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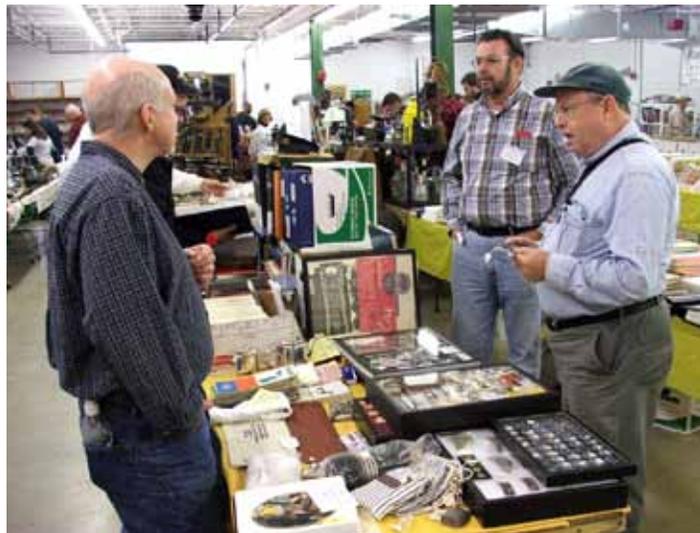
Railroadiana Collectors Enjoy Gaithersburg Show

The Sunday crowd was slightly smaller than usual, and several dealers were unable to attend this year, but the many collectors who made the trip to Gaithersburg, MD for the 34th Annual Railroadiana Show were not disappointed. With five rooms full of railroad memorabilia for sale (and several more tents outside), it was not an event for the serious railroadiana collector to miss. While the economic downturn has taken its toll on the price of antiques, there still seems to be plenty of interest in railroad memorabilia.

As is typical of this show, most exhibitors were already set up on Friday afternoon, and many deals were made during unpacking. An early admission pass for the weekend was definitely a must, in order for a collector to have a first



KL&L member Jeremy Tuke is ready to make a deal on some of the memorabilia that he has for sale at the show.



Plenty of railroad memorabilia changed hands at this year's 34th Annual Gaithersburg Railroadiana Show & Sale.

look at any of the "new finds" that were being offered. By Saturday afternoon, most attendees were making a second round, checking tables for any good deals that might have been missed, and taking notes for possible future purchases. With railroadiana prices down somewhat in recent months, a number of collectors who fund their buying through the sale of memorabilia were waiting to see how their Sunday receipts would turn out.

The public show on Sunday, November 6th was generally a success for most dealers, with a good amount of interest in reasonably priced railroadiana. Realistic pricing seems to be the key to keeping sales volume up these days. Several

collectors with whom we spoke sold enough memorabilia to make a few purchases of higher end items at the end of the day. Although the local crowd seemed to taper off toward early afternoon, there was a "second wave" of deals among exhibitors before they began to pack up. A number of scarce artifacts were observed changing hands through trades between dealers, as well.

Most of the regular exhibitors set up tables this year, offering memorabilia ranging from Civil War era lanterns to modern employee timetables. The Gaithersburg show is known for its many dealers of dining car china and silver, and collectors found plenty to choose from this year. Specialty dealers of postcards, keys, locks, and lantern restoration parts also exhibited at the show, along with several booksellers. There is always something for everyone at Gaithersburg, and even

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The Future of the Railroad Hobby

The future of the railroad hobby has been a frequent topic of discussion at various historical group meetings in recent months. Most organizations have experienced a decline in membership over the last few years, as fewer young people have become involved in historic preservation. General interest in railroads still seems to be relatively strong, though, if the attendance at the various model train shows and “Thomas the Tank Engine” events is any indication. The last Springfield, MA railroad hobby show drew over 20,000 visitors during the two day event.

For those of us who are interested in railroad history and collecting, the key is to get the attention of some of the tens of thousands of railroad enthusiasts who are not collectors. Many of my railfan friends are primarily train-watchers or scale modelers, with only a passing interest in history and memorabilia. However, it doesn't take much to get bitten by the collecting “bug.” I was a modeler for many years before a table full of railroadiana at a train show happened to catch my eye and sparked an interest in historical memorabilia.

Tables at local model train shows are usually reasonably priced, and are sometimes free for “display only” exhibitors. Consider setting up a table of railroadiana at a train show, even if it won't necessarily result in the sale of big ticket items. By sharing our part of the “railroad hobby” with those who have similar interests, we will support its growth.

On that subject, I'm happy to report that membership in KL&L is actually increasing, and through the support of our advertisers, we have been able to expand the magazine. We are now looking for more material to fill the additional pages. Please consider contributing an article, photos, or information about a subject that is of interest to you. Also, suggestions and ideas are always welcome by e-mail at transportsim@aol.com. I hope to hear from you!

