

Ride the
**FLAMING FOLIAGE
EXPRESS**



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**A Chartered Amtrak Train
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2006

*Enjoy the Beauty of
Autumn by Train in the
Susquehanna River Valley*

The Harrisburg Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society proudly announces a chartered Amtrak train excursion to be run on Saturday, October 14, 2006. This trip will run non-stop to Renovo, PA to visit the Pennsylvania State Flaming Foliage Festival. The chartered, private train will leave the Harrisburg Transportation Center (Amtrak station) at 7:30 am and return at approximately 8:00 pm. The train's route goes north on Norfolk Southern's freight-only Buffalo Line from Harrisburg along the scenic main stem and West Branch of the Susquehanna River while passing through towns such as Millersburg, Halifax, Sunbury, Milton, Williamsport and Lock Haven. Estimated time of arrival in Renovo will be approximately 12 noon. There, passengers will be able to detrain and walk 2 blocks to enjoy the popular PA State Flaming Foliage Festival and the hospitality of Renovo. A two-hour parade featuring five divisions begins at 1:30 pm. Over 20 food vendors and 100 craft vendors will be set up in Renovo as well. Those riders who want to experience more freight-only mileage will be permitted to remain on the train for an additional ride of 10 miles to the town of Keating, where the entire train will be turned and returned to Renovo. Please check the ticket form if you are planning to ride to Keating. At 4:00 pm, the train will depart Renovo for the return over the same route to Harrisburg, arriving at the Amtrak Station at approximately 8:00 pm.

The Train Consist

This unique excursion train will be pulled by a pair of beautifully-restored E8 diesel locomotives owned by the Juniata Terminal Company and repainted in their original Pennsylvania Railroad color scheme. Numbers 5711 and 5809 were built in the 1950's for the Pennsylvania Railroad and also were used to power Conrail's executive train. These locomotives, which look very much like they did when originally built, are privately-owned and used solely in excursion train service.

For our passengers, there will be coach seating in Amtrak-owned, reclining seat, air-conditioned coaches available for \$135 per seat. A café car will offer for sale morning coffee and pastries, and during the return trip, hot dogs, snacks and beverages. Coach passengers are also permitted to carry food on board. Bountiful food will be available in Renovo at individual expense from food vendors featuring both table and food stands. In addition to coach seating, there will be 24 first-class seats offered on a restored parlor car, the "Warrior Ridge," at \$375 per seat. First class service includes assorted pastries in the morning and a light meal on the return trip, with beverages available all day. First class is sold out as of July 19.

Each passenger will receive a trip guide as part of their fare. It is planned to have various souvenirs and items available for sale on the train. Special T-shirts, sweatshirts and coffee mugs marking the operation of this trip, will be sold on the train or in Renovo. Full details on these items will be mailed with your tickets.

This is a chartered train, so tickets can be ordered only from the Harrisburg Chapter of

**HARRISBURG NRHS
FLAMING FOLIAGE TRAIN TRIP
TICKET AGENT
P.O. BOX 444
BOILING SPRINGS, PA 17007**

the National Railway Historical Society. Amtrak does not sell tickets for this chartered train. Questions regarding this trip must be directed to the Harrisburg Chapter NRHS answering machine at 717-232-6221, not to Amtrak.

Parking for the Trip

Parking is available near the Harrisburg Train Station on some nearby streets (meters are not enforced on weekends) or in several nearby garages. By special arrangement with the Harrisburg Parking Authority, the Fifth Street Garage, located at Fifth and Market Streets, will be open for your convenience, starting at 6:00 am. A fee of \$3 for the entire day will be collected as you enter. At the end of the trip, you will be able to simply exit the garage with no additional charge. To get to the Fifth Street Garage, proceed east on Market Street from downtown and just before the railroad underpass, turn left on Fifth Street. Or, from Cameron Street (Route 230), proceed west on Market Street and just past the underpass, turn right on Fifth. The garage entrance is on Fifth Street. A short walk across Market Street will put you at the Amtrak station. The Walnut Street Garage will also be open, but will be charging regular rates based on time. This special arrangement is made by the Harrisburg Parking Authority, and the Harrisburg Chapter is not responsible for any changes thereto made between now and the train trip. Be sure to lock your parked car.



Ordering Tickets

Tickets for the train must be ordered from:

Harrisburg Chapter NRHS, Ticket Agent, P.O. Box 444, Boiling Springs, PA 17007

Please cut and use the attached form. Checks must accompany an order and are to be made payable to "Harrisburg Chapter NRHS." Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for mailing of your tickets. There are no refunds given on purchased tickets. All ticket orders will be filled in the order received and assigned by car number. Individuals and groups wishing to sit together must order their tickets in the same envelope. Tickets will be mailed beginning the week of August 28. All tickets must be purchased in advance and are limited to capacity of available equipment. Buy tickets early to ensure adequate accommodations. Your purchase of tickets makes these trips possible, and will insure future trips.

The trip will run regardless of weather. Since the parade and events occur outside, be prepared in case of rain. The answering machine for the chapter may be called at 717-232-6221. Information requests made to that number will be answered as soon as possible. There is no smoking permitted anywhere on the train, and no alcoholic beverages are permitted. Riders detraining in Renovo will be required to descend a series of steps to reach the ground. Every effort will be made to operate this excursion train safely and on or ahead of time. Except for railroad supervisory and crew personnel, car hosts and other trip staff are unpaid volunteers and members of the Society and the Harrisburg Chapter. Net

proceeds from this excursion support the educational and historical preservation activities of the Harrisburg Chapter, including restoration and operation of Harris Tower. Information on Chapter preservation activities may be viewed at the website <http://nrhs->



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Order Form

_____ Coach Tickets @\$135 ea. =
\$ _____
_____ 1st Class Tickets-**SOLD OUT !**

Make checks payable to "Harrisburg Chapter NRHS" and mail along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

Harrisburg NRHS Ticket Agent
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Boiling Springs, PA 17007

Sorry, we can not accept credit card orders. All tickets include round trip train transportation. Ticket orders must be received by Oct. 4. Tickets will be mailed to you starting August 28.

Name (print) _____
Street _____
Town _____
State _____ Zip _____
Area Code and Phone _____
E/mail _____

____ Check here if boarding assistance is needed or if someone who is disabled or has a special medical condition is in your party. We will contact you.

Yes ___ No ___ We will be riding the train from Renovo to Keating and return. Note: we cannot guarantee your return before the start of the parade, as the railroad controls this movement.