



Thank You Tuolumne County for Putting a Train Under Your Christmas Tree

*"Tuolumne County's most famous movie star will
make her first appearance in twenty years in Sonora
on December 1st"*

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Sonora, Calif. – On December 1st, for one night only, The Sonora and Twain Harte Rotary Clubs and the Kiwanis Club of Sonora in cooperation with Railtown 1897 State Historic Park, the Sierra Northern Railway, the California State Railroad Museum Foundation, J.S. West, and Sierra Pacific Industries will bring "movie star" Railtown's Engine #3 to Sonora to say "Thank You!" to the community for helping "Keep Railtown Rolling" and to show off the recent restoration of this historic locomotive.

Santa will be on board for the children, local choirs will carol, and warm beverages will be provided! The event will be held in front of the Tuolumne General Hospital (Hospital and Washington Streets) from 5 to 8 pm

The Sierra No. 3 visits Sonora,

For the first time since 1992, the Sierra No. 3 will make an appearance in Sonora, on Saturday December 1st from 5 until 8PM, at S. Washington Street and Hospital Road. Visitors will have the opportunity to climb aboard and visit with Santa while the train is in Sonora. Hot Chocolate, carolers and lots of holiday lights will be part of the free event. Parking is available in the Tuolumne General Parking lot.

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The Sonora and Twain Harte Rotary Clubs have joined together for this unique event as a way to thank the people of Tuolumne County for stepping up to help 'Keep Railtown Rolling'. Members from the community donated thousands of dollars in 2012 to support the park which was threatened with closure this year for the third time in 10 years. The last operating weekend for train rides at Railtown will be December 15th & 16th, and will be pulled by the Sierra No. 3, with Santa on Board!

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. As of 1/2/12, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park is open Thursdays through Mondays (except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day) and 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