

BOXCAR BULLETIN

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Military Appreciation Month

The last Monday in May is Memorial Day—a day that encourages us to reflect on the sacrifices of our current and former military personnel. Also, May 8th was Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces and subsequent formal acceptance by the Allies commemorating the end of World War II in Europe.

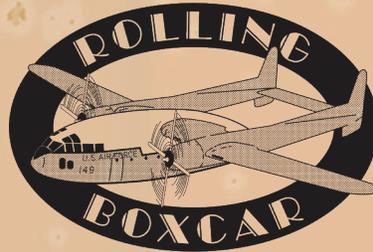
So why not celebrate the contributions of our military all month? Senator John McCain, who formally introduced this in 1999, chose May because it marks many significant events in military history. Almost every day has significance from the American Revolution, Civil War, WWII, Cold War, Korea, Vietnam conflict, and so much more.

Visit: <http://www.veteransresources.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Military-History-Anniversaries-0501-thru-0531.pdf>

Besides the significant dates in history, there are dedicated observances all month long.

- May 1, 2021—Silver Star Banner Day—Per Congressional resolution, it is an “Official Day to honor wounded, ill, and injured Veterans.”

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Rolling History to the Vets
Who Helped Make It



The “Dean of Drums” can’t stop wearing his Rolling Boxcar T-shirt and he does so wherever he goes!

Where do you wear yours?

Send your photo to:
John@rollingboxcar.com

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

5 One-year
13 Two-year
4 Five-year
46 Lifetime
o Whole Nine Yards
Total=68!

We Can Brew It!



Boxcar Betty

We celebrate the life of Betty Jo (Hagen) Will, or “Boxcar Betty” as she is known around the Rolling Boxcar camp. Born in Santa Barbara, CA on August 14, 1932, she passed from this life in her home on March 10, 2021. Betty was devoted wife and mother, and a caring friend who blessed many lives. She is survived by her son John H. Will and daughter Pinky Will. She will be honored as RBC’s nose art, Boxcar Betty.

Rest in peace, Mom.



MISSION: To celebrate the contributions of military personnel by honoring and supporting them using a highway-adapted vintage C-119 “Flying Boxcar” fuselage repurposed as a traveling Alaska military history museum, mobile classroom, art gallery, and performance venue.

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- May 7, 2021—Military Spouse Appreciation Day—This date recognizes the service and sacrifices of military spouses.
- May 13, 2021—Children of Fallen Patriots Day—A day to honor the children left behind by the brave men and women who gave their lives while defending our freedom.
- May 15, 2021—Armed Forces Day Observed on the third Saturday every May, dedicated to paying tribute to men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.
- May 31, 2021—Memorial Day—A solemn occasion to honor the men and women who died while serving in the military.

Visit: hfoto.usa.org/important-military-holidays-and-observances-for-2021/

May 1st is also Loyalty Day, set aside to kick-off Military Appreciation Month and allow us to reflect.

Besides keeping us safe during wartimes and at the ready to defend, our military also conducts research that leads to technological advancements in areas such as GPS and jet engine technology, and canned foods innovations.

So, don't forget to honor our military, not just in May, but all year!

Visit: <https://militarybenefits.info/national-military-appreciation-month/#ixzz6sKvL3KSc>

And as an afterthought, what a great month to re-up your RBC membership!

~The Editor



We Can Brew It!

And now, so can you. The Boxcar Blend is available by the pound (or two).

All purchases are donations to the Rolling Boxcar cause.

Feel good about your morning cup.



To buy a pound (or ten or fifty) email: Dean@rollingboxcar.com
*Prices do not include shipping

Time to Re-Up, Baby!

Notice the member count this issue? Which of you didn't re-up?? I'd say it's high time to re-commit to the project. We're doing our part. Don't be a baby—do yours!



