

# North America: Steam and Tourist Railway News • June, 2021

30. June, 2021

## Tourist Railways and Museums Featuring Operating Steam Locomotives

### Pennsylvania

Altoona, Pennsylvania

Railroaders Memorial Museum is home to Pennsylvania Railroad 1361, one of only two (2) extant PRR K4-class Pacifics. Once plinthed at Horseshoe Curve, Pennsylvania, in 1985, this locomotive was removed from static display and, in 1988, restored to operating condition. Plagued by various problems, PRR 1361 operated for only two years before being withdrawn from service.

On 25. June, 2021, Railroaders Memorial Museum announced a renewed effort to restore this locomotive to service.

- Pennsylvania Railroad 1361, 4-6-2 (Pennsylvania Railroad Juniata Shops, Altoona, Pennsylvania 3475 / 1918), Pennsylvania Railroad class K4s

Railroaders Memorial Museum: <https://www.railroadcity.org/>

### Tennessee

Nashville, Tennessee

17. June, 2021: Restoration update: Using two huge mobile cranes, the frame and boiler of NC & StL 765 was lifted off its wheels so that the wheels and trucks could be refurbished and repaired.

- 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/>

### Texas

San Antonio, Texas

15. June, 2021: Texas Transportation Museum 1, 0-4-0ST, while in steam on 12. June, 2021, suffered a mechanical failure. Repairs may require a year or more.

- Texas Transportation Museum 1, 0-4-0ST (BLW 58555 / 1925), standard gauge

Texas Transportation Museum: <https://txtransportationmuseum.org/>

### South Dakota

On Saturday, 26. June, 2021, Prairie Village steamed Prairie Village Herman & Milwaukee Railroad 29.

- Prairie Village Herman & Milwaukee Railroad 29, 0-6-0 (Lima 8381 / 1944), ex-Duluth & Northeastern Railroad

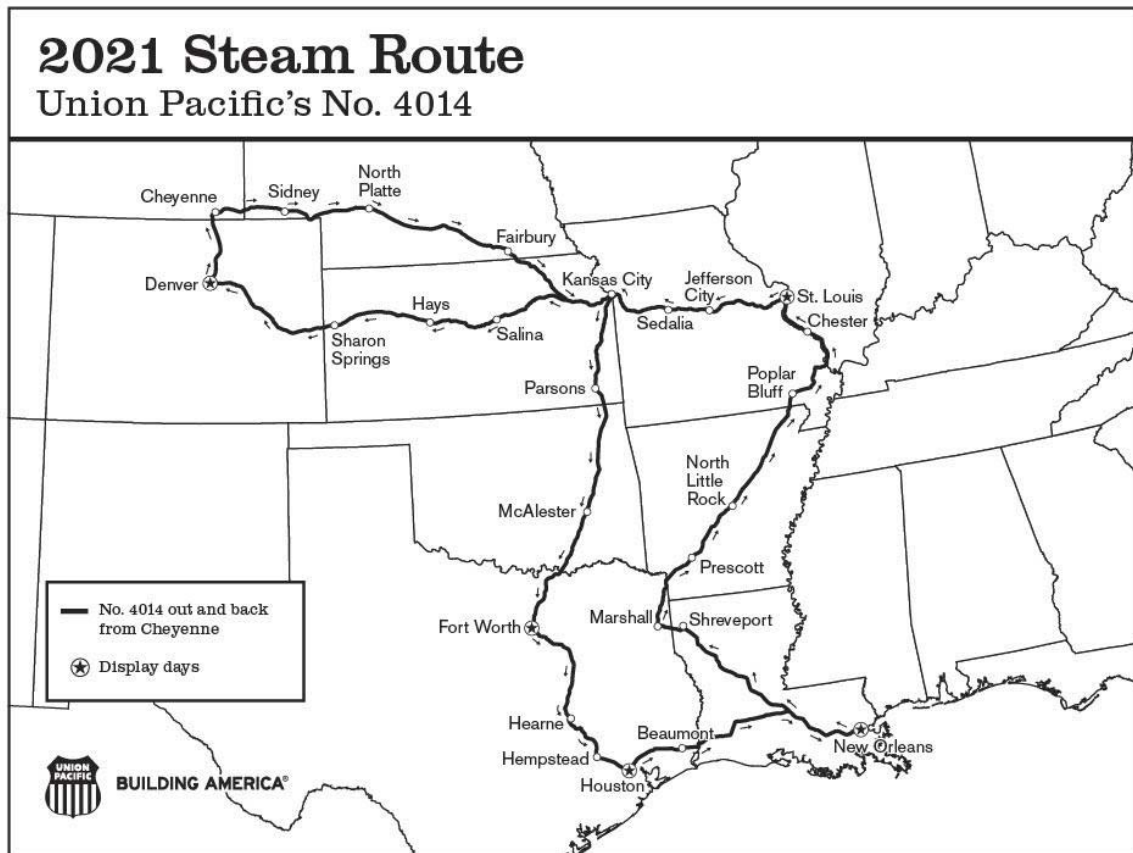
Prairie Village, Madison, South Dakota: <https://www.prairievillage.org/railroad/>

## Wyoming

Cheyenne, Wyoming

14. June, 2021: At their corporate website, Union Pacific Railroad released the preliminary 2021 itinerary for UP 4014, "Big Boy." UP 4014 will depart Cheyenne, Wyoming on Thursday, 05. August, 2021, initially traveling east through Nebraska toward Kansas City:

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



Above: The route of the 2021 UP 4014 tour. Source: Union Pacific Railroad.

