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Alaska Railroad Annual Print to be Released in December *Interior railfan's art is featured in the 2007 print*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) will release its annual print in December 2006. “Reflective” by North Pole artist and railfan Art Chase, continues the tradition of artwork featuring the Alaska Railroad.

Chase’s design for the 2007 Alaska Railroad print includes a graphic salute to the steam engines of yesteryear and today’s current locomotive power. The print features locomotive #751 signifying the past, a new AC power locomotive signifying movement toward the future, and the solid constant that signifies Alaska – Mount McKinley.

“I was trying to come up with a steam-oriented idea, but I also know that the railroad has always been forward thinking,” said Art Chase. “I am really excited about this painting. I have wanted to create an Alaska Railroad annual print for a number of years.”

Chase has spent a lot of time enjoying the various artists’ works and their use of colors and light.” Preferring the mediums of oil painting, pencil drawing and airbrushing, his self-taught style is “tight and detailed” appealing to many who have purchased his aviation prints over the years.

Chase’s photographic works has been featured in the 2005 Alaska Railroad Corporation’s Annual Report. He is also a member of the team that restored the old Tanana Valley #1 engine in Fairbanks.

An Alaska resident since 1980, Chase is a 23-year veteran of the Air Force and Air National Guard and now works for the Federal Aviation Administration overseeing and trouble shooting the navigational system programs across the state.

Chase will sign prints and posters in the new Fairbanks Depot on Saturday, December 9 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and in the Anchorage Depot the following Saturday, December 16, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Prints cost \$50, posters cost \$25, and pins cost \$5.

An electronic image of the painting is available on the Railroad’s web site at:
<http://www.alaskarailroad.com/arrc41.html>

John Van Zyle produced the first official Alaska Railroad painting in 1979. Since then, the annual tradition (excepting 1984, when no painting was released) has evolved into a favored collector’s item. The posters, prints and pins will remain on sale at the Anchorage and Fairbanks depots following the signing events.

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