border for sight-seeing and shopping.
Wednesday	Lunch	Catered lunch at Whiterock restaurant overlooking the Sound.
	Afternoon	Cross Canadian - US border and begin tour of Skagit Flats at Bellingham, visiting Bay View State Park and LaConner.
	Evening	Catered dinner in LaConner restaurant, return to Wyndam via I5 or scenic route.
	Hotel	Wyndam Garden Hotel, Bothell.
	Morning -	Caravan to Museum of Flight, Boeing Field, Seattle, arriving by 10 am.
August 17	Lunch -	Catered Lunch @ Museum
Thursday	Afternoon -	Tour of Tom Crook's Classic Car Showroom .
	Evening -	Era Costume Party & Dinner at the Wyndam.
	Hotel -	Wyndam Garden Hotel, Bothell

August 18 Friday	Morning	Begin tour to Sunrise, Mt. Rainier. Form into 10 car teams at Issaquah and travel scenic back-roads to Enumclaw and then State Route 410 to Sunrise Entrance of Mt. Rainier. After entering the Park we climb 3000 feet to the Sunrise Visitor Center (elevation 6000 feet) for spectacular views of Mt. Rainier.
	Lunch	Catered Box Lunch @ Sunrise
	Afternoon	Return to Enumclaw via 410 from Sunrise and continue via 410 to Tacoma.
	Evening	Banquet @ Tacoma Yacht Club
	Hotel	Sheraton Tacoma Hotel, Tacoma
	Morning	Begin tour of Pt. Defiance Park, visiting Pt. Defiance Zoo and Aquarium.
August 19	Lunch	Catered BBQ Lunch @ Owen Beach, Pt. Defiance Park
Saturday	Afternoon	Continue Pt. Defiance Park tour, exploring the park's 5-Mile Drive loop and the Camp 6 old-time logging exhibits. For those not interested in the logging exhibit, the park and travel of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge to Gig Harbor for sight-seeing and shopping.
	Evening	End-of-Tour Banquet @ Sheraton
	Hotel	Sheraton Tacoma Hotel, Tacoma
August 20	Departures	
Sunday	Optional Tour of Mt. St. Helens	
	Morning	Caravan via I5 to the Cold Water Visitors Center.
	Lunch	Catered Box Lunch @ Cold Water Lake Picnic Area
	Afternoon	On own.
	Hotel	Hotel @ Kelso for those heading south or Sheraton Tacoma Hotel (or other Tacoma hotel) for those heading north.

IMPORTANT

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Fred & Sumiko Spector Cruise/Tour Russia St. Petersburg to Moscow, September 3-15, 1995

First of two parts, by Fred Spector

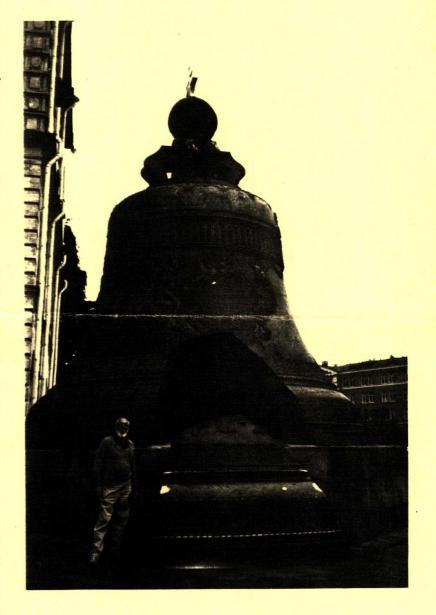
We had not thought of going to Russia until we found a bargain too good to pass up. At the price we would hav expected for one, *both* of us had flights from Los Angeles, twelve days on the ship with all meals, and all the lan tours and events included.

The arrival at the airport in St. Petersburg gave us our first inkling of how the ordinary citizens there are trying to cope with their new-found economic freedom. A group of Street Musicians played (for donations) old American tunes as we boarded our bus to the ship.

As our visit progressed, we were met at every sight-seeing stop by musicians and street vendors, all of whom were interested in our dollar bills. Persistent, but seldom aggressive, vendors offered a variety of items from T-shirts to books, post cards, dolls, artwork, and handicrafts. Most all spoke enough basic English to hawk their wares, and quoted their prices in dollars. Yes--we bargained, and found the first price anticipated that.

The cabin on our ship was very adequate and comfortable. The faucet in the bathroom sink pulled out of its receptable with a hose, to become our showerhead. Every cabin was an outside cabin on the German-built ship, 424' long and 55' wide.

For three days, in St. Petersburg, each morning we bused into the city, first for a general tour, and later to specific museums and palaces. As we passed buildings, statuary, and monuments, our guide named and described them, but the greatest impression was seeing



the dozens and dozens of huge apartment buildings. Dull and depressing looking, those five stories or less had n elevators. Many were built of concrete prefabricated "cubes" stacked on top of one another. It was obvious tha each room was very small. In this new era, the people now have been able to purchase their apartments, and an active real estate market has developed with people selling their units privately, usually to move up to a larger, o better-located one.

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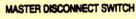
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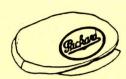
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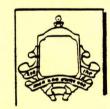
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