



# **WCRA NEWS JUNE 2019**

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**DAY OUT WITH THOMAS**



## GENERAL MEETING

The WCRA's May General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 1930 hours at Rainbow Creek Station, Willingdon at Penzance in Burnaby.

Entertainment will be announced at the meeting.

## ON THE COVER

Last month a request was made for photos of BC Electric Railway interurban car 1223 when it was displayed at Edmond's Loop in Burnaby. The cover photo this issue was taken by Gary Oliver on 08/09/1959. Today the car is preserved at Burnaby Heritage Village Museum.

## JUNE CALENDAR

- **West Coast Railway Heritage Park open daily 1000 to 1700**
- Friday, June 7—Drive in Movie "How To Train Your Dragon 3" at the Heritage Park, show at dusk (see page 10)
- Saturday, June 8—WCRA Dinner Train, boards at Mac Norris Station in Squamish at 1730 hours
- Sunday, June 9—Newsletter deadline for the July issue of WCRA News
- Sunday, June 23—High Tea at the Heritage Park, seatings at 1200, 1400 and 1600, reserve your spot for just \$25. (see page 8)
- Tuesday, June 25—WCRA General Meeting, Rainbow Creek Station, 1930 hours

The West Coast Railway Association is an historical group dedicated to the preservation of British Columbia railway history. Membership is open to all people with an interest in railways past and present.

■ We are a non-profit British Columbia society, registered as a Canadian charity. Membership prices are as follows, **Please note that GST must be added to all fees:**

Senior \$50 (\$52.50), Individual \$55 (57.75), Family \$65 (68.25) **E Members (electronic newsletter only) are \$35 (\$36.75) Senior, \$40 (\$42.00) individual and \$50 (\$52.50) family.** Other categories are:

- Junior Member (age 18 and under) \$ 30 (\$31.50)
- Sustaining Member \$100 (tax receipt) **plus** membership type regular fee
- Life Membership \$700 (\$735) individual life / \$1,200 (\$1,260) family life

All memberships include the monthly newsletter, Heritage Park admission (except Special Events), mini rail rides and discounts on food and merchandise. The Association holds a monthly meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at 1930 hours in Burnaby at Rainbow Creek Station in Confederation Park. Apply through [www.wcra.org](http://www.wcra.org) or mail to WCRA, PO Box 2387 Stn. Main, Squamish, BC, V8B 0B6

## FROM THE EDITOR

### A CHANGE IN FONT

With this issue of WCRA News we have changed our base font from Times New Roman to Arial, a font that is widely recognized as easier to read. We hope you like this shift—let us know what you think..

### AWAY FOR A BIT

Your editor is off on a trip for the next four weeks, as we make our first ever visit to South America. This is bound to be a great adventure, as we start in Lima, traverse Peru ending up at Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca, the Sacred Valley and more on the way. Then its on to Ecuador, and finally a week in the Galapagos Islands.

There are, of course, some trains involved as we will travel aboard the Andean Explorer across Peru and then on two trains to and from Machu Picchu.

We will plan a show evening once back so all can enjoy what we saw and experienced. See you after we return in mid June.

### VOLUNTEER FOR DAY OUT WITH THOMAS

Can you help? The Heritage Park needs volunteers to join us for a fun time to help with *Day Out With Thomas*. Help show our guests some warm WCRA hospitality and have a great time too, meals provided as well. This is a rewarding experience, roles available to fit everyone's unique available time and energy. Call the Park at 604-898-9336 and help make a difference, and give the WCRA a hand!

*Don*

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### FROM THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Chair **Craig McDowall** called the meeting to order with 20 members present:

- A moment of silence started the meeting as we remembered railfan **Joe Smuin**, who passed away on April 29th
- **Bob Philip** provided a number of updates to the membership:
  - The MP 2 Squamish shop has now been acquired by WCRA, the purchase

agreement closed March 29th

- The Heritage Park is getting quite busy. The Tourism Passport program is currently bringing lots of guests to the Park as they discover our attraction
- An agreement is now in place with CN to operate *Day Out With Thomas*, *Polar Express* and several dinner trains on local CN trackage this year
- Dinner trains are now set for June 8, July 27 and August 17
- The WCRA is looking to shift to fewer general meetings and alternating locations between Burnaby and Squamish in future years
- 2018 financial results look good, the annual statements are in final preparation now with our external accountant
- It was noted that the West Coast Mini Rail has had some problems in start up this year, however the SRY 124 unit now has new batteries and work is done on the BCR 4601 unit so things are back on track
- A significant track reconfiguration at the north end of the Heritage Park is being undertaken, this will straighten the “s” curve currently there significantly as well as connect a second track directly to the turntable making moves in and out of the CN roundhouse simpler
- **Don Evans** reported further on the acquisition of the MP2 Squamish railway shop, noting that work now would be getting underway on the needed upgrades to the building. These are part of the work covered by the Canada Cultural Spaces funding and further private funding is needed to complete the project and assure the 50% funding match is met. A new Direct Mail fundraiser will be out soon.
- Don also reported that a full inspection of Royal Hudson 2860 is planned for June, with noted steam experts Scott Lindsay and G Mark Ray slated to visit to do this assessment work for WCRA
- Everyone was invited to come to the HeritageRail Alliance Fall Conference, which is set for September 18—21, 2019 in Squamish (see page 13)
- **Bill Marchant** provided an update on the work on BCER 960 noting that the floor planks in the cab are now complete—thanks to **Bob Gordon**
- **Bill Johnston** noted that the Locomotive 374 Pavilion is currently also busy with the Tourism Passport program in full swing
- **Craig McDowall** commented on *Day Out With Thomas* marketing, we are working hard to have a good attendance
- Congratulations were offered to **Bob Hunter** on his recent award—the Norris Adams memorial award from the CRHA
- **Eric Anderson** presented a donation of Canadian Tire Money totaling \$27
- **Ryan Cruickshank** presented a “Show & Tell” segment, showcasing a Jim Beam decanter train, an International Express friction engine from China, and a Modern Toys of Japan battery powered 2-4-0 train circa 1950’s
- Ryan noted that this was the 17th anniversary (to the day) of the start of Trackside Reports at our WCRA General meetings
- **Craig McDowall** demonstrated a train alarm clock from his collection
- **Bill Marchant** provided his Trackside Report
- The draw was held
- **John Day** presented a great Oregon Steam Show presentation (see page 5)

## PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

If your label reads 5/31/19 it is time to renew your membership.....if it reads 2/28/19 this is your last issue of WCRA News. We need all of you as members, please renew today.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome to membership.....

- Yasaman August and Family of North Vancouver
- Shuai Chen and Family of Burnaby
- Janine Copp & Chris Kendall and Family of Vancouver
- Kelsey Ferguson and Family of Garibaldi Highlands
- Joanna Glowdel and Family of Squamish
- Patricia Hailey-Tsui and Family of Vancouver
- Alex Lanchici and Family of Squamish
- Dave Lamb and Family of Maple Ridge
- Chris Laundry and Family of Squamish
- Heather Lutz and Family of North Vancouver
- Joanna Manchester and Family of Squamish
- Paula Martin of Vancouver
- Blake & Jennie Rowsell and Family of Brackendale
- Ron Voordouw and Family of Brackendale

Welcome back to membership:

- Dan Brewster and Family of New Westminster
- Ken Delorme of White Rock
- Lisa Park and Family of Squamish

(J.D.)

## MEMBER NEWS

Sad news to report this month is the passing of well known rail historian and fan, **Joe Smuin** on April 29, 2019 after a brief battle with cancer. Joe had often attended WCRA meetings, and had recently returned to the Okanagan.

Our thoughts go out to the family of **Monique Napier**. Monique has been a regular at the Heritage Park over the years with her family, doing great photography work for us and also helping at the park. She is in palliative care as we write this newsletter; our thoughts and prayers to her and her family at this difficult time.

## WCRA TRIVIA #364 - By Ryan Cruickshank

What claim to fame does 2-6-2+2-6-2 Garratt #50 of the South African Railways carry?

(Answer on page 23)

## **OREGON STEAM SHOW AVAILABLE ON VIDEO**

Did you miss the great Oregon Steam show that was presented last meeting by John Day? Well, you can still see it—just go to <https://youtu.be/cR4mvFc9a7Q> and you will find it—enjoy! (J.Day)

## **NEW DIRECTORS APPOINTED**

The WCRA Board has appointed two new Directors, who will serve on our board of directors to the next Annual General Meeting.....we welcome both.

**Paula Martin** is a special advisor to the CEO at VanCity Credit Union, responsible for an external portfolio leveraging VanCity's relationships with international peers in several financial related sectors. She has had many local and international assignments over the years. She began her career as a journalist, as a reporter for the Winnipeg Free Press and then as a producer with CBC. She is professionally accredited through the International Association of Business Communications, a graduate of the Institute of Corporate Directors Education Program, and of SFU's Dialogue and Civic Engagement Program. Paula sits on many other boards in the Vancouver area and brings a wealth of expertise and experience to WCRA's board.

**Kyle Miller** has been a WCRA member for some time, and has volunteered at the Heritage Park since 2013—often as a mini rail engineer. He completed his CROR certification last year. Coming west while working for IBM, recently he has been in the tourism sector and was with both the Canadian Tourism Commission and most recently with Destination BC as their on line programs manager. Kyle is son of lifelong railroader Frederick Miller who was a Diesel Electrician with CN and then VIA Rail until retirement.

## **COLLECTION**

### **ROYAL HUDSON ASSESSMENT NEXT STEP**

Thanks to a generous benefactor, funding has now been put in place that will allow us to start work on a thorough assessment of our Royal Hudson #2860 and develop a plan to bring the locomotive back to full serviceable condition. This is a very exciting step for the future of this classic locomotive.

A meeting was held in Sacramento the week of April 22 with WCRA's attendees at the HRA Spring Conference and steam experts **Scott Lindsay** (Steam Services Corp.—think N & W 611 project) and **G Mark Ray** (Tennessee Valley Railway Museum) to talk about the steps forward that should be looked at. The fully rebuilt boiler has just 25 days service since rebuild. However, we know that we need to redo the main driving wheels and other mechanical work next. The assessment will give us our way ahead.

