



2023 RAILROAD CALENDAR
FEATURING NOSTALGIC SCENES
IN AND AROUND WESTERN N.Y.

January 2023 - Buffalo Southern Railroad • RS-3 diesel #28 (American Locomotive Co. August 1953, ex Delaware & Hudson #4129) is pulling a short freight train near the Tifft Street bridge in Buffalo, NY. #28 was used by the Adirondack RR and is currently out of service. The trackage was once part of the Buffalo and Southwestern Railroad, a predecessor of the Erie Railroad that ran 89 miles between Jamestown and Buffalo - Photo date: May 1987 - Don Rohauer photo

February 2023 - New York Central Railroad • 4-6-4 class J-1d Hudson #5374 (American Locomotive Co. 1930) is leading a passenger train westbound out of Buffalo Central Terminal. The locomotive was formerly Michigan Central engine #8229 - Photo date: January 1954 - James Van Brocklin photo/NFC collection

March 2023 - Erie Railway • 4-6-0 class 72, engine #72 (Swinburne, Smith & Co. Paterson, NJ 1850). This very early photo was taken at Avon, NY, next to the freight house. The Erie RR shops in Dunkirk, NY, rebuilt the locomotive in April 1868. Note the six-foot broad-gauge track in this view. By 1880, the Erie RR converted all track on their system to standard gauge - Photo date: before 1880 - J. Carl Burke Collection

April 2023 - Canadian National Railway • 4-8-2 class U-1a Mountain #6008 (Canadian Locomotive Co. 1923) is on the turntable at Stratford, Ontario after taking on coal and water having arrived on train #29, the morning train from Toronto. Designed and built for the then newly created government owned Canadian National Railway, #6008 hauled CNR's transcontinental and fast intercity passenger trains. It will leave on the evening passenger train for Toronto. #6008 had less than a year left in service - Photo date July 14, 1957 - Norm Wahl photo/NFC Collection

May 2023 - International Railway Company • Car #105 (J.G. Brill Car Company, 1917) is at Bailey & Kensington Avenue in Buffalo, NY. Officials look on as the streetcar that was headed south on Bailey Avenue on the leg of an emergency turn-back wye, but the rear truck is on the mainline curve and facing backwards. Route #13 (Kensington) made its way downtown from Bailey Avenue near the city line - Photo date: August 1947 - Harold Ahlstrom photo/NFC Collection

June 2023 - Consolidated Rail Corporation • #1926 (General Electric, May 1978) and two other B23-7's are westbound near the Union Road bridge in the Buffalo suburb of Cheektowaga, NY. The train is about to pass under the old New York Central signal bridge. Conrail purchased 141 of the B23-7 model locomotives - Photo date: November 12, 1994 - Doug Kroll photo

July 2023 - Niagara Junction Railway • E10B Steeple cab electric motors #14 & #15 (both General Electric, July 1952) are switching Foote Yard north of Porter Avenue in Niagara Falls, NY. All electric locomotives were transferred to Conrail after 1976 and removed from the roster in 1983. Number 14 was sold to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in New York City, and later to the Metro-North Commuter Railroad. Number 15 was sold to General Electric and is currently owned by the WNY Railway Historical Society - Photo date: May 16, 1973 - Devan Lawton photo

August 2023 - Erie Lackawanna Railroad •GP-7 diesel #1204 (Electro Motive Division, October 1950) is in the interlocking plant of FW Tower in Buffalo, NY. FW Tower, owned by the Erie Lackawanna RR, controlled a triangle of trackwork where the Pennsylvania Railroad, Erie Railroad and Buffalo Creek Railroad all crossed each other. Conrail will combine six failing northeast railroads on April 1, 1976 - Photo date: March 1976 - Geoff Gerstung photo/Greg Gerstung Collection

September 2023 - Baltimore & Ohio Railroad •4-6-2 class P5A Pacific #5220 (American Locomotive Co. Brooks Works Dunkirk, NY September 1919) is at the B&O's Buffalo Creek Yard roundhouse. The locomotive is being readied for train #251, the daily southbound passenger train to Pittsburgh leaving from the DL&W station at the foot of Main Street at 10:30 a.m. every morning. B&O passenger service was discontinued less than two months later - Photo date: September 5, 1955 - Fred B. Furminger photo

October 2023 - East Erie Commercial Railroad •GE 70 tonner diesel #20 (GE Erie, PA October 1951) was built for the Mississippi Export Railroad. It is pulling a special excursion during the week of April 29, 1977, for Interrail 77. Over 200 railfans and their families from the U.S Northeast, Midwest and Ontario, Canada, attended this event. The Lake Shore Railway Historical Society & Museum opened for visitors, and GE Transportation opened its Lawrence Park locomotive and transit manufacturing facility for tours - Photo date: April 1977 - Harold Ahlstrom Photo/NFC Collection

November 2023 - Baltimore & Ohio Railroad •0-8-0 class L-4A #788 (Brooks Locomotive Works, 1918, ex Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh #536) is switching freight cars in Perry, NY. The Silver Lake Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was a 7.6-mile section linking Perry, NY with the Rochester-Ashford mainline of the B&O (former BR&P). The last freight train ran on June 26, 1973. The line was abandoned soon after - Photo date: 1953 - Joe Kroth/NFC Collection

December 2023 - Jamestown, Westfield, and Northwestern Railroad •Interurban car #303 (Cincinnati Car Co. 1914) is waiting near the New York Central/JW&NW joint station in Westfield, NY. It was reported that car #303 had a baggage/mail compartment cut into the center separating the smokers from the anti-tobaccoists of the day. The last day of passenger operations on the JW&NW was November 30, 1947. Freight service lasted until January 21, 1950 - Photo date: October 1946 - Thomas Gascoigne Collection/NFC Collection