

PROJECT 5485 Passenger Car Fundraiser & Refurbishment 2010

Adirondack Railway Preservation Society, Inc.
A 501(C)(3) Non-Profit Corporation

The Adirondack Railway Preservation Society operates the Adirondack Scenic Railroad, a 118-mile picturesque corridor through the Adirondack State Park and Forest Preserve. Train rides depart from Utica's historic Union Station, Thendara (near Old Forge) and Lake Placid, site of the 1932 and 1980 Olympics. The line had been abandoned for many years when it was resurrected by volunteers in 1992 with a four-mile train ride. This season, the railroad expects its millionth passenger and has restored almost half the abandoned track, allowing passengers of all ages to experience Adirondack beauty and history via rail on the historic Golden Chariot Route.

The Adirondack Scenic Railroad is 90% volunteer-operated, and runs regularly scheduled educational and enjoyable train rides 8 months per year. The rides travel from Utica through Holland Patent and Remsen on rails laid before the Civil War, and on the State of New York's Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor, which has a colorful rail history dating back to 1892. Along these routes, passengers travel through some of the most spectacular scenery in the Northeast.

The Project

As we strive to provide a comfortable ride that satisfies the needs and expectations of the modern-day adventurer as well as those with physical disabilities, we find we need to update the vintage cars we operate, dating from the grand old days of rail travel's halcyon years. ARPS has selected coach car 5485, a more than 50-year-old veteran that has hauled many happy passengers through the scenic Adirondack vistas, quaint hamlets and station stops we serve. Car 5485 and ARPS need your help! We plan to refurbish 5485's interior to make it more attractive and more handicapped-accessible. Windows will be replaced for optimum viewing

and safety standards. The car will also receive a new paint job: the historic **New York Central Railroad 20th Century Limited** scheme and lettering reminiscent of the 1940's & '50's era of passenger travel, befitting operations out of Utica's historic Union Station and over the former New York Central Route to Lake Placid.

Our Fund Raising Goal is \$50,000 and YOU can help us achieve that by sending a tax-deductible donation in an amount of your choice. Those donating \$250 will have the option of scheduling a locomotive cab ride on our 20-mile round trip between Thendara and Otter Lake. Donors of \$500 or more will have the option of scheduling a locomotive cab ride from Utica to Thendara and return, a 104-mile round trip. See the next panel for other donation levels and our special "Name the Car" Contest!

100% of your donation to car 5485 will go directly to the fund. It is our goal to completely refurbish passenger car 5485 in time for train rides in fall 2010. This passenger car will mark a new era on the Adirondack Scenic; it will be the first car in our current fleet to get the **20th Century Limited**-inspired paint job and New York Central lettering.

Donors to this great cause who want to be updated and educated on the process as it progresses can find more information at www.adirondackrr.com.

Please make checks payable to: Adirondack Railway Preservation Society, Inc. (ARPS) and **write in your memo line: Car 5485 Project**

Mail to: Adirondack Scenic Railroad, Project 5485, P.O. Box 84, Thendara, NY 13472

For credit card donations: (Reference Project 5485) Call Linda Ellison at (315) 369-6290 9am-4pm Mon-Fri

Levels of Donation

\$1000 or more – Senior Road Foreman Level – Charter the refurbished 5485 for your group of up to 50 people on a Utica-Thendara Round Trip Train (some schedule restrictions will apply)
\$500 – Railroad Baron Level - Receive a cab ride opportunity from Utica to Thendara and return*

\$250 – Casey Jones Level - Receive a cab ride opportunity on the Otter Lake Local*

\$100 – Conductor Level - Have a plaque as a seat sponsor in the car with your name or in memory of a relative or friend

\$50 - One complimentary round trip fare on the Otter Lake Local

\$25 and under - ARPS bumper sticker or window sticker

Name Car 5485 Contest

Eligible donors can enter the Name the Car Contest. In the spirit of refurbishing this car to the grandeur it enjoyed in an earlier era, we invite you to submit an entry to name the car. Names may be of geographic places in the Adirondacks or along the rail route served by ARPS, or related to local history, geology, flora, fauna or other themes.

NAME CAR 5485:

Your idea is: _____

Amount of Your Tax Deductible Donation:
\$ _____

Additional Donation to General Fund: \$ _____

Make me an ARPS member:(\$30 Annual Fee)_____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

For additional information call ARPS at (315) 369-6290

Or Don Chaudruc, Fundraising Coordinator at donko2317@optonline.net

*Please see special restrictions; all cab rides must be scheduled.

ARPS is a 501(c)(3) corporation chartered for the preservation and operation, as feasible, of educational and scenic rail rides over the Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor owned by the State of New York.

We thank you for
your support.



Picking up at Whitewater



Crossing Moose River
McKeever, NY



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