As we go to press with this issue we are awaiting scheduling for the June visit.

## **BUDD CARS UPDATE**

RDC-1 BC-21 is operational but has couple of issues to resolve. Firstly, a bearing has failed on one of the radiator cooling fans on the roof, likely because it got water in it after sitting unused for so long. Secondly, some of the engine speed solenoids are not working so engine does not rev up. BC-21 is now in the MP2 Service Building for these repairs that **Dave Thethi** will perform as he gets opportunity over next few weeks. This car has a rebuilt brake system and is fully certified to Transport Canada operating status.

Work to get RDC-3 BC-33 operational has started with heavy interior cleaning by staffer **Kael** and volunteers **Dave Heine & Rob Misjak**. We will soon repair the spongy floor and continue cleaning while car is north of Carshop. We will move it to the MP 2 Service Building after BC-21 for other repairs including engine clutch-up solenoid, engine stop solenoid, radiator cooling fan start system. The car will be operational for yard service by summer but will require a \$9,000 brake rebuild and possibly replacing failed front transmission for any main line operation. (S.B.)

## **SPEEDERS DONATED**

Two weeks ago, **Carl Vanderspek** called me to ask if the Park was interested in receiving his speeders for potential revenue. I consulted Bob and we agreed to accept the donation. This includes two operating luxury speeders and a number of non-operating ones that could be used for other purposes. Delivery will be after May 27 and Bob & I will ensure they are delivered, used and / or disposed of efficiently for best value to WCRA. This is an exciting addition to our speeder fleet and will bring us many new opportunities. (S.B.)

## **F UNIT UPGRADES**

Both of our operational F units—CPR FP7A #4069 and CN FP9A #6520—will receive replacement event recorders and cameras in compliance with changing Transport Canada rules for use on the CN mainline. (R. MacB.) CN 6520 will also receive her CN paint job this summer—will be an exciting unveiling once this work is completed!

## **EMERGENCY LIGHTING FOR COACH FLEET**

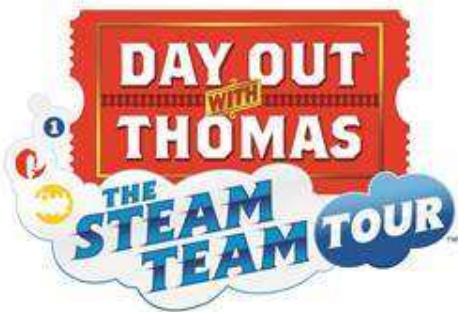
Our operating coaches will all receive emergency lighting upgrades, a Transport Canada requirement. This work will be completed progressively but will be done in all cars prior to Polar Express this year. Other upgrades are also being undertaken as we continue to improve our coach fleet. With the 3223 now removed from service, we need to find another coach or two as soon as we can. (R. MacB.)

## WEST COAST RAILWAY HERITAGE PARK *Home of the Royal Hudson*



### DAY OUT WITH THOMAS 2019

Thomas the Tank Engine returns to the West Coast Railway Heritage Park for five days in May, 2019. **Day Out With Thomas** will operate May 18, 19, 20 and May 25 & 26 this year, offering five days of great family fun and adventure. We are pleased to be able to announce that the Thomas trains this year will again enjoy an improved train ride that will include some sections on the CN tracks—this was very well received last year. All riders receive their Junior Engineer's Certificate!



Many build their visit around the Thomas train ride and the train departure time—but we suggest you come early and stay late to take in all the fabulous adventures available as we turn into a full Thomas the Tank Engine theme park for these five days. Among the many things to do—visit with Sir Topham Hatt, visit the Thomas and Friends Imagination Station with face painting, temporary tatoos, hands on arts and crafts, Thomas videos and storytelling. There are also available rides on the West Coast

Mini Rail, bouncy castle, mini golf, live entertainment and a great Thomas retail store...and don't forget to take your own photo with Thomas—it's a shot you will never forget! Please note we operate rain or shine, many activities are indoors. And wear appropriate footwear for the site—no flip flops or high heels.

Ticket prices are just \$25 to \$29 depending on train time, and are now selling at [www.wcra.org](http://www.wcra.org). Departures are at 0930, 1030, 1130, 1300, 1400, 1500 and 1600 each date. Time to make your plans to attend with the whole family, tickets go fast so get them now and get the very best selection of departure times while they are available. All Aboard!

**Volunteers are needed** for any and all roles—come and have fun....crafts, crowd control, parking, setup, garden railway, mini rail, food services, train hosts... [volunteer@wcra.org](mailto:volunteer@wcra.org) or 604-898-9336. (T.C.)

### HIGH TEAS ARE BACK FOR 2019—NEXT IS JUNE 23

High Teas are back for 2019, the next is being held on Sunday, June 23. The tea room in the Mac Norris Station is all decorated up and the wonderful service and delicious pastries will be fresh for each serving. You can reserve a table for seatings at 1200 noon, 1400 hours or 1600 hours and enjoy a selection of wonderful specially



blended teas served in fine china, and a selection of fresh pastries, sandwiches and sweets served on three tier trays while you relax in the wonderful ambiance.

