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Step back in time as a passenger aboard the *Southern Belle*, Kansas City Southern Railway's tribute to the bygone age of passenger rail transportation.

This beautifully restored train represents nearly three decades of passenger service from an earlier era. The three original *Southern Belle* trains were built for Kansas City Southern in 1940 and for the next 29 years provided luxury travel between Kansas City and the New Orleans-Gulf Coast region. The growing popularity of passenger auto and air travel eventually forced them into retirement in 1969.

To honor these historical trains, today's *Southern Belle* borrows the name and copies the first-class accommodations. Composed of reconditioned vintage cars and locomotives with modern operating components, the "new" *Southern Belle* provides passenger service for dignitaries and KCS business associates on special trips.

We hope you enjoy your tour or journey, and we thank you for joining us as we recapture yesteryear aboard the *Southern Belle*.



SOUTHERN BELLE LOCOMOTIVES

The four 1,750 HP diesel-electric locomotives that power the *Southern Belle* were built in 1957 by General Motors' Electro Motive Division (EMD) for VIA Rail Canada. In 1995, KCS bought two units each from the Ohio Central Railroad and Independent Locomotive and began refurbishing them at Mid-America Car in Kansas City. Three A and one B units feature new paint – black with red and yellow striping — to match the *Southern Belle* cars.

While braking and control systems also are updated, one sentimental holdover remains from the locomotives of old: a whistle cord. As in years past, a tug on the cord — suspended from the cab's ceiling just an arm's length away from the engineer's control panel — produces the distinctive train whistle.

However, in keeping with the locomotives' other mechanical updates, there's also a button on the control panel for sounding the horn. In addition, a floor-mounted foot control is specially configured to create the whistle sequence used when approaching a signal crossing.

KCS #1, The Meridian

The Meridian is an F9A measuring 55 feet and weighing 233,000 lbs. It features a modern microprocessor and desktop control systems and has been made over to reduce noise. *The Meridian* is named for the KCS' eastern gateway, the city of Meridian, Mississippi.



KCS #2, the Shreveport, is one of four locomotives that are available to guide the Southern Belle.



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