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**Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) Announces Additional Bike Aboard Train!**

The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad is excited to announce the addition of a Bike Aboard! train from the Akron Northside Station on Saturdays, beginning June 18<sup>th</sup>. The train will be for Bike Aboard! or Hike Aboard passengers only and will depart at 11:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. from Akron Northside station. Through the support of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, CVSR is able to provide this exciting opportunity for cycling enthusiasts to take the train to a location within Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and ride along the Ohio & Erie Canalway Towpath Trail back to their original destination.

Due to the popularity of Bike Aboard! CVSR wanted to offer additional opportunities for cyclists to travel throughout CVNP.

“Our popular Bike Aboard! program handles over 22,000 participants annually and is most challenged for capacity on Saturdays. We greatly appreciate the support of Knight Foundation who has helped us develop additional coach capacity for our Bike Aboard! program. The additional capacity allows us to initiate a scheduled Akron start Bike Aboard! only train on Saturdays to help us balance the flow of participants throughout the day utilizing two separate trains.” said Craig Tallman, President and CEO of CVSR.

The CVSR Bike Aboard! is a part of the effort to make Akron a more bike-friendly city and attract new visitors. “The decision to add another Bike Aboard car underscores the popularity of this incredibly engaging means of exploring the Cuyahoga Valley National Park,” states Jim Mahon, Vice President of Marketing & Brand Management, Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau. “The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad is one of the most exciting and iconic attractions that we promote. Whether we’re talking to convention groups, tour companies or individual travelers, CVSR piques everyone’s interest and rightly so,” Mahon adds.

“This is a welcome addition to an already successful program that is helping attract new attention and energy to Akron, and providing incentives to talented people who are making the city their home,” said Kyle Kutuchef, Knight Foundation program director for Akron.

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**About Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a private sector, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR has been providing excursion rail service for 42 years. For more information about the railroad, visit [CVSR.com](http://CVSR.com).

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