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## Railroadiana Dealers Return to Great Train Extravaganza

The Great Train Extravaganza, held at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, NY, was another success this year, with dozens of families lining up to buy tickets shortly after the doors opened. Visitors to the 2012 show found many tables of railroadiana, books, and other memorabilia, in addition to the usual model train displays. While the train layouts have been the main attraction in recent years, authentic railroad artifacts are starting to make a comeback at the show.

Until the late 1990's, many railroadiana dealers exhibited at the Great Train Extravaganza, including multiple tables of rare and unusual artifacts from The Depot Attic. A collector was certain to find a few items on his "want list" at the show,



*Hunting for that elusive timetable at Albany's Great Train Extravaganza, which has seen an increase in dealers of railroad memorabilia over the last few years.*

which has always been held on the first Sunday in December. However, over time, fewer dealers of railroad memorabilia set up at the plaza, until only a handful remained.

During the last few years, the event's organizers have made an exceptional effort to promote the Great Train Extravaganza, both in advertising to the public and attracting new exhibitors. The result has been show attendance figures that have reached almost 5000 visitors in each of the last two years, and the addition of a number of railroadiana dealers and historical group displays.

Many of the railroadiana dealers at this year's Great Train Extravaganza reported that they have recently been exhibiting at other model train and hobby shows as well. While some collectors still focus their attention strictly on



*Railroad hobby shows, such as Albany's Great Train Extravaganza, are an excellent way for dealers of railroadiana to attract younger collectors to the hobby.*

events that specialize in railroadiana, many are discovering that local railroad hobby shows are a hidden gem for both buyers and sellers. Serious collectors might discover a rare item, buried among the toy trains, while dealers are able to gain new customers who may not be inclined to travel to the big railroadiana shows.

This year, several collectors stopped by the KL&L table at the Great Train Extravaganza to show off a few of their purchases. Some older bellbottom lanterns, unusual locks, hard to find locomotive manuals, and a piece of china needed to complete a collection were among the many artifacts that were acquired by KL&L members at the show.

Most of the dealers reported that sales were fairly strong, both at this event and at other recent hobby shows in nearby Kingston, NY and Allentown, PA. And although not everyone made a purchase, there was a constant stream of "Thomas the Tank Engine" fans passing through, who may be the collectors of the future. With another great show in the record books, everyone is already looking forward to an even bigger and better Great Train Extravaganza in 2013.

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**The 2013 Key, Lock & Lantern Convention  
Will Be Held on April 19-20th in Albany, NY  
Registration Forms Will Be Mailed In January**

## Promoting the Collecting Hobby

Ideas for keeping the railroading collecting hobby healthy have been the subject of debate in recent months, both in online discussion groups and at meetings & shows. While most of us dream of showing up at an auction and being the only person there who is interested in railroad artifacts, the fact is that we need to encourage new collectors to get involved, in order to promote the growth of the hobby.

Some collectors have expressed concern that there aren't many younger people interested in railroad memorabilia. That observation may not be completely accurate. I collected railroading as a teenager, and then took an almost twenty year break, while I paid off student loans, bought a house, and spent my money on kids clothes and toys instead of lanterns. During that time, I was still interested in railroad history and memorabilia; I just wasn't actively spending much money on that aspect of the hobby.

I've said this before, but it deserves repeating, that there are many people out there who are interested in trains, and we simply need to introduce them to the collecting segment of the railroad hobby. Whether it is a younger fan of the Polar Express or someone who has been building model trains for the last forty years, it doesn't take much to get a railfan interested in collecting lanterns or timetables.

This issue of the *KL&L News* has coverage of the Great Train Extravaganza, a regional railroad hobby show where KL&L sets up an exhibit each year. By getting a table at events such as this, collectors can promote the hobby, and make a few bucks selling more common railroading. Sharing our knowledge of railroading at historical society meetings and model train clubs is another way to introduce other railroad enthusiasts to the interesting world of memorabilia. Let's get some new collectors on board!

