



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

Your Inside Track



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"The Home of the Royal Hudson"

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Day Out With Thomas...Another Successful Visit!



12,200 visitors to the Park - many visiting for the first time...



...and to make it work we had the help of **160 volunteers, who worked 935 shifts, or 5,142 volunteer hours!** This year's experience seemed to run more smoothly, thanks to knowledge gained from last year and all the great help!

We Continue to Get Great Feedback!



Alan and Jeanie Marsden from Manteca, Ca., observe the Royal Hudson repairs.

"Very nice. Continue the hard work. We appreciate your effort to restore a beautiful piece of history! Thank you so much!"

Las Vegas, Nevada

"The best Railway Museum we saw in BC!"

Brandenburg, Austria

"Gorgeous trains! Well done. Fun train ride. He [our son] loved the wooden play area train."

Kenmore, Washington State.



Richard and Donna Carter of Mandarin, Florida, celebrate their 42nd anniversary on No. 2.



Mini Rail Day Sunday August 21st



"We bring our [mini rail] locomotives to Canada because we enjoy the interaction with the public who ride the trains there. We find them engaging and interested beyond 'just riding a miniature train!'"

Trevor Heath, a Washington State resident who annually attends our Mini Rail Day with his miniature train. Be sure to mark this special day on your calendar. You'll get to see several different miniature steam and diesel locomotives, as well as talk to their builders and operators. Some you'll be able to ride, too. Railroading is in their blood just as much as it is for the "real" trains. It truly is a special day.

We've Been Very Busy These Last Few Months.

In getting ready for Thomas and the upcoming construction of our new Conference Centre, staff and volunteers have been very busy over the last four months.

As the **Car Shop** was a major venue for Thomas and the site of the Royal Hudson repair, it was necessary to give it major attention.

Over that past 4 months, staff have cleaned up the site, paved the shop floor, fixed the roof/gutters, organized the carpenter's shop and painted the buildings.

In addition to the specific contractors retained for some of these items, this monumental effort required support and cooperation from everyone at the Heritage Park including **Dave Thethi, Tomo'o Oshikawa, Randy Shimell, Randy Lucas, Trevor Mills and Singh Bilin.**

To complete this work, we installed a new sign at the entrance (**Top photo**), as well as another on the approach road.

Work has now begun on the **Royal Hudson 2860 repair.** To date, much of the exterior boiler lagging, appurtenances and nose have been removed to access the boiler super-heaters that need to be replaced. Volunteers to date have included **Trevor Mills** and



newcomer **Don Lawrence.** Don recently retired to Squamish from Dartmouth NS where he worked as an oceanographer. Don is keenly interested in being involved with the Royal Hudson restoration. (**Second photo group, lower pic: Don on left, Trevor**

on right.) The work on the Alberta Car continues. **Randy (to the left) Lucas** is seen here working on the re-assembly of the car.

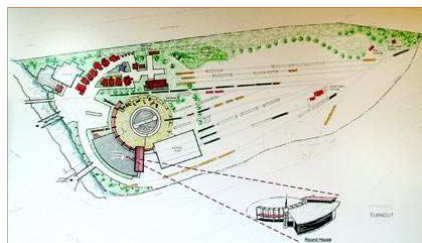
Repairs are completed on the **BC-33 Budd Car (seen just below).** Formerly used in passenger service on BC Rail, we are very excited to offer weekend "excursions" on BC-33

from Aug. 13 - Sept. 5.

It's surprising how many people have never been on a train ride...all aboard!

We are pleased to welcome **Darcie Cohen** from St. John NFLD and **Daniel Mendez-Lopez** from Uruguay, in Squamish on a Canada World Youth exchange. They are helping dress up the **No. 2 locomotive** with coat of paint. Both are enjoying their experience at the Park and the people they are meeting. Darcie also appreciate the historic connection, while Daniel enjoys observing the different customs he sees in visitors at the Park.

Roundhouse Conference Centre Construction Begins - But We'll Still Be Open!!!



Construction will begin in September on our new **Roundhouse Conference Centre and Turntable Plaza.** As it will be situated where the Car BC and No. 2 currently sit, these exhibits will have to be moved, along with their electrical services, etc.

Through all this we will remain open, however! The bonus is that you'll be able to watch as the Conference Centre takes shape.

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