



News Release

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“Railroad Days” Open House in Anchorage *Open House slated for 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 7*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) invites the public to the “*Railroad Days*” community open house in Anchorage, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 7.

Railroad Days events provide Alaskans with a unique opportunity to interact with railroaders and to learn about the state’s railroad. The open house features popular FREE train rides, along with static displays of railroad locomotives, railcars and other equipment that afford an up-close, hands-on experience. When folks climb aboard the static passenger train – the *Alaska Travel Train* – they will discover ideas for exploring the state’s railbelt communities. KMXS 103.1 FM Radio will broadcast live from the depot, playing upbeat music that adds to the festive atmosphere. Several activities are geared toward children, such as railroad balloons, tattoos and train safety giveaways. Affordable hot dogs, snacks and beverages will be available thanks to a local PTA. The railroad’s depot gift shop and rail ticket counter will also be open, and the Alaska Railroad will be offering Open House Specials featuring amazing deals on rail travel. A more detailed list of open house activities is included on page 2.

The Alaska Railroad is state-owned corporation providing year-round inter-city public rail transportation from Seward to Anchorage to Fairbanks. More information about railroad passenger service schedules, fares and depot locations is available at www.AlaskaRailroad.com.

ARRC organizes Anchorage and Fairbanks open houses in alternating years, with the Anchorage open house held during even-numbered years and the Fairbanks open house held during odd-numbered years.

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The ARRC is an Equal Opportunity Corporation. If you need special assistance (including language) in order to participate in any ARRC service, program, or activity, please contact the Alaska Railroad Corporation; P.O. Box 107500; Anchorage, AK 99510; Attention: Legal Department, zappasj@akrr.com, (907) 265-2461; via Alaska Relay Service for hearing impaired – dial 711 anywhere in Alaska, OR dial toll-free from anywhere outside the state 1-800-770-8255 (voice); 1-800 770-8973 (TTY). Upon request, printed materials can be made available in alternate formats.

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Alaska Railroad 2016 Anchorage Open House Schedule

Saturday, May 7, 2016 • 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Anchorage Historic Depot, 411 W. Ship Creek Avenue

FREE to the attending public:

- Short train rides (offered between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.)
- Upbeat music from MIX 103.1 Radio Live Remote Broadcast (Noon to 2:00 p.m.)
- Magician (in and around the depot and along the line to the train rides, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
- Inside the Depot (11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.):
 - ✓ Tattoos (kids non-permanent)
 - ✓ Giveaways and Prizes
 - ✓ Balloons
 - ✓ Historic Steam Engine 557 restoration project display
 - ✓ Operation Lifesaver train safety information and giveaways
 - ✓ Green Star
 - ✓ Alaska Railroad travel and vacation information, including amazing deals on summer rail travel
- Locomotives, passenger and freight railcars, and railroad maintenance equipment on static display
- “Alaska Travel Train” - Climb aboard the static passenger train and get the scoop on exciting railbelt travel opportunities from folks and displays representing communities along the rail line. We’ve invited community visitor bureaus, forests, parks and public lands.
- Drawing for round-trip rail travel for 2 Anchorage-Seward or Anchorage-Denali, and the 2016 railroad poster. Need not be present to win.
- Invited: life-sized mascots from community visitor bureaus and the Forest Service
- Parking (across from depot on 1st Avenue and across from Comfort Inn on Ship Creek Avenue)

For Sale:

- Alaska Railroad Gift Shop Open
- Alaska Railroad Ticket Counter Open - take advantage of deep-discount specials exclusive to open house goers
- Hot dogs, chips, sweet treats and beverages available from the Government Hill Elementary PTA
- Steam Engine 557 prints and memorabilia

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