

News Release



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Classic Car Show “Rods at Railtown” Returns!

On Saturday, July 14, 2007, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park will once again host the popular “Rods at Railtown” car show, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free! This year, come celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1957 Chevrolet. An assortment of makes and models, all of pre-1972 vintage, ranging from little deuce coupes to hot rod roadsters, will be on display. Railtown 1897’s regular Roundhouse Tours and Steam Train Rides will be ongoing. Enjoy an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social from 12 noon to 4 p.m. this day as well.

Don’t miss this opportunity to ride one of Railtown’s regular steam powered excursion trains! Trains depart on-the-hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Train tickets are \$8 adults, \$3 youths ages 6-17, ages 5 and under are free. Sit back and relax as your train journeys along a leisurely six-mile, 40-minute roundtrip ride through the scenic foothills of the Sierra Nevada, featuring the sights, smells, and sounds of a real, working steam locomotive.

For guests desiring an in-depth visit, Guided Tours of the 100-year-old Historic Jamestown Shops and Roundhouse will begin ten minutes past each hour, from 10:10 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. In addition to the historic locomotives and railroad cars on display, tours visit the belt-driven Machine Shop, the Blacksmith Shop, the Roundhouse Turntable, and the Movie Prop area.

For persons interested in car show entries, these are limited. “Rods at Railtown” is a non-judged “show and shine” event, with pre-1972 vehicles welcome to participate-including vintage hotrods and especially the tri5s. Pre-registration is recommended; entry fee is \$15. The event is organized privately, through an agreement with Railtown 1897 State Historic Park. For car show entry information, please call (559) 355-1868; to pre-register, fax your info to (209) 984-4936.

Railtown 1897’s regular steam-powered excursion trains operate every weekend, April through October (selected weekends only in November and December). Trains depart hourly 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. from the Railtown Depot, located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown. The Railtown Depot Store, Interpretive Center, and grounds are open daily (April-October, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Roundhouse tours are available for a nominal fee.

Known today as “The Movie Railroad,” Railtown 1897 has been featured in over 200 movies and TV productions. Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers special events and trains throughout the year. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org. For information about area lodgings and attractions, contact the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau at (800) 446-1333.

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