Meet Zach Mills RBC Treasurer

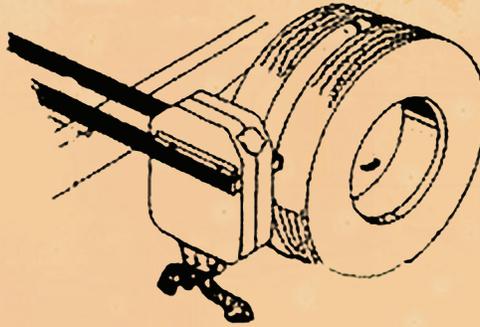
Zach received his associate's degree in Business Management and Accounting from Alaska Career College in Anchorage, Alaska. Zach has over 23 years of retail experience and worked for Tesoro Petroleum for 14 years and managed a store for them for 8 years. He has lived in Alaska his entire life and currently lives in Anchorage, Alaska.



Sanders!

All of you have heard of, and some of you own, a sander. You might have a belt sander or random orbital sander in your garage. Folks that live in snow country can't wait for the sander to come around in the morning to sand the icy roads. There is a Colonel Sanders and currently a Sanders in Washington. So to keep up with the Jones's, whoever they are, Rolling Boxcar has its own sander.

It's known as a Traction Sander. Ingenious device which consists of a tank of sand, mounted just in front of the drive axle/tires, one on each side, on the rear of RBC. Under this tank is a rubber upside down "Y" shaped hose that points strait down to the road surface. It's rubber so it



can take the occasional rock or small obstruction and not be damaged.

When the road gets icy and traction is in question, RBC's driver can push a button in the cockpit and a vibrating motor will activate inside the sand storage tank and distribute a small amount of sand on the road just in front of the drive tires. Just a little sand is almost

all it takes to get the traction RBC needs to keep on rolling. So on a cold snowy morning when RBC's mobile classroom is headed to your school, thank the sanders for giving us the traction to get there.

By the way...what's for lunch?



-Colonel Will

FROM THE TECH DEPARTMENT

From the Design and Build Team

Looks like the plans for driving RBC's pilot car with all its needed tools and equipment down the AlCan to the rebuild site are foiled again—for the time being. Seems the Canadians are keeping Alaskans traveling to and from the lower 48 down to a dull, or even inaudible, roar. More like a murmur.

In any case, toward the very end of May, RBC's Prez John Will will be flying down to Boise ID to attend a small family reunion and to celebrate the life of Boxcar Betty, and then on down to the rebuild site in MacArthur CA. to get some work done on RBC.

John will be down there for about a month. So, if you're in the area, stop by and lend a hand. Bring some tools and your gift of gab. And for the first 40 or so that show up, he will give you your very own, and highly coveted, school bus seat to take home and tell your friends

about. Quite the "Porch Decore". (Legs one and two, or three and four, not included) He will be sending home lots of videos on his progress so be sure to check us out on Facebook as we roll this project forward despite that little Covid character."

-RBC President John Will



Meet the RBC V.P.



Paul has 45 + years of sales and marketing experience with national, international, and local businesses. Originally from St Louis, he has been an Alaskan since 1975. Whether educational, promotional, profitable, or eventful, Paul possesses communication skills that fill many of Rolling Boxcar's needs. He endeavors to establish mutual and beneficial working relationships, catering to the needs of RBC and its sponsors. Paul lives in Anchorage, Alaska.

Good to have you
at the helm, Paul!

Rolling Boxcar very own aeronautical engineer, board member and lifetime member Dave Ciochi has done the unthinkable. He has built RBC their very first prototype of the "dime glider" C-119 complete with it very own Flying Boxcar distinctive signature wing dihedral bent into the wings 18" span. We are looking into manufacturing these cool toys and look forward to them darkening the skies over a yard near you.

Remember when you would tear open the plastic tube it came in, build it, and put that little clip on the nose? Then, if you beat the dog to the LZ or didn't over run its short flight path and step on it, that bird would fly again. Barring any DOD change orders or balsa wood machinist strikes, this 119 will be flying soon.

The question is:

When Can I Get One??



Artist Corner



Hey, Remember This Sculpture?

John Will's audio-kinetic rolling ball sculpture is being offered for lease or sale as a way to further the Rolling Boxcar project.

If you own a business or manage a public space, this art might just be for you! It's a real attention getter and an asset to any public space.

