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Alaska Railroad Commemorative Print Coming Soon

The Alaska Railroad Corporation's (ARRC) annual print is on schedule for its January release. Painted by James Havens, who also painted the very popular 2001 ARRC print, this year's painting depicts a southbound Whittier freight train traveling along Turnagain Arm with a pair of breaching orcas in the foreground. Orcas, also known as killer whales, occasionally appear in the Arm pursuing salmon, beluga whales and lost tourists.

While Havens' previous painting viewed the train from the cliffs above Turnagain Arm, this year's piece offers a different vantage point, allowing incorporation of ocean life. Railfans will appreciate the three different paint schemes on the Alaska Railroad's general purpose (GP) locomotives.

"It was an honor to do the railroad poster again, Havens said. "This is somewhat of a continuation of the last one I did, showing the Turnagain Arm area and its inhabitants. I wanted the train to be shown as a part of the environment, rather than something that dominates the environment."

Havens came to Alaska by way of his father's military career. His father retired from the Air Force in 1980-81, when Havens was in junior high school. Havens graduated from Wasilla High School and attended the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California. He owns an art studio and gallery in Anchorage.

Mr. Havens will sign prints and posters in the Anchorage Depot on Saturday, January 3 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and in the Fairbanks Depot the following Saturday, January 10, from 10 a.m. - 1 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:

www.AlaskaRailroad.com/community/photo_annual_prints.htm

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