

RAILWAY NEWS



AMTRAK ORDERS NEW CARS

Amtrak has ordered 130 new single level cars, its first major rolling stock order in a decade. The new cars will replace pretty much all the remaining cars in Amtrak's "Heritage" fleet, plus supplement the existing single level fleet. The order consists of 25 sleeping cars, 25 dining cars, 55 baggage cars and 25 baggage-dormitory cars for crew accommodations. They will be built by CAF (of Spain) USA in Elmira, NY, and are expected to resemble the Viewliner fleet.

AMTRAK CASCADES SETS RIDERSHIP RECORD

Amtrak Cascades has set its best quarterly ridership numbers since 1994 this April—June period, carrying a total of nearly 215,000 riders in the period—a 12% growth. Part of the growth is attributed to the second Vancouver—Seattle train. The Cascades corridor serves Vancouver, BC to Eugene, OR with Seattle—Portland seeing the greatest loads. (TOL)

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SECOND QUARTER SEES

CN had a good second quarter and

ratio.....carloads grew 27% compared to last year, with growth in most freight sectors. The railway also achieved an amazing operating ratio of just 61.2 for the quarter. (TOL)



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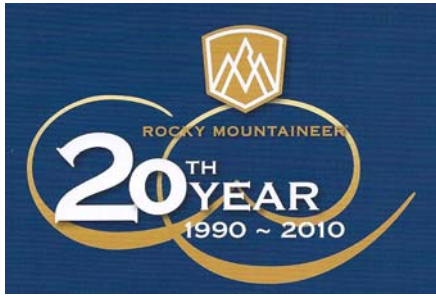
NEW CN TO EMERGE UNDER NEW CEO

CN will take a more diversified approach to supply chain logistics under its new CEO Claude Mongeau, and will be a kinder CN in dealing with its customers. CN will seek partnerships through trucking and freight forwarding sectors, looking to eliminate bottlenecks that affect the supply chain to become true supply chain experts. The railway will not leave its successful scheduled service approach, but will work more with its customers to meet their needs as well as the needs of the railway.

MP 15'S ON MAINLINE

In a move not anticipated by me, the multiple purpose part of the MP15DC model of CP #1440 and 1442 was exploited at Port Coquitlam recently, as on 2010-07-26 they (with 1440 leading

cab-first) took a 29-car train to the BNSF "new yard" at New Westminster and (with 1442 leading cab-first) brought a 21-car train back, the first mainline service for that type of unit in this area of which I am aware. The CP MP15DCs, although equipped with ditch lights at each end, do not have road pilots, so are restricted to 20 mph when leading, and that fits well with the 20 mph permitted on the Westminster sub.



25 In earlier years, CP 1440 alone worked the Kraft switcher assignment at Castlegar, and made one trip to Trail and back to handle some re-railing, otherwise the only mainline action the MP15DCs have seen is deadheading around the countryside, never leading. I sure wish I had been around to hear 1440+1442 on the road. (J.M. / K.P.)

MIXED TRAIN

A new definition of a mixed train departed eastward from Deltaport July 21 with CP 8861 point / 8580 mid / 9805 rear working 63 doublestack container cars and 124 empty coal cars—total 187 cars and a length of 11,000 feet. (J.M.)

ROCKY MOUNTAINEER CAR RETURNING ON VIA

Rocky Mountaineer Gold Leaf car 9503 is on its way west with VIA #1 on August 6th....consist is Locomotives VIA 6406 ,VIA 6411 , VIA 6427 then cars RMRX 9503 , VIA 8615 , VIA 8101 ,VIA 8138 , VIA 8106 , VIA 8502 , VIA 8408 , VIA 8501 , VIA 8339 , VIA 8318 , VIA 8342 , VIA 8305 , VIA 8209 VIA 8219 , VIA 8204 , VIA 8203 , VIA 8221 , VIA 8309 , VIA 8516 , VIA 8414 VIA 8330 , VIA 8306 , VIA 8334 , VIA 8710. (J.M.)

DERAILMENT DISRUPTS SERVICE

A CN derailment on the Fraser sub disrupted Rocky Mountaineer service July 21. The southbound Gold Rush route train was turned back and rerouted to the Lower Mainland from Red Pass Jct., thence back through North Vancouver to set up for its July 26 schedule north from Whistler. (J.M.)

OTHER NEWS

WEST COAST EXPRESS NEW CARS ARRIVE

The first two of the new order of additional cars for West Coast Express left the Thunder Bay plant on CPR train 401 of July 24, and were scheduled to arrive Coquitlam on July 26th. Cars are BCVX 401 and 402. The arrival of the new cars will allow overhaul of the present fleet to commence as well as add additional capacity to the service. (J.M. / K.P.)

PORT ALBERNI STEAM NEWS

Alberni Pacific steam loco #7 has been given a clean bill of health and is now operating the 2010 season. Number 7 may be 81 years old, but it successfully underwent its boiler inspection with the BC Safety Authority and is off and running and well through its season as this copy of WCRA News reaches you.

In other news, it is reported that the Western Vancouver Industrial Heritage Society of Port Alberni is adding another steam loco to its fleet. Canfor 2-8-2 #113, which has been based at



Woss Camp, is Port Alberni bound. Built in 1920 as Oregon-American Railroad # 102, this locomotive was famous for having seen excursion service at Woss from 1984 to 1994. She has not yet been moved from Woss, but Port Alberni is a great new home for her. (BL)

NORTHWEST RAILWAY MUSEUM MOVES AHEAD



Congratulations to the Northwest Railway Museum at Snoqualmie, WA on two fronts. The Museum successfully won funding from the Partners in Preservation Seattle Initiative after members of the public voted the restoration of Chapel Car #5 *Messenger of Peace* the most significant project to deserve funding.

And just recently, the museum completed construction of its massive new Train Shed exhibit building. The building, about the same size in square footage as WCRA's new roundhouse, will provide indoor exhibition and protection to many pieces of the collection at Snoqualmie and will enhance interpretation. As we go to press, the building awaits construction of the three tracks into it and then the move in of the rolling stock. (SDR)

Business Car CPR #16 British Columbia (1890) now looks right at home in the new CN Roundhouse & Conference Centre at the West Coast Railway Heritage Park. (Don Evans)