Call 604-898-9336 for your spot or e mail [tea@wcra.org](mailto:tea@wcra.org) (J.G.)

### **DINNER TRAIN JUNE 8**

After a smash hit pilot train last year, we are delighted to announce that the fabulous West Coast Railway Dinner Train will operate three times this summer, the first departure being Saturday, June 8. Space is limited to just 75 and this event sold out with a wait list last year, so make your booking soon.

The special evening starts with bubbly and appetizers at the Mac Norris Station, then we board the train for a four course served dinner on board as we roll through the Squamish area countryside. How's this for a menu.....Two Rivers Wild Game Charcuterie Platter (appetizer), then West Coast Seafood Chowder, Choice of Sable Fish with smoked tomato cream sauce or Rack of Lamb with fennel sausage, then assorted tarts and cakes with coffee and tea. Cash bar available throughout!

Invite your friends and make a group—price per person is just \$125 and that includes the reception with bubbly, all food and the train travel. Guests should arrive 5:00 to 5:30PM, train departs at 6:00PM, return expected to be 8:30 to 9:00PM. Reserve now at 604-898-9336. (G.B.)

### **WEST COAST MINI RAIL ON CHIEF COVER**

The West Coast Mini Rail was featured in the cover photo of the Chief Newspaper on Thursday, May 9.....with engineer **Jeremy Davy** in charge of SRY 124 pulling a trainloads of happy guests! (T.C.)

### **HERITAGE PARK 25 YEAR CELEBRATION JULY 13**

Can you believe it? That it has been 25 years since our West Coast Railway Heritage Park first opened its gates and welcomed guests? Well it has, and so we are planning a special celebration.

Some of us will remember that special day, July 10, 1994, when we officially opened the Park in its very rustic first phase. The exhibits were all on the east side of the property, the small railway shanty Wilkie was the entry and gift shop, and the PGE carshop was the major structure on the site, but covered only in bare and weathered plywood.

On Saturday, July 13 we will celebrate just how far we have come in 25 years—and you can be part of the celebrations both all day at the Park and also in a special

evening event in the CN Roundhouse & Conference Centre. Mark the date—and help celebrate all we have accomplished together!

## **BRIGHTBILL HERITAGE HOUSE**

Thanks to **Paul and Mary Roy and Chris and Patricia Treadwell**, we have a new Tool Shed, new tools for working the garden, and soil and gravel to complete our wish list. The tool shed looks like a log cabin so when Mini Rail goes by they will see this new building. We are going to have a sign on it and possibly call it “Uncle Tom’s Cabin”. **Tom Bruvall** is our lead gardener and he will have a few of us helping where ever is needed. Thanks also to **Nini Durward** for the Basin and Pitcher she donated to the Brightbill House. (D.F.)

## **MASON STATION**

Thank you to **Trudy Hellens** for overseeing the gardens down at Mason Stn. for the past year. It is so nice to take a Minirail Ride and see the lovely gardens as we tour our park. (D.F.)

## **PRINTING PRESS BUILDING**

When you are at the Park next time you will notice a building under construction next to Silver Fox. This is where we are going to house our 1800’s printing press. **Roy Crowston, Herb Klassen, John Jellis, Chris Manuel** are all busy getting it readied for **Steve Hutton** to set up the printing press and have it operational for this summer. (If you may be interested in learning how to operate and demonstrate this new display please leave your name and number with the Park staff 604-898-9336.) Thanks to **John DeShutter** for donating the building, **Rick Hunter** for moving it, and **Greg Gardner** for roofing and insulation. It is amazing what can be accomplished when everyone is on board. (D.F.)

## **WILKIE TO BECOME A SCHOOLHOUSE**

We are getting the Wilkie Stn. back for use at the Park. We are going to house a temporary School House in it and are excited to show the items that we have been collecting for many years. Our hope is to have Teachers come in a have classes for younger students in the very near future. (D.F.)

## **DRIVE IN MOVIES RETURN**

Drive In Movies are back—join us:

- Friday, June 7—How to Train Your Dragon 3
- Friday, July 5—Captain Marvel
- Friday, August 2—Spiderman Into the Spiderverse

- Friday, September 6—Christopher Robin
- Friday, October 4—Avengers Endgame

The big screen on the side of the CN Roundhouse & Conference Centre has been redone and is all ready, all shows start at dusk. Mini Rail rides available one hour prior to showtime, food and beverage available. Call the Heritage Park at 604-989-9336 for more details. (T.C.)

## **ESCAPE ROOM AVAILABLE**

The Bill Miner Escape Room is available again and open for bookings. Contact 604-898-9336 to reserve your time slot for this great fun adventure! (T.C.)

## **LOCOMOTIVE 374 PAVILION**

Our visitor count for April was 3,349. We had 5 more people than this month last year. April is the beginning of the Tourist Season and the Tourism Passport Challenge for volunteers is underway. People doing the challenge must visit 15 attractions, 1 neighborhood and at least 4 more places to get their Passport. The Passport gives them, and a guest, free admission to all attractions for 10 months. A great way to learn what is available for visitors to our city and local area.

