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Historic Santa Fe locomotive will make special Albuquerque appearance while returning to Southern California

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico Heritage Rail is pleased to announce that Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway locomotive No. 5704 will participate in **New Mexico Railroad Days, September 26–27, 2026, at the Albuquerque South Rail Yards.**

The appearance is the result of a collaborative effort between BNSF Railway, the Southern California Railway Museum, and New Mexico Heritage Rail, taking advantage of a unique opportunity presented by No. 5704's movement back to Southern California.

Through coordination between the three organizations, the historic locomotive will make a special stop in Albuquerque and participate in New Mexico Railroad Days before continuing its journey west.

During the event, ATSF 5704 will appear alongside restored Santa Fe 4-8-4 steam locomotive No. 2926, bringing together two very different generations of Santa Fe motive power and creating a rare opportunity for railroad enthusiasts and the public to see both locomotives together in Albuquerque.

"Having 5704 participate in New Mexico Railroad Days is a great example of what can be accomplished when railroads and preservation organizations work together," said Mathew

Casford, President and Chief of Rail Operations for New Mexico Heritage Rail. “BNSF Railway, the Southern California Railway Museum, and New Mexico Heritage Rail were able to take advantage of a unique opportunity in 5704’s movement back to Southern California and turn it into something special for the public and Santa Fe enthusiasts.”

ATSF 5704’s appearance will be part of a larger display of historic and contemporary railroad equipment at New Mexico Railroad Days. The two-day event will also feature ATSF 2926 cab tours, railroad preservation exhibits, educational displays, family activities, speeder rides, a car show, food vendors, and other railroad-related attractions.

New Mexico Railroad Days is free and open to the public.

New Mexico Railroad Days 2026

September 26–27, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Albuquerque South Rail Yards

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Admission: FREE



For more information about New Mexico Railroad Days, visit the New Mexico Heritage Rail website at www.2926.us or scan the QR code.

About New Mexico Heritage Rail

New Mexico Heritage Rail is dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and operating historic railroad equipment while promoting New Mexico’s rich railroad heritage. The organization is the caretaker and operator of ATSF 2926, a 1944 Baldwin-built 4-8-4 steam locomotive restored to operation in Albuquerque.