



**Friends of the
Tanana Valley Railroad
Spring 2008 Newsletter**

**Summer Run Days
As set by FTVRR Board**

Museum Day	May 24
Memorial Day	May 26
Speeder Day	June 15
Independence Day	July 4th
Saturday	July 28
Labor Day	September 1
Halloween Run	October 25

The Museum Day is also special day for two other events Imagination Library and the March of Dimes in the Park.

Plus: Training Day for the crew May 17, if it ever stops snowing. There is the possibility of a run on Sunday 15 June for a visiting group of 16 rail motor cars (speeders) who will be traveling the length of the Alaska Railroad. Additional possibilities if an operating crew is available are some time for Golden Days, the Saturday before Labor Day. We have also been contacted to run engine #1 also for a special SARM, Alaska Rail Tour on 15 September, see other story in this news letter.

☞ Engine #1 to Steam Again ☞

The State Boiler Inspector has again had a good look inside the guts of our new boiler. Our 109 year old grand dame is cleared to steam for another summer.

FTVRR museum to Open
24th May for Summer

The Tanana Valley Museum will open at Noon on the 24th of May for the summer. Pioneer Park hours for this summer are shorter previous. Thus our Museum's summer hours will be every day from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Noon to 8 PM. Our own Blair Reynolds has been hired by TDL to staff the museum 24 hours per week. That leaves only 32 hours per week for you our volunteers to staff it. Please consider volunteering to staff the museum for a single shift or a series of shifts through the summer. Contact Daniel Osborne osborne@acsalaska.net (479-4535) or Cherie Stihler, (474-2138) stihlerunits@mosquitobytes.com to volunteer at the Museum.

☞ Final Panel Hung ☞

The final display panel should be hung by the time you get this newsletter. The last major display panel explains the operations of a steam engine and has a short history of the H.K. Porter Company, the maker of Engine#1. Other improvements to the Museum are in the works also. Come by and see.

IMAGINATION LIBRARY

The Friends of the Tanana Valley Railroad, in cooperation with the Fairbanks North Star Educational Foundation, will provide an opportunity for children and their parents to register for Dolly Pardon's *Imagination Library* on Saturday, May 24th during Engine #1's first passenger run day for 2008.

The *Imagination Library*, based in Tennessee, provides, for free, a quality, age-specific, hard cover book for every registered child in

the Fairbanks North Star Borough from birth up until their 5th birthday.

On May 24th, the first 200 children to register will receive their first book titled The Little Engine That Could, which highlights a small steam locomotive similar to our Engine #1.

For more information about the Imagination Library go to the web site:

www.imaginationlibrary.com.

**Come to the 2008 start up of the
Tanana Valley Railroad Saturday May 24, 10:00 AM**
Sign up to help staff the museum or help operate the train.

☞ **Have you paid your dues for 2008 ?** ☞

If you are not a Life Member your Dues are due.

Please pay them in person at the museum or mail \$20 for an Individual Membership or \$50 for a Family Membership to the Friends' P. O. Box.

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