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Alaska Railroad schedules spring “Railroad Days” Open Houses *Popular railroad events return to “open doors” to community*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) invites the public to two “*Railroad Days*” open house events in late spring. *Railroad Days* events provide Alaskans with a unique opportunity to interact with railroaders and to learn about the state’s railroad. Events are scheduled as follow:

✓ **ANCHORAGE: Saturday, May 7, 2011**

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Anchorage Historic Depot, 411 W. First Avenue.

✓ **FAIRBANKS: Saturday, May 14, 2011**

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on, at the Fairbanks Depot, 1745 Johansen Expressway

The events will feature ever-popular free train rides, and static displays of railroad locomotives, railcars and other equipment that afford an up-close, hands-on experience. Events will also include live music entertainment, and several activities geared toward children, such as railroad balloons and tattoos. Hot dogs and beverages will be available for purchase, and the railroad’s depot gift shops and rail ticket counters will also be open. A more detailed list of open house activities is included on page 2.

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Alaska Railroad 2011 Open Houses Schedule and Activities

ANCHORAGE: Saturday, May 7, 2011

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Historic Depot, 411 W. Ship Creek Avenue

FREE to the attending public:

- Short train rides
- Live Music from the Air Force Band of the Pacific's "Greatlanders" (Noon to 2:00 p.m.)
- Magician (in and around the depot)
- Inside the Depot:
 - ✓ Tattoos (kids non-permanent)
 - ✓ Balloons
 - ✓ Operation Lifesaver information
 - ✓ Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau information
 - ✓ Alaska Railroad travel and vacation information
- Passenger Train equipment on static display (climb aboard!)
- NEW! Freight Train equipment on static display
- Track Maintenance Equipment on static display
- NEW! - Kids Reading Room (listen to railroad stories inside a railcar on static display)
- 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
- Hot dogs, chips and beverages available for purchase
- NEW!- Keepsake Photos in front of an Alaska Railroad locomotive

FAIRBANKS: Saturday, May 14, 2011

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Fairbanks Depot, 1745 Johansen Expressway

FREE to the attending public:

- Short train rides
- Live Music from the 9th Army Band's "Brass Ensemble" (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
- Inside the Depot:
 - ✓ Tattoos (kids non-permanent)
 - ✓ Balloons
 - ✓ Operation Lifesaver information
 - ✓ Alaska Railroad travel and vacation information
- Passenger Train equipment on static display (climb aboard!)
- Other Railroad Equipment on static display (track maintenance, etc.)
- Parking (at the depot)

For Sale:

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- Alaska Railroad Ticket Counter Open
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