

# Catch locomotive festivities near Downtown Duke City

■ *Music, food and book signing to ride along with renovation*

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Who doesn't love a locomotive? It doesn't matter how old you are or how many Game Boys you have, everybody's fascinated by the old-fashioned wheels and gears and smokestacks and geegaws that make up an old steam locomotive.

On Saturday, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., you can bring the family and check out the "2926" at the official restoration site at 1833 Eighth NW, south of Haines Avenue, in Albuquerque. The 2926 was the last of the steam locomotives purchased by the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railway.

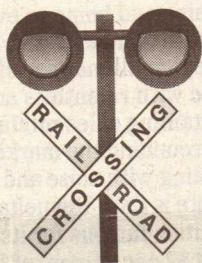
It was delivered in 1944, and when fully loaded with water and fuel oil, weighed over 1 million pounds.

There will be free hot dogs and cold drinks and your favorite train songs by Los Radiators. Kids of all ages can sit in the 2926's cab to see the same view the engineer and firefighter had as old faithful roared down the tracks.

University of New Mexico Press will have a number of books on the state's rail history at the open house for signing, and author Toby Smith, a staff writer for the Albuquerque Journal, will be there from noon-2 p.m. to sign his book, "Ten Turtles to Tucumcari," a history of the Railway Express Agency, which dominated the transportation and shipping industry from the 1920s through the '60s.

The event is being sponsored by the New Mexico Steam Locomotive and Railroad Historical Society, a nonprofit organization that's trying to restore and re-create New Mexico's railroading heritage from the 1880s to the present.

For more information, call 332-2926.



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