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## Historic Train Rides Behind Sierra No. 3 “Movie Star Locomotive” Offered Monthly Thru October at Railtown 1897 *Advance Train Ride Tickets Available Now*

**JAMESTOWN, Calif.** – After a successful restoration effort and hugely popular return to service, rides behind the 1891-vintage steam locomotive Sierra No. 3 are available the first weekend of each month through October, 2010, at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP). Two steam train rides behind the famed “Movie Star Locomotive” are available each day on the following weekends: August 7 & 8, September 4 & 5, and October 2 & 3.

The memorable excursion steam train rides last approximately one hour in length at depart at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on the weekends of operation. The rides include refreshments on board and a photo stop where passengers can step off the train and take pictures as Sierra No. 3 does a visually exciting full-steam “run by.”

These memorable rides through the scenic Gold Country cost \$24 for adults, \$12 for youths ages 6-17 (children under five are free) and include Park admission. 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. When purchasing tickets, visitors have the option to choose either the open-air coach or the limited seating in the indoor observation car. All passengers are able to move about between the two cars during the train ride.

Advance tickets to ride behind Sierra No. 3 on the first weekend of each month (August through October) are available now by visiting [www.railtown1897.org](http://www.railtown1897.org) or by calling 916-445-5995. 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 Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Open daily 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](http://www.railtown1897.org)

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