Media Advisory



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AMTRAK 40th ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT TRAIN IN OKLAHOMA CITY THIS WEEKEND Model trains, Chuggington Depot, ticket drawings and more on Saturday & Sunday

CHICAGO – The Amtrak <u>Exhibit Train</u>, a unique traveling display showcasing memorabilia from the 40-years of Amtrak railroad history is <u>touring</u> the country and is stopping this weekend at the Amtrak (Santa Fe) station in Oklahoma City.

News media is invited to a preview of the Exhibit Train this Friday afternoon between 1 and 3 p.m. CT.

The Exhibit Train event is free and open to the public 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. CT on Saturday, January 14, and Sunday, January 15. The train will be parked on the Paul Adams Memorial Platform at the station and it showcases Amtrak history over the decades, displaying memorabilia such as vintage advertising, past menus and dinnerware, and period uniforms. Inside the station will be a train-themed kids' activity area, Chuggington Depot, based on the popular television series on Disney Junior and designed for kids ages 2-7 and their families. In addition, commemorative 40th anniversary merchandise will be available for purchase onboard the train.

Additional information about the Exhibit Train and Amtrak's 40th Anniversary can be found on the official website at <u>Amtrak40th.com</u>.

Besides the Exhibit Train and drawings for free Amtrak tickets, the event also features model trains from the Oklahoma N-Rail Club, exhibits from the Oklahoma City-based Oklahoma Railroad Museum, the Enid-based Railroad Museum of Oklahoma, the National Park Service's Trails and Rails interpretative program, the Heartland Flyer Coalition, the National Association of Railroad Passengers and Operation Lifesaver, an industry-sponsored rail safety group.

WHAT: Amtrak 40th Anniversary Exhibit Train in Oklahoma City WHEN: Media preview/availability: Friday, January 13, 1 - 3 p.m. CT Free public display: Saturday & Sunday, January 14 & 15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. CT WHERE: Amtrak (Santa Fe) Station, 100 South E.K. Gaylord Boulevard, 73102 ###