

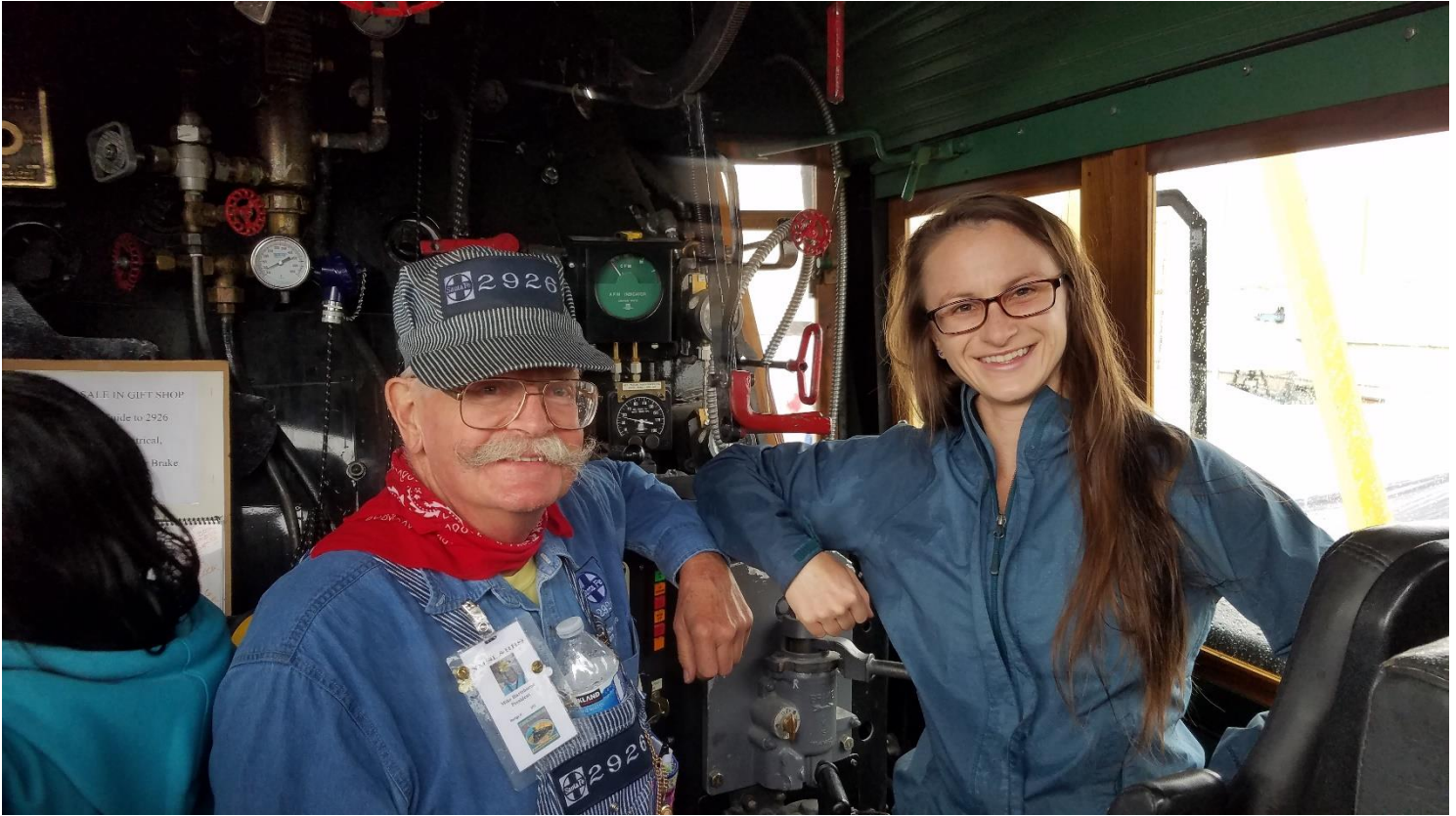
# AT&SF 2926 NEWS



**The 2021 Open House on September 25<sup>th</sup> was a big hit with 1,700 visitors. They celebrated the restoration of the AT&SF 2926 and had a fun day with the volunteers of the NMSL&RHS. The restored 2926 on display, model railroads running, AMTRAK, NM Rail Runner, Operation Lifesaver, free hotdogs, NM5SX ham radio, speeder rides, great live music, and a lot of smiles marked the day. Here are a few of our favorite photos of the event. For much more see our website [www.2926.us](http://www.2926.us) and look in the photo section for 9-25-21 (<http://www.nmslrhs.org/Photos/2021/09-25/index.html>).**







