



**Friends of the
Tanana Valley Railroad
Winter 2009 Newsletter**

***Your Alaska PFD*
Pick, Click, and Give
Preserve and Operate
Engine #1**

The Friends of the Tanana Valley Railroad is a participant in the Alaska Permanent Fund "Pick, Click, & Give" program. Please when filling out your Internet version of the Alaska Permanent Fund dividend application on the web, go to the Pick, Click, & Give section and consider giving a portion of your PFD to the Friends of the Tanana Valley Railroad.

Engine #1 Problems in Steaming

Engine #1 has a fire box problem that if it is not fixed will prevent our 110 year old grand dame from raising steam this year. There are plans to repair the brackets that hold the coal grates in the firebox before both April and the annual boiler inspection. We also plan to install a safety, a fusible plug in the fire box at the same time other repairs are made.

2009 Summer Run Days

As set by FTVRR Board

Museum Day*	May 23
Memorial Day	May 25
Independence Day	July 4th
FMH Picnic	July 18
Labor Day	Sept 7
FTVRR Members Day*	Sept 26
Spooky Train	October 24
Santa Train	Nov 28

* The Museum Day is not yet approved by the board.

Plus: A Training Day for the crew and prospective new members will be held in mid-May. Additional possibilities if an operating crew is available are Golden Days, Military Appreciation Day, and maybe the Governor's Picnic.

A Great Success Story

Thanks to the all volunteers, members, and non-members who helped for both the 2008 Spooky Train & 2008 Santa Train, both were a fantastic success. I did not get a good count of the volunteers who helped for the Spooky Train but we had 28 volunteers for the Santa Train including Dan (the Santa) Gullickson. Santa delivered the Christmas spirit in large quantities. Others gave great reusable decorations for both Spooky and Santa Trains. Thanks also goes to Pioneer Park and its hard working staff, and the Fairbanks merchants who donated refreshments. Over the Holidays this editor, has been stopped and thanked by many very thankful Fairbanksians. FTVRR you did a great job!

Please note: it was 17 years ago that FTVRR was started, and despite wishful thinking we have all gotten 17 years older. So a recent retiree of 55 years in 1992 is now only 72 years old. Please help recruit new and younger members. If each one of you receiving this newsletter recruits only one new member in the next year we can guarantee the operation and fun of Engine #1 for additional 20 years. Shortly we will also begin asking for summer help. Please consider helping to staff the museum or help operate the train this summer.

☞ **Have you paid your dues for 2009?** ☞

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

Please pay them in person at the museum or mail \$25 for an Individual Membership or \$50 for a Family Membership to the Friends' P. O. Box.

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