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## **Austin Steam Train Association celebrates fiftieth birthday of ALCO Diesel Engine 442**

*Cedar Park, Texas – May 18, 2010* – The locomotive which had faithfully led all of the Austin Steam Train's weekend excursions since 2000 will turn fifty years old on June 26, 2010.

On June 26, 2010 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm the Austin Steam Train Association will celebrate the fiftieth birthday of its engine with an exciting party at the Cedar Park train depot. A fun-filled day of activities for both kids and adults will commence with the arrival of the Bertram Flyer from the Texas Hill Country. Take a photo with the Conductor, enjoy Hot Dogs and Cotton Candy, and enjoy loads of entertainment! The Cedar Park train depot is located at 401 E Whitestone Boulevard, Building B, Cedar Park, Texas 78613.

With seldom exceptions, Engine 442 has been the sole provider of power for all train excursions with the Austin Steam Train Association for almost ten years. Over 150,000 passengers have been carried gallantly into the scenic Texas Hill Country and many more will ride as the future looks stunningly bright for the last known operating example of this historic locomotive.

The mission of the Austin Steam Train Association is to preserve, interpret and re-create the first-hand experience of historic steam railroading for the enjoyment and edification of today's families and the generations to come. The Austin Steam Train Association is a nonprofit volunteer organization.