Do you have a lobby in your office where people sit with only a few magazines to entertain them? That might work for a while with adults, but this machine will keep youngins fascinated for hours.

To purchase or propose a lease option contact:
John@rollingboxcar.com

BOXCAR CLASSIFIEDS

AUCTIONS ★ RENTALS ★ MUSIC ★ PARTS ★ JOBS ★ TRADES ★

Wanted-RBC Needs List

Help Wanted

Tired of the same-ol'-same-ol'? Do you want to lend a helping hand to the Rolling Boxcar team? Ask how you can help. Call John Will 244-1710.

Sewers

- That's people who can sew material (not septic system related)
- We need to sew yards upon yards of blanket material for authentic insulation.
- Also needed is fabric for the stage skirting and camo netting for stage covering.

Seating

- OEM Co-pilot seat
- OEM Pilot seat

Sound equipment

- Full sound system for stage.

Kitchen

- Propane water heater.
- Propane refrigerator.
- Gray water drain system.
- 3-compartment sink.

Lighting

- Stage lighting interior and exterior.
- Interior lighting for museum.
- Ambient lighting for coffee bar.
- Amber strobes, side markers and clearance lighting.

A/C Units

- For rooftop

Interpretation

- Panels, interactive map, curriculum, videos, etc...

Generator

- 10KW Generator
- Two would be ideal!

Tires and Wheels

- Eight truck-sized matching Aluminum wheels.
- Two matching air-ride truck seats.
- Dolly wheels, 2 ea 20-24,000 pound axles, air bag suspension or lift axles

Welding Supplies

- Welding wire, blades, sanding/grinding discs, etc.

Steel

- 5,000 pounds of steel for sub-frame.
- Plans and drawing with detailed list available.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Advertising potential for being a 'Sustaining Sponsors' is huge. Imagine the possibilities! Rolling Boxcar is still looking for ongoing 'Sustaining Sponsors' for fuel, propane, lighting, stage, visual aids, etc. Call and see how your business can support the cause.

Many items on our website have already been generously donated by our supporters.

Thank you all! Call John Will 244-1710.



MORE TO COME!

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...waking up every morning and having your coffee cups remind you that you have contributed to a worthy cause.

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Quality, Illustrated and Limited Edition Rolling Boxcar coffee mug, dishwasher and microwave safe.

\$14.95

Boxcar Bearings They're Silver!

Available for the first time are the SILVER Boxcar Bearings!

The chocolatey, caffeinated candy is lovingly coated and packaged by the Homer Truffle Company.



\$5.00

Got Your T-Shirt?



\$25.00

Every merchandise purchase helps Rolling Boxcar achieve its goal to roll down the highway celebrating the contributions of our military personnel.

To buy a shirt email Paul@rollingboxcar.com
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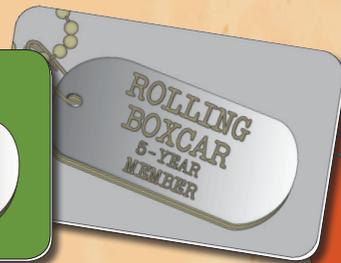
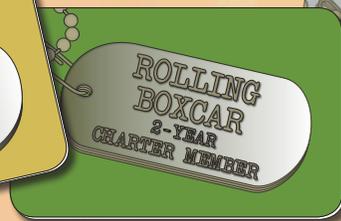
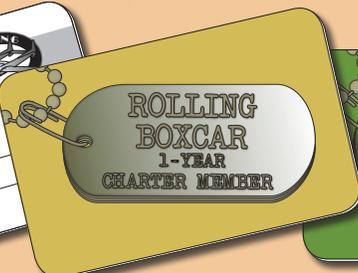
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\$100



You will receive 5-year Membership Card, a Rolling Boxcar Logo Decal/Sticker, a Rolling Boxcar Collectors Coin, a Rolling Boxcar Gel Pen, an embroidered Rolling Boxcar Logo Patch, a 11oz quality dishwasher/micro safe Rolling Boxcar Coffee Mug and a one pound bag of Premium Boxcar Blend Gourmet Coffee.
 Email: Paul@rollingboxcar.com

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