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Railroadiana Show & Auction Calendar



- Dec 3** **Marion, OH** - NE Model Train & Railroad Artifacts Show. Marion Cty Fairgrounds.
Info: www.marionmodelrailroadclub.org.
- Dec 3** **San Bernardino, CA** - Fire Dept & Railroad Antiques Swapmeet. Old Santa Fe Depot.
Info: www.sbdepotmuseum.com.
- Dec 3-4** **Marlborough, MA** - NE Model Train Expo. Best Western Royal Plaza Trade Center.
Info: <http://hubdivision.org>.
- Dec 3-4** **Oklahoma City, OK** - Oklahoma City Train Show. Oklahoma State Fairgrounds.
Info: www.okctrainshow.com.
- Dec 4** **Albany, NY** - Great Train Extravaganza. Empire State Plaza Convention Center.
Info: www.gtealbany.com.
- Dec 10** **Carthage, MO** - Train Show & Swap Meet. Fairview Christian Church.
Info: vibrantautumn@hotmail.com.
- Dec 10** **Columbus, OH** - 50th Buckeye Railroadiana Show. Ohio Expo Center.
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Dec 10** **Nashville, TN** - Toy Train Show. Tennessee State Fairgrounds - Ag Building.
Info: www.dixiedivisiontca.com.
- Dec 10** **Rochester, NY** - RIT Tiger Tracks Train Show. RIT Gordon Field House.
Info: <http://ritmrc.org>.
- Dec 17-18** **Tampa, FL** - Tampa Railroad Show. Florida State Fairgrounds.
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Jan 7-8** **DeLand, FL** - 38th Florida Rail Fair. Volusia County Fairgrounds.
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Jan 7** **Griffith, IN** - Blackhawk NRHS Winter Swap Meet. American Legion Post 66.
Info: www.blackhawknrhs.org.
- Jan 14** **Atlanta, GA** - 42nd Atlanta Railroad Show. North Atlanta Trade Center. Norcross, GA.
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A Variety of Railroadiana is Sold at Brookline Auction

With multiple installments held over several years, Brookline Auction Gallery's sale of the huge John Knowles collection was certainly a tough act to follow. However, Scott Czaja, Brookline's new railroadiana sales manager (and a fellow KL&L member) has proven that he is up to the task. Since the auction company decided to continue its railroadiana sales on a consignment basis, Scott has managed to attract a wide variety of rare and unusual memorabilia. The recent fall auction, held on October 22nd at the auction gallery in Brookline, NH, was no exception, with over 500 lots ranging from groups of trolley photos to a collection of New York Central Railroad dater dies.

A detailed, online auction catalog resulted in a large number of absentee bids, although bidders on the floor took home most of the higher ticket items. As has been the case at many



A BL&N Thompson (left) sold for \$1200, while an L.F. Betts patent lantern marked for the BC&F (right) went for \$400 . Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery.



A nicely framed Chicago & Alton Railroad "The Only Way" passenger train advertising print sold for \$325. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery.

recent railroadiana auctions, there were a few good deals on certain lots, and others required some persistent bidding. While there is always a good selection of memorabilia from the New England states at the Brookline auctions, many artifacts from western roads have been offered at their most recent sales.

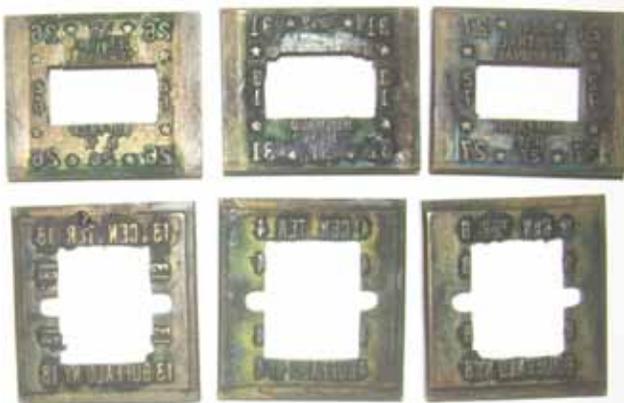
Although many items were stand alone consignments, several collections of related memorabilia were offered in individual lots, including a small group of NYO&W hat

badges, several Rutland lanterns, large lots of trolley photos, and a variety of annual passes. An extensive collection of memorabilia from a New York Central Railroad revenue auditor included some unusual brass audit tags and a large quantity of ticket dater dies.

A number of scarce lanterns were sold, including a Thompson marked for the Boston, Lowell & Nashua, which brought a high bid of \$1200, and an American Express lantern fitted



This Northern Pacific Railway brass heart lock made by Slaymaker sold for a reasonable \$50. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery.



