

RAILWAY MUSEUM OF BRITISH COLUMBIA NOW OPEN!

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Upcoming EVENTS

Sep 7-11, 2025

- Yakima U-Drive trip

Oct 2, 2025

- Annual Gala Banquet

Nov 7, 2025

- Honouring Our Own

Nov 23 to 26, 2025

- Tulalip Bus Trip

Dec 4, 2025

- Christmas luncheon



The RMBC is now open until October 12 for the regular Season.

There's lots to see and do at the Railway Museum of British Columbia! The Regular Season for 2025 includes every Saturday, and long weekend Sundays. Operating hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Our Railway mail car 3704 was highlighted in a recent article in the Museum newsletter. It is a view from the entrance of the car which has been restored by **Heritage Club members** and regularly updated with new artifacts and donations. We are looking for volunteers to help in a work party in the Fall.

Please call all the office if you are willing to help.



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2025/26 VAN FRASER HERITAGE CLUB CRUISE TRAVEL UPDATES

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January 9/26 and Jan 31/26 22-night Antarctica cruise on the Oosterdam Santiago, Chile to Buenos Aires and return

Call Fred to discuss the itinerary and pricing and a back-to-back 44-day option! Very limited availability.

February 15/26 12-Days on the Zuiderdam, San Diego return, visiting Cabo San Lucas, La Pas, Loreto, Guaymas, Topolobampo, Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta and Ensenada, Mexico. Inside cabins from \$2,400 CAD pp. Air: Vancouver to San Diego and return is extra.

March 22/26 21-days Fort Lauderdale to Rotterdam on the Rotterdam. Fly to Fort Lauderdale, 9 Sea Days to relax and enjoy the ship activities, visit Falmouth, Portland and Southampton, England; Brussels, Belgium; Skjolden, Stavenger, Kristiansand and Oslo Norway; scenic cruising Oslofjord and Sognefjord, and disembark in Rotterdam. Inside cabins from \$2,900 CAD pp including taxes. Flights to Fort Lauderdale and return from Rotterdam are additional.

May 30/26 10-night Spring Cruise on the Volendam, Montreal return. All Canadian ports plus Pierre St Miquelon. Just a few cabins left!

June 7/26 7-nights Alaska on the Serenade of the Seas, Vancouver return, visit Sitka, Tracy Arm, Juneau and Prince Rupert, BC. Insides from \$1,133 pp and Balcony from \$2,440 pp including taxes.

August 7/26 and August 14/26 14 nights on the Ovation of the Seas, Vancouver return, 2 cruises, back to back visiting Ketchikan, Sitka, Skagway, Hubbard Glacier, Seward, Icy Strait From \$1124.00pp Aug 7 and \$1125.00 pp Aug 14. Enjoy the humongous ship with lots of bells and whistles for all ages!

September 16/26 18-nights Cruise Great Bear Rainforest and Alaska on the Zaandam, Vancouver return. Inside cabins from \$4,200 cad pp. This is a one-time itinerary visiting unique areas such as cruising Princess Royal Island, Grenville channel, Great Bear Rainforest, Sitka, Valdez, Kodiak, Homer, Anchorage overnight, Hubbard Glacier and Glacier Bay, Juneau, Wrangell, Ketchikan, scenic cruising Bella Bella and the Inside Passage. Balconies are wait-listed, limited insides and ocean view available.



Note: Be sure you have adequate out of country medical and trip cancellation insurance before confirming your trip. Call your Heritage Club office, for info on our Heritage Club group Belairdirect Travel insurance. **Cruise prices available at time of printing and may change at anytime.** Call Van Fraser Heritage Club 604-482-4311 or email: vanfrasernews01@gmail.com for more info., detailed itineraries and pricing on other categories of cabins.

VAN FRASER HERITAGE CLUB ANNUAL BANQUET

CONTINENTAL SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - OCT 2, 2025 - 5 PM

Reserve your table for 10 for your special group of colleagues & friends for a fun filled evening or book your individual tickets.

Know a colleague who could use a night out? Offer them a ride and join us for an evening of fine Chinese dining, laughter, and reconnecting with old friends. Help spread the word and share the good times!



VAN FRASER ANNUAL GALA BANQUET
CONTINENTAL SEAFOOD RESTAURANT, RICHMOND
Thursday, October 2, 2025
Doors Open: 5:00 PM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ or Table for 10 _____

Sit With (*only if you want to sit with particular persons*) _____

*A table for 10 is \$500.00 and individual tickets are \$50.00 per person.
Please make your cheque payable to: Van-Fraser Heritage Club and return to:
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V7B 0B1.*

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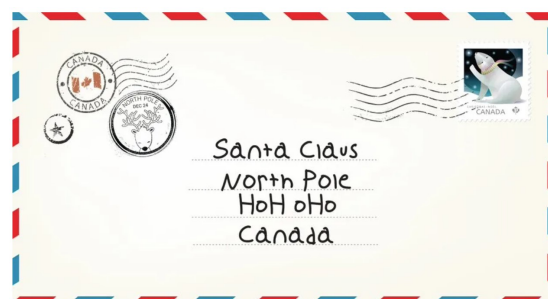


Santa will be delivering **THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS** to every child who writes to him this year to the North Pole Post Office with his unique Postal Code **Ho Ho Ho** or (**HOH OHO**).

