

Hoosier MG Enthusiasts & Rail Fans ROAD TRIPS

For Club members who just like driving their cars and those who are railroad enthusiasts, these are the outings for you!

For starters, the Union Pacific Railroad (UP) has the oldest and largest operating steam locomotive in the world. This behemoth is locomotive #4014, but more affectionately known as “Big Boy” by most rail fans. The UP usually conducts annual excursions with this locomotive, and until this year, these excursions have been west of the Mississippi. But this year, in celebration of the United States 250th Anniversary, the Union Pacific is having an excursion to Philadelphia for a dedicated celebration on July 4th. This magnificent locomotive will be passing through northern Indiana on its way to and from Philadelphia. To give railfans an opportunity to view this monstrosity, the train will be stopping for 30 minutes at selected communities on the way out and back. This is where MG’s and railfanning comes in.

On the way east to Philadelphia, Big Boy will be stopping in Argos, IN on **Friday, June 5**. This stop is scheduled for 2:15 PM.

We will be gathering in **the Firebirds restaurant parking lot (9611 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46290)**.
Driver’s meeting: 9:45 AM - Departure for Argos: 10:00 AM.

On the way back west from Philadelphia, Big Boy is scheduled to stop at Knox, IN on **Thursday, July 16** at 1:30 PM.

We will be gathering in **the Firebirds restaurant parking lot (9611 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46290)**.
Driver’s meeting: 8:45 AM - Departure for Knox: 9:00 AM.

Because both Argos and Knox are smaller towns and crowds have historically been LARGE at these whistle stops, we are planning casual drives north but want to arrive early so we can find parking and good locations for viewing. After all you wouldn’t want to make the drive and miss the train...



About Union Pacific's famed Big Boy No. 4014

Union Pacific's famed Big Boy No. 4014, the world's largest operating steam locomotive, will journey to the East Coast for the first time in collaboration with Norfolk Southern as part of a historic coast-to-coast tour as both railroads celebrate America's 250th anniversary. The tour includes a Fourth of July celebration in Philadelphia, major display events in eight cities and more than 50 whistle-stops in 10 states, including stops for the first time in Indiana, Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania.

This will be the first time No. 4014 has ever steamed east of Chicago. As the Big Boy makes this highly anticipated journey, the eastern portion of the tour will operate across the Norfolk Southern network, marking a historic collaboration between two of the nation's storied railroads and bringing the legendary locomotive back to communities that helped power America's industrial rise.

"Union Pacific couldn't be prouder to share this powerful piece of history with the nation and to be a part of America's birthday celebration," said Union Pacific CEO Jim Vena. "This tour celebrates our company's rich 164-year history, our nation's amazing story and the people who have helped build our great country and our railroad."

"Railroads helped build this nation by connecting people, communities and commerce— work carried forward for generations by dedicated railroaders," said Norfolk Southern President and CEO Mark George. "As the United States approaches its 250th anniversary, Union Pacific's Big Boy's return to the East on Norfolk Southern rails reflects a shared legacy."

The Coast-to-Coast tour resumes from Cheyenne, Wyoming, on May 25. Big Boy No. 4014 returned April 24 from the western leg, featuring a ceremony in downtown Sacramento, near the historic Milepost 0 of the Central Pacific, where eastward construction on the nation's first transcontinental railroad began in 1863.

Eight major public display events will be held in:

May 30 – Omaha, Nebraska (near the Union Pacific's historic Milepost 0)

June 3 – West Chicago, Illinois

June 10 – Buffalo, New York

June 15-16 – Scranton, Pennsylvania

July 4-5 – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

July 9-10 – Altoona, Pennsylvania

July 14 – Fostoria, Ohio

July 19 – St. Louis, Missouri

In addition to the public display days, rail fans can see this historic machine in action at over four dozen whistle-stops, generally 15- to 30- minutes long.

Complete details can be found on UP.com in the official steam schedule.

As part of the tour, the Union Pacific Museum will be selling tickets for rides in vintage passenger cars pulled by Big Boy through the Poconos Mountains in Pennsylvania on June 14. Interested riders can purchase tickets from the Museum at www.UPtrainTix.org/ . This will be the ONLY passenger excursion opportunity on this tour.

On the eastern leg of the trip, Big Boy will be accompanied by Norfolk Southern commemorative locomotives as well as several historical passenger cars from Norfolk Southern's Heritage Fleet. The coast-to-coast tour highlights the histories of Union Pacific in the West and Norfolk Southern and its predecessors in the East, reflecting the shared legacy of American railroads serving as the backbone of the country's economic growth. In the coming weeks, Norfolk Southern will unveil its commemorative U.S. 250 series.