And, mark your calendar for the annual KL&L Convention on April 19-20, 2013. More details are coming soon...

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## Railroading Show & Auction Calendar



- Jan 5-6 DeLand, FL** - Florida Rail Fair. Volusia County Fairgrounds. Info: [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com).
- Jan 5 Phoenixville, PA** - Railroading Auction. Maurer Auctions. Ridge Fire Hall. Info: [www.maurerrail.com](http://www.maurerrail.com).
- Jan 6 Railroad Memories** - Railroading online & catalog auction closes. Info: [www.railroadmemories.com](http://www.railroadmemories.com).
- Jan 12 Atlanta, GA** - Atlanta Railroad Show. North Atlanta Trade Center. Norcross, GA. Info: [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com).
- Jan 12 Griffith, IN** - Blackhawk NRHS Winter Swap Meet. American Legion Post 66. Info: [www.blackhawknrhs.org](http://www.blackhawknrhs.org).
- Jan 20 Vermillion, OH** - 2nd Annual Train Show. German's Villa. Info: [www.norwalkandwesternrr.com](http://www.norwalkandwesternrr.com).
- Jan 26 LaCrosse, WI** - Tri-State Rail Sale. LaCrosse Center. Info: <http://4000foundation.com>.
- Jan 26-27 Springfield, MA** - Railroad Hobby Show. Eastern States Expo. Info: [www.railroadhobbyshow.com](http://www.railroadhobbyshow.com).
- Feb 10 Buena Park, CA** - California Express Railroading Show. UFCW Hall 8550. Info: [www.californiaexpress.net](http://www.californiaexpress.net).
- Feb 16-17 Clifton Forge, VA** - George Washington Train Show. Clifton Forge Armory. Info: [www.cohs.org](http://www.cohs.org).
- Feb 16 Jacksonville, FL** - Jacksonville Rail Fair. Prime Osborn Convention Center. Info: [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com).
- Feb 23-24 Allentown, PA** - Spring Thaw Train Show. Allentown Fairgrounds Ag Hall. Info: [www.allentowntrainmeet.com](http://www.allentowntrainmeet.com).
- Mar 3 Clark, NJ** - Jersey Central NRHS Train Show. Mother Seton High School. Info: [www.jcrhs.org](http://www.jcrhs.org).

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### Frederick Vinton's Dual Globe Lantern

Throughout the history of the railroad lantern, designs that have incorporated two globes or more accurately, an inner globe and outer chimney have been introduced from time to time. In Key Lock & Lantern Issue #164, we examined the Cash & Baron "Buckeye" model, which made use of this arrangement to prevent inverted air flow. Lanterns sold by the neighboring Nail City Lantern Co. were of a similar design, but all were discontinued by late 1900's Key Lock & Lantern Issue #131.


The next appearance of a dual globe lantern did not take place until the beginning of the 20th century, as a design developed by Frederick Vinton. In this case, the use of two globes was intended to provide a lantern that could be used for illumination, and also serve as a display signal color. This format had been offered by lantern makers in the past with limited success, using two-colored (red, yellow, blue, and green) Bunsen-burning lanterns, pull-down shades, and the unique Burnell mounting system. Vinton's design was a dual globe lantern, and it was widely believed that he had found a practical solution to the problem.

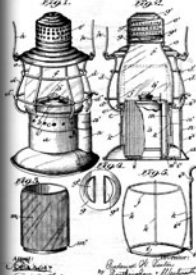
Born in New York in 1842, Frederick W. Vinton was a self-taught "inventor" who, at the turn of the century, lived with his brother and worked as a watchmaker in Northbrook, NY. On October 10, 1906, he filed a patent application for a new lantern design that allowed a standard railroad hand lamp to be instantly changed from a clear globe to any desired signal color. To accomplish this, the lantern was to be equipped with an extended base that housed a colored chimney, which could be quickly raised into the globe. A patent was issued to Vinton on September 17, 1907, but it does not appear that he was able to convince any of the major manufacturers to obtain a license to produce the lantern.

