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Alaska Railroad Corporation Hosts Open House

The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) invites Alaskans to “meet the railroad” at its annual Open House, Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fairbanks depot (280 North Cushman).

“We enjoy kicking off our busy summer season by showing our neighbors what we do and how we do it,” said Pat Gamble, ARRC President and CEO. “It gives railroaders a chance to demonstrate their professionalism and pride, and it’s a lot of fun for families, especially the kids.”

Events at the Open House will include:

- Free round trip train rides from the Fairbanks depot through the rail yard.
- Live music from Fort Wainwright’s Golden Heart Dixieland band.
- The Tanana Valley Model Railroad Club displaying their equipment.
- Free railroad-related items for kids (and kids-at-heart).
- Displays of passenger, maintenance, and other railroad equipment.
- Popcorn, hot dogs and beverages sold by the Boy Scouts and the Lathrop Ski Club to raise funds for their organizations.
- A free raffle for a round trip for four to Denali on the Alaska Railroad and for a copy of a framed 2003 Alaska Railroad poster.
- Updates on current and planned capital projects.
- Sign up and pick up bags for Fairbanks Clean-up Day.

ARRC complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure its facilities are accessible to the public. Individuals with special accommodation needs should contact the railroad at 265-2494.

The Alaska Railroad was owned and operated by the U.S. Government from 1914 until 1985, when it was purchased by the State of Alaska. Today the self-sustaining, state-owned corporation operates without state subsidy, while maintaining vital links in Alaska’s transportation system.