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'ALONG DA RILES'

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COVER SHOT

PRHS President's Report

It is with mixed emotions that I sit here putting together the first 'Along Da Riles' for 2011.

Last year ended terribly with the passing of our societies Vice-President William (Bill) Sullivan, very suddenly and just a few weeks after his returning from the Philippines (had given up counting his trips, but I believe this was 30 something).

He was a driving force behind my Philippine transportation interest, indeed a driving force behind anything I was setting my heart to.

A tribute to him appears on Page 3.

While it was a very sad moment in my life, one I doubt I will get fully past, it did become a moment for reflection on the last few years in the hobby. Initial thoughts of just giving up and moving on to more important ventures in the Australian railway hobby , were soon replaced with the desire to fulfil a promise I made to him.

Much discussion has been going on and I truly feel there is brighter days ahead for all railfans, that one day all will work together in a united front.

As someone recently said to me, "Bill would have wanted it this way".

On the railway front, it has been very interesting to see some of the developments going on in the Philippines since the change of government.

Expansion of the overhead systems appears to be full steam ahead, regardless of the change, while that on PNR appears to have slowed somewhat from the pre-election pace in which it was moving.

However, the new Philippine National Railways GM is confident the line to Naga will be reopened by June this year, with Legaspi again seeing a train before 2012 reaches us.

We wish them well with this mammoth task and I for one look forward to doing the whole trip when I am next in the Philippines.

Much thought has been given to this magazine since Bill's passing. Along with me, he was a regular backer of the costs associated with it. We actually had plans ready for an expansion in 2012 that would have seen more regular colour, plus coverage of other transportation topics.

As a voluntary, and loss making, publication, we can sadly only do so much. It is published through a love of the Philippines and to share information with people.

While no final decisions are made, we will have to cut back costs, but will not be cutting them back at the expense of sharing information with others.

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VALE—BILL SULLIVAN (1939-2010)

PRHS VICE-PRESIDENT / DEAR FRIEND

It is with much regret that I have **only** known Bill since around the start of this century, coming together through the mutual love we had for the railways of the Philippines, and that of the country itself.

My involvement in the country came through my marriage to Ana, a Filipina who I met in Australia. Having been interested in railways all my life, it was not surprising that my first trip to the Philippines in 1999 would lead to a long held interest in their, then, slowly decaying operations.

I returned to Australia, set up a small internet webpage and forum based on the subject and it was not all that long after that I received a membership application from Bill, telling me of his great interest and that he was from nearby Newtown.

Not really unusual, over the years there have been many members come and go, some I have met, many who I have not. However Bill soon suggested we could meet and have a chat, as always I invited him to dinner at our house.

While it is far to long ago to remember the night that he came, it was to be the instant start of a friendship that went on to make an incredibly huge mark on the life of, not only me, but also my entire family.

Bill would, over the following years, become an almost weekly visitor to our house. His visits were always looked forward to greatly; after all, you never quite knew where discussions would lead.

Of course they started with the railways of the Philippines, but they would then stray off to such obscure topics as paint colours, Workcover (of which is was fiercely proud) and even his amazing escapades around asia.

Actually, on reflection, I doubt there was any topic which Bill could not speak for hours about.

Bill soon became an extended part of our family, loved by all, and always a huge part of our life.

Bill had an amazing way of getting what he wanted, or getting the very best deal he could.

Nobody who was lucky enough to be considered a friend of Bill would ever need an ALDI catalogue. Bill was almost religiously dedicated to his weekly check of electrical specials and would ring me up to tell me of the great printer/set top box/scanner prices.

“Do you want me to pick any up for you” he would ask. Typical Bill, it was never too much trouble to help those he cared about. He would be waiting at the door of Aldi before it opened, because he knew the to wait would see him miss out and letting a mate down.

I am sure ALDI will wonder where he is; certainly their electrical sales will now have plummeted.

Bill would tell me how he made friends at Philippine Airlines, his preferred carrier, and how he managed to get moved up to higher classes than his booked economy seat.

His love of PAL, his pride in their service and his mileage status, was constantly mentioned and led my family to start flying them, it even influenced my newest hobby of collecting models of PAL planes.

His infectious love of the Philippines was my motivator. I began enjoying learning of Philippine history, Philippine traditions/beliefs and, besides the above, would collect virtually anything Filipino. Jeepney destinations, number plates, shop signs, jeepney models and even the few rare bus models.

On his second last trip he just happened to be in a Pagsanjan sari sari store and noticed on a back shelf two bottles. These were very old bottles of rum of lesser manufacture than Tanduay. ‘Anejo Oro’ and ‘San Miguel Bravo Rum’ were the names, both bottles being very old and dusty, one with a very rusty lid.

Bill knew instantly that Brad would love these in his collection and took them to the counter to buy them, only to be surprised when the girl said they were so old she didn’t know the price.

Of course he then went on to offer an amount probably five times what they would be worth, but still the girl said no and that she would have to wait for the owner.

A few days later Bill returned, he wasn’t going to give up on a friend, and the owner told him a price a fraction of the amount he offered. Bill happily grabbed them.

Tanduay Rhum was a central part of his visits to my place. Many of the worlds problems were solved over a few drinks, many a solution to the Philippines railway problems were arrived at likewise.

If there is one thing I shall miss most, it will be these chat sessions that went late into the night..

At Bill’s funeral, attended by many of his friends, I made a promise to Bill that his dream of a united railfan community in the Philippines will one day take place, no matter how hard that will be. I promised him that, despite those who will fight against it, one day all railfans who love the Philippines will ride one of his beloved steam trains out of Manila.

I am currently discussing the possibility of some sort of memorial for Bill in any museum that may be set up in Manila.

GOODBYE DEAR FRIEND!

