



Your Inside Track

What's new & what's happening!!!

"The Home of the Royal Hudson"

Winter Edition - 2003

ATTRACTION! ATTRACTION! ATTRACTION!

Welcome to our second edition of "Your Inside Track". (This issue is **3 pages.**) We continue to be very busy at the Railway Heritage Park. **Our visitor numbers are up every month this year over last - we had a total of 21,664 visitors by the end of August compared to 19,729 last year at the same time.** What's even more interesting is the nature of our visitors...we have a range of ages from throughout North America, Australia and Europe. **We are truly an international destination attraction.** Here are some comments from our guest book....

*"You have made great progress since our last visit in 1998. **My father - Rev. Awdry - wrote the Thomas books.**"* [Devon, UK](#) ~ "Absolutely a

marvelous railway museum...one of the most beautiful I've seen anywhere!" [Netherlands](#)

"Great collection - keep on restoring - great steam locomotive." [Brisbane, Australia](#) ~

"We loved your gardens and what vision you've expressed in the restorations. Well done."

[Germany](#) ~ "Brought back childhood memories. Superb." [Scotland, UK](#) ~ "Wonderful!

Our train-mad 3 year old loved it!" [Ontario](#) ~ "We came back to Squamish because of

this Park. We were here once before, the last time we visited BC." [Modesto, California](#) ~

"Very unique -lovely park." [Hollywood, California](#) "Very informative and fun." [Los Angeles, California](#) ~

"How refreshing. What a great job you've done so far!" [White Rock, BC](#)



Sherry Elchuk - Manager

UP COMING EVENTS



5th Annual

"Christmas Lights in the Park"

The Park's all lit up...the mini-rail ride is magical!!!

December 5,6,7

December 12,13,14

December 19,20,21,22,23

December 26,27,28,29,30

5:30 to 8:30 pm

\$4.00 per person ~ Family \$15

Photos with Santa

December 5,6,7

5:30 to 8:30

Please call for information.

Hobgoblin Express

October 25 - 30 from 5:30 to 8:30

October 31 from 4 to 6

\$4.00 per person Family \$15.00



NOW THAT'S A WIN-WIN!

Being a non-profit organization, we rely on "leveraged dollars" as much as we can. This spring we applied for and received an **HRDC grant** to fund the restoration of our 1920's freight set and work on other urgent projects. **Pictured here with Dave Thethi (Park staff, 2nd from left) are (l to r) Tomo'o, Mike, and Doug who worked on projects this summer.** Six other workers earlier found full-time work as a result of their involvement with this project! Truly a win-win.

**OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE AMAZING!!**

Our incredible crew of volunteers contribute over 25,000 volunteer hours of labour a year. Much of what you see and experience when visiting the Park is a result of their efforts. Many local volunteers contribute daily or weekly throughout the year. However, we also have volunteers who travel a great distance to help out at the Park. **Bill Parks from Atlanta, Georgia visited us this September to help out volunteering for 2 weeks.** A big thank you to Bill and all our incredible volunteers!

OUR GIFT SHOP IS A TREASURE

Have a special occasion coming up? Consider our gift shop where you will find a great selection of railway, historic, local hiking and nature books. We also have a wonderful variety of giftware. cards, art prints, posters.....



We have an incredible selection of
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...and you'll be intrigued by our offering of pins, jewellery, watches and more. We're open from 10 am daily - drop in and be amazed.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ghoulish Factoid! - Squamish residents or groups contribute over 200 Jack-o'-lanterns to the Railway Park to be placed along the mini-rail track for Hallowe'en, Oct. 25 to 31

Joyeux Factoid! - last Christmas 20,000 lights were put around the Park.

Eagles! Eagles! - the Railway Park is located on the banks of the Mamquam and Squamish rivers, both salmon spawning areas. As a result **bald eagles commonly roost in the trees around the Park from early December to January each year.**

A GREAT PLACE TO HOLD YOUR MEETING!



We have a **fabulous meeting room which can accommodate...**

- 65 people theatre style
- or 56 people banquet style.

This, combined with the incredible experience our park offers - not to mention the beautiful setting, makes The West Coast Railway Heritage Park great location for a corporate or staff meeting.

Contact Sherry for information.

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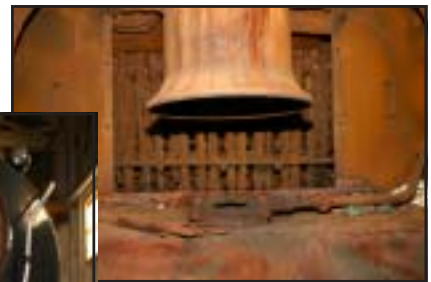
We were pleased to welcome a **business meeting of the Canadian Council for Railway Heritage early in October**. Delegates from across Canada visited the Sea to Sky corridor to attend this meeting. Our meeting facilities are functional and the setting is unique and beautiful!

FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR ROYAL HUDSON FUNDRAISING!



Above: Doyle McCormack inspects Hudon's under carriage.

Centre: The crew inspecting the Royal Hudson - (l to r): Grant Ferguson, West Coast Rlwy Assoc., Dave Thethi, Park staff, David Layland, volunteer, Doyle McCormack, steam locomotive authority.



Above: Inside the Hudson's front smoke box.

The Railway Park is honored to be the home of the 2860 Royal Hudson and excited to be part of its repair. One major step in this process is determining the actual condition of the Hudson's boiler. **Doyle McCormack, a well known authority on steam locomotive operation and repairs**, recently inspected it. In his analysis the Royal Hudson needs new boiler tubes and flues, as well as repairs to the superheater. In the firebox, arch tubes and firebrick need to be installed. As this work is carried out the boiler shell will be cleaned and inspected. This tangible and practical information will aid and give focus to fundraising to facilitate these repairs.

The 2860 has been moved into our shop for the repairs. We intend to have some sort of viewing facility for you to watch this exciting work. Stay tuned!!!

An Incredible Opportunity

The Royal Hudson embodies the magical and alluring quality of Canadian railway history. This history is intricately woven into the development of our nation. These are some of the reasons we are so passionate about restoring and repairing the 2860. **With its repair we have some exciting plans for the Hudson and the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games.** There are some attractive benefits for contributing funds to the repair and restoration of the 2860 Royal Hudson. Please contact Don Evans (604) 988-3435 or (604) 681-4403 for information.