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Thomas the Tank Engine Returns in November!

Thomas the Tank Engine is chugging into the Orange Empire Railway Museum for the 2013 Go Go Day Out With Thomas tour on Nov. 9, 10, 11 and 16 and 17.

"Day Out with Thomas" offers aspiring engineers and their families the opportunity to take a 25-minute ride with the classic story book engine and meet Sir Topham Hatt, the Superintendent of the Railroad on the Island of Sodor.

"Day Out with Thomas" is a great family event and introduces a new generation to the timeless excitement of railroading," said Tom Jacobson of Redlands, an attorney and board chairman of the Orange Empire Railway Museum. He has been lead organizer of Day Out With Thomas, the museum's biggest annual fundraising event since it began 12 years ago.

The event includes Thomas and Friends storytelling, a meet and greet with Sir Topham Hatt, the Superintendent of the Railroad, A Thomas and Friends Imagination Station, a petting zoo, entertainment by Jules Music 4 Kids and caboose train and trolley rides.

Get tickets early to reserve ideal train boarding times. Families should arrive no later than one hour prior to scheduled departure. Tickets start at \$19 for ages two and older.

For more information and to purchase tickets, call the Orange Empire Railway Museum office at 951-943-3020 or visit www.oerm.org.

The Orange Empire Railway Museum is an all-volunteer organization that has been preserving Southern California's railway history since 1956. The museum's mission is to educate the public on the technology, history, and impact of the rail transportation industry in the West. Over 200 rail cars and locomotives, ranging from Los Angeles street cars to modern diesel locomotives, are preserved at the museum's 100-acre site in Perris, California, which is open 363 days of the year.



omas the Tank Engine charms the crowds.



A conductor clips a child's ticket at "Day Out with Thomas".