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Salmon Arm, British Columbia
June 15th -19th, 2016

Selkirk Express 2016 Report

7th Division AGM Nov 8, 2015

Overview

The ShuReVer Model Railroad Group is made up of members from the Salmon Arm Model Railroad Association, the North Okanagan Model Railroad Group, the Revelstoke Model Railroad Association and the Sorrento Model Railroad Club is hosting the event.

Dates

The Selkirk Express 2016 is scheduled for June 15th to June 19th in Salmon Arm BC. The PNR Board meeting will be held on June 15th at the Prestige Inn which is the host hotel. Registration pick up will begin on that day as well. Tours are scheduled for June 16 and 17 with clinics being held on the 16th, 17th and 18th. A public train show will be held in the Shaw Center arena complex on the 18th and 19th. The event banquet will be held at the Prestige Inn on Saturday June 18th.

Committee

The committee has been meeting monthly during the past year. As the event gets closer we will increase the meetings as necessary. Starting in January the committee departments will be assigned help from a list of volunteers that has and is being assembled.

Host Hotel

The Host hotel is the Prestige Harbourfront Resort in Salmon Arm, BC. The address is 251 Harbourfront Drive NE, Salmon Arm BC. Telephone number is 250-833-5800 and web site is www.PrestigeHotels.ca. Twenty Rooms have been blocked off starting Tuesday June 14 to accommodate the arrival of the board members and a further 40 rooms blocked starting June 15, 2016. A 60 day release time of rooms is in effect. To book a room contact the Prestige and mention you are with the Selkirk Express 2016 group.

Other accommodation will be available at the Podollan Inn, Comfort Inn & Suites, Best Western Hotel, Travel Lodge, Super 8 Motel and for those wishing to camp the Salmon Arm Camping Resort.

Marketing

We attended the NMRA National Convention in Portland and also the Greater Edmonton Train Show (Sep 19-20), and Chilliwack (Oct 17-18). We have a booth here at the Vancouver Trains Expo (Nov 6-8)

and will be attending SUPERTRAIN 2016 in Calgary (Apr. 16-17, 2016). Other shows in 2016 are being considered but no firm decision has been made.

A program of advertisements throughout the region is being put together and we intend to use the local radio stations for community announcements as it gets closer to the event. Advertisements in a number of Model Railroad magazines are being investigated with possible advertisements appearing in the spring of 2016.

We will also be approaching local business with sponsorship opportunities at the event and within the event program.

Web Site

The website is up and running with initial information placed on the site using drop down menus. Contacts are also listed on the site. Visit the website at www.SelkirkExpress2016.ca.

Registration

The registration form is on the website and registrants are able to pay on line through PayPal, MasterCard and Visa.

Tours

There are 2 rail fan tours scheduled, one tour on the 16th to the Kettle Valley Steam Railway in Summerland BC and the other tour to Revelstoke and Three Valley Gap on the 17th with a stop at Craigalachie, the last spike (CPR).

On Saturday June 18th a Ladies (Spouses & Partners) bus tour is being organized. The tour is called a Mystery Tour -No Tracks No Trains. The tour will include a trip to a Scenic falls on the lake, a winery, lunch (High Tea) at the R.J. Haney heritage Park and a few other stops yet to be determined.

Layout Tours

Layout tours for the convention are being looked at and a list of the offerings will be on the web site this fall.

Clinics

A line up of clinics is being developed by Mike Barone and a list of the offerings will be on the web site in early 2016.

Contest

A structure contest is being run in conjunction with the event. Jim Little is organizing this event and information about the contest is on the web site.

Public Train Show

A public Train Show Will be held on June 18th & 19th of the event. Set up will be on Friday the 16th at the Shaw Centre Arena complex. Vendor and Layout registration forms are now being sent out. Depending on the response we will be able to use either half or the entire complex as there are two adjoining buildings that can be used 30 day notice will be required.