Part of a large collection, this lot of six dater dies from Buffalo Central Terminal brought a high bid of \$200. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery.

with a bullseye lens that sold for \$295. An L.F. Betts patent bellbottom, with a scarce Boston, Clinton & Fitchburg RR marking and an unmarked red globe went for \$400. Fixed globe lanterns brought in a range of high bids, from \$455 for a Norwich & Worcester RR and \$465 for a Portland, Saco & Portsmouth, to a very reasonable \$335 for a Boston, Concord & Montreal RR and \$225 for an example from the

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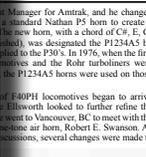
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Manager for Amtrak, and he changed a standard Nathan P5 horn to create a new horn, with a chord of C4, E, G, (A4), was designated the P1234A5 by Amtrak in the P30's. In 1976, when the first EMD and the Rohr turbochargers were the P1234A5 horns were used on those of F40PH locomotives began to arrive. Ellsworth looked to further refine the horn to Vancouver, BC to meet with the same air horn, Robert E. Swanson. As sessions, several changes were made to



When AEM7 locomotives took over Northeast Corridor assignments, the sound of the E60 "big boat" horn was replaced by that of the Nathan Airchime KSLA

The Nathan KSH horn, with a new chord of D4, F4, G4, B, D4 (B Major 6). The horn, cataloged by Nathan-Archime as the model KSLA, was installed on this, and all subsequent F40PH orders. In early 1981, delivery of new AEM7 electric locomotives began, and they received the new KSLA horn, as well.

The SDP40F engines were phased out in the early 1980's, and with them the SL-41 horn. During the late 1990's, the last of the P30CH locomotives were retired, and the Rohr



colliner transients were equipped with the model P1234A5 air horns.



The Nathan Airchime KSLA horn is now standard on all locomotives, and has become the new "sound of Amtrak."

turbines were placed into storage. A few E60 electrics remained in service into the next decade, but were soon replaced when the new Acela equipment arrived. With these retirements, the unique sounds of the P01235 and P1234A5 air horns disappeared.

Today's P40 and P42 locomotives have been equipped with the Nathan KSLA, which has been adopted as the standard air horn for Amtrak locomotives. To the current generation of railroad buffs, this is the "sound of Amtrak," and the horns that many of us knew are now a part of history. As Amtrak prepares to enter a new era of high speed trains, it will be interesting to see what the next forty years will bring.

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The Effect of Inflation on Railroadiana Prices

By David Hamilton

Looking through a few back issues of the *Key Lock & Lantern* magazine, there are a number of interesting railroad artifacts listed for sale in the want ads section: a Cotton Belt marker lamp for \$20, Milwaukee Road playing cards (spaspeake & Ohio lantern with a marked B) Or horn about a Kansas City Southern (Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh lock brass conductor's lantern for \$35, or York Central Hudson locomotive for readers scramble to find these fabulous mentioned that these ads appeared in the magazine, between 1966 and 1968. have certainly gone up since then!

is considered by many people to be an unsharply fair to say that most of us who memorabilia do so because it provides a to the past, or simply because we enjoy things. One aspect of the collecting is more enjoyable (and sometimes fact that there is a limited supply of Searching for new additions to our



In an early issue of KL&L, a DL&W Vesta with an unmarked globe was advertised for \$5.50. While this amount may seem "cheap," it is the equivalent of \$37 in today's dollars.

memorabilia is generally of interest not only to dealers, but to most collectors as well. Even those of us who aren't dealers sell items from time to time, and we all tend to keep track of railroadiana prices as a matter of reference in deciding whether or not a potential purchase is a "good deal."

Many factors influence prices, including increases in supply brought about by the liquidation of large collections, fluctuations in demand as the collector base grows or shrinks, the participation of investors in the market, and the general state of the economy. While the future is difficult to predict, we generally base our assessment of value on the past sale prices of specific items, and on overall antique price trends. One area that is easy to overlook when evaluating price

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For railroadiana at the 2011 Buffalo show. Regardless of our reasons for are an important aspect of the hobby.

like going on a treasure hunt, and the thing something that is rare or unusual of the hobby.

limited amount of railroadiana available of supply and demand dictates that usually cost a few dollars. Add into people who buy antiques primarily for and collecting can easily become as a result, the monetary value of railroad

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Key, Lock & Lantern magazine Issue #164 is hot off the press and is currently being mailed to KL&L members. This edition contains a variety of articles that will be of interest to collectors of all types of memorabilia. The unique Buckeye lantern, invented and marketed by Evan Cash and Alfred Baron, has appeared in previous KL&L articles, but in this issue we take a closer look at its unusual design. Collectors of Pullman artifacts may be surprised to learn just how many towels, blankets, and other linens were required for one coast to coast trip. These figures, and many more interesting facts, are provided in a reprint of the company's *World's Greatest Housekeeper* brochure. On the subject of passenger transportation, Amtrak has reached its 40th anniversary, and in this issue we take a look at the development of its locomotive horns over the years. A guide to evaluating the effects of inflation on the price of railroad memorabilia rounds out our feature articles in this edition.

Regular columns include the "Readers Mailbag," with an interesting account of an "old timer" collector; several answers (and new questions) in our "Q&A" section, and the return of our "Fakes, Souvenirs & Reproductions" column. A number of reproduction tall globes have recently surfaced, and details of their markings and variations are provided. The best defense against misrepresented reproductions is to be aware of what is out there, and it is the mission of Key, Lock & Lantern to keep its members informed. Once again, thanks to the support of our advertisers, this issue is another sixteen page edition. Upcoming issues will include more conservation and restoration tips, additional reports of fakes and reproductions, and a variety of feature articles.

