On Saturday, June 18, the George L Carter Chapter of the NRHS and the George L. Carter Railroad Museum, ETSU, will sponsor a "JUNE EXCURSION". First we will ride the buses to Knoxville and have a luncheon on board the paddle wheeler, The Star of Knoxville. As we cruise the Tennessee River – sit back and enjoy the view and the meal. Then, we will re-board the buses to the Secret City Scenic Excursion Train near Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Our trip will also include a visit to the Southern Appalachian Railway Museum.

About the Trip

Turn the clock back to yesteryear and return to the heyday of passenger railroading with the Southern Appalachia Railway Museum's Secret City Scenic Excursion Train.

Trains depart from the Heritage Center (formerly K-25) near Oak Ridge, Tennessee, an historic Department of Energy facility where research and development plunged the United States into the Atomic Age. The train winds along Poplar Creek and Highway 327 in the beautiful hills and valleys of East Tennessee. The northern portion of the route was featured in the movie October Sky.

Each round trip travels approximately 14 miles and lasts about one hour. Trains are pulled by 1950’s vintage Alco diesel locomotives. Seating is in air-conditioned coaches and a dining car, all restored from the 1940’s era of passenger railroading. An open-air concession car has souvenirs and snacks for sale. Please note that non-US citizens are required to provide passport and visa information prior to boarding the train.

Ticket prices include the train ride, a tour of the Southern Appalachian Railway Museum, a lunch buffet cruise aboard The Star of Knoxville riverboat, and the tour bus ride from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City to Knoxville, Oak Ridge and return. Adult/Senior tickets are $95.00 each, and Child (2-12) tickets are $80.00 each. Lap children under 2 are free. This is an EXCLUSIVE CHARTER for our group only; no other passengers will be on the train or the riverboat.

The trip will start from ETSU's parking lot 22A off Jack Vest Drive where passengers will board a motor coach departing no later than 9:30 a.m. for Knoxville, TN. Estimated arrival time at Knoxville is around 11:30 a.m. to board the riverboat for a departure at noon. Re-board the buses at approximately 1:30 to 1:45 for the trip to the Secret City Train ride. Passengers will have approximately a 1/2 hour of free time to enjoy the area before boarding the train at 3:00 p.m. for the departure. Following the 1 hour train ride
we will tour the museum. At approximately 5:00 p.m. we will board our buses for the return trip to ETSU and Johnson City arriving around 7:00 p.m.

**Sorry,** no coolers will be permitted on the train. However, you may take a small cooler on the bus that will fit under the seat.

**NO SMOKING or ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PERMITTED ON THE BUS OR ON THE TRAIN.**

Ticket order forms and liability waiver forms can be picked up at the George L. Carter RR Museum (open Saturday’s only from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.) on the ETSU campus in Johnson City, TN. or printed off by going to the [memrr.org](http://memrr.org) website, choose **NRHS News**, then **Ticket Order Form.** The signed liability waiver form **must** accompany the ticket request form.

**We have a limited number of seats available so please get your ticket requests in early.** Ticket sales must be cut-off on June 10th. **Sorry, no refunds can be made.**

**Additional Trip Information**

- Please, **no sandals** or open-toed shoes of any kind allowed on the train.
- Souvenirs, drinks, and snacks are available for purchase in the commissary car.
- Disabled passengers requiring assistance must be accompanied by a ticketed care-giver. Museum equipment is historical in nature and not fully equipped for special needs.
- Firearms, explosives, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Bags carried onto the train are subject to search by East Tennessee Technology Park security personnel.
- **Non-US citizens** are required to provide passport and visa information prior to boarding the train. In addition, citizens of certain countries (specified by the Department of Energy) are not allowed to ride. Call SARM at 865-241-2140 for additional information.

**If you have further questions regarding this excursion, please contact Charlene McLeod at 386/717-2925 or chardanmcleod35@comcast.net**