



AAPRCO 2012 CHATTANOOGA LIMITED SPECIAL TRAIN & CONVENTION

The American Association of Private Railroad Car Owners in cooperation with the Norfolk Southern Railway and Amtrak is pleased to announce plans for the 2012 convention and Chattanooga Limited all private passenger car special train.

The 2012 AAPRCO 35th annual convention will be held in the beautiful and historic old Southern city of Chattanooga, Tennessee on September 27, 28, and 29, 2012. Chattanooga and the surrounding area were the locations of some of the most historic battles of the Civil War; we are now observing the 150th anniversary of that great conflict. We are looking forward to activities that will appeal to all members, including spouses, so please make your plans to ride the special and attend the convention.

Our special train will be named the Chattanooga Limited and will offer spectacular scenery and wonderful stopover destinations. We will assemble the train in Washington, DC on Sunday, September 23, 2012. All of the cars traveling on the Chattanooga Limited special train need to arrive in Washington, DC on or before Saturday, September 22, 2012.

On Monday, September 24, 2012 the Chattanooga Limited will depart Washington, DC in the morning and travel through scenic Virginia and North Carolina on the route of the Southern Railway's premier passenger train the "Southern Crescent" in daylight hours. The special will arrive in Spencer, NC in the afternoon and park overnight at the site of the former Southern Railway's Spencer Shops, now the North Carolina Transportation Museum. Passengers will have the opportunity to tour the museum and downtown Spencer. A bar-B-que dinner will be held in the roundhouse for all passengers. This event is only available for passengers riding on our special train.

On Tuesday, September 25, 2012 our special train will depart Spencer and proceed west through scenic North Carolina into the Appalachian Mountains. We will traverse the historic and scenic Old Fort Loops and arrive in Asheville, NC in the early afternoon. Passengers will be able to explore the downtown Asheville area prior to our evenings special event. In the late afternoon our passengers will be transported by motor coach on a short ride to the historic Vanderbilt Estate "The Biltmore House". This was the home of the Vanderbilt family noted for the construction and operation of the New York Central Railroad. The Biltmore House estate is the largest private home and grounds in the United States. Upon arrival at the Biltmore House our passengers will be treated to a private sunset tour hosted by the estate staff. Upon completion of the tour a cocktail reception will be held in the Biltmore courtyard followed by a private dinner at the Biltmore. This event is only available for passengers riding on our special train.

On Wednesday, September 26, 2012 we will depart Asheville and proceed through the scenic Appalachian Mountains. Our route will take us through the mountains along the banks of the scenic French Broad River, passing just north of Great Smoky Mountains National Park and into Tennessee. We will travel through Knoxville, TN and on to our convention destination of Chattanooga, TN. Our train will be parked at the historic

Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel which is the site of the Chattanooga Terminal Station. The name of this magnificent railroad theme hotel was derived from the famous Glen Miller song of the 1940's "The Chattanooga Choo Choo". On Wednesday evening our special guest Mr. Wick Moorman, Chairman, President and CEO of Norfolk Southern will be in attendance and will address the membership.

While in Chattanooga we will have our usual convention activities of meetings, car parties and our banquet which will take place at the Chattanooga Choo Choo hotel. A cocktail reception is planned to be held in their beautiful trackside courtyard. We also have some spectacular special events planned including a Civil War battlefield steam train special operated by the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum that will operate on Friday, September 28, 2012. We expect that newly-restored steam locomotive #630 will be powering this trip which will depart from the Chattanooga Choo Choo hotel. The train will be crossing the state line in Rossville, and traveling past the historic Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park. Vintage heavyweight cars such as business car "Eden Isle", Pullman "Clover Colony" and diner "Travelers Fare" are planned to be included on this train. An optional tour to Lookout Mountain that will include a ride on the Lookout Mountain Incline Railway and a visit to Rock City on top of Lookout Mountain is also planned.

Following the convention activities, the special train will depart Chattanooga on Sunday, September 30, 2012 and travel on the former Southern Railway back through Knoxville, TN and into Bristol, VA. We will then continue on the former Norfolk & Western Railway through historic Abington, Virginia along the Blue Ridge Mountains arriving in downtown Roanoke, Virginia in the evening. We will be parked at the former Norfolk & Western station now the O. Wilson Link Museum just a short distance from the historic Hotel Roanoke.

On Monday, October 1, 2012 we will delay our departure until early afternoon to allow passengers the opportunity to visit the O. Wilson Link Museum, Virginia transportation Museum or the Hotel Roanoke. All of these locations are within walking distance from our train. Following our departure from Roanoke we will travel the Former Norfolk & Western Railway's Scenic Hagerstown Line. We will follow the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive to Front Royal, Virginia, and then some rare mileage to Manassas, Virginia and back to Washington, DC. The special train will terminate and PV's will proceed home from Washington on regular scheduled Amtrak trains.

PV space on the special train is limited, so please save the dates and plan on joining us for a truly spectacular scenic and destination oriented special train and convention. Flex the Railroad dog and the Convention mascot hopes to see you all in Chattanooga.

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