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COMMUNITIES ACROSS AMERICA TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL TRAIN DAY MAY 11, 2013 Sixth annual event highlights why trains matter

WASHINGTON – On Saturday, May 11, 2013, Amtrak will join communities across America to celebrate the importance of trains to their town at the sixth annual [National Train Day](#). More than 200 communities are expected to host events at local train stations, railroad museums and other locations commemorating this year's theme "trains matter."

"National Train Day invites communities big and small to share the importance of trains as a vital transportation option and engine of economic development and employment," said Amtrak Chief Marketing & Sales Officer Matt Hardison.

In addition to events in Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Chicago and Los Angeles, Amtrak is expanding its efforts to support events in many local markets across the country served by America's Railroad®. Event offerings will vary to include train equipment displays, family-friendly activities and local dignitaries.

Details on National Train Day events and information on how to host a National Train Day event is available at [NationalTrainDay.com](#). Additional events and information will be added to the website frequently. In addition, rail passengers and enthusiasts are invited to share why trains matter to them via [Facebook](#) or [@natltrainday](#).

About Amtrak®

Amtrak is America's Railroad®, the nation's intercity passenger rail service and its high-speed rail operator. A record 31.2 million passengers traveled on Amtrak in FY 2012 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 intercity trains in partnership with 15 states and contracts with 13 commuter rail agencies to provide a variety of services. Enjoy the journey® 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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