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Complete with Spectacular Locomotives on Special Display, Railroad Museum to Celebrate National Train Day on May 10

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum proudly join more than 200 communities across the nation with special National Train Day events planned for Saturday, May 10, 2014. To celebrate the seventh annual event, the Railroad Museum will offer a spectacular array of eye-catching locomotives along with a variety of hands-on activities, live entertainment, educational booths and a special presentation that collectively demonstrate the past, present and future of railroading.

Inside the Museum (widely regarded as North America's most popular railroad museum), tours of a modern-day *Amtrak California* passenger car will be available for Museum guests to experience what train travel is like today, while also exploring decades of rail transportation history that literally transformed America. Additionally, Museum guests can enjoy interactive hand car rides and visit educational booths offered by Amtrak, Caltrans Division of Rail, the City of Sacramento, the California High-Speed Rail Authority and California Operation Lifesaver (complete with a popular interactive locomotive simulator). Plus, entertaining "Rock the Rails" performances by the energetic folk and Americana band "Marvels of the Midway" will take place in the East Theatre at 11 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and a special presentation by the City of Sacramento about the rehabilitation of the 1926 Sacramento Valley Station building is scheduled for 1 p.m. in the Museum's West Theatre. As usual, the Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on National Train Day and the special activities happening inside the Museum are included with the regular cost of admission, \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths (ages 6-17), and ages five and under are free.

Outside the Museum, three brightly colored, sleek and streamline-styled cab unit diesel locomotives – the Western Pacific 913, Southern Pacific "Daylight" 6051 and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe "Warbonnet" 347A (which once pulled the famed "Super Chief" passenger train) -- will be on public display near the Central Pacific Passenger Station in a nose-staggered formation to provide a unique backdrop for memorable photographs. In addition, a beautiful and brilliantly painted, modified and fully-equipped 1931 Model A railroad fire truck along with a bright yellow Union Pacific Caboose will also be on special display to delight visitors to Old Sacramento State Historic Park.

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The Museum's weekend excursion trains will also be running as usual on National Train Day. Trains depart hourly from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. from the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot in Old Sacramento (located on Front Street between J and K Streets). Train ride guests will experience the sights, smells and sounds of an authentic, vintage locomotive as it rolls along the levees of the Sacramento River for a six-mile, 45-minute roundtrip excursion. Weekend excursion train ride tickets are available in advance online or in-person on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the train ride starting at 10:30 a.m. Regular excursion train tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths (ages 6-17), and ages five and under ride free. For passengers desiring a ride aboard the first-class car *E/ Dorado*, tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for youths and are free for children five and under. Note: there is a small per-ticket service fee when booking online.

For more information about the California State Railroad Museum's National Train Day activities or booking weekend train rides in advance, please visit www.csrmf.org. For more information about National Train Day in general and the many activities happening nationwide, please visit .nationaltrainday (which is updated frequently). In addition, rail passengers and enthusiasts are invited to share why trains matter to them via Facebook ([.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/)) or Twitter @natltrainday.

About the California State Railroad Museum

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Widely regarded as North America's finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill commercial buildings in Old Sacramento. For 24-hour information, visit .csrmf call (916) 323-9280.