



Metrolink News and Events

## Lights, Camera, Action

As the sun just peaked over the mountains on a brisk spring morning, Metrolink riders in Montclair had a surprise visitor waiting with them for the train in to Los Angeles.

Huell Howser, star of *California's Gold* and *Visiting ... with Huell Howser*, was in Montclair to film a new Metrolink video that will be coming soon to your living room thanks to the magic of Video on Demand. The 12-minute video will debut August 13 to over one million Time Warner Cable subscribers in Southern California.

Mr. Howser and his camera crew caught many on San Bernardino Line train 313 by surprise. In that famously outgoing "let's make friends" style, riders were asked to describe the Metrolink experience and tell Howser why they chose to get out of their cars and ride the rails. As you might expect, Metrolink riders were pretty emphatic with their ideas about not sitting in traffic.

The cameras followed the train to Union Station, where they met



up with a group of children on a field trip to Olvera Street, some Sheriff's deputies and their K-9 companions keeping Union Station safe, and a few other surprises.

So save the date—August 13. You just may be one of the stars in the making. Is that you giving an on-camera interview with Huell Howser, or maybe it's another Metrolink rider that you recognize? You'll just have to watch and see!

Time Warner Cable subscribers can access the Metrolink Video on Demand segments any time, 24/7, by going to Channel 1. Select "Marketplace," then "Expo TV—Access So Cal." Metrolink would like to thank our riders on the San Bernardino, Orange County, and Inland Empire—Orange County lines for their enthusiastic participation in this production.

## Some Times, They Are A-Changin'

**Metrolink passengers take note: changes will be made to the schedules of many Metrolink trains beginning Tuesday, September 4. This will include trains on the Orange County, Inland Empire—Orange County, 91, Ventura County, and Antelope Valley lines. Weekday schedules on the Riverside and San Bernardino lines will not be affected by this schedule change.**

Weekend schedules will also change to provide expanded service. The Antelope Valley Line will increase service to six round trips on Saturdays, and start new Sunday service with three round trips from Lancaster to Los Angeles on September 9. San Bernardino Line weekend service adds an additional Sunday-morning round trip to the existing train service. Orange County Line weekend service also adds an additional round trip on both Saturday and Sunday.

We urge all of our passengers to view the new schedules at [www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com), or call (800) 371-LINK (5465) to find out

whether your train's schedule has been changed.

Train schedules are changed for a number of reasons, from the addition of stations or service to a change in track conditions.

In Metrolink's case, since our rails are shared with other railroads, our schedules are also influenced heavily by changes in Amtrak, Union Pacific, and Burlington Northern Santa Fe schedules. The reverse is often true, resulting in a kind of schedule ballet that our Operating Department staff must dance for months before a workable timetable emerges.

We at Metrolink hope that this schedule change will be easy and painless for our riders.





## Christmas in June? Real Bearded Santas...on the Rails

Weekend Orange County Line passengers may have noticed an unusual preponderance of white-bearded men on the train one Sunday in June. The men were members of the Orange County chapter of the Amalgamated Order of Real Bearded Santas (AORBS), an international organization that brings together white-bearded gentlemen who proudly carry on the history and traditions of Santa Claus. The group rode Metrolink home from a lunch in San Juan Capistrano, member Reese Williams aka Kris Kringle III told Metrolink Matters. They thought a train ride would add something special to their get-together, and they weren't disappointed. "It was a very comfortable, very memorable trip," Reese said. "It was a great ride up and back."

Metrolink is especially proud to have been represented at this gathering by Art Brown, who is a board member of both Metrolink and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

For more information about Real Bearded Santas, visit [www.aorbsantas.com](http://www.aorbsantas.com).

## Last-chance shows

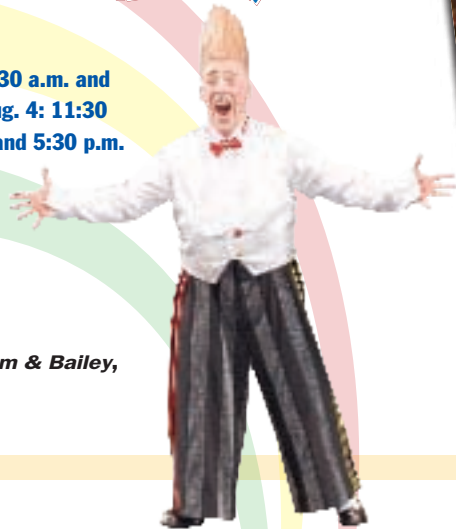
Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® presents Bellobration™ is in town until August 5! Don't miss out on the opportunity to see this live action extravaganza filled with amazing animals and high-flying acts before it leaves Southern California for the 2007 season.

