

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS A SUUCCESS, THANKS TO ALL

Day Out With Thomas 2010 was a great success for everyone involved. We hosted a total of 10,152 guests during the four day event, and everyone went away happy. From the greeting at the bridge as they entered the site until they departed the Heritage Park, our staff and volunteers did an outstanding job, commented on by many as they left the Park.

A big difference this year was the layout of the site, thanks to having both the PGE Carshop and the new CN Roundhouse & Conference Centre to work with. Besides saving the need to rent a huge tent, our volunteers and guests were always comfortable and dry. The Carshop hosted the live entertainment stage, the Imagination Station children's activities, tattoos etc. The Roundhouse hosted the merchandise shop, Sir Topham Hatt, first aid, the large eating and relaxation area, CN police display, as well as provided great new washroom facilities.

Even the weather cooperated! We had four very nice days with a mix of sun and cloud, and temperatures that were in the 20—22 degrees mark, the train only really got warm on one Saturday afternoon, and we got rained on only one late Sunday afternoon.

Nora

McDowall Photos....

A huge thanks to the key coordinators, to Event Manager **Craig McDowall** (and Nora), to **Susan Steen** and her staff, and to Volunteer coordinator **Judy McQuinn** for your leadership work in organizing our best Thomas event ever. Thank you also to our wonderful staff and volunteers, who worked together as a team in every regard. There were a total of 70 volunteers each day on the site—a massive effort. Many of our guests noted on leaving the event on how well organized as well as how helpful our staff and volunteers were. Thanks to all!

(Photos on page 20 by Nora McDowall)

Following the event Thomas was loaded up and off to the next site (Russ Grycan photo)
MiniRail at A Day Out With Thomas

Thanks to all involved for their invaluable assistance with MiniRail during the Thomas event this year. Also the loan of additional equipment for the event by **BCSME** (CN 9000 and 4 Cars); **Ken Klakowich** (2 Cars); and **Jeremy Davy & Donna Simon** (BCR 646 and 4 Cars) was greatly appreciated. Our sincere appreciation and gratitude to **Bruce Wilson** for coming to Squamish on June 11th and spending the day tending to the needs of several members of the fleet before the second weekend.

There were two new Thomas additions to the MiniRail and Garden Railway this year much to the delight of our small visitors:



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- On the MiniRail a 7 ½ in Gauge MiniRail Thomas recently purchased by **Jerry Wolf**; and
- The Garden Railway featured Thomas with Annie & Clarabel and Percy with the Troublesome Trucks.

We were fortunate the weather on all 4 days was fairly moderate. Gross revenue generated by mini rail was \$17,235. The total rides this year were 6,193, an average of 1,548 per day. This compares with a daily average of 1,185 for 2005 & 2007 and 1,568 in 2009. MiniRail achieved these results with the smallest crew on record which continues to show the stamina and spirit of volunteerism of those involved.



Again thank you to the volunteers (several new this year) for helping uphold the reputation and traditions of the MiniRail and Garden Railway. (J.D.)