Santa depends on all Canada Post Employees and Retired Posties to help him with this years tremendous volume of letters he receives at The North Pole Post Office.

"The tradition of service to our community continues". Join Santa's special team of Elves this year starting on approx. November 23 through to January 8th (pending on our receipts)

Please confirm your availability by contacting our office at **604-482-4311** or email Santa's Regional coordinator for The Pacific Division Fred Danells at (fwdanells@hotmail.com)



2025 Belairdirect Scholarship Program



belairdirect is proud to announce that the following children of **Canada Post Heritage Club's members** have been awarded a \$1,000 belairdirect scholarship to assist with their post-secondary education.

Congratulations to the following individuals:

- **Ian Wong**, the child of Sam Wong from Vancouver, BC
- **Luke Brosinski**, the child of Debrah Cranfield from Chilliwack, BC

For more information about the [belairdirect Scholarship Program](#), please visit belairdirect Scholarship Program in the Spring, or call 1-844-567-1237



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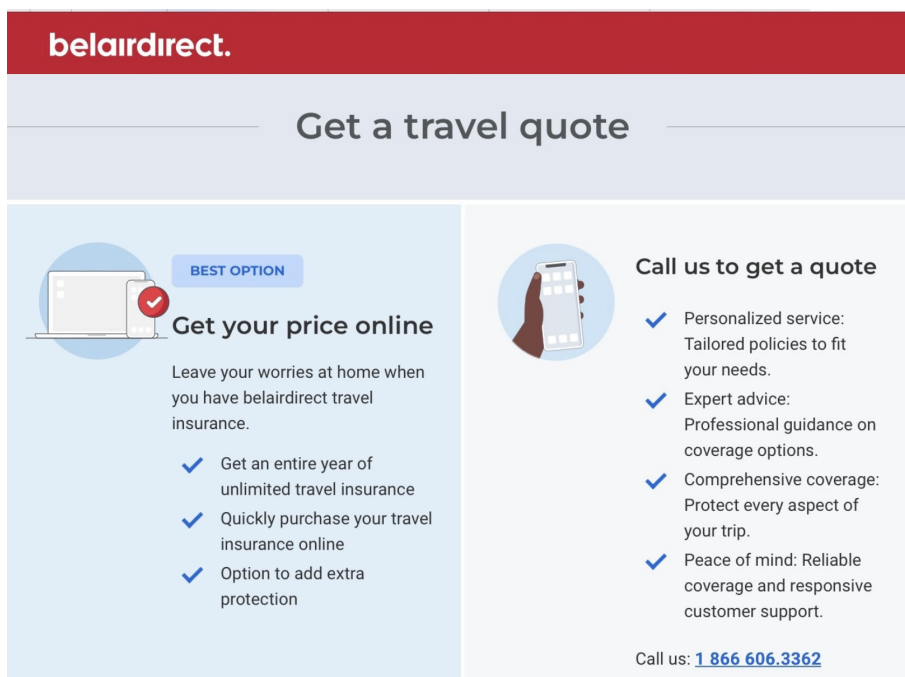
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Johnson Medoc is now Belairdirect Travel

Our Heritage Club Group Plan has now transferred from Johnson Insurance Medoc to Belairdirect. Members who have had a travel policy (MEDOC) in the past year will have received your new policy with information sheets and ID cards to carry in your wallet. Be sure to write your policy number on the wallet card. It has the phone numbers to call in case of an emergency.

For members wishing to purchase a new travel plan within our Heritage Club group, you can get a quote on line Belairdirect.com or by phoning 1 866 606 3362.



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HONORING OUR OWN



Email from JP Leguerrier, National Heritage Club President:

“Jim would be proud to know his research is still being used in the Canadian Forces Postal Service (CFPS) in their research of their origins.” I was just using some of the Heritage Club historical material Jim Bain sent me for the CFPS history update. Wonderful work and historically valuable to Canada Post and the CFPS.

“I am pleased to report that the CFPS (Canadian Forces Postal Service) history update is complete in terms of a working draft. I am now editing, adding some additional photos and cleaning it up in the hope of presenting it to CFPU in October in time for their 50th anniversary celebrations.”

The above excerpt is from an email that JP Leguerrier sent to us sharing comments from his contact at the Canadian Forces about how invaluable Jim Bain’s research over the years has helped with their own history. (Jim Bain passed away in April 2024)

Jim was passionate about his research of the Canada Post employees who served in the wars, making contact with their families and creating a document with so many of their profiles.

He also envisioned and created the “Honouring our Own” ceremony held each November, initially in the lobby of the VMPP and later in the Richmond PPC plant for employees and Heritage Club members to remember.



This year’s ceremony will be held on **Friday, November 7, 2025 at 10:30 am in the PPC** in Richmond. Please mark it in your calendar and plan to attend to view and recognize the meaningful work Jim Bain did and to remember all of our fallen Posties.

More details will follow in the next newsletter.