If your membership renewal form is still sitting in the "things to do" pile, don't forget to send in your 2011-2012 dues. If you are not already a member of Key, Lock & Lantern, there is no better time than the present to get on board. Join or renew your membership today!

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Railroad China Collection is Highlight of Soulis Auction

Dining car china from the Wendel Craighead collection was the highlight of the Fall Railroadiana Auction, held on October 22 & 23, 2011 by Dirk Soulis Auctions in Lone Jack, Missouri. In addition to the railroad china, a number of other types of railroadiana were sold, along with airline and steamship timetables, china, and other memorabilia.

Collectors had the opportunity to get a good deal on some of the more common examples of china, but still needed to bid high in order to take home the scarcer pieces. This collection covered a variety of railroads and transportation companies from different regions, and online bidding allowed collectors



A Florida East Coast Railway Rococo pattern butter pat by Buffalo China with some light wear sold for \$170. Photo courtesy of Dirk Soulis Auctions.

“Buffalo China, Florida East Coast Ry, 1943” that brought a high bid of \$170. A Missouri Pacific “State Capitols” service plate with minor wear sold for a solid \$180, while a bid of \$550 was needed to take home a Northern Pacific “Garnet” pattern cup made by Haviland.

A New York Central “Century” pattern bread plate sold for a reasonable (but not cheap) \$220, showing that collectors of memorabilia from eastern lines were actively bidding.



A Burlington Route “Zephyr” bone dish by Onondaga Pottery of Syracuse, NY, with minor wear, brought a high bid of \$330. Photo courtesy of Dirk Soulis Auctions.

from various parts of the country to take part in the auction. With internet catalogs and absentee bidding, it is always interesting to see which lots will attract the most attention. It is probably safe to say that the days of New York Central china going “cheap” at an auction in the midwest are most likely over.

Some of the more interesting lots included a rare CB&Q RR “Zephyr” pattern bone dish by Onondaga Pottery, which sold for \$330, and a Rococo pattern butter pat backstamped



A bid of \$1300 was needed to take home this silver Louisiana & Arkansas sugar bowl by Reed & Barton. Photo courtesy of Dirk Soulis Auctions.

Other dining car items included a Reed & Barton silver sugar bowl, nicely marked with the Louisiana & Arkansas Railway logo on the side. This rare piece sold for \$1300. A set of Fred Harvey salt, pepper, and paprika shakers, made by International Silver, brought a high bid of \$500.

Collectors with a lower budget had plenty to bid on as well, with a variety of more common china patterns from various lines offered. Many lots sold in the \$30-80 range, which were generally reasonable prices, although not all bargains, given

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The St. Louis Chapter of the NRHS has reproduced the BANNER Pattern used in Wabash Dining Cars from 1947-1960's. This project is to help funding for the cosmetic restoration of the last Wabash steam engine, Mogul 2-6-0 #573 stored at the Museum of Transport in St. Louis.

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***Railroadiana II - The Official Price Guide for 2011 and Beyond* by Sue Knous**

Book Review by David Hamilton

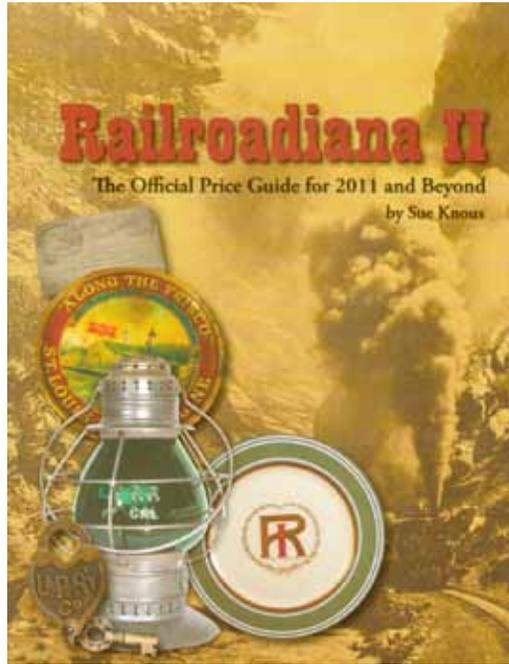
Most of us who purchase railroadiana probably do so primarily because of its historical significance or collecting appeal, rather than for its investment value. However, with a limited number of antiques out there, the law of supply and demand dictates that scarcer items will usually cost a few dollars. Even those of us who aren't dealers sell items from time to time, and we all tend to keep track of prices as a matter of reference in deciding whether or not a potential purchase is a "good deal." As a result, the question of how much something is worth eventually comes up.

Unfortunately, general antique price guides are usually of little help, as their descriptions often lack enough detail to precisely identify what is listed. The only way for someone to get a good "feel" for railroadiana prices is to attend as many train shows and auctions as possible. For the beginner, this can be a daunting task, and even serious collectors may find it challenging to keep track of current price trends.

