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Railroad Museum to Celebrate Two Millionth Rider on the Sacramento Southern Railroad on 4/2!

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum & Foundation will proudly celebrate the two millionth excursion train ride guest on Saturday, April 2, 2016. The event coincides with the start of the 33rd consecutive train ride season and will occur just prior to the first train ride for the day, which departs at 11 a.m. In addition to the recognition, the individual will receive a train ride in the first class car along with a special gift basket to mark the occasion.

Each weekend through September, excursion train ride guests can enjoy train rides pulled by either vintage steam locomotive Granite Rock 10 (that returned to service in 2015 after a major restoration effort) or historic diesel locomotives on periodic weekends. Diesel or steam, excursion train ride guests delight in the sights, smells and sounds of an authentic, historic locomotive as it rolls along the levees of the Sacramento River for a six-mile, 45-minute roundtrip excursion. Appealing to all ages, the experience offers guests the chance to enjoy train travel from an earlier era. The train features a combination of vintage closed coaches with comfortable seats, open-air "gondolas" with bench style seating or VIP train ride experiences onboard one of three of the California State Railroad Museum's first class cars (depending on the weekend): the *El Dorado* lounge observation car, the Audubon dining car or the French Quarter lounge car from the 1950s that served the famed Southern Pacific "Sunset Limited" service.

Excursion train ride tickets are available to book online in advance at www.csrmf.org or can be purchased in-person starting at 10:30 a.m. the day of the ride (based on availability) at the Sacramento Southern Railroad Depot ticket office located on Front Street between J and K Streets. Excursion trains depart from the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot on-the-hour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the weekends the trains are running. Regular excursion train tickets cost $12 for adults, $6 for youths (ages 6-17), and ages five and under ride free. For passengers desiring a first class train ride experience, tickets cost $20 for adults, $15 for youths and are free for children five and under. Groups interested in reserving the entire VIP car for a regularly scheduled ride need to do so in advance by calling 916-322-8485. For more information, please call 916-323-9280.

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