

The Ste. Genevieve Special

St. Louis to Ste. Genevieve, Missouri and Return

Saturday and Sunday, November 1 and 2, 2003

Sponsored by the St. Louis Chapter, National Railway Historical Society
In Cooperation the Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railroad and Amtrak



Welcome Aboard!

Your hosts in the St. Louis Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) along with Amtrak welcome you aboard this special excursion train over the line of the former St. Louis - San Francisco Railway, or Frisco Lines.

Our train will journey from St. Louis, heading through the South County suburbs of Affton and Oakville to the Meramec River. After crossing the river we will wind our way through the Mississippi River bluffs of Jefferson County for some 22 miles to Crystal City, where we enter the Mississippi River Valley. From there our train follows the Father of Waters for the final 23 miles to Ste. Genevieve.

This year is the 100th anniversary of our route. The rail line was built from Memphis to St. Louis by the St. Louis, Memphis and Southeastern Railroad and was completed in 1903, in time for the 1904 Worlds Fair. The Frisco acquired it soon after completion and owned it until it merged with the Burlington Northern Railroad in 1980. Today the line is owned by the Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railroad, formed by the merger of the Burlington Northern and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, better known as the Santa Fe Railway, in 1995.

Today's excursion is operated by Amtrak using a train set of privately-owned rail cars. The Amtrak locomotives pulling our train are the latest in passenger train technology, built in the late 1990s, while our train is made up of cars from the streamlined era of railroading. The oldest cars were built in 1948 while the newest was built in 1964. All have been extensive rebuilt mechanically to Amtrak standards while the interiors are still reflective of railroading in the 1940s through 60s.



Photo by David G. Graham

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
 - When walking about the train or passing between cars
- At stops, watch your footing on uneven ground, gravel and track ballast stone.
- Always step over, never on top of, the rail.
- Always walk, never run.
- Please *always* follow the instructions of your car host or other NRHS or railroad crew member. They are there to assist you, and to assure that you and your fellow passengers will have a safe and enjoyable experience.

Other Information:

- There is a medical team on board. **For medical assistance, contact any crew member.**
- Children should not play in the aisles.
- Packages, camera bags, backpacks, etc., must be kept out of the aisles and off the seats. Please use the overhead baggage racks where available.
- No sandals, thongs or bare feet are permitted. We reserve the right to insist on appropriate, safe footwear.
- If you have a scanner radio, AM/FM radio or tape/CD player, please use an earphone or headphones out of consideration for your fellow passengers.
- **Alcoholic beverages may not be brought aboard or consumed on the train, nor anywhere else on railroad property.**