While there is no substitute for first-hand knowledge, the recently published *Railroadiana II – The Official Price Guide for 2011 and Beyond*, is an excellent reference source for both new and seasoned collectors. Written by Sue Knous, owner of the Railroad Memories mail-bid auction company, the information in the guide is compiled from her 25 years of experience in dealing with railroadiana. The hefty, 600-page book contains photos, detailed descriptions, and price ranges for over 4300 pieces of railroad memorabilia. Organized into 34 chapters, each covering a separate category of artifacts ranging from lanterns to timetables, the guide includes examples of almost every type of railroadiana.

For the beginning collector, each chapter includes a short overview of its subject, often briefly outlining manufacturers marks, different styles, and other basic information. While not meant to replace the more comprehensive books that are available on topics such as lanterns, keys, and china, this feature is very useful to the reader who is new to the world of railroadiana. The price listing for each item in the guide contains a black & white photo, and a description that includes the railroad name, marking type, manufacturer, and other relevant details.

The prices themselves are the result of a careful analysis of the mail bids received for lots in the Railroad Memories auctions over the last few years. Anyone who has attended an auction knows that it only takes two highly interested



bidders (I would call them nuts, but I am often one of them) to drive up the price of an item. A "value" that uses a final bid amount would therefore be artificially high, and would not reflect the price that most collectors are willing to pay. The price listings in this book take into account all of the bids that were received for a particular item, and the resulting listing is for a general price range. Using this method, we are provided with a fairly accurate picture of what the typical collector would pay for that particular artifact.

The scarcity and value of the items that are shown in the book ranges from moderate to high, due to the fact that they were all consigned to mail-bid auctions that generally don't attract lower end goods. As a

result, the price guide does not include the \$1 timetables and \$10 rusty lanterns that are often found at train shows and flea markets. As with all antiques, there are rare items and common ones, and some degree of experience is required to recognize the difference. While this book will not suddenly impart that knowledge, it contains enough examples of different artifacts for the reader to begin to learn what distinguishes the really good from the not-so-valuable.

Other features include a short list of the more common railroad initials and names, which is handy for the identification of markings on lanterns and hardware, a 16 page section of color photos, and a short chapter on reproductions. With so many fakes and "fantasy" items being offered on the internet these days, this section alone is worth the price of the book, when considering the money that might be saved by avoiding the purchase of a costly reproduction. And although antique prices change over time, the guide provides a good reference point for future values.

Overall, *Railroadiana II – The Official Price Guide for 2011 and Beyond*, is an essential resource for any collector of railroad memorabilia. Although I have been collecting railroadiana for well over 30 years, in the few weeks that I have owned a copy of this book, I have found myself referring to it on a regular basis. More than just a price guide, it is truly a comprehensive "catalog" of railroad antiques. With a retail price of \$65 softcover, or \$85 for a limited edition hardcover, *Railroadiana II – The Official Price Guide for 2011 and Beyond* is available directly from Railroad Memories at www.railroadmemories.com, or by calling 303-759-1290.

Reproduction Wabash China Supports Locomotive Project

In 1955, the Wabash Railroad donated one of its last steam locomotives to the Museum of Transportation in St. Louis, Missouri. A holdout from the days of steam, Engine #573 had remained in service after the road had dieselized, due to the fact that its light weight allowed it to operate over a bridge that would not support the heavier diesels. Built in 1899 by the Rhode Island Locomotive Works, the 2-6-0 Mogul was one of the line's smaller locomotives, with 64-inch drive wheels, 19x28" cylinders, and a weight of 215,825 pounds. It is believed that the #573 is one of the last two remaining steam locomotives that were built for the Wabash Railroad, and is likely the last one that was in operation.

Today, this historically significant locomotive is beginning to deteriorate, and is in need of basic preservation work in order to stabilize its condition. Fortunately, the St. Louis Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society has made plans to cosmetically restore Engine #573, by repainting it



Wabash RR Engine #573, at the Museum of Transportation in St. Louis, MO, is believed to have been the last steam locomotive in operation on the road. St. Louis NRHS photo.



A five piece place setting of reproduction Wabash "Banner" pattern china is offered by the St. Louis Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. St. Louis NRHS photo.

in order to prevent further damage. To accomplish this goal, the chapter has initiated an \$11,000 fundraising drive. While it is hoped that a large number of donations will be received, additional funds are being raised through the sale of Wabash Railroad dining car china.

Collectors will recognize the familiar "Banner" pattern, but these place settings are reproductions, back stamped with the mark of the modern dinnerware company that manufactured them. Wabash buffs who have always wanted to eat off their china now have the opportunity to purchase a reproduction set that can be used without fear of damage. Commissioned by the St. Louis NRHS, with the permission of logo owner Norfolk Southern, the china is an accurate recreation of the pattern that was in use on Wabash Railroad dining cars from 1947 into the late 1960's.

