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Alaska Railroad sets annual print sale-and-signing events

2010 print features vibrant airbrushed Turnagain Arm

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) will release its 2010 annual poster/print during two public sale-and-signing events in mid-December, each featuring print artist Stefan Wilson who will be on-hand to sign the prints and posters. Both events will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- FAIRBANKS: Saturday, December 12, at the Fairbanks Depot (1745 Johansen Expressway)
- ANCHORAGE: Saturday, December 19, at the Historic Ship Creek Depot (411 W. 1st Avenue)

Entitled *Next Stop, Anchorage*, the artwork depicts a passenger train moving northwest along scenic Turnagain



Arm. The water-based acrylic painting was created using a combination of airbrush and paint brush. It is the first annual poster/print to feature the *Goldstar* first-class double-deck domed coaches.

The 2010 Alaska Railroad print costs \$55, posters cost \$30 and pins cost \$5. Following the signing events, prints, posters and pins will remain on sale at the Historic Ship Creek Depot and the Fairbanks Depot, and may also be purchased online via the Alaska Railroad Gift Shop website at www.AlaskaRailroadGiftShop.com/.

Wilson says he was inspired by a rail trip he and his family took aboard ARRC's *Coastal Classic* train. "The visual splendor between Anchorage and Seward is picture-perfect Alaska, with ocean views, towering snow-capped mountains, wildlife and, of course, the Alaska Railroad train riding along the inlet's edge and boasting the best panoramic view of all," he said.

Originally hailing from Arizona, Wilson and his wife Amber moved to Wasilla about 16 years ago. He owns a home-based art studio, where he creates airbrushed celebrity portraits and other paintings. Art is in his blood, said Stefan, noting that father Nicholas Wilson continues a career as a professional wildlife painter and sculptor.

Renowned artist John Van Zyle produced the first official Alaska Railroad painting in 1979. Since then, the annual tradition (except 1984, when no painting was released), has evolved into a favorite collector's item.

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