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Alaska Railroad Corporation Hosts Fairbanks Open House

Anchorage, AK-The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) is opening its doors and inviting the public to an Open House Saturday May 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alaska Railroad's new Fairbanks Depot (1745 Johansen Expressway).

"This is a great way to usher in another Alaskan summer," said Patrick Gamble, ARRC President and CEO. "Each year we invite Alaskans to come down and take the kids for a ride on the train, see the equipment and talk with the Alaska Railroad employees. This is our chance to highlight our employees, the Railroad, and what we can do for Alaska residents."

Designed for kids and kids at heart, this annual event is organized and "powered" by Alaska Railroad employee volunteers. Events include:

- Free round trip train rides from the Railroad Depot through the railyard
- Railroad "giveaways," for railroad fans.
- The Tanana Valley Model Railroad Club displaying their equipment
- Passenger, maintenance and other railroad equipment exhibits.
- 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. Wainwright's Dixieland Band, "Jammin' Salmon"
- Door prize drawings for complimentary rail trips to Denali or Anchorage on the Alaska Railroad and for a framed 2006 Alaska Railroad poster.

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

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