

CENTRAL STATES *Challenger* SPECIAL

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St. Louis

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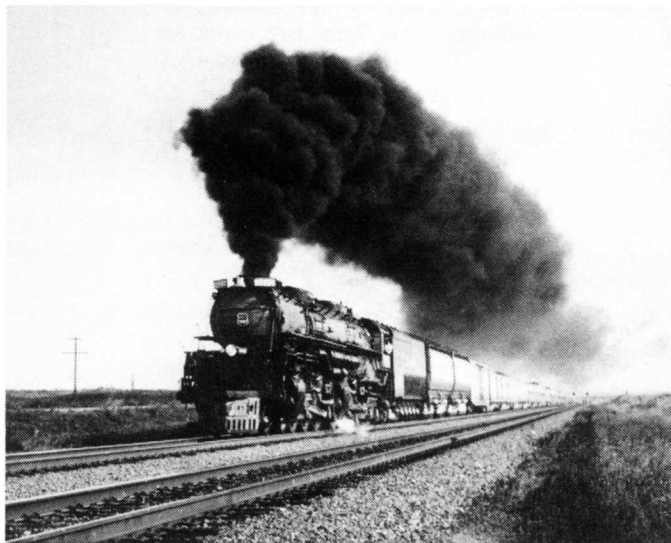
Welcome Aboard!

Your hosts in the St. Louis Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS), along with members of the St. Louis Steam Train Association, and Union Pacific Railroad, welcome you aboard this special steam-powered excursion train.

Today's excursion is powered by the world's largest operating steam locomotive, Union Pacific 3985. Built in 1942 by the American Locomotive Company of Schenectady, N.Y. for the Union Pacific, the 3985 was a powerful workhorse pulling freight trains across the railroad's rugged territory in the West. This year the 3985 celebrates its fiftieth birthday with us and thousands of other friends along the route of its travels.

Our trip today is also part of the 1993 Union Pacific Steam Excursion Program, the nation's oldest continuous program of steam-powered rail passenger excursions, celebrating its fortieth year of operation in 1993. Of all American railroads, only Union Pacific never fully retired its entire steam locomotive roster, maintaining its big Northern-type locomotive no. 844 (formerly 8444) in service without retirement to the present day. Later, the 3985, the world's only operating Challenger-type, was restored for service.

We are pleased and privileged to host this excursion, made possible as the 3985 and its train return from Chicago and the 1993 Annual Convention of the National Railway Historical Society. Our sincere thanks to the Chicago Chapter NRHS, and especially to the Union Pacific Railroad for its marvelously generous cooperation in making this very special excursion possible, particularly in light of the operating difficulties created by the recent disastrous flooding along its lines.



Union Pacific 3985 with a special excursion for the Union Pacific Historical Society convention in 1992. Photo courtesy Union Pacific Historical Museum.

For Your Safety and Comfort

Safety First! These are the two most important words on the railroad, and they should be your two most important words today, too. For safety's sake:

- * **Always watch your step!** Be especially careful...
- * Getting on or off the train, or
- * When walking about the train or between cars.
- * At stops, watch your footing on uneven ground, gravel, and track ballast stone.
- * Always step **over**, *never* on top of, a rail.
- * Always **walk**, *never* run.
- * Keep your head, hands and arms fully inside the train at all times!
- * Please always follow the instructions of your car host or other NRHS or railroad crew members, especially at photo stops.

- * If you get a wind-blown particle in your eye in a vestibule area or while in the baggage car, *do not rub the eye*. Let the eye's natural watering action remove the particle.
- * A medical team is on board. *For medical assistance, contact any crew member.*
- * Children should not play in the aisles.
- * Packages, camera bags, suitcases etc. must be kept out of the aisles and off the seats. Please use the overhead baggage racks.
- * Union Pacific does not permit coolers to be brought aboard the train. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- * No sandals, thongs or bare feet permitted. We reserve the right to insist on appropriate, safe footwear.
- * **Alcoholic beverages may not be brought aboard or consumed on the train or on railroad property.**

