

FACT SHEET

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Texas State Railroad

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¥¥ The Texas State Railroad was established in 1881 and considered a true "Texas Treasure!"

¥¥ The Texas State Railroad was designated as the "Official Railroad of Texas" by the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas in 2003.

¥¥ The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department operated the park and train operations from

1976- September 1, 2007. The Texas State Railroad Operating Agency selected

American Heritage Railways as the new operator of the railroad in February 2007 and the

Texas Legislature approved this with a signed bill from Governor Perry in the spring of 2007.

¥¥ American Heritage Railways are the owners of the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge

Railroad in Durango, Colorado and the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad in Bryson City,

North Carolina. American Heritage Railways also owns Rail Event Incorporated, which

coordinates licensed special rail-related events around the country including The Polar

Express(tm) Train Ride, The Great Pumpkin Patch Express(tm), and the Little Engine That Could Rail Tour(tm).

¥¥ American Heritage Railways is committed to: Excellent Customer Service, Community Partnering, Historic Preservation, Excellent Track & Equipment Maintenance, they have expertise in Tourist Rail Marketing & Merchandising and a Record of Safe Operations.

¥¥ The Philosophy of American Heritage Railways: "We are guardians of history. The best way to preserve history is to make its presentation so interesting and exciting that people will pay a fair price for the experience." ~Allen C. Harper, President.

¥¥ American Heritage Railways begins management of the Texas State Railroad Sept. 1, 2007 and the first scheduled event is Day Out With Thomas(tm) October 19-21 & 26-28, 2007. The Texas State Railroad will operate year-round scenic railroad excursions from both Rusk and Palestine Texas through the piney woods and hardwood creek bottoms of East Texas.

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