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Catskill Mountain Railroad to receive 2023 Tourism Business of the Year Award by Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce



The Catskill Mountain Railroad was named the recipient of the 2023 Tourism Business of the Year. (Tania Barricklo/Daily Freeman)

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KINGSTON, N.Y. — The Kingston-based Catskill Mountain Railroad was bestowed the 2023 Tourism Business of the Year by the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Catskill Mountain Railroad is among nine businesses, business leaders and organizations that will be honored at the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce's Business Recognition Awards Celebration at the Diamond Mills Hotel at 25 S. Partition St., Saugerties on Thursday, Oct. 26. beginning at 5:30 p.m.

“The popular heritage attraction, with themed rides from spring through the holiday, just hit its 40-year anniversary and another milestone—close to 50,000 passengers in 2022,” the chamber’s description said. “Eighty-seven percent of riders came from outside the area, spending their money not only on train tickets, but at local restaurants, hotels, shops and other attractions. The economic impact to small businesses, according to railroad officials, was about \$4.7 million in 2022. Each year, CMRR features themed events like the Easter Bunny Express in the spring; Catskill Flyer Summertime Rides; Pumpkin Express in the fall; and Polar Express, which drew almost 30,000 passengers during the 2022 holiday season.”