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## **611 at Strasburg: The Return of an American Icon**

Virginia Museum of Transportation, Inc. and the Strasburg Rail Road Company is pleased to announce that the famous Norfolk & Western Class J 611 steam passenger locomotive will again head to Pennsylvania's Amish Country in May 2021 through October 2021 for excursions, appearances and special events.

The events include being a passenger behind the famous locomotive on the Rail Road's property, opportunities to operate, maintain and fire the locomotive, and cab rides. Photo and educational sessions as well as behind-the-scene shop tours, and other family-centered events will round out the exciting time!

"Since its restoration, the Virginia Museum of Transportation (VMT) has sought opportunities for 611 to engage people from all walks of life," said Brian Barton, VMT board member. "The partnership with the Strasburg Rail Road allows us to spark a fascination with steam locomotives and transportation, our history, steam technology, mechanical engineering, and design."

The Norfolk & Western Class J 611, a National Historic Engineering Landmark by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, is known as an engineering powerhouse of steam, technology, and near mechanical perfection.

The Strasburg Rail Road is America's oldest operating railroad and home to the Norfolk and Western Class M 475.

For more information, watch the [strasburgrailroad.com](https://strasburgrailroad.com).