

30. April, 2021

Tourist Railways and Museums Featuring Operating Steam Locomotives

Maine

Alna, Maine

11. April, 2011: The WW&F 11 engineering team has devoted considerable time in the last month to the lead truck of No. 11, verifying plans and drawings in advance of making the necessary patterns to cast several key components. The wheels for the lead truck were cast several years ago and are already completed.

In early April, 2021, a substantial number of custom-cut steel components were delivered to Sheepscot. All are stored in the container until needed. They join a stash of stock steel parts received last month.

26. April, 2021: The Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad Co. & Museum and Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Railway Museum and Maine Locomotive & Machine Works are pleased to announce, "Steaming Together," a photo event to be staged on 31. July, 2021 with the following locomotives operating authentic trains on the WW&F:

- Monson 3, 0-4-4T (Vulcan Iron Works, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 2093 / 1912), owned by Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad & Museum, Portland, Maine.
- B. & S. R. (Bridgton & Saco River Railroad) 7, 2-4-4T Forney (BLW 40864 / 1913), owned by Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad & Museum, Portland, Maine.
- 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. For the 31. July, 2021 event, WW&F 9 will be backdated to its appearance as SR&RL 6.

M.R.R. (Monson Railroad) 4 and B. & S. R. (Bridgton & Saco River Railroad) 8, will be on display, putting all 5 surviving Maine 2ft steamers together again in one place.

- M.R.R. (Monson Railroad) 4, 0-4-4T Forney (Vulcan Iron Works, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 2780 / 1918), not serviceable
- B. & S. R. (Bridgton & Saco River Railroad) 8, 2-4-4T Forney (BLW 57659 / 1924), not serviceable

Once the July date has filled-up, WW&F will consider hosting the same event and schedule on Sunday, 01. August, 2021, but not do so until all tickets for the 31. July event have been sold.

Tickets and additional details regarding the 31. July event are available at the following link:

<https://fareharbor.com/.../items/303338/calendar/2021/07/>

WW&F also do plan on running all 3 locomotives together at the WW&F annual picnic for those not interested in an all-day photo event.

These will be the last events at WW&F before B.&S.R. 7 heads back to Portland, Maine for the busy fall and Christmas seasons.

Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Railway Museum: <https://www.wwfry.org/>

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Portland, Maine

11. April, 2021: At the Maine Narrow Gauge Museum shops, Monson 3 is undergoing its boiler rebuild. The new tubes have arrived and will be prepared to be installed in the locomotive boiler by our volunteers.

*Right: Monson 3 in steam along the Portland, Maine waterfront.
April 21, 2018*



While Monson 3 may seem small there are still 96 tubes that have to be installed inside the boiler. Each tube cost around USD \$62.50! That's USD \$6000 just for the tubes in the boiler!

27. April, 2021: New tubes were being installed in the boiler of Monson 3 this day.

To help defray the cost of boiler repairs, Maine Narrow Gauge Museum is soliciting donations and memberships.

- Monson 3, 0-4-4T (Vulcan Iron Works, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 2093 / 1912), 24-inch gauge
Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad Company & Museum: <https://mainenarrowgauge.org/>

Winterport, Maine

24. April, 2021: Regarding the efforts by volunteers to restore to operating condition Maine Central 470, slow but steady work continues. Details of recent work sessions can be found on the society's website.

- Maine Central 470, 4-6-3 (ALCO / Schenectady 65555 / 1924), Maine Central class C-3

New England Steam Corporation: <https://www.newenglandsteam.org/>

New Jersey

Flemington, New Jersey

09. April, 2021: Black River & Western 60 is back in the shop, ready for weekend work sessions. Volunteers plan to finish minor repairs to the superheaters, and then reinstall these units back in the locomotive boiler.

Once completed, the smokebox face will be fastened to the front of the engine, two brand new staybolts will be installed, jacketing and appliances will be buttoned up, and the locomotive will be readied for a Federal hydro test.

