



NEW MEXICO RAILROAD HISTORY
CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
Santa Fe Railyard Guadalupe & Paseo de Peralta
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Experience and celebrate the unique vast treasure of New Mexico's railroad history.

Plan now to attend the only statewide annual railroad history celebration in the nation, from September 8 through 30th, 2018, with special events scheduled the weekend of September 15 and 16. Most activities will take place in and around El Museo Cultural de Santa Fe in the Santa Fe Railyard. All activities will run from 10 to 4 Saturdays and Sundays. This celebration coincides with the Ten-Year-Anniversary of the Santa Fe Railyard District. The weekend starts on Thursday evening Sept. 13 (5-8pm) at the New Mexico History Museum's Auditorium with the public invited to an Opening Night Reception and Panel Discussion of New Mexico Railroad History with prominent officials and citizens that contributed to our state's railroad history.

During the celebratory weekend of September 15-16, El Museo Cultural will feature an exhibition of historical railroad art and photography as well as model railroad layouts with operating trains. The Violet Crown Cinema will hold a Train Film Festival. The Santa Fe Depot Visitors Center will unveil a permanent operating model railroad layout. Visitors will be able to take free shuttles to special railroad history displays and presentations at the New Mexico History Museum and La Fonda. El Museo will also host special activities for children, as well as food concessions and artist, educational, and informational booths. They will also show railroad videos and historic railroad photomontages. On the Railyard tracks, visitors will be able to view, photograph, and board full-size historic and modern engines, rail cars, and other equipment.

On Saturday, September 15, the Railyard Park is hosting a living history exploration, where participants can enjoy cultural reenactments and demonstrations of life from the era. On Sunday, September 16, the Railyard Plaza and the Baca Railyard will be celebrating their Tenth Anniversary with music, a parade, food vendors, and family-friendly activities for all to enjoy.

From September 8 through 30, on Saturdays and Sundays, El Museo Cultural will host the art and photography exhibition along with working model railroad layouts. For further information and a list of sponsors, please see NMRailroadHistory.com. You may also contact Jim Terhune (JT@NMRailroadHistory.com, 303-912-7681) or Rick Martinez (morgmartinez@yahoo.com, 505-660-3725).