UP 4014, "Big Boy" will be on display at the following locations:

- Saturday, August 14, 2021: Fort Worth, Texas
- Tuesday, August 17, 2021: Houston, Texas
- Saturday, August 21, 2021: New Orleans, Louisiana
- Sunday, August 29, 2021: St. Louis, Missouri
- Monday, September 6, 2021: Denver, Colorado

Visits to both the Union Pacific website – and – the Union Pacific Facebook page on 30. June, 2021, found no new information regarding the schedule for this planned trip.

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

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### Colorado

Durango, Colorado

24. June, 2021: Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad (D&S) announced for the remainder of 2021 their intention to operate trains powered only by oil-fired locomotives. In addition to D&S 493 and Southern Pacific 18, four used diesel locomotives formerly owned and operated by the White Pass & Yukon Railway (WP&Y) have been acquired by the D&S. As of 15. June, 2021, former WP&Y 101 and 107 were on hand in Durango; ex-WP&Y 107 had been repainted. Ex-WP&Y 103 & 196 were on a barge, enroute from Skagway, Alaska to Durango, Colorado.

- Durango & Silverton 493, 2-8-2 (BLW 20550 / 1902, rebuilt by D&RGW in 1928), D&RGW class K-37, 3-foot gauge, now an oil-burner
- Southern Pacific 18, 4-6-0 (BLW 37395 / 1911), temporarily on hand at D&S, Durango, Colorado

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

### California

Fillmore, California

The owners / operators of the Fillmore & Western Railway announced their plan to terminate operations effective 26. June, 2021. New owners / operators (if any) have not yet been revealed. Fillmore & Western tourist trains were formerly powered by both diesel and, occasionally, one steam locomotive: Fillmore & Western Railway 14.

- Fillmore & Western Railway 14, 2-8-0 (BLW 40875 / 1913)



*Above: Fillmore & Western Railway 14, Fillmore, California. 23. March, 2013.*

Fillmore & Western Railway: <http://www.fwry.com/>

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### Alaska

Wasilla, Alaska

The most recent update from the group restoring this locomotive to operating condition included their plan to install new tubes before the end of 2021. With luck, and continued funding, this locomotive may be steamed again in 2022.

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

Engine 557 Restoration Company: <http://557.alaskarails.org/>

### Canada

#### British Columbia

Kamloops, British Columbia

28. June, 2021: Located along the Canadian National Railway main line 423 kilometers (263 miles) east of Vancouver, British Columbia, Kamloops is home to the Kamloops Heritage Railway where power for tourist trains is Kamloops Heritage Railway 2141.

Until recently, tourist trains departed from the former Canadian National Railway Kamloops depot, traveling just a few kilometers to the east. With an increase in main line freight traffic, for fall, 2021, Kamloops Heritage Railway is considering a change to the operation of its tourist trains.

Kamloops Heritage Railway is considering moving the point of departure from the former CN Kamloops depot to Campbell Creek, a few kilometers east of Kamloops and location of a junction to a branch line to Armstrong, 108 kilometers (67 miles) southeast of Campbell Creek.

The proposed Armstrong tour would depart on Saturdays at 8:30 AM from Campbell Creek. Upon arrival in Armstrong, passengers would have lunch and explore the town before returning to the train and arriving back in Kamloops at 5:30 PM. Sixteen (16) such trips would be offered annually.

- Kamloops Heritage Railway 2141, 2-8-0 (Canadian Locomotive Company, Kingston, Ontario 1059 / 1912), ex-Canadian National Railway 2142, CN class M-3-d

Kamloops Heritage Railway: <https://www.kamrail.com/>

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## 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/>

Lerro Photography is planning a series of steam charter events in 2021 and 2022:

- late September, 2021: Colorado and New Mexico, USA
- March, 2022: California, USA
  - 26. -27. March, 2022: Railtown 1897 State Historic Park, Jamestown: Sierra Railroad 3
  - 28. March, 2022: Niles Canyon Railway, Sunol
  - One additional event not yet detailed

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

Trains Magazine is planning Several charter events:

- Antonito, Colorado: "Sunset on the Rio Grande Southern" (sold out)
- Durango, Colorado: (on 12. June, 2021, nine (9) tickets remain available for this event)
- 14. November, 2021: Soo Line 1003, Horicon, Wisconsin
- January, 2022: Florida

Tickets for the Soo Line 1003 charter are available via the Eventbrite website:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soo-line-1003-photo-charter-tickets-159036828435>

"We've also got other winter and spring, 2022 fun in the planning." - Jim Wrinn – Editor, Trains Magazine: <https://www.trains.com/>

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