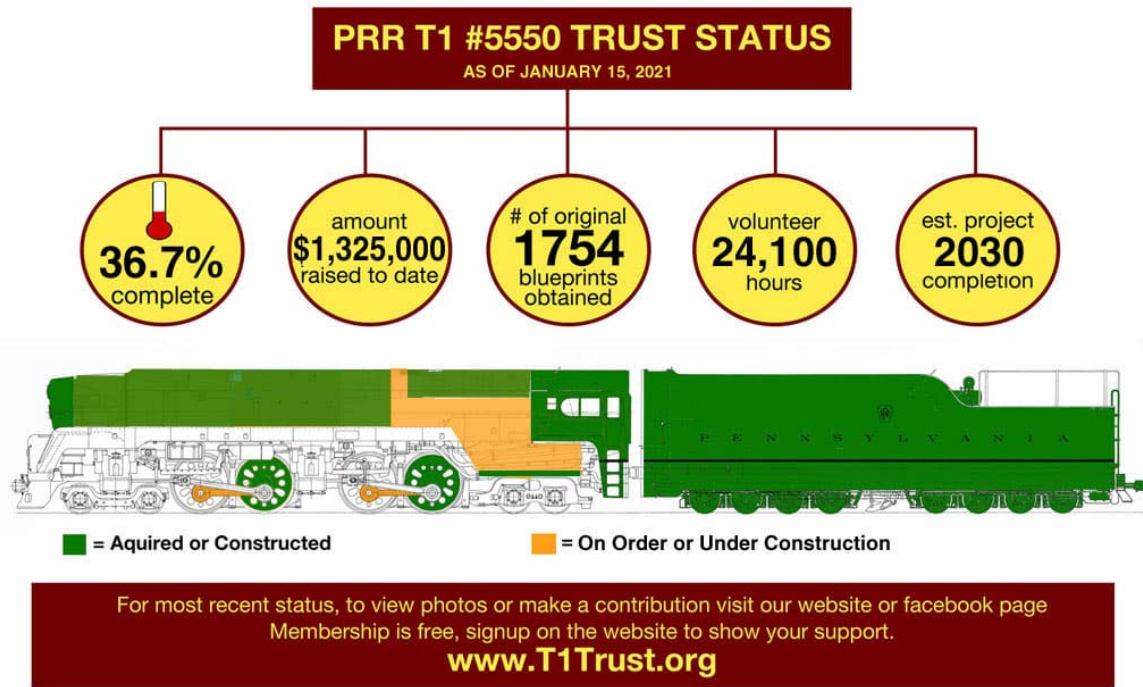


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“Mainline Steam”

Pottstown, Pennsylvania

Since 2013, a group of enthusiasts with headquarters in eastern Pennsylvania, USA have been working to replicate a Pennsylvania Railroad T-1 class locomotive.



* Percentage of completion determined by weight of completed and obtained parts

Above: Progress on the construction of a new locomotive is depicted in this graphic. Source: T-1 Trust

On 19. January, 2021, the following message was posted on the T-1 Trust Facebook page: “The (firebox) mud ring is coming along nicely and should be done in a couple weeks thanks to Steam Services of America. We are also getting ready to start cutting the exterior side sheets. Watch for lots of cool pictures in coming weeks.”

- Pennsylvania Railroad 5550, 4-4-4-4, replica of PRR class T-1

T-1 Trust: <https://prrt1steamlocomotivetrust.org/>

Nashville, Tennessee

On 23. January, 2021, WIBR Channel 10, a Nashville, Tennessee local television station, published a brief video regarding the continuing effort to restore to service NC&StL 576. Like many other such efforts in USA, repair work on this locomotive is active, conducted by an all-volunteer work force.

- Nashville, Chattanooga & Saint Louis Railway 576, 4-8-4 (ALCO / Schenectady 69786 / 1942), NC&StL Class J3

Nashville Steam Preservation Society: <https://www.nashvillesteam.org/>

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Cheyenne, Wyoming

Union Pacific Railroad commented on 19. January, 2021 that they are currently “on pause,” waiting to see how efforts to immunize citizens against COVID-19 progress, before announcing any travel plans in 2021 for UP 4014.



Above: Union Pacific 4014 operating westbound at milepost 895, 36 kilometers (22 miles) east of Evanston, Wyoming. 30. September, 2019. Photo: Thomas R. Schultz

- Union Pacific 4014, 4-8-8-4 (ALCO / Schenectady 69585 / 1941), “Big Boy”

Persons interested to observe the likely operation of UP 4014 in 2021 are encouraged to visit the Union Pacific Railroad’s web page and add their email address at the Union Pacific Railroad Steam Club website.

