The following was taken from a facebook post in 2021, the 20th anniversary of the event... May 15, 2001 "...CSX SD40-2 #8888 (later known as Crazy 8's) would leave Stanley Yard in Toledo, Ohio as a runaway train with no one on board.

The train would continue south through northwest Ohio until it was eventually stopped in Kenton, Ohio. This real-life event inspired the movie "Unstoppable" with Denzel Washington & Chris Pine (Although the movie is not anywhere near how the real thing happened).

This unit is still in service at CSX but is disguised now as a rebuilt SD40-3 #4389. Crew members of CSX had once gave it the slogan, "I am the eighty-eight, eighty-eight, and let it be known, I move alone"."





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The chase train entered the tracks in Dunkirk, immediately following 8888's passing, in an attempt to reach the runaway train.