

*The St. Louis Chapter NRHS Presents the 6th Annual*

# *To The Capitol... By Private Car*

*June 6 - 13, 2012*

This June join the St. Louis Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society for a seven-day trip to Washington DC. We will be traveling on the Pullman sleeper *Cimarron River* for a scenic and relaxing round trip from St. Louis.

Our trip will begin on Wednesday afternoon, June 6, when we board our private car at the downtown St. Louis Amtrak station. We will depart at 5:30 pm and arrive in Chicago late that night. \*

Thursday morning awake in the Windy City for a day of sightseeing and shopping. Complimentary coffee and juice will be ready when you rise. Enjoy breakfast and lunch or an early dinner in one of Chicago's many restaurants. Our departure for Washington will be at 5:45 that afternoon behind Amtrak's *Cardinal*. Our 24-hour trip will take us through Indianapolis and Cincinnati, then along the Ohio River to Huntington, West Virginia. From there we follow the Kanawha and New Rivers through the Allegheny Mountains of West Virginia, enjoying the daylight ride through the spectacular New River Gorge. We will pass through White Sulphur Springs, home of the famous Greenbrier luxury resort, before crossing Virginia for an early evening arrival in Washington DC.

Saturday and Sunday are yours to explore the many sights of our nation's capitol. Return each evening to the comfort of your accommodation on *Cimarron River*, parked at the magnificent Union Station.

Monday is your day to see that sight you might have missed or get that last souvenir. Our departure for Chicago will be at 4:00 p.m. behind Amtrak's *Capitol Limited*. A late afternoon ride through the Potomac River valley will take us through Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, and Cumberland, Maryland, before climbing Sand Patch grade for our passage over the Allegheny Mountains. During the night we will pass through Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Toledo before arriving in the Windy City at 9:00 a.m. Visit the famous Lou Mitchell's restaurant for breakfast (just a block west of Union Station), then enjoy an afternoon shopping the loop or relaxing along the lakefront. Have dinner in one of Chicago's many restaurants before returning to *Cimarron River* for the night. The next morning we'll depart Chicago at 7:00 and arrive in St. Louis at 12:20 pm. \*

Available accommodations on *Cimarron River* include 12 single roomettes and two double bedrooms. Two additional adjoining bedrooms will be ensuited to serve as a lounge. Each accommodation has its own sink with hot and cold running water. *Cimarron River* has a full-size shower and is fully climate controlled.

This is a Picnic Class trip, meaning that passengers are responsible for their own food and beverage. Coffee and orange juice will be provided each morning and passengers will have access to the Amtrak café car both directions between St. Louis and Chicago. Drinking water and ice will be available on the car. A microwave, toaster and coffee maker are available. Pillows, towels and linens are provided on *Cimarron River*.

Fare is **\$975** for a roomette (single occupancy) or **\$1,900** for a bedroom (single or double occupancy) and includes all rail transportation and six nights accommodations on *Cimarron River*. Reservations are on a first-come, first served basis. A deposit of **\$400 per person** is required with your reservation, with the balance due by **May 11**. Make checks payable to **St. Louis Chapter NRHS** and mail to:

**Rick Sprung**  
**Trip Director – St. Louis Chapter NRHS**  
**10101 Carolynne Drive**  
**St. Louis, MO 63128**

Please include the names of **all travelers**, your address, phone number and e-mail address. *MasterCard and VISA are NOT accepted*. Questions? Contact Rick Sprung at (314) 842-5980 or via e-mail at sprung@att.net.

Don't miss this affordable and relaxing opportunity to visit the nation's capitol - make your reservation now before it sells out! We hope to see you on board!

**\* Important Note:** Track work being performed between St. Louis and Chicago may result in a revised schedule in both directions between those points, mainly an earlier departure from St. Louis. We will not know this until sometime in May.