Union Pacific Railroad: Steam Locomotives: <https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/>

Union Pacific Railroad: Steam Schedule: <https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/schedule/index.htm>

Union Pacific Railroad: Steam Club: <https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/club/index.htm>

Portland, Oregon

At Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation, Portland, Oregon, SP&S 700 is currently out of service undergoing a 1472-day inspection. On 24. December, 2020, *The Columbian* reported that boiler repairs are now nearly complete. The Pacific Railroad Preservation Association hope to have SP&S 700 serviceable by Christmas, 2021.

- Spokane, Portland & Seattle 700, 4-8-4 (BLW 62171, 1938), SP&S class E1

Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation: <https://orhf.org/>

Pacific Railroad Preservation Association: <https://www.sps700.org/>

Tourist Railways Featuring Operating Steam Locomotives

Maine

Alna, Maine



Above: WW&F 9 was in steam at Alna, Maine. 02. January, 2021. Photo: Stewart Rhine

The “Steam and Sleighs & Winter Caboose Adventures” event scheduled for 16. January, 2021 was cancelled account significant rain experienced on that weekend. This event was re-scheduled for 30. January and 06. February, 2021.

- WW&F Ry (Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Railway) 9, 0-4-4T Forney (Portland Company, Portland, Maine 622 / 1891), ex-Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes (SR&RL) 6

Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway: <http://wordpress.wwfry.org/>

Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad, Portland, Maine: <https://mainenarrowgauge.org/>

Portland, Maine

Several years ago, the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad was forced to vacate their museum display building then located along the waterfront near downtown Portland, Maine. For a short time, the museum’s steam locomotives were relocated to the WW&F Railroad in Alna, Maine.

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In January, 2021, Monson 3 returned to Portland, Maine, arriving at Maine Narrow Gauge Museum's new Portland, Maine shop on 28. January, 2021. The museum plan to perform some maintenance work on this locomotive before the 2021 season.



Above: Monson 3 in the Portland, Maine shop. 28. January, 2021: Image: Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad

The Maine Narrow Gauge Museum plan to get the shop ready for another locomotive as well as some passenger cars.

- Monson 3, 0-4-4T (Vulcan Iron Works, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 2093 / 1912)

Maine Narrow Gauge Company & Museum: <https://mainenarrowgauge.org/>

New Hampshire

North Conway, New Hampshire

Conway Scenic Railroad 7470 will operate in 2021. "Winter Steam," the first event planned for 2021, occurred on 02. January, 2021.

- Conway Scenic Railroad 7470, 0-6-0 (Grand Trunk Railway Point Sainte Charles Shops, Montreal, Quebec 22/1500 / 1921), GT class O-18a, formerly Canadian National 7470

Conway Scenic Railroad: <https://www.conwayscenic.com/steam-engine-7470-2/>

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Pennsylvania

Boyertown, Pennsylvania

Since May, 1958, GTW 5030, 4-6-2, has been plinthed (on display) in R.A. Greene Park, Jackson, Michigan. On 12. January, 2021, for the amount of EUR 41,390.00€ (USD \$50,000.00), the City of Jackson, Michigan agreed to sell Grand Trunk Western 5030 to the Colebrookedale Railroad Preservation Trust.



Above: Grand Trunk Western 5030 on display in R.A. Greene Park, Jackson, Michigan.

30. September, 2017 Photo: Jonathan Fischer

- Grand Trunk Western 5030, 4-6-2 (BLW 38441 / 1912), GTW class J-3-a

In eastern Pennsylvania, USA, the Colebrookedale Railroad Preservation Trust owns the Colebrookedale Railroad which has, since late 2013, operated between Boyertown to Pottstown, Pennsylvania, on 28 kilometers (17.2 miles) of a former Reading Railroad branch line. The Colebrookedale Railroad operates diesel-powered freight and tourist passenger trains.

GTW 5030 will not be removed from R.A. Greene Park for another five years. Colebrookedale Railroad Preservation Trust estimates five years will be required to raise the funds needed to transport GTW 5030 from Jackson, Michigan to Boyertown, Pennsylvania.

