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AMTRAK EXHIBIT TRAIN COMING TO MISSISSIPPI AND FLORIDA IN FEBRUARY Free traveling exhibit showcases Amtrak 40th anniversary

WASHINGTON – In celebration of the 40th anniversary of Amtrak, America's Railroad® is offering the public an opportunity to view an Exhibit Train, a unique traveling display showcasing the railroad's history. In February, it will make one stop in Mississippi and two stops in Florida.

Feb. 4 & 5 Amtrak Station, Multi-Modal Transportation Center, Meridian, Miss.
Feb. 11 & 12 Amtrak Station, Jacksonville, Fla.
Feb. 18 & 19 Tampa Union Station (celebrating 100 years), Tampa, Fla.

The free exhibit is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day to showcase Amtrak history over the decades, displaying memorabilia such as vintage advertising, past menus and dinnerware, and period uniforms. All three locations feature train-themed kids' activities at [Chuggington](#) Depot, based on the popular children's animated television series on Disney Junior.

Information about each stop can be found on the official website at [Amtrak40th.com](#) along with other information about Amtrak history.

In addition, commemorative 40th anniversary merchandise will be available for purchase onboard the train including: *Amtrak: An American Story*, a 144-page commemorative book that chronicles the history of the railroad with archival photographs, a historical timeline and personal narratives for each decade; *Amtrak: The First 40 Years*, a documentary DVD that provides an exclusive look inside America's Railroad® with hard-to-find photographs and video footage as well as interviews with past and present leaders.

For more information on Amtrak's 40th anniversary, visit the official website at [Amtrak40th.com](#). The site provides details of the anniversary celebration and tells the Amtrak story by allowing users to explore 40 years of historic photographs and other materials in an

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extensive and dynamic archive. The site also hosts a blog, provides a link to Amtrak's [online store](#), and allows individuals to sign up to receive an email alert when the Exhibit Train is coming near their town.

About Amtrak®:

Celebrating 40 years of dedicated service as America's Railroad®, Amtrak is the nation's intercity passenger rail provider and its only high-speed rail operator. A record 30.2 million passengers traveled on Amtrak in FY 2011 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. Enjoy the journeysm at Amtrak.com or call 800-USA-RAIL for schedules, fares and more information. Join us on facebook.com/Amtrak and follow us at twitter.com/Amtrak.

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