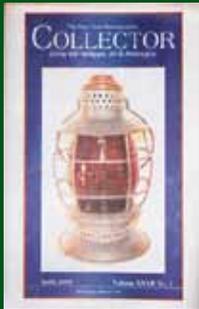
A five piece place setting is available, or each piece may be purchased individually. The chapter offers a set that includes a 9" dinner plate, a 7-ounce cup & 6" saucer, a 6 1/4" plate,

and a small fruit bowl. The price of an entire place setting is \$85 plus shipping, with individual pieces ranging from \$18 to \$35 plus shipping. All proceeds directly support the St. Louis NRHS Chapter's Engine #573 cosmetic restoration and repainting project.

For Wabash RR collectors, this offer provides an excellent opportunity to obtain a reproduction of the railroad's china that can be used at home, and at the same time contribute to a worthwhile preservation project. The china may be purchased directly from the St. Louis NRHS, either on eBay or from the chapter web site at www.stlouisnrhs.org. We look forward to seeing the results of their efforts!

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those with large collections are usually hard pressed to go home empty handed. For the few collectors who really don't need even one more thing (hard to believe, but there may be one or two of them out there), there was a large variety of rare and unusual memorabilia to simply admire.

Once again this year, Key, Lock & Lantern set up a display table, with membership applications, recent issues of the KL&L magazine and KL&L digital newsletter for review,



Sue Knous and Bill Knous, Jr. of Railroad Memories were on hand to meet customers and promote their new book.

and free copies of the *New York-Pennsylvania Collector* magazine for everyone who visited the booth. Several KL&L members were on hand to answer questions, although they were sometimes inclined to wander off in search of good deals on railroad memorabilia.

And, as usual, there was plenty of activity for train watchers on the adjacent former B&O mainline, with CSX freights, the Amtrak Capitol Limited, and MARC commuter trains



As usual, there were several different dealers offering a large variety of dining car china and silver at the show.



Sarah Hamilton greets visitors to the Key Lock & Lantern display table and hands out membership applications.

passing by. There was also time after the show to take a ride into Washington to visit Owney at the National Postal Museum (see KL&L issue #163), or to dine in one of Union Station's restaurants. There are not many places where a person can eat dinner in the very spot where a runaway GG1 locomotive once came to rest, although non-railfan patrons don't seem very amused when they overhear the story.

The Gaithersburg show is always fun to attend, regardless of whether a person is looking for a scarce item, selling some of the extra memorabilia that they have accumulated, or just visiting with fellow collectors. We are happy to see that the show is still going strong, despite the state of the economy, and look forward to next year.



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Craighead Collection Sold at Soulis Auction

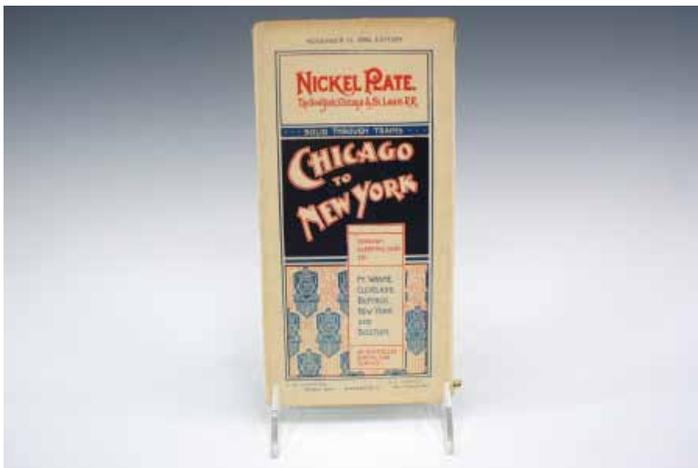
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the slightly depressed state of the railroading market. In addition to the dining car china, other types of memorabilia were auctioned, including a number of public timetables. Many sold for relatively high prices, including a Nickel Plate Road folder that went for \$100. Another interesting item was a large, wooden cabinet that was reportedly used in the Frisco station at Quanah, Texas. Presumably, an in-house buyer placed the high bid of \$350 and carried out this bulky 72-inch high piece of furniture.

There was something for almost every china collector at this sale, and a number of successful bidders indicated that they were very pleased to add the new purchases to their collections. Prices listed are “hammer” prices, and do not include the buyers premium and shipping costs (if any), as they varied depending on the location of the bidder. For a complete list of auction lots with prices realized, visit the Soulis Auctions web site at www.dirksoulisauctions.com.



A Missouri Pacific Railroad “State Capitols” or “Diesel” service plate with minor wear sold for a solid \$180. Photo courtesy of Dirk Soulis Auctions.



A Nickel Plate Road public timetable with a colorful cover attracted a good deal of interest, selling for \$100. Photo courtesy of Dirk Soulis Auctions.



A high bid of \$500 took home this set of Fred Harvey salt, pepper & paprika shakers, made by International Silver. Photo courtesy of Dirk Soulis Auctions.



Collectors of New York Central china weighed in with a \$220 high bid on this “Century” pattern bread plate. Photo courtesy of Dirk Soulis Auctions.



The Northern Pacific “Garnet” pattern remains popular among china collectors, with this cup selling for \$550. Photo courtesy of Dirk Soulis Auctions.

