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## **New Audio Tour Offered Aboard Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad *Voices of the Valley* Debuts June 3**

**Peninsula, Ohio** – Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) and Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) are announcing the premier of *Voices in the Valley*, a new audio tour for riders to enjoy starting **Wednesday, June 3, 2009**.

Passengers aboard CVSR will be immersed in the stories and sounds of the Cuyahoga Valley when history is brought to life through tales about the earliest settlement of the valley, the coming of the Ohio & Erie Canal and the Valley Railway, the creation of Cuyahoga Valley National Park and more.

Easy-to-use-headphones and a receiver are provided by CVSR and will be available for all daily excursion trips between Rockside and Akron Northside stations. Activated by state-of-the-art GPS technology, different stories are presented as the train travels north and south. A captioned version of the tour is available for passengers with hearing impairments. This audio tour was made possible through a grant from the National Park Service's Alternative Transportation program.

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The tour was produced by Antenna Audio, Inc., the world leader in audio and multimedia tours. BarZ Adventures, Inc. provided the GPS-enabled delivery system. Founded in 2005, BarZ is an Austin, Texas based company combining experts in the fields of computer delivery systems and interpretive content development. BarZ Adventures has designed the patented GPS Ranger® and Zoo Ranger® systems, and new Ranger Quest™ GPS gaming experience, with large venues and their visitors in mind – its sole mission is to enhance the visitor experience at high visitation locations using modern technology. BarZ Adventures worked with Ontario-based AudioConexus on the delivery system.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad starts summer service, offering excursions Wednesday through Sundays departing from Rockside Station in Independence, Peninsula Depot and Akron Northside Station, on June 3, 2009. Passengers can climb aboard with an all day boarding pass for just \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Excursion choices include a round trip through the 33,000-acre Cuyahoga Valley National Park or explorer options where passengers can get off in the Village of Peninsula or Akron to visit a separate attraction before returning by rail to their originating station.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling (800) 468-4070 or in person, ½ hour prior to departure at the stations. Information on all CVSR trips can be found at [www.cvsr.com](http://www.cvsr.com).

CVSR is a private sector, not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR is entering its 36<sup>th</sup> year of excursion rail service.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information about the park, visit [www.nps.gov/cuva/](http://www.nps.gov/cuva/) or [www.dayinthevalley.com/](http://www.dayinthevalley.com/) or call (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

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