City of Jackson, Michigan: <https://www.cityofjackson.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=642>

Colebrookedale Railroad Company: <https://www.colebrookdalerrailroad.com/>

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Port Clinton, Pennsylvania

On Sunday, 10. January, 2021, Reading 2102, 4-8-4 was steamed for the first time in nearly 30 years. Although significant repair work remains to be accomplished, the Blue Mountain, Reading & Northern Railroad hopes to again operate this locomotive in 2021.

- Reading 2102, 4-8-4 (Reading Company Shops [no builder's number] / 1945), Reading class T-1. This locomotive was extensively rebuilt from Reading 2022, 2-8-0 (BLW [builder's number unknown] / 1925), Reading class I-10sa.

Blue Mountain, Reading & Northern: <https://www.rbmrr.com/>

Rockhill Furnace, Pennsylvania

Right: At Strasburg Railroad, Strasburg, Pennsylvania, during the week of 11. January, 2021, safety valves for EBT 14 and EBT 16 are being rebuilt. Photo: East Broad Top Railroad.



On 30. December, 2020, the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget awarded a \$1.4 million economic development grant to the nonprofit EBT Foundation, owner of the East Broad Top Railroad. This is the third grant the railroad has received since it was acquired by the foundation. Earlier, the

state Historical and Museum Commission issued a \$100,000 grant to aid in installing a fire suppression system in the eight-stall roundhouse and the shops complex. The Friends of the East Broad Top also awarded the foundation an \$86,000 grant to shore up and stabilize the carpenter shop that is part of the historic shops.

- EBT 14, 2-8-2 (BLW 38625 / 1912), 36-inch gauge, under repair
- EBT 16, 2-8-2 (BLW 43562 / 1916), 36-inch gauge, under repair

A new tender tank is being fabricated for EBT 16 by Curry Rail Services, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania.

East Broad Top have announced a "Winter Spectacular" for 20. February, 2021. Although additional details were not available on 31. January, this event will almost certainly not include any EBT locomotive in steam.

East Broad Top: <https://www.eastbroadtop.com/>

Friends of East Broad Top: <https://febt.org/>

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West Virginia

Ridgeley, West Virginia

On 31. December, 2020, at the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad (WMSR) shop, ex-C&O 1309 was steamed for the first time in 64 years. This locomotive will very likely become operational in 2021.

On 22. January, 2021, the Cumberland (Maryland) Times-News reported that WMSR continues to experience collateral fiscal problems, including the need to fund rehabilitation of its track.

- Western Maryland Scenic Railroad 1309, 2-6-6-2 (BLW 74278 / 1949), ex-Chesapeake & Ohio 1309, serviceable



Above: ex-C&O 1309 in steam at Ridgeley, West Virginia. 31. December, 2020. Photo: Kevin Gilliam

Western Maryland Scenic Railroad: <https://wmsr.com/>

Ohio

Sugarcreek, Ohio

Right: Components from McCloud River Railroad 19, under repair. 28. January, 2021. Image: Age of Steam Roundhouse

On 28. January, 2021, on Facebook, Age of Steam Roundhouse mentioned its plan to restore to operating condition McCloud River Railroad 19.

- McCloud River Railroad 19, 2-8-2 (BLW 42000 / 1915)

Age of Steam Roundhouse:

<https://www.ageofsteamroundhouse.org/>



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Mount Vernon, Ohio

On 05. February, 2021, American Steam Railroad posted on its website a new video detailing recent progress regarding the restoration of Reading 2100.

- Reading 2100, 4-8-4 Reading Company Shops [no builder's number] / 1945), Reading class T-1. This locomotive was extensively rebuilt from Reading 2020, 2-8-0 (BLW [builder's number unknown] / 1925), Reading class I-10sa.

American Steam Railroad: <https://www.americansteamrailroad.org/>

Illinois

Jackson, Illinois

On 04. February, 2021, a story in the on-line version of the Southeast Missourian (newspaper) detailed the efforts of five young men to begin restoration of Saint Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway 5 which once operated on this railway. This locomotive was last steamed in 1999. Donations are being solicited.

- Saint Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway 5, 2-4-2 (H.K. Porter 7995 / 1946)

Southeast Missourian: <https://www.semissourian.com/story/2863390.html>

Saint Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway: <https://www.slimrr.com/>

Number 5 Restoration Project: <https://www.number5project.com/>

Colorado

Como, Colorado

On 19. January, 2021, South Park Rail Society commented, "The focus in Como for 2021 will move more to work on rolling stock. Additionally, we have track to lay and maintain – and - ballasting to complete."