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Northern Railroad of New Hampshire. The Rutland lanterns all brought fairly strong results, with a Reliable bellbottom with a red etched globe selling for \$190, a Kero #250 with an unmarked globe for \$115, and a Reliable bellbottom with a nice clear cast globe for \$235.

A number of switch locks and keys were sold, many at fairly reasonable prices. Among the better deals were an interesting DL&W two-key lock for \$40, a Northern Pacific brass heart lock with some wear for \$50, and an Old Colony car lock for \$55. On the higher end, a Hartford Providence & Fishkill



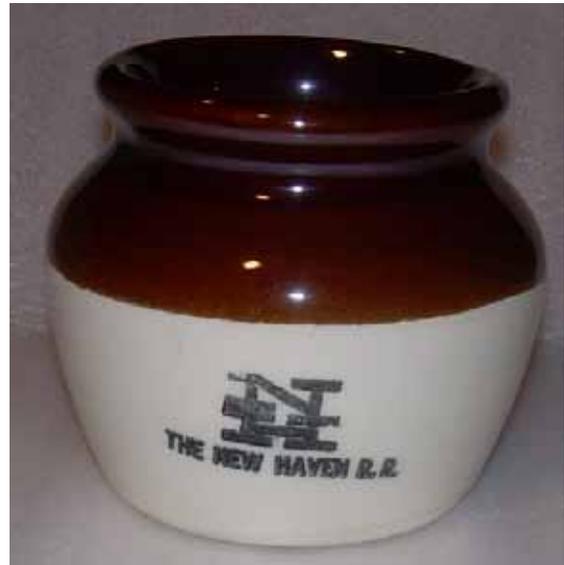
The wax sealer from Needham Junction station on the New Haven Railroad brought a high bid of \$575. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery.

lock sold for \$130, and a Bangor & Aroostook cast panel brass lock & key brought a high bid of \$370. Several early New England switch keys were sold, including a Boston & Lowell tapered barrel key for \$110, a Vermont Central for \$150, and a Northern RR of New Hampshire for \$170.

The NYO&W badges brought solid prices, despite the fact that they aren't particularly rare, showing that memorabilia from the O&W is still in high demand. The "Train Baggage" sold for \$70, the "Porter" for \$115, the "Crossing Flagman" for \$120, and the "Conductor" sold for \$160. Some other unusual badges included a Grafton & Upton pin-back and



The unusual New York Central brass revenue audit tags sold in lots that averaged about \$20 per tag. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery.



A New Haven Railroad "Bean Pot" sold for \$85. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery.

a Lowell Horse Railroad employee badge that each brought in a high bid of \$215. A nice Fitchburg Railroad "Station Agent" cap badge sold for \$230

Wax sealers were high on the wish list of many collectors, with several selling for hundreds of dollars. One from the Boston & Maine station at Lancaster, MA sold for \$325, with an Eastern RR from Swampscott, MA bringing in a high bid of \$320, and a B&M from Still River, MA selling for \$325. A bid of \$575 took home the sealer from Needham Junction on the New Haven RR.

The prices realized for the New York Central Railroad dater dies varied greatly, depending on the size and location of each station (which has a big impact on scarcity). Most sold



This NYO&W "Conductor" badge brought \$160. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery.

in the \$25 to \$50 range, with a few examples pushing the \$100 mark. The Adirondack Division stations turned out to be the most popular, with Big Moose selling for \$395, Lake Placid (two time host of the winter Olympics) bringing in a high bid of \$425, and Saranac Lake commanding \$375. For those who wondered what brass revenue audit tags are worth, the average price of the various lots came to about \$20 per tag.

A few of the passes, which were offered in small lots, brought fairly high prices, while others were a bargain. Most of the older ones sold in the \$30 to \$60 range, while

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many of the post-1900 examples were selling for around \$5 each. Timetables and other paper also varied, with more common items going for fairly low prices, and unusual lots commanding higher prices. A collection of four FDR presidential train menus brought a high bid of \$170, Poor's manuals were selling for \$100 to \$200, and a lot of four photos of railroad employees went for \$210. Several lots of modern (but out of print) books also attracted a fair amount of interest.

While not heavy on china, there were several nice pieces in the auction. A Maine Central "Bangor" pattern soup plate sold for \$165, a New Haven "Indian Tree" soup plate brought



A high bid of \$485 took home a "George Washington" C&O Railway service plate in its original box. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery.

\$135, and a Chesapeake & Ohio Ry "George Washington" service plate with original box sold for \$485. Two of the "big" items sold for reasonable prices, with the bell from a C&O locomotive going for \$925, and a New Haven steam whistle bringing in \$800. All amounts listed are "hammer" prices and do not include buyers premiums or shipping.

Overall, it was an enjoyable auction to attend, with something for everyone. While some bidders had to pay fairly high prices to obtain those elusive pieces of memorabilia for their collections, there were also plenty of bargains for the more budget-minded. The spring auction is tentatively scheduled for April 21, 2012, and it will be interesting to see what will be on the auction block next.



