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Alaska Railroad schedules spring “Railroad Days” Open Houses *Fairbanks Event is Saturday, May 12 • Time change to accommodate Military Parade*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) invites the public to “*Railroad Days*” open house events in late spring on consecutive Saturdays. The Anchorage Open House is May 5 followed by the Fairbanks Open House:

FAIRBANKS: Saturday, May 12, 2012

Noon. to 4:00 p.m. on, at the Fairbanks Depot, 1745 Johansen Expressway

The Fairbanks Open House hours have been changed to avoid a conflict with the recently-announced Salute to Our Military Parade, slated for 10:00 a.m. to Noon on the same day in Fairbanks. In years past, the Railroad Open House in Fairbanks has been 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This year, the 2012 Fairbanks Open House is scheduled for **noon to 4:00 p.m.**

Railroad Days events provide Alaskans with a unique opportunity to interact with railroaders and to learn about the state’s railroad. Open Houses feature the ever-popular FREE train rides, along with static displays of railroad locomotives, railcars and other equipment that afford an up-close, hands-on experience. Hip and talented military bands will add to the festive atmosphere, playing popular and upbeat music. Several activities are geared toward children, such as railroad balloons, tattoos and train safety knick-knacks. The railroad has teamed up to provide fund-raising opportunities for youth-oriented non-profit organizations that will sell affordable hot dogs, snacks and beverages. The railroad’s depot gift shops and rail ticket counters will also be open, and the Alaska Railroad will be offering Open House Specials featuring amazing deals on summer rail travel. A more detailed list of open house activities is included on page 2.

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Alaska Railroad 2012 Fairbanks Open House Schedule

Saturday, May 12, 2012 • Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Fairbanks Depot, 1745 Johansen Expressway

FREE to the attending public:

- Short train rides (loop from the depot)
- Live Music from the 9th Army Band's popular ensemble (1:00 – 1:45 p.m. and 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.)
- Inside the Depot:
 - ✓ Tattoos (kids non-permanent)
 - ✓ Balloons
 - ✓ Operation Lifesaver train safety information
 - ✓ Alaska Railroad travel and vacation information, including amazing deals on summer rail travel.
- Train locomotive and railcars (climb aboard!) and railroad maintenance equipment on static display
- Door prize drawing for round-trip rail travel for 2 Fairbanks-Denali or Fairbanks-Anchorage, and 2012 poster
- Tanana Valley Model Railroad club operating display inside the depot
- Parking (at the depot)

For Sale:

- Alaska Railroad Gift Shop Open
- Alaska Railroad Ticket Counter Open
- Hot dogs, chips and beverages available for purchase (Boy Scouts)

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