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## Railroad Museum Finds Three Ways to Celebrate Three Days in a Row -- May 11, 12 & 13!

*Friday Night Volunteer Recognition Banquet; Saturday National Train Day  
Activities and Complimentary Cake Pops for Moms on Mother's Day*

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – Known as North America's most popular train museum, the California State Railroad Museum is gearing up for a weekend of -- separate but festive -- celebratory activities on May 11, 12 & 13, don't miss the rail-related fun!

### **Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet -- Friday Evening, May 11**

Closed to the public but deserving of the community's widespread recognition, approximately 600 volunteers will be honored at an Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet for collectively dedicating nearly 130,000 hours of service to the California State Railroad Museum in 2011. In fact, since the Museum's 1976 inception, volunteers have contributed more than two million hours of service.

### **National Train Day -- Saturday, May 12**

Two visually exciting 1950s-era vintage streamlined diesel locomotives from the California State Railroad Museum's prized collection -- Southern Pacific 6051 and Western Pacific 913 -- will be on a special back-to-back configuration pulling the open-air gondolas and first class *El Dorado* observation lounge car on National Train Day. National Train Day is a celebration of American railroading, trains and train travel in cities all across the country.

### **Mother's Day Excursion Train Rides -- Sunday, May 13**

The California State Railroad Museum plans to treat moms extra special on Mother's Day by giving away complimentary Decadent Double Fudge Dipped Cake Pops to all mothers who take a train ride (trains depart hourly between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.), while supplies last. General admission weekend excursion train ride tickets are available in-person on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 10:30 a.m. the day of the train ride at the Sacramento Southern Railroad ticket office, located on Front Street between "J" and "K" Streets in Old Sacramento. Train ride tickets cost \$10 adults; \$5 youths ages 6-17; free for children ages 5 and under (\$15 for first class tickets aboard the first class *El Dorado*). Advance tickets to ride the first-class *El Dorado* are available online at [www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org](http://www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org)

For more information about the California State Railroad Museum or any of these special activities, please visit [www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org](http://www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org) or call (916) 445-6645.

#### **About the California State Railroad Museum**

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Widely regarded as North America's finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad

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*Passenger Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill commercial buildings in Old Sacramento. For 24-hour information, visit [www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org](http://www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org) or call (916) 445-6645.*

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