THE BLAST OF A WHISTLE, A HISS OF STEAM, AND WE'RE OFF!



The 2141 steam locomotive at Kamloops Heritage Railway is truly a time machine, but not only that. She is a history lesson, a link to the past and most of all, an adventure awaiting a new generation. The train captures the imagination of both young and old alike, all the while providing an experience un-like any other.

Built in 1912, the 2141 steam locomotive was one of twenty-five engines constructed and has been a fixture in Kamloops since 1961. The train once called a section of track in Riverside Park home, and became increasingly weathered over her years on display. The 2141 Steam Locomotive Restoration Society formed in 1994, had the dream of saving and restoring the train. Eight years and 130,000 volunteer hours later, the 2141 was under her own steam power once again. The group was renamed Kamloops Heritage Railway Society and coaches were purchased to haul passengers.

In June of 2002, 2141 pulled a sold-out train of guests, and since then has transported hundreds of thousands of passengers "back in time."

Keeping the 2141 in mint condition is an on-going labour of love. There is a yearround team of volunteer mechanics and electricians to ensure that the train—now the only remaining of its kind—remains in good standing.

A mix of staff and volunteers host summer, fall and winter rail tours that blend history, theatre, and storytelling. The summer season consists of many themed rail tours, most notably the "Spirit of Kamloops" rail tour.

This 8-mile round trip features spectacular views of the North Thompson River and sweeping landscapes of the Kamloops valley. Onboard the train, historical commentary and saloon girls will keep passengers entertained as the 1912 engine steams along. Guests are warned however, masked riders are seen on every trip!

During the cooler Autumn months, passengers can board and venture to the pumpkin patch. and around Christmas the entire train becomes illuminated by thousands of twinkling lights. Along with Beer trains, Wine trains, and a Canada Day Fireworks train, the Kamloops Heritage Railway offers a whole menu of trips.

So as we naturally would say... pick a rail tour, climb aboard, sit back, and let us move you both forward and into the past.

Who Says Time Travel Doesn't Exist?

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