



DIAMOND DON EMPIRE

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2022 Calendar of Special Events

Last Revised April 17, 2022

Dates, Events and Pricing are subject to change at any time.

Events may be cancelled or rescheduled due to COVID, weather or maintenance

We are running our antique gas-powered locomotive for all 2022 train events

April 30, 2022

Historic Jefferson Railway

Pilgrimage Express – gas-powered locomotive

Includes stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit for alligator feeding (weather permitting)

Saturday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30 and 2:30

Special train narration commemorating The Jessie Allen Wise Garden Club's 75th Jefferson Pilgrimage. Enjoy the unique wildlife and wetlands of a ride along the Big Cypress Bayou to include stop at the alligator pit. **NOTE:** Historic Jefferson Railway **WILL NOT** be conducting The Great Locomotive Chase this weekend – that event has moved to May 27-29, 2022 as our re-enactors and owners have conflict on the calendar and won't be able to attend. Diamond Don RV Park is open to the public and re-enactors. Bring out the RV and spend the weekend. Train tickets available online. www.JeffersonRailway.com

May 7, 2022

Historic Jefferson Railway

Mother's Day Express – gas-powered locomotive

Includes stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit for alligator feeding (weather permitting)

Saturday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30 and 2:30

Mothers receive a 10% discount when accompanied by their children.

May 13, 2022

Friday the 13th Evening Train

Historic Jefferson Railway

400 E. Austin

Jefferson, TX 75657

Depot opens at 8:30 PM

Train departs at 9:30 PM

Historic Jefferson Railway presents Friday the 13th train ride through the dark and spooky woods. Train departs downtown at the train depot, 400 E. Austin. Tickets are \$15, plus tax; lap children free. It will be a Haunting good time. You'll be spooked by more than ghosts! Hope no one suffers from Triskaidekaphobia – the fear of the number 13.

May 14 & 15, 2022

Jefferson Train Show

Historic Jefferson Railway – gas-powered locomotive

Saturday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30 and 2:30

Sunday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 2:00

Jefferson's 13th Annual Train Show. Enjoy an antique train ride with historical narration of the area. Each train includes a stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit for alligator feeding. Four destinations: Jefferson Train Show, T&P Model Train Depot, Lonesome Dove Drive-Thru Safari and Train Ride, and Historic Jefferson Railway Train Ride. Jefferson Railway Train tickets available online. Other Tickets available at each venue during event weekend.

info@jeffersonrailway.com, www.JeffersonRailway.com

www.historicjeffersontrainshow.com, www.LonesomeDoveDriveThruSafari.com

May 27, 2022

Civil War Living History, complete with a gunboat and cannons

9:00 – 2:30 at Diamond Don RV Park

Open to the public, special pricing \$4 for Living History.

Historic Jefferson Railway

The Great Locomotive Chase/The Andrews Raid – gas powered locomotive

Train departs from Diamond Don RV Park

Open to the public, special pricing of \$6 per train ride when you purchase a Living History ticket.

ALL TRAINS SELL OUT – RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Friday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 10:30, 11:30, and 12:30

www.JeffersonCivilWarDays.com

May 28-29, 2022

Historic Jefferson Railway

Train departs from downtown Jefferson Depot

The Great Locomotive Chase – The Andrews Raid Re-enactment – gas powered locomotive

Complete with a gunboat and cannons

Saturday Narrated Historical Day Tours & Train Battle: 11:00, 12:30, 2:30

Sunday Narrated Historical Day Tour & Battle: 12:30

Come experience the re-enactment of The Andrews Raid, the Civil War's most gripping railroad story. The Train Battle of Port Jefferson joins the skirmish as a replica ironclad gunboat fires its cannons on the banks of the Big Cypress Bayou River. See the Living History Camps along the river and the North and South battle around the train and gunboat. Re-enactors welcome at the Diamond Don RV Park.

Saturday/Sunday train tickets available online. Modern RV sites for the public and re-enactors available at the RV Park.

www.JeffersonCivilWarDays.com

June 18, 2022

Historic Jefferson Railway

Father's Day Express– gas-powered locomotive

Includes stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit for alligator feeding (weather permitting)

Saturday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30 and 2:30

Fathers receive a 10% discount when accompanied by their children.

July 2-4, 2021

Historic Jefferson Railway

4th of July Weekend – gas powered locomotive

Includes stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit for alligator feeding (weather permitting)

Saturday, Sunday & Monday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30 and 2:30

The Historic Jefferson Railway will offer a special July 4th weekend as the history of Independence Day unfolds in the narrated day tours on Saturday, Sunday and Monday with trains departing at 12:30 and 2:30. Come see the **Support Our Troops** display that honors the United States Military. Active Military personnel ride free.

