



## **MEMBER ALERT**

Date: August 2, 2016

It has been brought to the local's attention that there have been situations when the engineer has pulled a train out of Birchwood and headed north alone while the conductor has remained behind to line the switch behind the train then ride to Eklutna in a vehicle to meet the train.

Please take appropriate steps to avoid this practice.

If a crew picks up a train at Birchwood, such as the QAP gravel train, the entire crew should ride from Birchwood even if it requires the train to back up under GCOR Rule 6.6 (Back up movements, formerly called "Picking up a crew member"), or the conductor should walk up to the head-end prior to departing Birchwood. The crossing at Birchwood Spur Road can be protected by the crew member on the ground who needs to be picked up.

Reference GCOR Rule 1.30 as follows;

### **1.30 Riding Engine**

When possible, crew members on the head end of freight trains must ride in the control compartment of the engine.

When riding on the head end, the conductor will ride in the control compartment.