



**GALVESTON  
RAILROAD MUSEUM**

Greetings from the Galveston Railroad Museum

The Galveston Railroad Museum is thankful for the tremendous support and attendance for the largest event we present each year. The POLAR Express Train Ride, our family Christmas spectacular, reached new heights in 2025 making it the best attended event yet. Thanks to the collaborations with RailEvents, Inc., Warner Bros. Co., and strategic community partners, ETC Theater and Landry's Inc, the museum entertained visitors from around the world, put heads in beds, bolstered the local economy by employing contract labor for staff support, design, sound, décor, actors, electricians, train engineers and caterers. More than 32,000 passengers traveled to the North Pole and back for a memorable holiday experience. Don't miss it next year. Tickets go on sale July 2026.

Without skipping a beat, the museum staff took a short break from Polar and quickly resumed the day to day activities that include exhibits, Harborside Express Train Rides, educational programs, and preparing for the year ahead. What a year we have planned! The Young Ingenuity Program invites all students interested in mechanics, electrical projects and technology, to meet for orientation and registration in the mentor driven program, Saturday, February 28, 11 am – 12:30 pm. Participants will be assigned a project that will later be on exhibit at the museum. All information is on the website. Mentors and volunteers are encouraged to contact the museum as we have numerous opportunities where we can use the talent.

Educational outreach includes the museum's continued internship program with the University of Houston and TAMUG, collaborations with the Houston Museum of History & Natural Science and GISD Powerful Learning Initiative for grades Pre-K - High School. In addition, the museum's education department provides docents, sensory tours, and curriculum for autistic individuals, Home School students, Developmentally Challenged, and Senior groups.

The support of membership is valuable to the museum's sustainability. Enhanced benefits in 2026

Include previews of new exhibits, access to the permanent collection, programs, presentations, receptions, special event and museum store discounts. Members are offered the opportunity to purchase The POLAR Express Train Ride tickets in advance and enjoy reserved seating at all events.

The Arthur J. Carmody, Jr. Library, open by reservation to members, scholars, and students, gives access to rare books and a wealth of resources for research. Registered and linked with the Library of Congress, researchers may now access the museum's collection online or contact the Director of Education for assistance.

Upcoming events include RailFest: Model Train Rally, April 25 – 26; Juneteenth commemoration, June 1 – 30 Harvey House Dinner & Train Ride, June 13; and Rail Baron's Ball, *Soul Train*, October 3.

Home to the unique RailHotel, by reservation only guests can experience sleeping on a train. Two pristinely restored sleeping cars, Bonnie Brook or Silver Foot, available for a night at the museum. The unique accommodations include 24-hour concierge service, security,

complimentary parking, and optional personal chef. Virtual tours of the accommodation are available on our website [www.galvestonrrmuseum.org](http://www.galvestonrrmuseum.org).

Think of us as a memorable venue for your special event! Capable of hosting 10 – 350 guests with a choice of remarkable spaces, complimentary event planning is available upon request. The museum hosts conferences, reunions, weddings, kids birthday parties, MahJongg, or any other gathering with ease. Call if we can be of assistance. (409) 765-5700

The Center for Transportation & Commerce, The Galveston Railroad Museum, continues to grow. We cordially invite you to come by and take a look and experience your hometown museum. Become a member and enjoy free admission year-round. We look forward to your visit. There has never been a better time to reacquaint yourself with one of the island's treasures. [www.GalvestonRRmuseum.org](http://www.GalvestonRRmuseum.org) Open daily 10 am – 5 pm.  
2602 Santa Fe Place. Complimentary parking with admission.

Cheers -

David Robertson, Executive Director