

30. September, 2021

**Tourist Railways and Museums Featuring Operating Steam Locomotives**

**Maine**

Alna, Maine

31. July, 2021: All five (5) surviving Maine 2-foot gauge locomotives were on hand at Sheepscot, Maine for a special event:

- B. & S.R. (Bridgton & Saco River Railroad) 7, 2-4-4T Forney (BLW 40864 / 1913), in steam on 31. July, 2021
- B. & S.R. (Bridgton & Saco River Railroad) 8, 2-4-4T Forney (BLW 57659 / 1924), not serviceable
- M.R.R. (Monson Railroad) 3, 0-4-4T Forney (Vulcan Iron Works, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 2093 / 1912), in steam on 31. July, 2021
- M.R.R. (Monson Railroad) 4, 0-4-4T Forney (Vulcan Iron Works, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 2780 / 1918), not currently serviceable
- S.R. & R.L. (Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes Railroad) 6, (0-4-4T Forney (Portland Company, Portland, Maine 622 / 1891), re-lettered from WW&F 9, in steam on 31. July, 2021.

On 07. August, 2021, all five above locomotives were also on hand for the WW&F annual picnic.

Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Railway Museum (WW&F): <https://www.wwfry.org/>

WW&F (Facebook): <https://www.facebook.com/WWFRailway>

Portland, Maine

07. August, 2021: Members of Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad and Industrial Heritage Trust plan to restore to operating condition both M.R.R. (Monson Railroad) 4 – and – B. & S.R. (Bridgton & Saco River Railroad) 8. When repairs to these two locomotives are complete, all of the surviving Maine 2-foot gauge steam locomotives will have been restored to service. Donations to fund the restoration efforts are being solicited.

- M.R.R. (Monson Railroad) 4, 0-4-4T Forney (Vulcan Iron Works, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 2780 / 1918), removed from service in 2015.
- B. & S.R. (Bridgton & Saco River Railroad) 8, 2-4-4T Forney (BLW 57659 / 1924), currently stored outdoors at Alna, Maine. Not serviceable.

Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad and Museum: <https://mainenarrowgauge.org/>

**Connecticut**

Essex, Connecticut

12. August, 2021: At Strasburg Railroad, Strasburg, Pennsylvania, the driving wheels from Valley Railroad 97 have been equipped with new axles, crankpins and tires.

- Valley Railroad 97, 2-8-0 (Alco / Cooke 65188 / 1923), ex-Birmingham & Southeastern Railway 200

Essex Steam Train & Riverboat: <https://essexsteamtrain.com/>

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### New Jersey

Bridgeport, New Jersey

07. August, 2021: Under repair since 2009, it seems SMS Rail Lines 9 may have been steamed for the first time in 40 years. A post on the "Friends of SMS 9" Facebook page depicts smoke being emitted from the locomotive's smokestack.



*Above: SMS Rail Services 9 under repair at the SMS Rail Services' Bridgeport, New Jersey shop in 2013.*

*Both images: Alex Mayes.*

- SMS Rail Lines 9, 0-6-0 (ALCO Schenectady 70402 / 1942), ex-United States Army Transportation Corps (USATC) 4023, later USATC 616

SMS Rail Lines: <https://www.smsrail.com/steam-engine>

Friends of SMS 9 (Facebook): <https://www.facebook.com/vbr9nhir9sms9/>

### Maryland

Cumberland, Maryland

07. August, 2021: Regarding the purchase of ex-C&O 1309 from the B&O Railroad Museum, Western Maryland Scenic Railroad (WMSR) have renegotiated payment terms. When purchasing this locomotive, WMSR agreed to pay USD \$100,000.00. USD \$50,000.00 was paid initially, with the remaining \$50,000.00 due in 2021. The final payment was recently renegotiated to be five (5) payments of \$10,000.00 each to be paid over the next five years.

The sales contract includes terms that WMSR 1309 may not be transferred anytime in the future into private hands. WMSR hopes to have WMSR 1309 in service by fall, 2021.

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

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

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### Kentucky

Ravenna, Kentucky

On 11. September, 2021, in conjunction with the 2021 Ravenna Railroad Festival, "For the first time in its history, Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation will offer train rides and throttle time opportunities along its property behind an operating steam locomotive. . ."

Complete details at the links below:

- Lehigh Valley Coal Company 126, 0-6-0ST (Vulcan Iron Works, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 4139 / 1931)

Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation: <https://www.kentuckysteam.org/post/kshc-begins-ops>

WYMT Eastern Kentucky: <https://www.wyvt.com/2021/08/20/kentucky-steam-announces-train-rides-behind-live-steam-locomotive-ravenna-railroad-festival/>

### Indiana

Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum plan to lease Bock Lumber Company 1.

- Bock Lumber Company 1, 0-4-4T Forney (BLW 32792 / 1908)

Complete information is available at the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum website.

Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum: <http://www.hoosiervalley.org/news/bock-lumber-company-no-1-coming-hoosier-valley-railroad-museum/>

Northwest Indiana Times: [https://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/railroad-museum-on-track-with-new-developments/article\\_3009ae9b-bb9e-5933-bea3-d4f69c36df53.html](https://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/railroad-museum-on-track-with-new-developments/article_3009ae9b-bb9e-5933-bea3-d4f69c36df53.html)

### Iowa

Des Moines, Iowa

In early September, 2021, in Des Moines, the Science Center of Iowa hosted a series of short excursions utilizing Iowa Interstate Railroad 6988, a Chinese-built "QJ" locomotive. Details can be found at the Science Center of Iowa website.

