

# THE MIDWEST CHALLENGER SPECIAL

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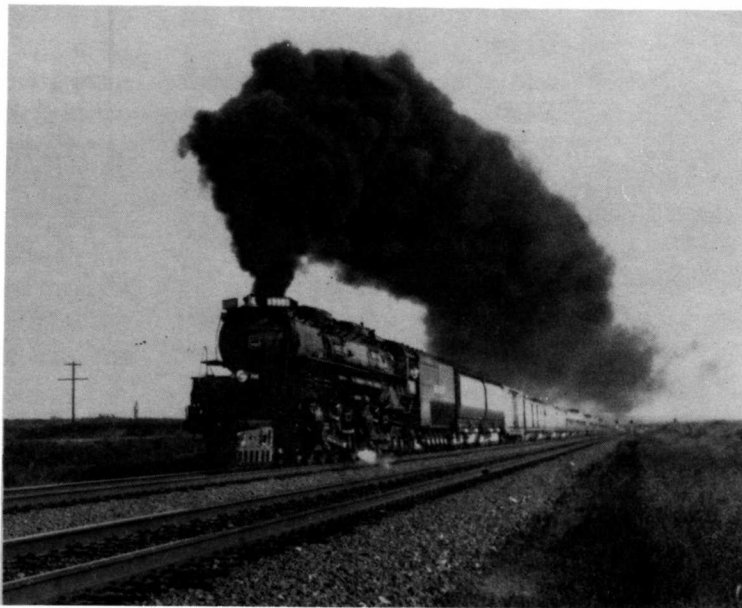
## Welcome Aboard!

Your hosts in the St. Louis Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS), along with the 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.

Our trip today is also part of the 1992 Union Pacific Steam Excursion Program, the nation's oldest continuous program of steam-powered rail passenger excursions. 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 returned to service through restoration.

We are pleased and privileged to host this unusual late autumn steam excursion, made possible as the 3985 heads east onto the CSX system to pull the 50th anniversary trip of the **Santa Claus Special** on the former Clinchfield Railroad in Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee. Sincere thanks to Union Pacific Railroad for its generous cooperation in making this very special excursion possible.



*Union Pacific 3985 with a special excursion for the Union Pacific Historical Society convention earlier this year. 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!

\* 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 aisles and off seats. Please use the overhead baggage racks.

\* Union Pacific does not permit coolers to be brought aboard the train. Your cooperation is appreciated.

\* Please always follow the instructions of your car host or other NRHS or railroad crew members, especially at photo stops.

\* 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, nor anywhere on railroad property.**