Last-Chance Show dates for the Honda Center are:  
Wed., Aug. 1: 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Thu., Aug. 2: 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Fri., Aug. 3: 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Aug. 4: 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Aug. 5: 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Remember, Metrolink riders can SAVE \$5 on tickets to select performances by showing their ticket at the box office or by using the promo code "TRAIN" at the nearest Ticketmaster outlet or at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

For more information on this special offer, go to [www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com)

For more information on Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey, visit [www.Ringling.com](http://www.Ringling.com)



## Fair Fever in Ventura!

"An Old Fashioned Fair"—it's not just what you'd expect to find at the Ventura County Fair, it's this year's theme. Celebrating the heritage of fairs gone by, Ventura wants you to make 2007 the year you rediscover everything you loved about this beloved event. Food, entertainment, shopping—you'll find it all here at the fair!

Metrolink trains will be running special charters from Chatsworth to Seaside Park, home of the Ventura County Fair. Trains run Saturdays and Sundays both weeks of the fair, which is open from Wednesday, August 1 through Sunday, August 12.

Metrolink Ventura County Fair train service is a special charter offered by the Ventura County Transportation Commission in cooperation with Seaside Park. A special ticket will be required to ride the trains, and can be purchased in advance Monday through Friday at the Whistle Stop Depot Café in the Chatsworth Metrolink station; Simi Valley, Moorpark, and Camarillo City Halls; or by calling (800) 438-1112. Tickets may also be purchased on the day of travel at the train stations on a first-come, first-served basis.



The Ventura County Fair Metrolink Train Ticket Prices

	One Way	Round Trip
Chatsworth	\$5.00	\$10.00
Simi Valley	\$4.00	\$8.00
Moorpark	\$4.00	\$8.00
Camarillo	\$3.00	\$6.00
Oxnard	\$3.00	\$6.00

The Ventura County Fair Metrolink Train Schedule

TO THE FAIR	Train #	189	191	197
	Chatsworth (Departs)	9:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
	Simi Valley	9:15 a.m.	11:47 a.m.	1:45 p.m.
	Moorpark	9:29 a.m.	12:03 p.m.	1:59 p.m.
	Camarillo	9:41 a.m.	12:20 p.m.	2:13 p.m.
	Oxnard	9:53 a.m.	12:35 p.m.	2:31 p.m.
	Ventura (Ventura County Fair at Seaside Park)	10:20 a.m.	12:55 p.m.	3:00 p.m.

FROM THE FAIR	Train #	194	196	198
	Ventura (Departs) (Ventura County Fair at Seaside Park)	3:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	10:10 p.m.
	Oxnard	3:45 p.m.	6:45 p.m.	10:25 p.m.
	Camarillo	3:56 p.m.	7:01 p.m.	10:40 p.m.
	Moorpark	4:07 p.m.	7:13 p.m.	10:52 p.m.
	Simi Valley	4:22 p.m.	7:29 p.m.	11:10 p.m.
	Chatsworth	4:40 p.m.	7:55 p.m.	11:30 p.m.

Metrolink monthly passes from any line will also be accepted. Children ages 5 or younger ride free.

Please check the daily schedule at [www.venturacountyfair.org](http://www.venturacountyfair.org) for fair information. For additional Metrolink information, visit [www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com) or call (800) 371-LINK.

Safety Matters

You can find “guerilla” videos on Internet video sites portraying young people performing various “extreme” stunts and vandalism, some involving railroad tracks and trains. You may have seen a recent video of a tagger vandalizing a Metrolink coach car. The person shown defacing the coach was caught and prosecuted using the video his girlfriend posted on the Internet as evidence.

Another recent online video shows a teen lying in the middle of the tracks while a Metrolink train appears to roll over him without injury. What appears to be a very dangerous and risky stunt was actually a very carefully edited video. Two teens trespassed onto Metrolink right-of-way and separately recorded a) the train, and b) one boy lying in the track bed. The two videos were edited together to make it appear that the teen had “defied death.” Not only was playing around the tracks dangerous, the implicit dare was extremely irresponsible, urging others to repeat the act with disastrous consequences. There is very little space between the coach car and the track bed. Various tubes, hoses, and power cords hang between the cars and could cause serious injury or death. The two teens—and their parents—were contacted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. Facing prosecution for trespassing based on the evidence they posted, they agreed to remove the comments indicating the video was “real” and will work with the Metrolink Safety Department to post a retraction to prevent anyone from attempting to duplicate their dangerous stunt.