The **‘Philippine Railways SIG’** is currently cataloguing all the groups archives and listing them. At various railway stations These archives will be available to members of the PRHS and others for research purposes.

We are always seeking articles, old documents (even copies), photos, technical details and anything else for inclusion in the archive.

OPERATION ADOBO #5 - Part 2
BRAD PEADON

FAST TRACK

News Briefs from around the Philippine Islands.

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS

MANILA SUNSET CONVENIENCE STORE

3/43 Broadarrow Road, Narwee, Sydney
For all you Filipino grocery, drinks and
health care needs.

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FLEET SURVEY

A Roundup Of The Philippine National Railway Fleet - November 2010

Philippine National Railways Locomotives

In Service:

902, 918*, 919+, 922* (Based in Manila)
916 (Based Lucena perway duties)
917+, 2540 (Naga)
5001, 5002, 5009 (Works train service)

Caloocan Shop - Out of service:

906, 911, 913^, 914, 921, 2510, 2515, 2535, 2538, 2539,
5003, 5004, 5007+, 5008
Beyond Economical Repair: 920 (Quezon derailment
victim) - 5010~ (Engine damage)

Tayuman Shed—Await Transfer To Caloocan:

5002, 5005, 5006, 915

Liveries:

Underlined Locomotives painted in the Caloocan version of the Filtrack Livery.

* - Locomotives painted in Naga version of Filtrack livery.

^ - Overhauled, Repainted and expected to be released.

~ - Last locomotive in 90s red livery with yellow lining.

+ - 2011 Blue blue with gold lining livery.

Donations:

* Nothing of the rumoured second hand locomotives has yet been confirmed.

Philippine National Railways - DMU

In Service Manila:

DMR-01	ITR-01	DMR-02
DMR-03	ITR-02	DMR-04
DMR-05	ITR-03	DMR-06
DMR-07	ITR-04	DMR-08
DMR-09	ITR-05	DMR-10
DMR-11	ITR-06	DMR-12

Loco Hauled:

CMC-201	Service Tayuman (Works duties)
IC-888	Stored Caloocan (Inspection Car)

Future Deliveries:

Donation of Phase 2 ROTEM DMUs expected.

Philippine National Railways - Rollingstock

Please note that not all rollingstock is listed!

7A/NR/CAR Class

Currently the frontline passenger hauled stock within the Philippines.

Unrefurbished Binan Set - In Service:

7A-2029, 7A-2006, 7A-2009, 7A-2015 and 7A-2007

Refurbished Vehicles - In Service

NR-01 (Sta Rosa rebuild)
7A-2028 (PNR Refurbishment)
CAR1,2,3,4,5 (PNR Naga Refurbishment)

Unrefurbished Spares

7A-2014, 7A-2018 and a number of NR class.

7C Class

7C-115 recently refurbished and utilized on run to Naga. Few other remaining examples across system.

Japanese 14 Class Sleepers - Not In Service

Suhanefu 14 30, 14 29, 14 28 , 14 32
Ohane 14 91, 14 63 , 14 82 , 14 89
Suhane 14 752, 14 755 (Deluxe Twin Level)

Other Passenger Rollingstock Believed Extant:

7E - Believed all scrapped in 2010

CMC/CTC - Very few examples left. A couple in various conditions around Manila, with one each used in works service at Lucena and Naga.

TA-5 - Last example stored at Caloocan (2-2010).

PC2-86 - Presidential (Marcos) car - Stored at Caloocan

Freight Rollingstock

There is no regular freight service, however much remains stored or used for track work duties.

BC (Boxcars), **FL** (Flatcars), **GC** (Gondola cars), **TF/TC** (Fuel Tankers), **WT** (Water Tanker)

Future Deliveries:

* More carriages expected from Japan in coming months. Numbers not confirmed, but said to be up to 200.

Philippine National Railways Preservation

BUDA 21 - Static Display at Tutuban Station

BUDA 22 - Under Restoration (No Advice)

Static Display at Tutuban:

Manila RR 0-6-0T CABANATUAN (Kerr Stuart 777/1905)

Manila RR 0-6-0ST DAGUPAN

Static Display at Dagupan:

MRR 0-6-2T B class no. 17 URDANETA (Dübs 2577/1890)

TRACTION NEWS

FLEET SURVEY

*A Roundup Of The Light Railway Operator Fleets -
November 2010*

LRT Line 1

Servicing - Baclaran to Balintawak

Operational

1G 1000-1036, 1038-1069

2G 1100-1128

3G 1200-1248

Unoperational

1037 (Bomb Damage)

Ordered

7 sets planned after line refurbishment.

System

Currently being extended from Balintawak to North Ave to connect with MRT.

To be extended south to Bacoor area.

LRT Line 2

Servicing - Recto to Santolan

Operational

2000-2072

MRT Line 3

Servicing - North Ave to EDSA

Operational

001-073

MRT Line 7

T Service - North Ave to San Jose del Monte

Ordered

Unknown

System

Currently being built.

RAIL HERITAGE

A look at rail heritage news, along with items from the internet and PRHS collection!

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Got something of historical interest? Please share it with other readers. You will be credited for the contribution.

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PhilippineRailways –Serious news and historical chat.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PhilippineRailways>

PhilRail -For a more lighthearted and friendly chat about railways and transport in the Philippines.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PhilRail-SIG>

Modelling -Those interested in modelling the Philippines.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Philippine_Modelling

WE NEED YOUR HELP

'Along Da Riles' is always looking for the following for inclusion.

* Photographs - Trip Reports - Historic Articles

* Rollingstock updates and information.

* Railway industry news. * MRT/LRT news.

* Sugar railway news.

* Old documents and tickets (these can be scanned if you wish to

retain the original).