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**A Love Affair with Big Boys Toys—Restoring the 2926**

**By NMSL&RHS Historian John Taylor**

*A Love Affair with Big Boys' Toys—  
Restoring the 2926*



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The saga of the restoration of the AT&SF 2926 is now available as a photo rich history of the work of the NMSL&RHS volunteers over the 20 years of restoration. From moving her out of Coronado Park in June 2000 to the first few steam powered turns of the drivers the book is illustrated with hundreds of photographs. Available at the 2926 Store for \$55 plus shipping. Orders can be made by email to Rick Marsden ([rmarsden@nmslrhs.org](mailto:rmarsden@nmslrhs.org)).

## **WORK CONTINUES ON THE 2926 AND TOOL CAR #3939. JACKET, JACKET, JACKET AND MORE JACKET.....**



Fabrication of a new boiler jacket is hard work with several hundred pieces of handcrafted steel sheet, painted and secured over ceramic fiber insulation. New clothes for the Big Girl.

## **Five New Doors have been made for the #3939 Tool Car. One to go !**



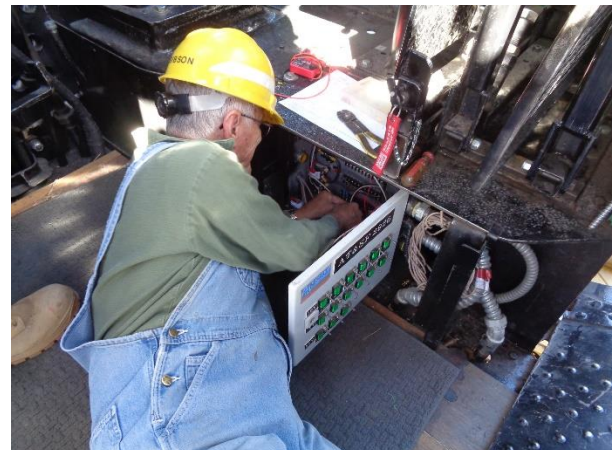
## Hanging the Doors.



**The 80 Kw generator is mounted under #3939. Next job: The fuel tank.**



**Cab electronics are being installed including John Howard's clever LeapTC solution to the need for Positive Train Control for Steamers.**