August 12, 2022

Diamond Don RV Park & Event Center
1602 State Highway 49 East; Jefferson, TX 75657
Tailgate Party Contest in the RV Park
\$35 per night RV site fee
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
\$100 First Place, plus surprise gift
Judged on ambiance, menu and taste

August 13, 2021

Diamond Don Concert Fest
Saturday 6:00 PM-10:00 PM, Landry & Company
Meet & Greet Supper, BYOB, 7:00 PM
Fireworks, Dark 30

Diamond Don RV Park & Event Center
1602 State Highway 49 East; Jefferson, TX 75657
Diamonddonempire.com/music-concerts
info@DiamondDon.com
Call or text 903-742-2041 for reservations

- **Concert only (no RV stay) \$10; Concert with meet & greet supper \$20. Includes fireworks show at Dark 30.**
- **\$35 per night, RV sites with water & electric (includes concert, supper and fireworks)**
- Come out and stay at Diamond Don RV Park for unique Diamond Don Concert and Supper. Landry & Company, a family band, will play their unique style with a blend of country, rock, blues with their original music. The Diamond Don Event Center offers a great sound system to enjoy in the pavilion or around the RV Park. Public welcome to concert and to stay in RV Park. For those staying in the RV Park, there will be a Tailgate Party Contest on Friday evening, 7:00-9:00. Pits will be judged on ambiance, menu and taste. \$100 cash to winner, plus a surprise gift.

September 3, 2021

Historic Jefferson Railway
Labor Day Celebration at Historic Jefferson Railway – gas-powered locomotive
Includes stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit for alligator feeding (weather permitting)

Saturday Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30 and 2:30
Celebrate Labor Day at the Historic Jefferson Railway as we end our summer season. Come see the **Support Our Troops** display that honors the United States Military. Active Military personnel ride free.

September 3-12, 2021

Diamond Don's 20th Annual AHRMA International Vintage Motocross
International AHRMA Vintage Motocross which includes golf outing on Wednesday at an area golf course; Dual Sport Adventure Ride on roads throughout NE Texas on Thursday; Cross Country and Trials on Friday; Vintage Motocross on Saturday with Post-Vintage on Sunday. 100cc and XR200cc Revenge races on Saturday and Sunday. The weekend will be full of motocross legends. Come out and see Brad Lackey, Steve Wise, Trampas Parker and his son, Ricky and brother Heith, Trey Jorski, Guy Cooper, JoJo and brother, Ron, Johansen and event legend world-famous Kevin Windham. Be sure to watch for the Diamond Don Racing Team, a full contingent of very fast racers. Vintage friendly motocross track at Diamond Don RV Park with great spectator viewing areas. More than 1000 people from all over the world turn out for this event. Open to the public – gate fees apply.
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September 17, 2022

4th Annual Jefferson Antique Tractor Show
Tractor Show: Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM; early registration on Friday.
The main streets in Jefferson will be closed to traffic to accommodate antique tractors, antique trucks, working and stationary antique engines. Swap meet vendors welcome. Event includes tractor parade, slow tractor race and lots of unique awards. Setup early on Friday 11:00-7:00. Free admission to the public and exhibitors.

September 30, October 1-2, 2022

37th Land O' Pines Norton Owners Association Rallye and Bike Show

The rallye draws more than 300 people displaying over 100 of the finest vintage motorcycles anywhere in the country. Join us at Diamond Don's RV Park & Event Center which is just one mile outside of Jefferson, Texas. Participate in Field Events, display your bike in show and ride in the Rolling Concours. Come enjoy a weekend full of great entertainment and fun. Open to the public – gate fees apply.

<http://www.ntnoa.org>

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2022

Historic Jefferson Railway

Halloween Express (gas powered antique locomotive)

Running day and evening trains every Saturday in October.

Narrated Day Trains will depart at 2:30 and 4:30

Narrated Evening Trains will depart at 7:00 and 8:00

Depot opens at 12:30 PM

For a rip-roaring good time, gobble up tickets to the Halloween Express, a family-friendly event for ages 2-92. Narrated Day and Evening Trains. The Halloween Express will have vignettes along the railroad track featuring "The Twisted Woods". You will ride through the woods aboard a gas-powered antique narrow-gauge train, listening to the story-teller in this 40-minute trip excursion. You may see a ghostly spirit or monster emerge from the swamplands of East Texas. While there may be a startle or two, this is not a scary train ride. \$12 plus tax, lap children free.

November 25-26, 2022

December 3, 10, 17, 24, 2022

Historic Jefferson Railway

Christmas Express (gas powered antique locomotive)

Narrated Day Trains will depart at 12:30 and 2:30

Narrated Evening Train will depart at 6:00

Depot opens at 11 am

Make this a Christmas to remember aboard the Christmas Express Train, narrated day tours. Passengers will enjoy vignettes along the beautiful Big Cypress Bayou River as they hear the story of Christmas. Evening train will include lighted vignettes. This is NOT the Rail of Lights Train - there will NOT be lights all along the track. The trains are a nice ride along the Bayou to enjoy the wetlands, river views, vignettes and story-telling.