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20. April, 2021: On 17. – 18. April, 2021, following inspection and minor repairs, the BR&W steam shop crew reinstalled the superheaters on BR&W 60.

The remaining tasks include installing two new staybolts and buttoning up the cab controls before a Federal hydro test.

- Black River & Western 60, 2-8-0 (ALCO Schenectady 69021 / 1937), ex-Great Western Railroad 60

Black River & Western: <https://www.blackriverrailroad.com/>

Minersville, Pennsylvania

16. April, 2021: In June, 2021, Central Railroad of New Jersey (CNJ) 113 will be operating from Minersville to Port Clinton, Pennsylvania.

- Central Railroad of New Jersey 113, 0-6-0 (ALCO / Schenectady 0000 / 1923), CNJ class B7S

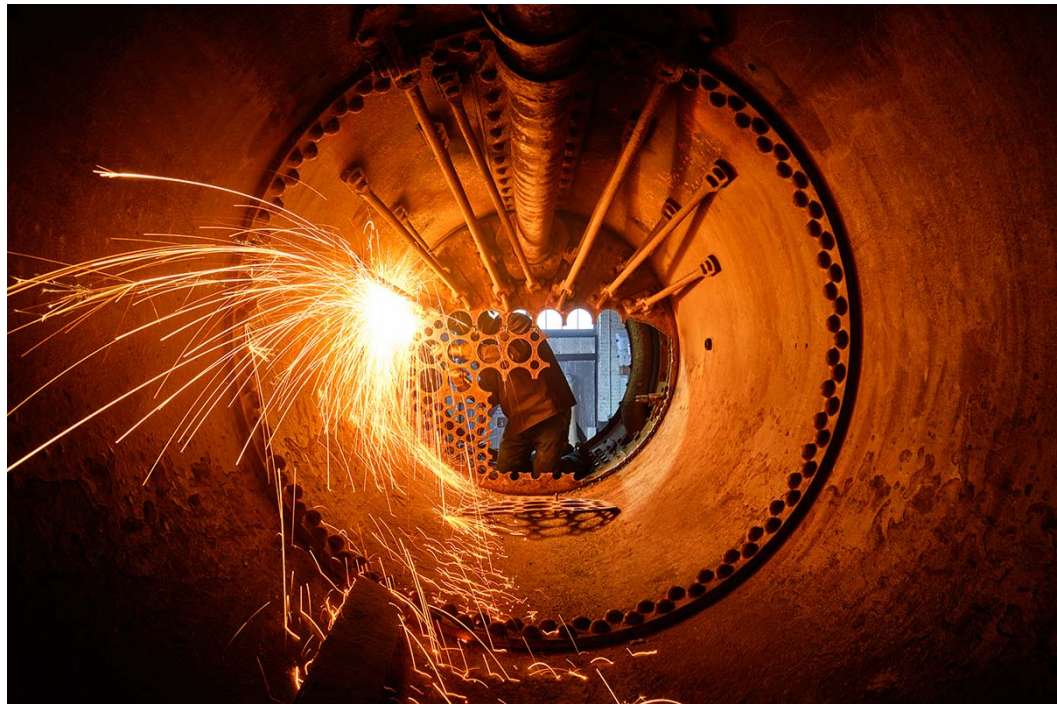
Railway Restoration Project 113: <https://www.rrproject113.org/>

Pennsylvania

Rockhill Furnace, Pennsylvania

06. April, 2021: Repairs to East Broad Top 16 continue. In April, 2021, a portion of the front flue sheet was replaced.

*Right: On 06. April, 2021, apprentice boilermaker, "Matt," removed a portion of the front flue sheet from EBT 16.
Image: Mathew Malkiewicz*



- East Broad Top 16, 2-8-2 (BLW 43562 / 1916), 36 inch gauge

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

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Maryland

Cumberland, Maryland

09. April, 2021: From the WMSR website: In mid-summer, 2021, Western Maryland Scenic Railroad (WMSR) plan to stage a “Grand Re-Opening” including steaming WMSR 1309. However, they will not be advertising dates for specific runs of WMSR 1309 until the locomotive has been inspected and certified by the Federal Railroad Administration and WMSR are satisfied that it is 100% ready for service. Once ready we will substitute WMSR 1309 on our excursion in place of the Diesels.

