

SUN VALLEY

Club Lounge Car - Stabled at Council Bluffs

The *Sun Valley* was built in 1949 by American Car & Foundry as club lounge No. 6203, then named the *Colorado River*—part of the *Rivers* rail car series, which featured barber shops and valet service. The car was rebuilt in 1959, and the barber shop and valet areas were converted into card rooms. The car was named *Sun Valley* in 1989.

Union Pacific established the world famous Sun Valley ski resort in 1936. The resort area is nestled in the Sawtooth Mountains of Idaho. Averell Harriman, then chairman of the board, wanted to bring riders back to the rails and he thought a ski resort might help. The Sun Valley Lodge and Challenger Inn offered year-round ice skating and a heated swimming pool. During the summer, outdoor activities included horseback riding and golf.

In order to get skiers up the mountains, a chair lift-the first such lift ever used on any ski slope in the world-was designed and built in the Union Pacific shops at Omaha, Neb. The lodge was turned over to the Navy during World War II for a rehabilitation hospital.

The resort was the location for the filming of the 1938 film "Sun Valley Serenade" with Sonja Henie. Spencer Tracy starred in "Northwest Passage," which was filmed just a few miles from the valley. Many of Hollywood's stars vacationed at Sun Valley.

In 1964 Union Pacific sold the Sun Valley resort to the Janss Corporation.



Configuration: Sun Valley is a Conference Car with a small sitting room at one end of the car with seating for 10 and a large conference table at the other end of the car with seating for 24 around the table, for a total seating capacity of 34. The other configuration of this car is a Flat Lounge: Two round-tops, each of which seats four, can be placed in the small sitting room. There is a bar in the center of the car and the larger lounge area at the other end would seat 33, for a total seating of 41 if set up as a Flat Lounge.