

Chasin' the Train

The N.M. Centennial Train
Union Pacific Freedom Train



RRMC Club Drive

Saturday, November 5, 2011
Santa Rosa to Corona



The New Mexico Centennial train arrives in Santa Rosa from Tucumcari Saturday morning at 8:45 a.m.



Whistle stop in Santa Rosa with Union Pacific steam locomotive #844.



UP 844 displaying the New Mexico Centennial placard and the state flag.



UP 844 departing Santa Rosa at 9:15 a.m. for Vaughn, Corona, Carrizozo, and overnight stop in Alamogordo.



Some of the RRMC Miatas waiting for the UP 844 at Pastura, south of Santa Rosa. It was a cold windy day.



After sitting at a siding for two northbound freight trains (manifests), UP 844 finally arrives at Pastura crossing.



UP 844 approaching the crossing at Pastura.
About 65 miles per hour.



Pretty much what it looked like rumbling through the crossing.



As fast as it arrived, it was gone!
You had about three seconds to get a couple of shots.



Back on the road (US 54) to "chase the train," catching it a few miles north of Vaughn in a light drizzle.



Thanks for the safety tip.



UP 844 steamin' towards Vaughn. Leader Paul paced the train at 64 mph per GPS (highway speed limit: 55)



A rear view mirror view of Miatas in a little “spirited driving” to beat the train to Duran, south of Vaughn.



Arriving at Duran for another runby photo stop of UP 844.



Here it comes . . .



. . . there it goes!



Miatas in the side view mirror, back on the road to chase the train between Duran and Corona.



Catching up with the UP 844. The cold air and stiff winds made for some interesting steam patterns.



Pacing UP 844 on our way to Corona.



Arriving in Corona for our last photo stop of the drive.



The runby of UP 844 through Corona.



Our last look at UP 844 as it screams through Corona.