



# Alaska Railroad Corporation *News Release*

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## Alaska Railroad Corporation Hosts Annual Anchorage Open House

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) invites Alaskans of all ages to the annual Open House Saturday, May 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Alaska Railroad's Historic Anchorage Depot (411 W. First Avenue).

"I can't think of a better way to usher in the summer season than to take the family to the Alaska Railroad's Open House" said Patrick Gamble, ARRC President and CEO. "Alaskans can come to the depot, see the equipment, talk with Alaska Railroad employees and of course, take a free train ride. This is a chance for everyone to take a peek behind the curtain, sit in a locomotive and really see what makes the Alaska Railroad tick. Besides, the kids love it!"

The annual open house is organized and supported by dozens of Alaska Railroad employee volunteers. Activities include:

- Free round trip train rides from the Historic Depot
- Free popcorn and refreshments
- Railroad "giveaways," for railroad fans
- Hot dogs and candy bars sold by the Government Hill Elementary School PTA to raise funds for the PTA. Government Hill is an ARRC School-Business Partner.
- Intricate model railroad displays
- Passenger, maintenance and other railroad equipment exhibits
- Updates on current and planned capital projects
- Live music from Elmendorf's Air Force Band of the Pacific, *The Greatlanders*
- Book signing available with local author Shannon Cartwright and her new children's book *Ol' 556, Alaska's Mighty Steam Engine*
- Door prize drawings for complimentary rail trips to Denali or Seward on the Alaska Railroad and for a framed 2007 Alaska Railroad poster

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

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