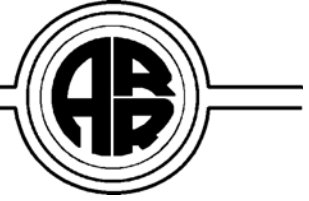


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Alaska Railroad Corporation Hosts Fairbanks Open House

ANCHORAGE - The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) is polishing the Blue and Gold and sounding the horns, inviting the public to its annual Anchorage Open House taking place on Saturday May 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alaska Railroad Fairbanks Depot (280 North Cushman).

“I can’t think of a better way to kick off an Alaskan summer,” said Pat Gamble, President and CEO of the Alaska Railroad Corporation. “Every year at this time, we look forward to showing businesses and communities what their Railroad is all about...serving Alaskans.”

This annual event is a volunteer effort put on by railroaders and friends of the Railroad, with a special focus on kids and kids at heart. Events include:

- Free round trip train rides from the Railroad Depot through the railyard
- Free railroad items for kids
- The Tanana Valley Model Railroad Club displaying their equipment
- 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.
- Live music from Ft. Wainwrights Dixieland Band, “Jammin’ Salmon”
- A free raffle for two sets of round trip gift passes for two to Denali, and one set of round trip gift passes for two to Anchorage and a copy of a framed 2005 Alaska Railroad poster.

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.

ARRC is a self-sustaining, state-owned Corporation that operates without state subsidy, serving a number of rail belt communities from Seward to Fairbanks.