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## Railtown 1897 to Give Dads the Star Treatment on Father's Day With Special Treats & Train Rides Behind Sierra No. 3

**JAMESTOWN, Calif.** – Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) plans to treat dads and granddads extra special this Father's Day -- Sunday, June 19, 2016 -- by pulling out the famous "Movie Star Locomotive" Sierra No. 3<sup>™</sup> for excursion train rides (regular ticket prices apply). In addition, Railtown 1897 will give away complimentary commemorative Belgian chocolate bars (while supplies last) to all fathers -- and grandfathers, too -- who take a train ride and are accompanied by a child or children.

In addition to the excursion train rides and treats for dads and granddads, and there are lots of fun, interactive and interpretive-related activities happening at the Park, including:

- The Depot Store, historic Roundhouse & Shops, Interpretive Center and grounds are open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with guided tours available;
- Hands on History boxes on the deck where volunteers conduct "show and tell" activities and allow visitors to touch and learn about riveting, railroad signaling, track laying and more;
- Historic caboose visits where guests can climb aboard a historic wooden caboose a reconstruction of the one from *Little House on the Prairie* and *Back to the Future III* – to get a sense of what it was like to be a brakeman on the railroad;
- Visits inside the locomotive cab are available to get new and interesting perspectives of the Park and railroading in general;
- Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on-site on the sprawling Roundhouse lawn.

With train ride departures at 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Father's Day, capacity is limited and visitors are encouraged to arrive early. Train ride tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for youths ages 6-17 and kids five and under are free. All train ride tickets include Park admission and are available for advance purchase at <u>www.railtown1897.org</u> as well as at the ticket window beginning at 10 a.m. on the day of the ride (based on availability). Park admission costs are \$5 for adults, \$3 for youths ages 6-17 and free for children five and under.

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