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Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre president Bob Michelutti and Doug Mohns spot the former NHLer's initials carved in an old school chair.

## Former Blackhawk returns home

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ing in the minors and that's quite an accomplishment."

Mohns earned his nickname of Diesel by virtue of his playing style.

"When I was in Barrie playing for the Flyers... another player named me Diesel because of the way I went up and down the ice," Mohns said.

"If I couldn't get around a player, I went over top of them like a diesel train. It was a fitting name...I came from a railroad town and my father was an engineer and so were my two brothers."

Although Capreol has known better days as an important CN town, Mohns can't think of a better place to live.

"There's lot of special, good people in this town," Mohns said. "It's a good community. They work hard together and support one another. It's one of those places where people enjoy life."

Currently, Mohns is retired from hospital administration. He worked almost 20 years with the New England Rehabilitation Hospital as a senior manager.

The people of Capreol were thrilled to have Mohns back, even if it was just for a few days.

"It's great having him back," NORMHC president Bob Michelutti said. "He's one of the best players ever from the area. It's a real honour to have him here. Doug is an honorary board member with the NORMHC and he's a real ambassador for the board. He promotes the museum."

At the end of the day Rainville's head was spinning with delight. "I have been a Blackhawks fan since I was breathing...and this was the first time I got to meet Doug," Rainville elated.

"I got my things signed that I have had and held for years and years. Now they're signed and I am so appreciative. He was a source of pride for me growing up and it was a very special day for me."

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