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Railroad Buffs Plan 'Steamliner' Outing

By HOWARD JACOBS

CARE TO TAKE a delightful journey into the past? Then plan to be aboard one of two steam-powered excursions Nov. 4 and 5 from New Orleans to Hattiesburg, Miss. The all-day round trip will be run on Southern Railway tracks, with trains leaving Union Passenger Terminal at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 7:30 p.m. after an hour’s layover at Hattiesburg, stopping at Slidell en route.

The New Orleans chapter of the National Railway Historical Society will sponsor the trips, providing fried chicken box lunches as well as tickets through P.O. Box 4355, New Orleans, 70178.

Trains will be made up of several coaches—both open-window and air-conditioned—open-air observation cars and a car specially equipped for passengers to make tape recordings of the engine sounds.

Wrote James H. Trousdale III, president of the local chapter: “The Southern will ferry the engine from Birmingham Saturday, Oct. 21. It will remain in Meridian overnight, then run on Oct. 22 to New Orleans. The engine will be here about a month, with perhaps some short runs for the family market in latter November.”

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