- Iowa Interstate Railroad 6988, 2-10-2 (Datong Locomotive Works ? / 1985), Chinese class QJ

Science Center of Iowa: <https://www.sciowa.org/programs-and-events/special-events/steam-engine-train-tours/>

### Colorado

Como, Colorado

25. July, 2021: During a test run on Friday, 23. July, 2021, the right-hand crosshead wedge on DSP&P 4 failed, allowing the piston to travel too far, breaking the cylinder head. To fund the necessary repairs, South Park Rail Society is soliciting donations, to be sent to the following address:

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South Park Rail Society  
2065 Sicily Circle  
Longmont, Colorado 80503-4186 USA

An appeal has also been established at "GoFundMe:" <https://gofund.me/bfcfabf5>

- D.S.P. & P. (Denver, South Park & Pacific Railroad) 4, 2-6-2 (BLW 37564 / 1912), 36-inch gauge, "Klondike Kate," ex-Klondike Mines 4

D.S.P. & P. 4 will not likely be back in service before 2022.

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

### Colorado

Antonito, Colorado

During late August, 2021, Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad (C&TS) hosted a special event entitled, "Victorian Iron Horse Round-up." For this event, three (3) narrow gauge locomotives were transported to C&TS from various locations in Colorado and Nevada:

- "Glenbrook," 2-6-0 (BLW 3712 / 1875), oldest operating narrow gauge steam locomotive in North America
- Eureka & Palisade 4, 4-4-0 (BLW 3763 / 1875), "Eureka"
- Rio Grande Southern 20, 4-6-0 (Schenectady 5007 / 1899), originally Florence & Cripple Creek 20

For nearly a week, in addition to regularly-scheduled tourist trains, C&TS operated special trains, most of which originated in and returned to Antonito, Colorado.

In addition to the above locomotives, the following locomotives were in steam at C&TS during this event:

- D. & R.G. (Denver & Rio Grande) 425, 2-8-0 (BLW 14352 / 1895) D&RGW class C-18, formerly D&RGW 315, originally Florence & Cripple Creek 3, "Elkton"
- D. & R.G. (Denver & Rio Grande) 168, 4-6-0 (BLW 6670 / 1883), D&RGW class T-12
- Cumbres & Toltec 488, 2-8-2 (BLW 58589 / 1925), 36-inch gauge, formerly Denver & Rio Grande Western 488, D&RGW class K-36, now an oil-burner
- Cumbres & Toltec 489, 2-8-2 (BLW 58590 / 1929), 36-inch gauge, formerly Denver & Rio Grande Western 489, D&RGW class K-36

Although most trains operated in conjunction with the "Victorian Iron Horse Round-up" were well-organized, the event operated on Friday, 27. August, 2021 was a bit of a disappointment. On this date, although two special trains departed Antonito at 07:15, the first photo runpast was not conducted until "Upper Whiplash," milepost 297 at 09:27. The decision to stage the first photo runpast over two (2) hours after departing Antonito eliminated the possibility to photograph the special trains in fine, low, early morning light at locations such as Ferguson's Trestle, Gravity Hill, Lava Tank, etc.

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The week-long event included the overnight operation of a passenger train which departed Chama, New Mexico on the evening of Sunday, 29. August, and arrived Antonito the following morning, Monday, 30. August, 2021. Pre-dawn, the train stopped near milepost 286 to await sunrise, and the opportunity for patrons to photograph the train as several runpasts were staged at Ferguson's Trestle:



*Above: D. & R.G. 168, 4-6-0 powers a westbound train crossing Ferguson's Trestle near milepost 286 on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. Monday, 30. August, 2021.*

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

### Durango, Colorado

Directly following the C&TS special event, Trains Magazine sponsored a series of charters at both C&TS and Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad (D&SNG). The Trains Magazine charter events were very well-organized, providing many opportunities to record interesting images.

The staff at D&SNG, particularly, went out of their way to accommodate patrons of the Trains Magazine photo charters. The two days of charters on D&SNG included many runpasts, operated between the operation of regularly scheduled tourist trains.





*Above: Southern Pacific 18, 4-6-0 is depicted operating southbound crossing the Animas River just south of Silverton, Colorado on the morning of Friday, 03. September, 2021.*

- Southern Pacific 18, 4-6-0 (BLW 37395 / 1911), oil-burner

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

Trains Magazine: <https://www.trains.com/trn/>

## **Nevada**

Virginia City, Nevada

25. August, 2011: V&T 11 returned from Old Tucson

- Virginia & Truckee 11, 4-4-0 (M. Baird & Co 2816 / 1872), "Reno"

Virginia & Truckee: <https://www.virginiatruckee.com/>

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### California

San Bernardino, California

07. August, 2021: Out of service since 2017, Santa Fe (Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company) 3751 was successfully steamed.

- Santa Fe 3751, 4-8-4 (BLW 60004 / 1927)

San Bernardino Railroad Historical Society (SBRHS): <https://www.sbrhs.org/>

SBRHS (Facebook): <https://www.facebook.com/SantaFe3751>

### Steam Charters

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

- Saturday, 06. November, 2021: Everett Railroad 11, 2-6-0 (Alco / Cooke 62635 / 1923) at Everett, Pennsylvania. On 28. September, one (1) ticket remained available.
- Sunday, 07. November, 2021: Norfolk & Western 475, 4-8-0 (BLW 28343 / 1906) on the Strasburg Rail Road, Strasburg, Pennsylvania. On 28. September, six (6) tickets remained available.

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

Everett Railroad: <https://everettrailroad.com/alco-2-6-0-number-11/>

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

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

- 08. & 09 January, 2022: Conway Scenic Railroad, North Conway, New Hampshire: Conway Scenic 7470, 0-6-0. On 22. September, 16 tickets remained available.
- 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:

- 14. November, 2021: Soo Line 1003, Horicon, Wisconsin
- 29. – 30. January, 2022: U.S. Sugar 148, Clewiston, 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/>