**Ales on Rails -- European Tradition, Arizona-Style -- Aboard Verde Canyon Railroad**

 SEDONA, VERDE VALLEY, CLARKDALE, AZ **-** Verde Canyon Railroad raises a stein to the traditional German celebration with its annual “Ales on Rails” celebration. Autumn is a time to savor the season’s vibrant colors and bounteous harvest with this popular Sedona-area event taking place every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October. The party on the patio prior to boarding time features a choice line-up of local and regional craft beers including Arizona favorites from Phoenix Brewery, Sedona’s Oak Creek and Tempe’s Four Peaks, as well as a hearty selection of time-honored European ales.

 Did you know that tasting beer after it warms a bit (just a bit, mind you) brings out the true flavors? Its essence will pull through and become more pronounced where really cold beer tends to mask some of the flavors. With Ales, available by the glass or by the taste, and served in a Verde Canyon Railroad logo glass, everyone can decide the best tasting temperature for their own palate while enjoying traditional Oktoberfest favorites like sausages, strudels, pretzels and a secret-recipe potato salad. Polka tunes add to the lively atmosphere.

Golden glory unfolds outside the panoramic windows of the deluxe climate-controlled coaches while passengers continue to savor Ales as deep and rich in color as the fall foliage. Jaunts to the open-air viewing cars with beer and camera in hand are “a must” to savor the rich and natural hues surrounding this rail adventure.

On October 3rd, Verde Canyon Railroad’s hometown of Clarkdale joins in on the seasonal fun with their 2nd annual “Clarktoberfest” celebration. Passengers can stop by downtown Clarkdale (a stone’s throw from the depot) after the train ride for this entertaining, free event featuring live music and local vendors set in the middle of Main Street Open until 9 p.m., it’s the perfect finale to a day spent riding Verde Canyon Railroad.

Just down the hill from the historic mining ghost town of Jerome, Verde Canyon Railroad’s Clarkdale depot is located in the heart of the Verde Valley, a diverse crossroad highlighting amazing adventures in every direction. Only two hours from Phoenix and 25 minutes from Sedona, Verde Canyon Railroad is the quintessential Arizona day trip. Reservations are accepted at 800.293.7245 or online at verdecanyonrr.com.

*It’s not the destination; it’s the hops and barley journey*

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