The 374 Pavilion and the West Coast Railway Heritage Park are both participants and we work with the Yaletown Business Improvement Association to supply one stamp of two for the Yaletown neighborhood portion of the Challenge. This will bring in many people that volunteer at attractions throughout the city and vicinity. Things will be getting very busy at the Pavilion and we still need a few more volunteers. Please give me a call if you can spare a few hours to help out.

If anyone would like to volunteer at the Pavilion please give me a call at 778-875-3573 or email [ggame@mac.com](mailto:ggame@mac.com).



## FEATURE ARTICLES

### FAMOUS RAILWAY BUILDERS—Little Known Facts About our Railway Pioneers

- by Bill Johnston

Previous articles in this series focused on the pioneers who built the CPR. It is now time to look further and investigate a person involved in the origins of the other major Canadian Railway.

#### **Mackenzie and Mann**

These two men formed a partnership to develop railway lines in Western Canada that would become the Canadian Northern Railway. We will deal with their early years separately and then combine the narrative as they came together in 1886.

#### **Donald Daniel Mann** (March 23, 1853 – November 10, 1934)

He was known as “Dan” or “D.D.” Born at Acton, Canada West (later Ontario), Mann studied as a Methodist minister but worked in lumber camps in the Parry Sound District and Michigan for eight years before moving to Winnipeg in 1879. During the 1880s he worked as a contractor for the Canadian Pacific Railway under James Ross and Herbert Samuel Holt, building sections of rail across the prairies and through the Rocky Mountains.

#### **William Mackenzie** (October 17, 1849 – December 5, 1923)

Born near Peterborough, Canada West, Mackenzie became a teacher and politician before entering business as the owner of a sawmill and gristmill in Kirkfield, Ontario. He entered the railway business as a contractor under civil engineer James Ross, working on projects in Ontario, British Columbia, Maine, and the North-West Territories (present-day Saskatchewan and Alberta) between 1874 and 1891.

The partnership developed during their employment with their mentor James Ross on the CPR. In addition to their work in Canada they built railways in the USA and Chile. They also went to China to pursue opportunities, but found the red tape there too great an obstacle to overcome. By 1895, the effects of the CPR monopoly on freight rates in Western Canada, together with its refusal to build branch lines into the northern prairies became a problem.

This prompted Clifford Sifton, the ambitious Manitoba politician promoting settlement of the prairies, to offer federal bond guarantees to any other enterprise that wished to construct railways there. Mackenzie and Mann took up the offer and began the process of purchasing and building such lines. They would later be consolidated in 1898 to become the Canadian Northern Railway (CNoR), a line which would stretch from Vancouver to Montreal and other unconnected lines as far east as Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. This would form Canada's second transcontinental railway system. The CNoR would be the first railway to reach Edmonton - on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1905. The full line was completed in 1915, upon the driving of the last

spike at Basque, British Columbia on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mann developed other business opportunities on his own, which included coal mines and a related railway in Inverness County, Nova Scotia, the Winnipeg Street Railway, and many public utilities in Monterrey, Mexico.

Mann turned to oil drilling. He leased land in the Township of Vaughan, near the village of Concord, and sank a well in November 1922. In the spring of 1928, instead of oil, he found mineral water. Under the name Ontario Mineral Waters Ltd he bottled and sold it as a health tonic named "Raysol Radium Water" effective against a variety of ailments including diabetes, angina, tuberculosis and rheumatism; \$1 a bottle or \$3 a gallon. The venture failed ostensibly because the water was very salty. Mann died in 1934 at the age of 81 and was buried at Fairview Cemetery in Acton.

In 1969, a park was named for Sir Donald Mann in Acton, Ontario, the land of which once formed part of the farm on which he grew up. Ironically it is adjacent to the CNR track, and not far away from the former right of way once occupied by the Toronto Suburban Railway controlled by Mackenzie and Mann.

Mann is also known for the Mann Cup, the trophy awarded to the senior men's lacrosse champions of Canada. The cup is made of solid gold, and it was donated in 1910. CNR's Port Mann railway yards east of Vancouver are named after him as is the huge highway bridge that crosses the Fraser River at that point.

Mackenzie became owner of the Toronto Street Railway (precursor to the Toronto Transit Commission) in 1891 and in 1899, helped found the precursor to Brazilian Traction, for which he was the first chairman. He started Pat Burns' career by giving him a series of contracts for provisioning food for the railway contract. Burns would go on to build one of the world's largest meat empires, Burns Foods.

Mackenzie and Mann were knighted in 1911 for their efforts in the railway industry, but personal and company financial difficulties led to the bankruptcy of the CNOR. The system was nationalized by the federal government on September 6, 1918, and subsequently became part of the Canadian National Railway system. Mackenzie and Mann were inducted into the Canadian Railway Hall of Fame in 2002.

## **HERITAGERAIL ALLIANCE CONFERENCE 2019**

The annual fall conference for HeritageRail Alliance will be hosted by West Coast Railway Association in Squamish, September 18 thru 21, 2019. The conference theme is "The Business of Railway Preservation".