Photo courtesy of Amanda Peacock



## Train to NASCAR!

Racing fans, start your engines and get aboard Metrolink for NASCAR at the California Speedway! Special chartered Metrolink trains will speed you to all the action in Fontana on September 2. Trains arrive early for all the Midway excitement, and depart one hour after the end of the race.

Metrolink charter trains to the California Speedway are a special service provided and paid for by the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG). Regular Metrolink San Bernardino Line trains will not make stops at the California Speedway on September 2. Charter-train tickets must be purchased in advance and cannot be purchased out of Metrolink Ticket Vending Machines.

To purchase charter-train or race tickets, get schedules, or find more information, go to [www.californiaspeedway.com](http://www.californiaspeedway.com), select "fan info", then "Metrolink", or call (800) 944-RACE (7223). Tickets may also be purchased in



advance at the California Speedway, located at 9300 Cherry Avenue in Fontana. Space is very limited, so get your tickets today.

If you are looking to get to the California Speedway on Friday, August 31, or Saturday, September 1, selected Metrolink regular-service San Bernardino Line trains will make stops at the California Speedway on those days. You must buy a regular Metrolink round-trip ticket from a Ticket Vending Machine prior to boarding Friday or Saturday trains to the Speedway. Just select "Round-Trip Ticket" and choose "Fontana station" as your destination. Please remember that the

California Speedway and the Fontana station are separate destinations, so pay close attention to your conductor's announcements when riding to avoid missing your stop. You will find Metrolink California Speedway Friday and Saturday schedules at [www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com) or by calling (800) 371-LINK (5465). See you at the race!

## Go, Diego, Go!

If you have anyone under the age of six living in your household, chances are, Dora the Explorer and her cousin, Diego, are already familiar names.

You'll be happy to know that from August 8 to 12 Diego and his best friend Baby Jaguar will be taking the stage at Kodak Theatre in Hollywood. Based on the popular

hit television show on Nick Jr., *Go, Diego,*

*Go Live! The Great Jaguar Rescue* will be a 90-minute performance featuring Dora, Alicia, and, of course, Diego and Baby Jaguar, in live musical fashion. The interactive show is sure to be a hit with the little ones!

Come join Diego on his adventure beginning at the Animal Carnivale and enjoy the puppetry, costumed characters, and music, including songs from the hit show. Learn some new Spanish words with your kids as you become part of Diego's adventure in his quest to regain Baby Jaguar's growl.

Show Dates:

- Wed., Aug. 8—10:30 a.m.
- Thurs., Aug. 9—2:00 p.m.
- Fri., Aug. 10—7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Aug. 11—10:30 a.m.; 2:00 p.m.; 5:30 p.m.
- Sun., Aug 12—10:30 a.m.; 2:00 p.m.; 5:30 p.m.

The Kodak Theatre is easily accessible by Metrolink. Simply ride Metrolink from your home station to Los Angeles Union Station. Take advantage of your ticket's free connecting transit and hop on the Metro Red Line subway (to North Hollywood) just down the stairs in Union Station, and exit at the Hollywood/Highland stop.

Tickets start at just \$16.50 and can be purchased at the Kodak Theatre box office or through Ticketmaster. For more information, go to [www.kodaktheatre.com](http://www.kodaktheatre.com) or call (213) 480-3232 (Ticketmaster) or (323) 308-6300 for the Kodak Theatre.

## Los Angeles County Fair

The world-famous Los Angeles County Fair is right around the corner, September 7 through September 30. Pomona comes alive with the rides and food of the Midway, exciting bands and shows, free exhibits and demonstrations, and the home-and-gardens pavilion. Find out why the Los Angeles County Fair is world famous. Four lucky Metrolink passengers will have a chance to win a four-pack of tickets to the fair!

For a chance to win a package of L.A. County Fair tickets for four, simply fill out the entry form below and mail it by August 29, 2007, to *Metrolink Matters*, Los Angeles County Fair, 700 S. Flower Street, Suite 2600, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

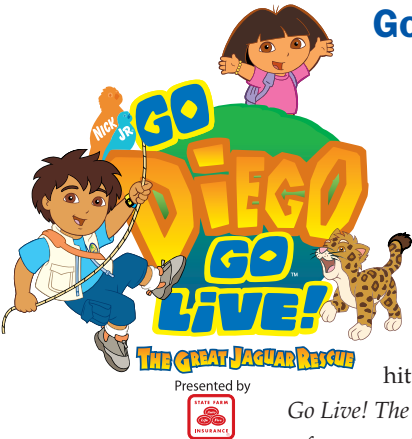
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One entry per person. All winners will be contacted by phone.



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