In Autumn, 2021, WMSR hope to offer some special events with WMSR 1309.

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

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

Virginia

Roanoke, Virginia – and – Strasburg, Pennsylvania

16. April, 2021: From the Virginia Museum of Transportation website: “N&W 611 will be moving soon out of the State of North Carolina.”

20. April, 2021: Strasburg Rail Road is working with the Virginia Museum of Transportation to once again offer several memorable experiences.

Tickets are up for sale now (20. April, 2021) for the following experiences: Hostling Tours, Excursion rides, Cab Tours, Whistle Blowing, In-Cab Experiences, and Fire-Up Experiences. These experiences will occur on weekends starting 22. May and continue on select weekends through 03. October, 2021.

Reservations are required. Spaces will fill quickly. Purchase your experiences by visiting the Strasburg Rail Road website.



Above: N&W 611 in steam on the Strasburg Rail Road, Strasburg, Pennsylvania. 18. October, 2019. Two images: John Biehn

- Norfolk & Western 611, 4-8-4 (Norfolk & Western Roanoke Shops 388 / 1950), N&W class J

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Virginia Museum of Transportation: <http://www.vmt.org/2021/04/611-at-strasburg-the-return-of-an-american-icon/>

Strasburg Rail Road: <https://www.strasburgrailroad.com/>

Ohio

Sugarcreek, Ohio

During the week of 12. April, 2021, Morehead & North Fork 12 was fired-up and operated on the museum grounds.

- M&NF (Morehead & North Fork) 12, 0-6-0 (Alco / Pittsburg 37672 / 1905)

Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum: <https://www.ageofsteamroundhouse.org/>

Tennessee

Nashville, Tennessee

21. April, 2021: WKRN, a Nashville television station, reported that following a violent storm on 25. March, 2021, which caused heavy damage to the Tennessee Central Railway Museum, the Nashville Steam Preservation Society launched an appeal for funds needed to effect repairs to their structures. Within 24 hours, USD \$12,000.00 had been raised.

The Nashville Steam Preservation Society hope to raise an additional USD \$600,000.00 needed to complete the restoration of NC&StL 576. Donations can be made via the society's website.

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

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

Colorado

Antonito, Colorado

27. April, 2021: "The boiler repairs (to C&TS 488) are nearing completion. The re-machined pistons, new rings, guides and cross heads are going back together." – "Stathi" Pappas, Stockton Locomotive Works

- Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad 488, 2-8-2 (BLW 58589 / 1925), D&RGW class K-36

Como, Colorado

11. April, 2021: The South Park Rail Society plan to construct a new water tank at Como.

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

One public event is planned for 2021: Boreas Pass Railroad Day, scheduled for 21. August, 2021.

South Park Rail Society: <http://dspphs.org/>

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Durango, Colorado

09. April, 2021: During the period May – October, 2021, Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad (D&SNG) plans to host a return visit by oil-fired Southern Pacific 18. Southern Pacific 18 is operated by Carson & Colorado Railway, Independence, California.

15. April, 2021: Southern Pacific 18 arrived in Durango, Colorado.

- Southern Pacific 18, 4-6-0 (BLW 37395 / 1911), SP class NG-6

D&SNG power planned for 2021: D&SNG 107 & D&SNG 493. D&SNG 473 should be in service by mid-May; with D&SNG 480 in service by the end of May. D&SNG 101 should be in service by very early June.

Work continues on D&SNG 480.