This annual gathering of railway museum and tourist railway professionals from all over North America (and beyond) will have a full and active four days together. And



### REGISTRATION FORM

HeritageRail Alliance 2019 Annual Conference

**"THE BUSINESS OF RAILWAY PRESERVATION"**

**September 18 – 21, 2019**

Hosted by the West Coast Railway Heritage Park  
Please complete a separate form for each attendee

Please print clearly - Note, All Prices in Canadian Dollars

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_ CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

E MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check the Registration Selection and the Optional Events that you wish to Attend

\_\_\_\_ HRA Member - 2019 Conference Registration (includes all conference activities plus one banquet ticket) **\$295 to August 15, \$345 after August 15** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ HRA Non Member - 2019 Conference Registration (includes all conference activities plus one banquet ticket) **\$395 to August 15, \$425 after August 15** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Extra Saturday banquet ticket only (\$75 each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose any of the following optional activities that you wish to enjoy:

\_\_\_\_ BC Electric Railway Tour- Wednesday, September 18 - departs Heritage Park Squamish at 8:00AM, Motorcoach to Fraser Valley Heritage Railway (interurbans), return by Skytrain, Seabus and Motorcoach. Includes lunch, admissions, transit tickets and return to Squamish for the Conference opening. **\$100** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ BC Museum of Mining or Sea to Sky Gondola and area - free shuttle transportation starting at noon Wednesday, September 18 - pay own admission at attractions you choose to visit (circle yes if you expect to participate) Yes No

Total Registration - cheques payable to WCRA and note "HRA Conference" or Visa / MC Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your food choices

- Box Lunch Saturday      Standard      Vegetarian
- Banquet Dinner Saturday      Beef      Fish      Vegetarian

E Mail to: [hraconference@wcra.org](mailto:hraconference@wcra.org) or Mail: WCRA - HRA Conference, Box 2387, Squamish, BC, V8B 0B6

Call West Coast Railway at 800-722-1233 for conference information or visit [www.wcra.org](http://www.wcra.org)



## FALL CONFERENCE 2019 HOTELS

SQUAMISH, BC, CANADA

**NOTE: The Fall 2019 Conference sessions, vendor showcase, and events will all take place at the West Coast Railway Heritage Park. Hotels are for accommodation only. There are three hotels as listed below, note the release date on the room blocks - book early! While most will make the easy drive to and from the conference site, a shuttle van will also connect the hotels and the Heritage Park.**

### **Sandman Hotel Squamish 604-848-6000**

Room Block – 35 rooms, increasing to 50 if demand  
Block Dates – September 16 - 22, 2019  
Rate - \$145.00 / \$165.00 CDN (\$110 / \$125 USD)  
Group Code – Heritage Rail Alliance or HRA  
Room Block Release Date – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

**sandmanhotels.com**

Notes:

- Closest hotel to the Heritage Park, easy walk
- No restaurant but complimentary breakfast



### **Executive Suites Hotel & Resort Squamish 877-815-0048**

Room Block – 50 rooms  
Block Dates – September 18-22, 2019  
Rate - \$155.00 CDN (\$116.00 USD) One Bedroom Suite  
\$235.00 CDN (\$180.00 USD) Two Bedroom Suite  
Group Code – Heritage Rail Alliance or HRA  
Room Block Release – July 1, 2019

**executivesuitessquamish.com**

Notes:

- Upscale all full suite mountain style hotel
- Restaurant on site
- About 10-minute drive to Heritage Park



### **Mountain Retreat 866-686-7387**

Room Block – 72 Rooms  
Block Dates – September 17 - 22, 2019  
Rate - \$99 CDN (\$75 USD)  
Group Code – Heritage Rail Alliance  
Room Block Release – August 1, 2019

**squamishmountainretreathotel.com**

Notes:

- Nice motor hotel style
- Restaurant on site
- About 5-minute drive to Heritage Park



you can join in too! West Coast Railway Association is an HRA member organization, and as such all WCRA members are also HRA members—which means you get full member benefits and member rates for the conference.

Conference chair and HRA Director **Don Evans** and the conference planning team of **Bob Philip, Gordon Bell, Robert MacBeth, Christian Vazzaz, Tammie Cassettari, Bonnie Game, John Day and John Sprung** (of the Fraser Valley heritage railway group) are putting together a great program, with some terrific highlights including:

- Wednesday, September 18 conference pre tour by motor coach to the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway in Cloverdale with return via Skytrain and Seabus
- September 18 evening opening reception and trade show
- Thursday, September 19 Conference official opening and first round of seminars
- Thursday afternoon in Whistler
- Friday, September 20 plenary session, seminars, David McLean keynote address at luncheon
- Friday afternoon, free time at the Park, operating trains, MP 2 shop tours
- Friday dinner and evening—Rail Events Inc. sponsored event for attendees
- Excursion train ride from Squamish to North Vancouver and back, visits to Locomotive 374 Pavilion, Rocky Mountaineer and Pacific Central stations
- Saturday evening gala banquet at CN Roundhouse & Conference Centre.

Registration is now open and the price for WCRA members is just \$295 CDN. Planning to attend and stay in Squamish?—please **book your hotel space soon** as the blocks will expire as indicated on the sheet on page 15 which will end our great rates for this event.

