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DISCOVER THE RAIL WAYSM IN PORTLAND ON NATIONAL TRAIN DAY Amtrak celebrates its 40th anniversary on May 7 at Union Station

PORTLAND – Amtrak celebrates the past, present and rich future of trains with an event in Portland on the fourth annual National Train Day, Saturday, May 7, 2011. Amtrak is calling “all kids – young and old” to come to Portland Union Station from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., 800 N.W. 6th Avenue. The celebration will include model train displays, kids’ entertainment, and tours of train equipment.

“This year’s event will kick off during Amtrak’s 40th anniversary and is an opportunity to celebrate the company’s contributions to the history and future of passenger rail in this country,” said Emmett Fremaux, Vice President, Marketing and Product Development, Amtrak. “National Train Day promises to delight the kid in all of us with a day dedicated to celebrating all things rail.”

The National Train Day celebration in Portland will feature Portland’s own famous Southern Pacific 432-ton 4449 Daylight steam locomotive and other historic rail equipment; Rose Festival Character Clown Corp presented by *Amtrak Cascades*; Cha Cha the Clown and Gadget the Clown performances for the kids; destinations, model railroad and historical society exhibitors. A special all-day parking rate of \$3 will be available at the Station Place Garage, one block north of Union Station. For more information about National Train Day and the opportunity to host a National Train Day event in your city, visit www.nationaltrainday.com.

About Amtrak®:

Amtrak is America’s Railroad, the nation’s intercity passenger rail provider and its only high-speed rail operator. A record 28.7 million passengers traveled on Amtrak in FY 2010 on more than 300 daily trains – at speeds up to 150 mph (241 kph) – that connect 46 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian Provinces. Amtrak operates trains in partnership with 15 states and four commuter rail agencies. Amtrak also is a strong financial performer achieving an 85 percent cost-recovery ratio in FY 2010. Enjoy the journey at Amtrak.com or call 800-USA-RAIL for schedules, fares and more information. Join us on Facebook at facebook.com/Amtrak and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/Amtrak.

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