



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

# Your Inside Track



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"The Home of the Royal Hudson"

Spring Break Edition - 2006

## **Experience the Excitement of Trains!** **Lots of Family Fun Over Spring Break**

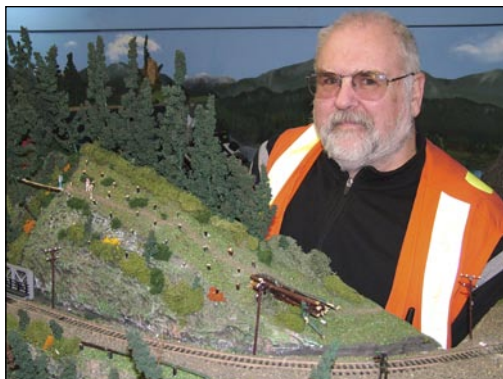
### **Speeder Rides**

Trains and speeders are an attraction for kids young and old. Many of us have often dreamed of being able to ride on a "speeder". Well now, this spring break, you **can** ride on one!

From **Saturday, March 11th to Sunday, March 19th**, our new speeder, fresh out the shop, will carry up to 12 passengers on trips from Mac Norris Station. **Fares are \$5 per person or \$12 for a family of four.** All aboard for an experience you've likely been waiting for!



## **Model Railway Classes & Exhibit**



### **Model Railway Classes - by Reservation**

Mon., March 13 & Wed., March 15, 1 to 4 pm

Here's a very special opportunity for those age 8 and up to learn about building a model railway from our own expert, **Chris Forget** (*pronounced for-jay*). The workshop will be held in our new model railway dedicated coach and each participant will construct some items that can either be then placed permanently into our new model railway or taken home for your own set-up.

**Classes are limited in size, so pre-registration is required - please call 604-898-9336. Price is \$20 per child; parents are welcome to participate with their child at no extra cost.**

### **Model Railway Display Being Readied**

Those participating in the Model Railway Class will have the added privilege of being the first of the public to see our new **Model Railway exhibit being assembled in the Skeena River rail car** - itself being refurbished.

The model work is being led by Chris and accompanied by the able assistance of **Barbara Stover**, painting the background and **Rene Walton**, painting the people models.

Randy Shimell and Randy Lucas, Trevor Mills and Tomo'o Oshikawa are assisting with the repair and readying of the Skeena River rail car.

Stay tuned for the opening announcement of this incredible display.



## **Children's Coloring Contest**

Saturday, March 11th to Sunday, March 19th

We invite the children (ages 2 to 12) out of school to come and participate in our special **Spring Break Coloring Contest.**

The winner will be selected on March 19th and will win a \$75 gift certificate from our Heritage Park Gift Shop.

## All Aboard! It's Spring Break on our Mini Rail Line!



A great way for your family to celebrate Spring Break -  
**On our 3 km Mini Rail Train Line.**  
See the entire Park  
- on the train!

**Daily from 11 am to 3 pm during Spring Break**

Be sure to check out the exciting Royal Hudson repairs as well!

## Historic Business Car To Be Restored at Park

The West Coast Railway Association (WCRA) has acquired a rare piece of British Columbia history for preservation. **The railway business car "Northern Summit", which was used by British Columbia Premier W.A.C.**

**Bennett in the expansion of the Province's railway, the Pacific Great Eastern (PGE), is now a permanent part of the WCRA's collection.**

In the early 1950's, the PGE acquired a new railway business car, which it named the Northern Summit. *The special executive train departed North Vancouver on August 27, 1956 to celebrate a continuous rail link to the north. It arrived in Prince George August 29th, with stops at communities all along the route, where Premier Bennett spoke from the open rear platform of the car.*

The car remained on the railway as it's "Pres-

ident's car" and was in continuous use until 2002. *It was also used in many special events over the years, including an assignment to Princess Margaret in 1958, and Provincial promotion tours with the Royal Hudson to Los*

*Angeles in 1975, and the Captain Cook Bicentennial train in 1978. It was then sold in 2002 to a private group, and has now been purchased by*



the WCRA. The Northern Summit is now at the West Coast Railway Heritage Park in Squamish, BC where it will be restored and opened as a new public exhibit later this year.

The WCRA presents Western Canada's largest collection of heritage railway equipment, and is the "Home of the Royal Hudson". In 2005 the Heritage Park hosted 40,000 guests from all over the world.

### ...and here's what some of these guests say about us:

- It made my Dad's day finding some trains! – Stroud, Glos, England
- Great museum-lots to see. Absolutely beautiful – I'll be back! – Victoria, BC
- Children very pleased! Great train ride, love the lights! – Rossland, BC
- Fascinating collection. Hope that the next phase of development goes well – U.K.
- Came for Thomas and wanted to visit again so here we are! – Great! – Bowen Island, BC
- Great to see the old engines being restored – Rotherham, England

- Loved it, great job! – Grand Bay, N.B.
- Excellent museum and exhibitions. Mini Rail is great! – Adelaide, South Australia
- Enjoyable – more than expected – Glendale, California
- Brings back memories of my years as a trainman on PGE – Sun City, Arizona
- Excellent! – Lots of work to do but from the quality seen, you will win thru! – Loughborough, U.K.

***We are truly an international destination!***

**West Coast Railway Heritage Park • 39645 Government Road • Squamish, BC**  
**Open year around 10 am 604-898-9336 [www.wcra.org](http://www.wcra.org)**

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