For more info, call Tammie at 604-898-9336, or [hraconference@wcra.org](mailto:hraconference@wcra.org)

**FROM WCRA NEWS APRIL 1984—PART 1**

**- thanks to Craig McDowall**

**WCRA Meeting Notes from March 27, 1984**

President Bernie Tully gave us a few updates including the lease negotiations for car #598 are ready for signing and that we are waiting for a tender bid from Johnston Fabricators for locomotive #374. Also we have taken delivery of a new torch and arc welder. We hope to jack up the frame of 374's tender and send the trucks out for servicing while we replace the damage and corroded sections of the frame.

Loco #16's \$22,500 loan from Craig McDowall is due in 6 weeks. Motion carried unanimously to pay Craig \$2500 as partial payment from the club's general account.



BCOL trips were a success with 245 passengers over the 4 days. E&N trip on April 14th is sold out (45 riders).

Motion to raise annual subscription to the News from \$10 to \$12 was approved.

Donation of CPR Rules Instruction car #59 has been completed. It was donated to us from the Keg Restaurant for a tax receipt.

Work is progressing underneath the British Columbia and car #32 has had its tarp put back on that blew off. Car 32 has also been cleaned out on the inside.

### **BCR**

BCR electric locomotive #6006 left the plant on March 31st and passed Kamloops on April 7th and was spotted on the Sapperton interchange on April 9th.

BCR was ballasting the Port subdivision (the line to Roberts Bank coal terminal) for three weeks commencing April 2nd, curtailing traffic between 09:00 to 15:00 Monday to Fridays.

### **BN**

BN local NW2 switcher #493 has been sold to Inter-Provincial Pipe and Steel in Regina

A new 25 car interchange track with CP and BC Hydro is to be built in front of the former BC Penitentiary and when completed, BN will lift all track along Front Street in New Westminster. A new locomotive servicing track is to be built at New Westminster in the next couple of months.

The new False Creek Transit Centre at the NW corner of 1st Ave. and the Quebec/Columbia Connector straddles the BN Line that runs along 1st Ave servicing False Creek industries and connecting with BC Hydro near Yukon Street. The new centre is completely fenced in and now presents a problem for BN when wishing to pass through the yard. They have to radio to their yardmaster twenty minutes before they wish to cross the yard. The yardmaster then calls MTOC's transit control who then calls by radio to someone at the Centre to unlock the gates to allow the switcher through!

### **CN**

At about 22:00 on March 31st, 16 cars of a loaded 99 car unit coal train derailed on the BC Hydro's track near 192nd Street in Langley. The adjacent power poles were toppled, resulting in power outages throughout North Delta, Surrey, Langley and Aldergrove. The rail line re-opened 46 hours later with some cars still to be salvaged with damages estimated at \$400k.

CN has ordered 25 SD50F's with 3500HP and 645F prime movers.

## **CP**

Not to be outdone by CN's derailment, on April 3rd, rails overturned or split apart on a CP coal train pulled by units #5830, 5654 and 5840 on CN's Rawlinson sub mile 0.0 destroying signal equipment and derailing the three units and one car with 5830 ending up on its side.

The Sumas turn has seen some increased traffic lately with a train departing Sumas on April 7th with 90 cars behind three SD40-2's and still left 30 cars behind!

CP has retired some S2's, S3's and S4's and some GP-9's are being rebuilt into GP-9u's.

CP is considering buying the entire town of Walachin, west of Kamloops to guarantee unopposed access to an adjacent quarry. The last time the quarry was used, some homes were damaged from the blasting and residents objected to large accumulations of dust which hung in the air for days.

CP moved 60 GO transit commuter single-deck coaches from Toronto to Bellerica, Mass. The cars have been leased by the Mass. Bay Transportation Authority.

CP had a very unusual power lash up on a train at Smith Falls ON. CP units #5738, 5994, 5531 and 5756 with leased GO transit units #709, 705 & 723 and QNSL &L #215.

Freshly painted CP Rail GP9 #8836 was seen on a WB freight at Smith Falls, ON. That unit along with #8839 was used on the Okanagan Express passenger excursion to Penticton in May 1983.

# **RAILWAY NEWS**

## **NRHS BC COLLECTION GOES TO UTAH**

Heber Valley Historic Railroad Acquires Historic Equipment Collection  
.....6 May 2019

The Heber Valley Railroad announces that it has acquired a large collection of historic railroad equipment from the NRHS BC Chapter (National Railway Historical Society, British Columbia Chapter). The equipment includes 19 passenger cars and one locomotive. The Heber Valley Railroad is working through the process of moving the equipment to its yard in Heber City, Utah. The move is expected to take several months. The HVR announced that it intends to put the equipment into

service in its historic railroad operations.

The passenger equipment includes a variety of types, including five passenger coaches built 1923-1930 that will provide 388 seats. Also in the equipment are six parlor and observation cars – built between 1920 and 1930. Four Pullman dining cars are also included: three stainless steel 48 seat diners from the 1950's, and one built in 1929. The equipment purchased includes two Combine cars built in 1919 and 1928. Two steam generator cars are also a part of the collection.

