

STEAMFEST 2010

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SteamFest 2010 was held at the West Coast Railway Heritage Park on September 11 and 12, and was a good event once again (now its third year). Good weather made for a great day on Saturday, but rain and more rain put a damper on the Sunday. The event this year featured a good selection of 16 classic cars on Saturday (mostly Chryslers), a steam tractor courtesy of **BCSME**, model steam engines (thanks **Trevor Mills**) and—of course—Royal Hudson #2860. Costumed interpreters (thanks **Donna**) in the Brightbill Heritage House, the business car British Columbia (**Bonnie Game** photo left) and the PGE #722 troop sleeper car added to the ambiance at this weekend event.

The steam crew of **Mark Liggins**, **Andy Faris** and **Richard Courage** also did a good business in cab rides on the Hudson, and a whistle salute was provided each passing of the

Rocky Mountaineer train on both days to the delight of their passengers, and by steam standards on a damp fall day it is hard to beat the show put on by our headline locomotive. (photos on page 23 by **Russ Grycan**)

The weather on Sunday required a change in process to get to the Hudson train boarding area, so the mini rail was pressed into service ferrying passengers to the north end of our site when the walk in the rain become just too much. The weather also dampened the classic car turnout on the Sunday, but all in all it was a great two day event.

Thanks to all our volunteers—your editor does not have a full list as I write this article, so we will try and run that next month. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

