

INDUSTRY TRAILBLAZERS: 2007

Nicholas Morant

His name is synonymous with Canadian Pacific. He is known across Canada and in many other parts of the world for his photographs of the railway and its related business activities. He was the CPR photographer! His 50-year career spanned the Great Depression, the Second World War, the Cold War, the end of steam, and the end of company-operated passenger service.

For 44 years, the late Mr. Morant crisscrossed the country on passenger trains, enroute to and from assignments to all the subsidiaries of Canadian Pacific. He photographed hotels, steamships, trucks, airplanes, oil wells, mines, logging and myriad other facets of the CPR. He photographed people, places, and events. He chronicled the times, writing for the company magazine as well as photographing developments on the railway.

After retiring to Banff, he continued to photograph trains before his passing. As a result of his talents, dedication and work ethic, his legacy remains through a photographic collection that chronicles the rich heritage of the Canadian Pacific.

Donald Bain

Similar to previous Special Award honourees of the Canadian Railway Hall of Fame, such as Gordon Lightfoot, Donald Bain of Calgary is an accomplished railway author. He has helped tell the story of the railway industry in Canada. In the late 1970's, Mr. Bain spearheaded the production of a single volume known as "Canadian Pacific in the Rockies." This photographic history lesson morphed into companion publications covering Canadian Pacific, CN, regional railways, and U.S. railway operations across the country.

The result is an excellent series of publications that not only detail the history of railway operations in Canada, but also provide a valuable insight into the important role of the Canadian railway industry in the ongoing development of the nation.