The locomotive purchased is a 1957 FP9 diesel-electric in good operating condition. According to Mike Manwiller, Chief Mechanical Officer at the Heber Valley Railroad, this acquisition represents a unique and rare opportunity for the organization. “Most of this equipment has been stored indoors for the past forty-plus years. Much of it has been painstakingly preserved and restored. It will be a great fit for us and nicely compliment the equipment we currently have.” (Andy Cassidy photo below)

Mark Nelson, Executive Director explained that the equipment is planned to be put into service and will change the “game” for the Heber Valley Railroad. “We’re excited to be able to preserve these great historic cars and locomotive. We’re grateful to our friends at the NRHS BC who have worked so hard and so long to collect and restore this equipment. As we put these into service, they will open many exciting opportunities for the public to experience the equipment for scenic rides, dining, parties, and other special events.”

The Heber Valley Historic Railroad is an independent agency of the State of Utah. It



NRHS BC Chapter, Coaches 803, Mount Cascades, 301, & Lake Ontario, loaded Onto TPDx Flats And Being Switched By VIA 6300, Mile 145.2, CN New Westminster Sub, (New Westminster, 2019-04-26, Andy Cassidy)

was organized in 1992. The HVR operates on 15.5 miles of track running from the Heber City depot to Vivian Park in scenic Provo Canyon. The track spur from Provo to Heber was built in 1899. The first train rolled into Heber City on September 21st, 1899. This September, the Heber Valley Railroad will celebrate its 120th in grand style with a big party!



## **MOTIVE POWER OBSERVATIONS**

CN 8858 and GECX (ex UP) 9415 were on the point of train 118 out of Vancouver on May 1, 2019....observed at Slocan St. around 1500 hours.

Three leased GECX units, GECX 7653, 7342 and 7822, were returned to CSX on May 2. (J.M.)

Word has it that the leased CREX units, which are near new, may end up being purchased by CN.

As deliveries of the new power from GE—Wabtec continues, the ranks of the large lease fleet are now dwindling.

## **BCSME OPENS FOR 2019 SEASON**

The BC Society of Model Engineers has opened their Burnaby Central Railway for the 2019 operating season. The season started on Friday, April 19th. The activities at the site will continue now through the fall, and the trains started off the season will full loads. (Whistle)

## **COMING NEXT MONTH**

Watch for a feature report on our trip to the HRA Spring Conference in Sacramento, CA. It started with an enjoyable ride aboard Amtrak's Coast Starlight southbound to Sacramento, then a great conference with lots of highlights, and a visit to the Niles Canyon Railway for a ride behind steam.....even a short segment with double headed logging mallets!

Also, an update on Streetcar 153's progress for the North Vancouver Museum, and our work to upgrade and improve the MP 2 shop for WCRA.

FROM OUR PAST....



*Hi Ballers (WCRA predecessor group) members Roger Burrows, Glen MacGregor, Gary Oliver aboard BCER 1223 at Edmonds. (Gary Oliver photo)*

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### SATURDAY AUGUST 24, 5 - 8 PM



**3 HOUR EVENT / 1 HOUR RAIL EXCURSION | 8 KM IN LENGTH |**

ALL TICKETS go on sale June 3 - \$52 per person.

This event, kicks off at 5 pm, at Kamloops Station Plaza with wine tasting, appetizers, music by local Jazz duo Sabrina & Mike. Then it is ALL ABOARD for a one hour trip headed by Kamloops restored steam locomotive 2141.

*Closed-toed shoes encouraged. No Minors, NO Smoking No alcohol onboard.*

This is a fund raiser for the Kamloops Heritage Railway, Tickets are 100 % Non Refundable

**August 24 Itinerary:**

**Drive Vancouver to Kamloops; suggestions for route & attractions to visit are welcome**

Overnight at Riverland Inn, Check in at Riverland Inn by 3pm,  
1530 River St, Kamloops

1 Queen Bed \$109 + Tax

2 Queen Bed \$119 + Tax

20 rooms on hold, Canadian Route 66 Members have first opportunity to book rooms.

Bonnie will start list of names & credit cards & will book train tickets when available in June -  
contact Bonnie [bonnie.game@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.game@gmail.com) or 604-802-0490

Quote pending for Limo ride to & from hotel to Rail Event.

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**BACK COVER**

A one of a kind for sure! BNSF GE Dash9-44CW #4729 wears a “hybrid” paint scheme in New Westminster, BC in this photo by Marcus on May 11th!....This unit has been photographed all over North America in past months.

February 18, 2019.....CP westbound with ES44AC 8739 was pre-empted at 11.14 by CN no.395 headed by BCOL Dash8-40CM #4624 and NS 9-44CW #9856 at CN MEL-ROSE (Ontario). Don’s McQueen 300mm digital (TJ)

**TRIVIA ANSWER**

This Garratt (aka Beyer Garratt) built by Hanomag of Hannover-Linden, Germany in 1928 s/n 10598 class NG-G13 is the only one of its kind to operate in North America. It is currently in service on the 24"(2') gauge Hempstead & Northern Railroad in Hempstead, Texas with another SAR steamer #18 a 2-8-2. The locomotive was imported by the H&N to the United States in 2015.



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