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New Mexico Railroad Days Returns to Albuquerque September 26–27

Free two-day event at the historic Albuquerque South Rail Yards celebrates New Mexico's railroad heritage with Santa Fe 2926, railroad equipment, exhibits, rides and family activities



ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — August 2026 — The **New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society (NMSL&RHS)**, doing business as **New Mexico Heritage Rail (NMHR)**, will present **New Mexico Railroad Days** on Saturday and Sunday, September 26–27, 2026, at the historic Albuquerque South Rail Yards.

The free, family-friendly event will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days and will bring together railroad organizations, museums, community partners, preservation groups and railroad enthusiasts for a celebration of New Mexico's rich railroad heritage.

At the center of the event will be Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway No. 2926, the massive Baldwin-built 4-8-4 steam locomotive restored to operating condition in Albuquerque by NMHR volunteers.

Built in 1944, No. 2926 accumulated approximately one million miles in service across the American Southwest before being retired and placed on display in Albuquerque in 1956. The locomotive was rescued from Coronado Park in 2000 and returned to operation following more than two decades of volunteer restoration work. It moved under its own steam for the first time in 65 years on July 24, 2021.

New Mexico Railroad Days gives visitors an opportunity to experience railroad history up close while also learning about modern railroading, railroad safety and the continuing railroad preservation work taking place at the Albuquerque South Rail Yards.

Planned attractions include:

- Santa Fe 4-8-4 No. 2926, including locomotive cab tours
- Historic and contemporary railroad equipment displays
- Railroad preservation organizations and exhibits
- Speeder rides
- Railroad safety education and demonstrations during National Rail Safety Week
- WHEELS Museum, open to visitors both days
- Touch-A-Truck displays
- Car show
- Children's activities and hands-on experiences
- Craft and commercial vendors
- Food trucks and other food vendors
- Opportunities to meet railroaders, historians and preservation volunteers
- Information about railroad restoration and preservation projects underway at the Albuquerque South Rail Yards

The event will also showcase the continuing development of New Mexico Heritage Rail following the successful restoration of Santa Fe 2926. NMHR is working to expand the locomotive's operating capabilities and develop future passenger excursion opportunities while preserving



additional historic railroad equipment and developing the Albuquerque South Rail Yards as a center for railroad preservation, education and public engagement.

New Mexico Railroad Days is designed for railroad enthusiasts and families alike, providing an opportunity to experience New Mexico's railroad history where much of that history actually took place.

Event Information

New Mexico Railroad Days 2026

Saturday & Sunday, September 26–27, 2026

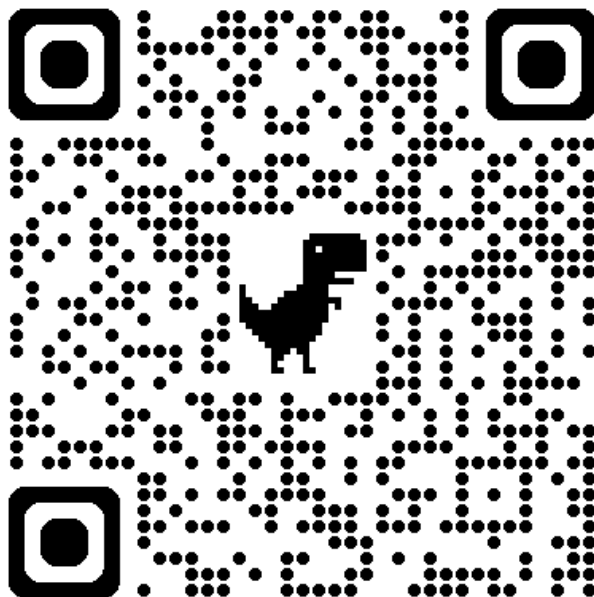
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. both days

Albuquerque South Rail Yards

1300 2nd St. SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Admission: FREE

Additional information about New Mexico Railroad Days, Santa Fe 2926 and New Mexico Heritage Rail is available at www.2926.us and through the New Mexico Heritage Rail Facebook and Instagram pages.





About New Mexico Heritage Rail

New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society (NMSL&RHS), doing business as New Mexico Heritage Rail (NMHR), is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving, operating and interpreting New Mexico's railroad heritage.

The organization is best known for the restoration and operation of Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway No. 2926, a Baldwin-built 4-8-4 steam locomotive constructed in 1944. Following more than two decades of volunteer restoration work in Albuquerque, No. 2926 returned to operation in 2021.

New Mexico Heritage Rail continues to preserve and operate historic railroad equipment while developing expanded educational programs, public events and future excursion opportunities that showcase New Mexico's railroad history and the continuing importance of rail transportation in the state.

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