- Klondike Mines 4, 2-6-2 (BLW 37564 / 1912), 36-inch gauge, "Klondike Kate"

South Park Rail Society: <https://www.southparkrail.com/>

New Mexico

Chama, New Mexico

During January, 2021, repairs to C&TS 489 continued. In the locomotive's smokebox, installation of the superheater header was completed on 14. January, 2021.

- Cumbres & Toltec 489, 2-8-2 (BLW 58590 / 1929), D&RGW class K-36

On 21. January, 2021, C&TS posted the following insight on their Facebook page: "DRGW 489 update: The 1472-day inspection and new smokebox are coming along nicely with the header installed, branch pipes installed, new smoke box front installation moving along, and oil firing conversion apparatus well along. The new fire pan is designed and installation will begin as soon as the materials arrive."

Right: C&TS estimate C&TS 489 will be serviceable by late May, 2021. Image: C&TS



In addition to normal tourist trains operated during spring, summer and fall months, during the period 21. - 29. August, 2021, C&TS plan to stage, "Victorian Iron Horse Round-up," a week-long event during which several 19th century steam locomotives will power special trains between Antonito, Colorado and Chama, New Mexico.

A list of potential locomotives planned to be featured at the "Victorian Iron Horse Round-up" follows:

- D&RG 168, 4-6-0 (BLW 6670 / 1883), Denver & Rio Grande (D&RG) class T-12
- D&RG 425, 2-8-0 (BLW 14352 / 1895), originally Florence and Cripple Creek Railroad 315
- Eureka & Palisade 4, 4-4-0 (BLW 3763 / 1875), "Eureka"
- Carson & Tahoe Lumber & Fluming (C&TLF) 1, 2-6-0 (BLW (Burnham, Williams & Co.) 3712 / 1875), "Glenbrook." This is the oldest steam locomotive operating in USA.

Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad: <https://cumbrestoltec.com/>

Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad: <https://www.cumbrestoltec.org/>

Nevada

East Ely, Nevada

In 2021, Nevada Northern have scheduled their annual "Winter Steam Spectacular" for the following dates:

- 19. – 21. February, 2021
- 26. – 28. February, 2021

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The cost for participation in either three-day weekend is USD \$679.00 (EUR 562.11 €). Advance reservations are recommended as this event usually sells-out.

- Nevada Northern 93, 2-8-0 (ALCO / Schenectady 44604 / 1909), serviceable

On 02. February, 2021, Nevada Northern Railway announced a steam charter event sponsored by Trains Magazine to be staged on 08. – 09. – 10. October, 2021 featuring Nevada Northern 81. Cost: USD \$595.00 per person. Additional details are available at the Nevada Northern Railway website.

- Nevada Northern 81, 2-8-0 (BLW 45351 / 1917), under repair

Nevada Northern Railway: <https://nnry.com/>

Washington

On 03. February, 2021, The Daily Chronicle reported work being performed on repair work being performed on Cowlitz, Chehalis & Cascade Railway 15. “Stathi” Pappas – Operations Manager at Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, Antonito, Colorado was depicted working on the locomotive’s front flue sheet. This locomotive was last steamed in March, 2019. Donations are being solicited.



Above: Cowlitz, Chehalis & Cascade Railway 15 in steam at Chehalis, Washington. August 25, 2013.

Photo: Thomas R. Schultz

- Cowlitz, Chehalis & Cascade Railway 15, 2-8-2 (BLW 44106 / 1916)

Chehalis- Centralia Railroad: <https://steamtrainride.com/>

California

Sunol, California

Niles Canyon continues to restore and operate an interesting selection of steam and diesel locomotives.



Right: On 05 December, 2020, Columbia River Belt Line Railway 7, "Skookum," is seen operating eastbound through Niles Canyon between Fremont and Sunol, California. Image: Thomas R. Schultz

- Columbia River Belt Line Railroad 7, 2-4-4-2 (BLW 33463 / 1909), "Skookum"

Niles Canyon Railway: <https://www.ncry.org/>

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Trego, Wisconsin

During summer, 2020, Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad announced the purchase of the *Mark Twain Zephyr*, one of nine trainsets built in 1934 by The Budd Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad (*Burlington Route*). Wisconsin Great Northern operates diesel-powered tourist trains in northwest Wisconsin. They plan to restore the Mark Twain Zephyr to service,



Above: The power car from the Mark Twain Zephyr upon its arrival at Trego, Wisconsin. 20. August, 2020. Photo: Steve Glischinski

Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad: <https://spoonertrainride.com/>

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