- D&SNG 101, C-C (Montréal Locomotive Works 602301 / 1969), model DL-535E diesel, ex-White Pass & Yukon 101
- D&SNG 107, C-C (Montréal Locomotive Works 602307 / 1969), model DL-535E diesel, ex-White Pass & Yukon 107
- D&SNG 473, 2-8-2 (ALCO / Schenectady 64984 / 1923), D&RGW class K-28
- D&SNG 480, 2-8-2 (BLW 58558 / 1921928), D&RGW class K-36
- D&SNG 493, 2-8-2 (BLW 20550 / 1902, rebuilt in 1928), D&RGW class K-37 (originally standard gauge)

Carson & Colorado Railway: <https://carsoncolorado.com/>

Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad: <https://www.durangotrain.com/>

Golden, Colorado

06: April, 2021: On 15. & 16. May, 2021, the Colorado Railroad Museum will have D&RGW 491, D&RGW 346, and RGS 20 all fired up at once.

In the morning we will run a parade with all three engines with their own caboose. Then RGS 20 and D&RGW 346 will kick off train rides with a 10:00 am double header. 20 will pull trains the rest of the day, with another double header planned for 1:00 pm.

D&RGW 491 will return to the roundhouse after the parade and remain hot for viewing and the occasional run onto the turntable for demonstrations. 491 has been our big mainstay locomotive for 7 years now and is in need of some pretty major work. In fact after this event she will be removed from service and we will be contracting the D&SNG to perform just a portion of the necessary work. She will return to service later in the year. - Jeff Taylor, CRRM curator of equipment and rolling stock.

- D&RGW 346, 2-8-0 (BLW 5712 / 1881), D&RGW class C-19, 36-inch gauge
- D&RGW 491, 2-8-2 (BLW 20829 / 1908), D&RGW class K-37, 36-inch gauge
- Rio Grande Southern 20, 4-6-0 (ALCO Schenectady 5007 / 1899), 36-inch gauge

Colorado Railroad Museum: <https://coloradorailroadmuseum.org/>

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New Mexico

Chama, New Mexico

Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad (C&TS) will operate regular, steam-powered tourist trains during the period 05. June – 24. October, 2021.

In addition to normal tourist trains operated during 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.

Following the "Victorian Iron Horse Round-up," Trains Magazine plans a special charter event entitled, "Sunset on the RGS." C&TS 463 will be re-numbered to Rio Grande Southern 455 and will be lettered with the traditional Rio Grande Southern sunset logo. Rio Grande Southern 20 (from the Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado) will be transported to the C&TS. A double headed freight including RGS caboose number 0400 will be operated. A Galloping Goose or two may be encountered along the way just the way it was on the RGS before the rails were abandoned.

The Trains Magazine charter will be operated on Tuesday, 31. August 2021. The anticipated cost of a ticket for this event will be in the range: USD \$600.00-650.00. Persons interested in participating in this event should send an email message to Jim Wrinn at: editor@trainsmag.com

Capacity will be limited to 60 passengers. The opportunity is on a first come first served basis.

Locomotive details follow:

- Rio Grande Southern 455, 2-8-2 (BLW 21788 / 1903), re-lettered from C&TS 463, 36-inch gauge, D&RGW class K-27
- Rio Grande Southern 20, 4-6-0 (ALCO / Schenectady 5007 / 1899), 36-inch gauge

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

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

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Utah

Promontory Summit, Utah

On 08. – 10. May, 2021, the Golden Spike National Historic Site plan to celebrate the anniversary of the completion of the first transcontinental railway. Included in the festivities planned for these three days is a re-creation the famous “champagne photo”

Event times are Saturday, 08. May at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30; Sunday and Monday, 09. May and 10. May, 2021 at 11:30 and 14:30.

