

Introducing

The John Leeming Photography Scholarship



The Canadian Heartland Training Railway Services is privileged to announce a new scholarship for Students of Photography.

John Leeming had a love of trains from a very young age. In 1969, he began a 37-year career with Canadian Pacific Railway taking him from Vancouver Island to Coquitlam, Nelson, Cranbrook, Revelstoke, Winnipeg and finally to Kamloops in 1991, where he later retired in 2006. While in Winnipeg, John had responsibility for what is now the Boundary Trail Railway.

Following his career with CP, John continued railroading, working seasonally running an engine for the Rocky Mountaineer. His knowledge of railroading also led him to opportunities working as an instructor for the CHTRS and as a volunteer at the Kamloops Heritage Railway. Of the various positions he held throughout his career, his true passion was sitting behind the throttle as a locomotive engineer. John formed many long-lasting friendships throughout his career. He was a hard-working, well respected railroader, and his legacy on the rails will be carried on through his two sons.



John was also a skilled rail photographer and had many photos published in books and calendars. A real handy-man, it seemed there was nothing he couldn't fix or fabricate. John was a true gentleman and good friend to many, always happy to help out his neighbours. His family, friends, and "railway family" at CP, RMRS, and The CHTRS were saddened in September 2019 with his passing after a courageous battle with cancer.

Top right., a classic John Leeming photo, CP's train No. 2, "The Canadian" at Ottertail, BC, February 20, 1974

Left, Rocky Mountaineer No. 610 at Nepa, BC on CP's Thompson Subdivision, August 27, 2009

Below, CP Rossland Turn, Mile 6 Rossland Subdivision, September 15, 2012

Open to the immediate families of employees of the entire NPRS family, CHTRS Associates, and Canadian Pacific Railway employees in Revelstoke, Nelson, or Kamloops - the CHTRS will award annual scholarships for eligible students studying photography in an accredited program.

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