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All Aboard for a Special Mark Twain Train Ride At Railtown 1897 on Saturday, July 24

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – The excitement continues at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) in Jamestown with a special Mark Twain Train Ride on Saturday, July 24. With live music provided by local sensation Dave Rainwater, festivities begin at 4 p.m. on the front lawn with Mark Twain -- vividly portrayed by Pat Kaurert -- telling fascinating stories about his train travels in the west. Then at 5 p.m., the Sidewinder Express (No. 2 Shay) train departs with Twain and Rainwater on board to delight and entertain passengers as they enjoy a ride through the rolling Gold Country foothills, passing through meadows and along grassy hillsides covered with ancient oak trees.

Tickets for the special Mark Twain Train Rides are \$24 for adults, \$12 for youths ages 6-17 and kids five and under are free. Discounted train ride ticket prices apply for Railtown 1897 SHP members and California State Railroad Museum members (Conductor level and above) at \$21 for adults and \$9 for youths. Admission to the park is included with all train rides. Special Mark Twain Train Ride tickets are available online at www.railtown1897.org or by calling 916-445-5995.

In addition, the Railtown 1897 SHP Depot Store, Interpretive Center and grounds are open that day from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and guided Roundhouse tours are available, too. Railtown 1897 SHP is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, near Sonora.

About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides weekends April-October (selected dates only November-December). Known as "The Movie Railroad," the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth and Reservoir in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Open Tuesday-Sunday except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day, the Park's operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org

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