A ticket will be required to attend the events, Tickets must be obtained online at Recreation.gov (<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/gateways/13936>) or using the Recreation.gov mobile app. Tickets will not be available at the park. Each vehicle, regardless of the number of occupants, will be required to have a single ticket. The park entrance fee and a reservation fee, totaling USD \$20.00, will be collected with each ticket. Pass holders will pay only the reservation fee of USD \$2.00.

- Union Pacific 119, 4-4-0 (O'Connor Engineering Laboratories, Costa Mesa, California [builder's number unknown] / 1979), replica
- Central Pacific 60, 4-4-0 (O'Connor Engineering Laboratories, Costa Mesa, California [builder's number unknown] / 1979), “Jupiter,” replica

Recreation.gov website: <https://www.recreation.gov/>

Golden Spike National Historic Site: <https://www.nps.gov/gosp/index.htm>

California

Sunol, California – and – Antonito, Colorado

24. April, 2021: “Great progress on Southern Pacific 1744 for the Niles Canyon Railway! The new door sheet and rear tube sheets are installed, and the new crown sheet fit up beautifully! Side sheet installation begins next week after the material shows up on Tuesday, 27. April, 2021.” – “Stathi” Pappas – Stockton Locomotive Works, Antonito, Colorado

- Southern Pacific 1744, 4-6-0 (BLW 19671 / 1901), SP class M-6

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

Washington

Chehalis, Washington

21. April, 2021: Chehalis Centralia Railroad & Museum appeal for donations to complete the repairs to CC&C 15, which has been out of service since 2019.

25. April, 2021: The Chronicle, a local (Washington State) newspaper included a story regarding ongoing repairs to the firebox and boiler of CC&C 15: <https://www.chronline.com/stories/repairing-the-arteries-and-heart-work-begins-on-repairing-chehalis-centralia-railroad-and,262929>



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

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

Chehalis Centralia Railroad & Museum: <https://steamtrainride.com/>

Donate to Chehalis Centralia Railroad & Museum: https://app.neonraise.com/fundraising/fundraising-pages/create?campaign_id=5995

Alaska

Wasilla, Alaska

10. April, 2021: Work continues to restore to operating condition Alaska Railroad 557. Details regarding recent work can be found here: http://www.557.alaskarails.org/restore/progress-reports/2021_03/index.html

- Alaska Railroad 557, 2-8-0 (BLW 70480 / 1944)

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Canada

Manitoba

Winnipeg, Manitoba

20. April, 2021: On 19. April, 2021, The Transcona Museum launched a campaign to help preserve and protect Canadian National 2747.

The announcement, made by the museum's board of directors, coincided with the train's 95th birthday. CN 2747, built in 1926 at the Transcona Shops, was the first steam locomotive constructed in western Canada. The train has been displayed on Plessis Road since it was retired from service in 1960.

The "Get On Board Capital Campaign" aims to raise \$493,000 to build a permanent shelter over the locomotive in Rotary Heritage Park. The three-sided enclosure will help protect the engine from the elements, vandalism and theft. The museum said the goal of the structure is "to provide more consistent access and interpretation of the engine, including programming and tours."

The Transcona Museum took ownership of CN 2747 in 2015 and has since completed some restoration work on the train, but according to the museum's website, an enclosure will help extend the train's lifespan for years to come.

The campaign, announced on the museum's Facebook page, is calling on donors and sponsors to support the development of the structure.

As of Monday, the museum has raised over \$111,000 towards the project.

Details on the project are available on the Transcona Museum's website:

Transcona Museum: <https://www.transconamuseum.mb.ca/>

Steam Charters

Historic Transport Preservation, Inc. are planning a series of steam charter events for Pennsylvania, USA for November, 2021.

Historic Transport Preservation: <https://steamspecials.com/>

Pete Lerro is planning a series of steam charter events in Colorado and New Mexico, USA for late September, 2021.

Lerro Photography: <https://www.lerrophotography.com/photoshoots/railroad-photo-shoots/>

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