## Next steps for the AT&SF 2926?

### 1. Local (expensive) track upgrades to get 2926 to the main line.

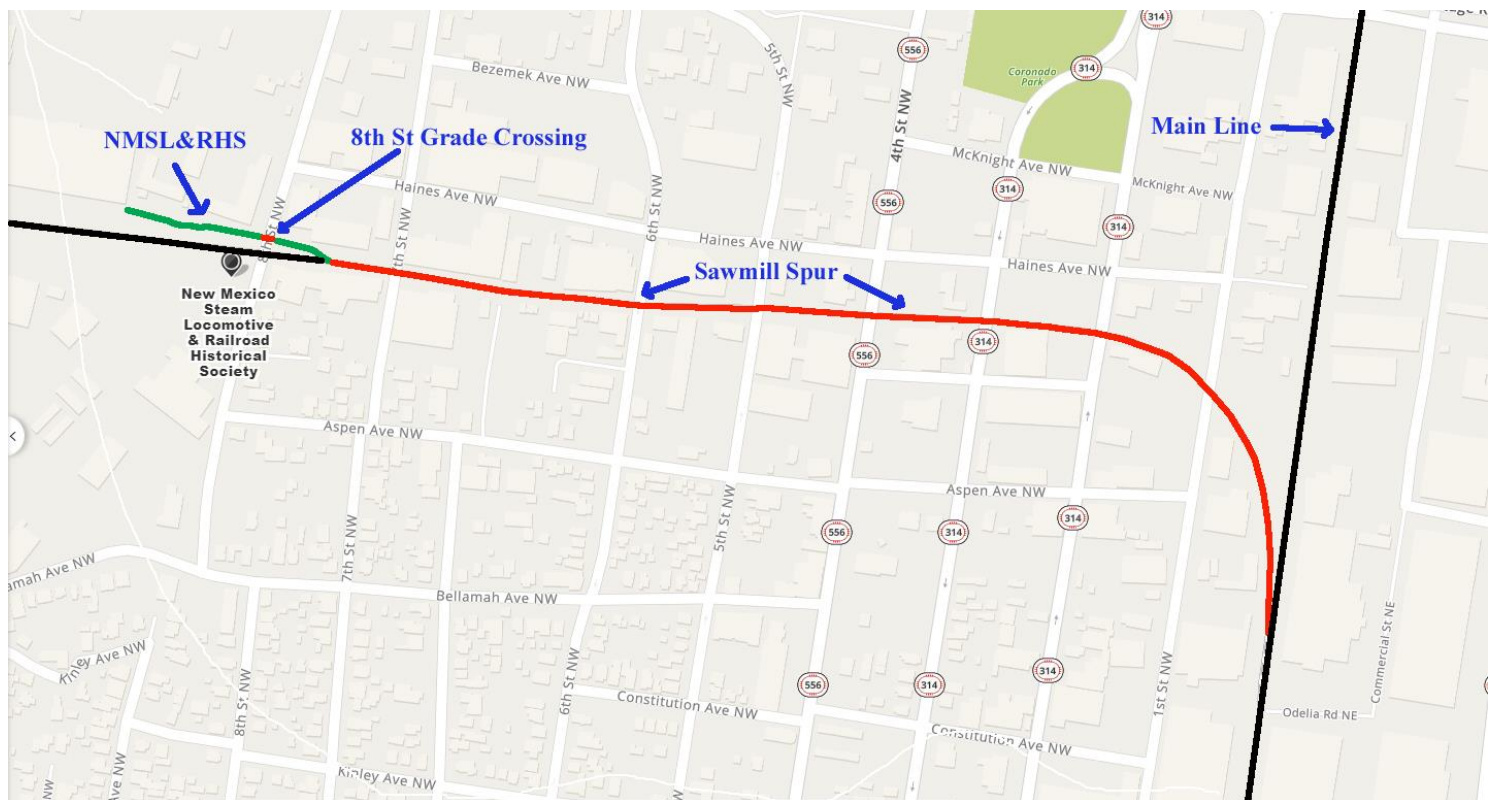


**Green** shows the NMSL&RHS spur with upgrades paid for by the Society. On the restoration site itself the track was re-laid in 2014 with an anonymous donation of \$100,000. The **green** segment between 8<sup>th</sup> street and the siding switch was upgraded to Class 2 in 2018 by the Society for about \$25,000.

The short **red** 8<sup>th</sup> St. grade crossing is pending replacement by NMDOT with federal infrastructure funds.

The longer **red** section shows the Sawmill spur back to the main line which will be upgraded to Class 2 at the expense of the Society. This is estimated to cost over \$20,000.

1937 vintage 8<sup>th</sup> St. crossing.



### 2. The Operating Agreement between the NMSL&RHS and NMDOT is being finalized after years of work. Insurance costs will be high.



**3. Test steam operations on the Sawmill spur will follow with a large escrow fund (probably \$200,000 or more) required to cover any serious problems such as derailments blocking the spur.**

**4. A test run to Las Vegas, New Mexico in the fall of 2022 is being explored with Las Vegas city officials and other interested parties.**



**The trackside Castañeda Hotel in Las Vegas, NM is now open next to the AMTRAK station.**

**ALL THAT AND MORE MEANS THE 2926 NEEDS YOUR DONATION MORE THAN EVER. PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN BE. PUT 2926 BACK ON NEW MEXICO'S RAILS!**

**(The NMSL&RHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit – donations are tax deductible)**

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MINEATURE (3 inch diameter ) 2926 BUILDER PLATE MEDALIONS cast in bronze by the Society's Longbeards are available at the gift shop for \$85.

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