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Amtrak is celebrating National Train Day on May 10 with a celebration at Union Station.

Amtrak to Host Free Events, Concert to Celebrate First 'National Train Day'

• Online: Schedule of Events

(May 8, 2008) Amtrak has reason to celebrate. Thanks in large part to gas prices Amtrak's ridership for 2008 is already up 12 percent. To celebrate, Amtrak has declared May 10 as the first National Train Day and is throwing a party at L.A.'s Union Station to commemorate it. Metro has partnered with Amtrak to promote the event.

The highlight of the day will be a free concert by Drake Bell, but train activities will happen all day. The train-curious can take train tours on Amtrak equipment, check out train driving simulators and train model displays, take in a train photography exhibit, and peruse the many Amtrak and vendor display booths.

When: Saturday, May 10, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: At the Old Ticket Concourse, Main Station, and Arcade of Union Station, 800 N. Alameda St., Los Angeles.

Cost: Free!

Why May 10? The date is the anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad in Utah on May 10, 1869. Amtrak is reportedly spending \$2.2 million on the celebration – with major events also happening in New York City, Washington D.C., and Chicago, and other, smaller events taking place all over the U.S.

--From the Los Angeles Times

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