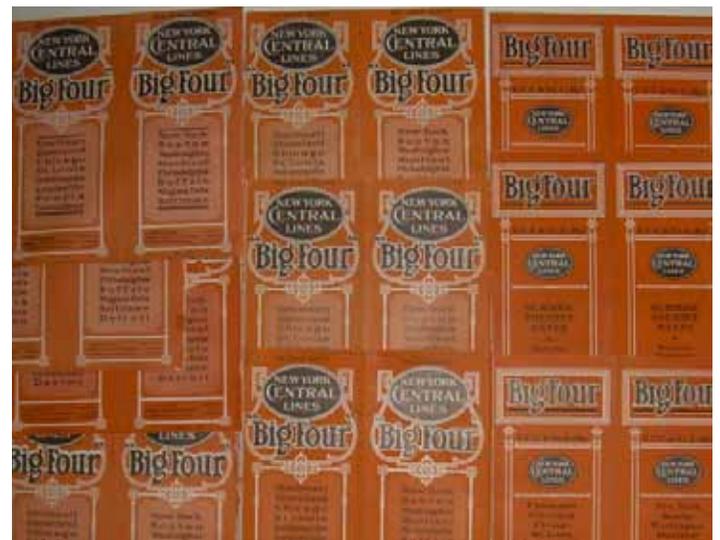
A lot of two passes from the Brunswick & Birmingham and the Jacksonville, Pensacola & Mobile sold for \$195. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery.



This Nathan five chime steam locomotive whistle, reportedly from the New Haven, brought a high bid of \$800. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery.



A nice Fitchburg "Station Agent" cap badge sold for \$230. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery.



One of several timetable lots, a group of ten Big Four schedules with some wear & staple rust went for \$50. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery.

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- Jan 21 Allentown, PA** - Great Lehigh Valley Train Meet. Merchants Square Mall.
Info: <http://valleygoto.com>.
- Jan 22 Vermillion, OH** - 1st Annual Train Show. German's Villa.
Info: www.norwalkandwesternrr.com
- Jan 28-29 Springfield, MA** - Railroad Hobby Show. Eastern States Expo, West Springfield.
Info: www.railroadhobbyshow.com.
- Feb 4 Kokomo, IN** - Kokomo Train Show. Kokomo Event Center.
Info: <http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/ncir/>.
- Feb 11 Jacksonville, FL** - Jacksonville Rail Fair. Prime Osborn Convention Center.
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Feb 25-26 Allentown, PA** - Spring Thaw Train Show. Allentown Fairgrounds Ag Hall.
Info: www.allentowntrainmeet.com.
- Feb 25 Springdale, AR** - Model Train & Railroad Memorabilia Show. Holiday Inn.
Info: www.railroadclubssugarcreek.org.
- Mar 10 Stockton, CA** - Winterail 2012. Scottish Rite Masonic Center.
Info: www.winterail.com.
- Mar 11 Taylor, MI** - Railroad Memorabilia & Model Train Show. Taylor Town Trade Center
Info: www.societynscalers.com.
- Mar 25 Batavia, NY** - Great Batavia Train Show. Batavia Downs Casino & Racetrack.
Info: www.gsme.org.
- Apr 14 DeLand, FL** - Florida Rail Fair. Volusia County Fairgrounds.
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Apr 14 Griffith, IN** - Blackhawk NRHS Winter Swap Meet. American Legion Post 66.
Info: www.blackhawknrhs.org.
- Apr 15 Poughkeepsie, NY** - Kingston Model Railroad Club Show. Gold's Gym.
Info: catman5308@yahoo.com.
- Apr 21 Brookline, NH** - Railroadiana Consignment Auction. Brookline Auction Gallery.
Info: www.tagtown.net.
- Apr 21 Columbus, OH** - Buckeye Railroadiana Show. Ohio Expo Center.
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Apr 21 San Bernardino, CA** - Railroad Days Train Show. Old Santa Fe Depot.
Info: www.sbrailroaddays.com.
- May 4 Middlebury, IN** - NYCS Historical Society Show. Essenhaus Inn & Convention Ctr.
Info: <http://www.nycshs.org>.
- May 5 Ottawa, ON** - Ottawa Train Expo. Carleton University Fieldhouse.
Info: www.ottawatrainexpo.com.
- May 19 Albuquerque, NM** - Albuquerque Rail Fair. New Mexico State Fairgrounds.
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Jun 3 St. Charles, IL** - St. Charles Railroadiana Show. DuPage Expo Center.
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Jun 23 Charlotte, NC** - North Carolina Railroad Show. Metrolina Expo Trade Center.
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Jul 14 DeLand, FL** - Florida Rail Fair. Volusia County Fairgrounds.
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Jul 14 Lancaster, PA** - Lancaster Lock Show. Host Resort & Convention Center.
Info: www.lancasterlockshow.com.
- Aug 11 Atlanta, GA** - Atlanta Railroad Show. North Atlanta Trade Center. Norcross, GA. Info: www.gserr.com.
- Aug 19 Niles, OH** - Northeastern Ohio Railroad Show. McMenemy's Banquet Center.
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