

Colorado 150 Celebrations!

As part of the festivities surrounding the Colorado 150 and America 250 Anniversaries, two special trains ran from Antonito. For two days, the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad celebrated Colorado's 150th anniversary aboard a living National Historic Landmark.

Engine No. 168, which once languished in a park in Colorado Springs and was restored by the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad, hauled the historic fleet from Antonito to Big Horn and back on July 31st, followed by a double-header with locomotive 463 to Osier and back on Saturday, August 1st.



T-12 #168 stands ready to depart for Big Horn with the historic fleet on Friday, July 31, 2026.

To complement the festivities during the Colorado 150 commemoration, the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad held an Open House celebration from July 31 through August 2 at our Antonito location.

Visitors were able to view the CRF and various projects in progress as well as several cars lined up outside that had been restored by the Friends.

This was a chance to see railroad preservation in action and guests were able to learn how the Friends organization complements the railroad's historic mission and talk to some of the volunteers involved.

On display inside the CRF were Railway Post Office RP054 which is nearing the end of a repaint and refurbishment and Maintenance-of-Way Car MW02.

Outside were Cook Car 053, Derrick OB, Pile Driver OP, Caboose 0579 and Pullman Sleeper 470. All were restored to operation by the Friends.



Derrick OB, restored and operated by the Friends, on display outside the CRF.



Pile Driver OP, restored and operated by the Friends, on display outside the CRF.



Pullman Sleeper 470, restored over a 12 year period by the Friends.