

# Train Rides Return to Parrsboro

By Lawrence R. Nicoll

The last train to leave Parrsboro occurred in 1958, now 60 years ago. Celebrations have been held at Ottawa House. In 1996 a group of twelve built a smaller scale replica, that is stored in Windsor, NS. The locomotive is coal fired.

The Last Train Ride came to Parrsboro July 14th & 15th and what a time was had by all. The tour included a real

steam locomotive coal-fired and it was set up on Willow Street where the original one ran. The weather was outstanding, and a steady stream all weekend of riders young and old.

Representatives from the Trecothic Creek and Windsor Railway were in Parrsboro during the weekend to operate a ride-on, live-steam model train along a 300-foot section of track near the site of the

former train station.

One of the interested attendees was Kerwin Davison who built the model beside the old town hall. Lawrence Nicoll said, "It even took me back to my youth in Ontario where the steam locomotives ran behind the house until dieselization replaced them".

Several took rides at the modest price of \$2.00 each. Many older citizens took the

ride, remembering the day when Parrsboro had a train.

Trains played a prominent role in Parrsboro's history, dating back to 1877 and running until June 14, 1958. The railway was built to transport coal from the mines in Springhill to waiting ships in Parrsboro.

Current engineers for the weekend were Sam Neatby, Mike Meyers and Cherie Wrihare from the Atlantic Model Engineer Society.



Mike Meyers, Sam Neatby and Cherie Wright were engineers for the weekend on July 14 & 15 when the model train was set up in Parrsboro. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



It took many hours to lay the precisely lay the track for the weekend. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Before anyone can take a ride, the rails need to be checked. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



In order for the coal to burn properly in the locomotive, it needs to be stoked, just like a furnace. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Tory Rushton signing the scroll to become member of the legislature for Cumberland South after being sworn in by Chief Clerk, Neil Ferguson. (Submitted)



Train rides for young and older were \$2 each. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



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