During this period, Frederick Vinton was also hard at work on another invention. In 1907, he developed a burner's hood that was designed to protect the burner from the wind, and was marketed as the "Vinton Hood". This device was used on lanterns that were often used in factory and warehouse areas. A patent of this device was issued on July 4, 1911, and Vinton soon made arrangements to market the new product. The 1914 edition of the *How Corporation & Corporation Directory* lists Frederick W. Vinton as the manager of the Portline Emergency Fire Hood Corporation at 34 Park Place in New York.

It is not clear if Frederick Vinton was involved in other ventures at the same time, but by 1916 he seems to have turned his attention back to the lantern market. The *Reference Register for New York City* in that year lists the DuLite Lantern Company as conducting business at 390 11th Avenue. While the connection between Vinton and this company is not certain, the DuLite lanterns that were produced closely follow the plans that were submitted with his original patent application.

The overall appearance of the DuLite frame is typical of lanterns from this period, with a top similar to a Drey No. 6, wet globe.







An example of a DuLite lantern, shown with the red inner globe in the raised position. The small side door provides easy access to the burner. Collection of John Brandard.

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### Union Pacific Celebrates 150th Anniversary

On July 1, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Pacific Railway Act authorizing the construction of a railroad line across the western territories to the California coast. The act specified that the Central Pacific Railroad would build a line from Sacramento, CA, to meet the Union Pacific Railroad, which would track westward from the banks of the Missouri River. The Union Pacific RR was formally organized on September 2, 1862, and its first major difficulty in obtaining support from the financial community was quickly overcome when a railroad-savvy investor named William H. Hunt organized a railroad-savvy group. The on-board directors replaced the 200 stockholders and organized the Union Pacific Railroad as a public corporation. Historical documents and other memorabilia have also been gathered in a special 150th anniversary web site ([www.up150.com](http://www.up150.com)), where the history of the railroad is presented in an interactive timeline. The timeline has also been published as an electronic book, which is available for download from iTunes. It was actually the Central Pacific RR that first broke ground for the construction of the transcontinental line on January 9, 1863 in Sacramento, California. However, both companies faced






The familiar Union Pacific steam engine was first introduced in 1857. A full history of its development appears in Issue #122. Photo courtesy of Railroad Memories Auctions.

A Union Pacific train with vintage equipment and a special display car toured the western coast of the railway's 150th anniversary. Union Pacific Corporation photo.


Although early inventors had their doubts, history shows us that the construction of the transcontinental railroad was a worthy task, and 150 years later, the Union Pacific remains one of the largest and most successful transportation companies in North America.

This year, Union Pacific celebrated its 150th anniversary by leading a special train on a year long tour across the railroad. With their eye pulled to restored E-9 diesels and steam locomotives, the 844, the fascinating story of the railroad was brought to life.



An 1865 builder's plate for rolling stock constructed in the Central Pacific Railroad's Sacramento, California shops. Photo courtesy of Railroad Memories Auctions.

The construction along the line: E-9 locomotives 191, 199 and 200 on the last of Union Pacific's high-speed diesel-electric units for service on the transcontinental and destination passenger trains. These engines pulled famous trains that included the *City of Los Angeles*, *City of Portland*, *City of San Francisco*, and the *Chico*. The *Chico* was the last steam locomotive to be used for the Union Pacific Railroad, and has been used extensively since it was retired from active service. Vinton's 150th anniversary event covered Union Pacific's vintage



A late 1960's stereo card view of the Central Pacific near Auburn Station, published by Golden State Photography. Gallery, Library of Congress Collection, LC-USZ61-730.

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Key, Lock & Lantern magazine Issue #168 is currently at the printer, and will soon be sent to current members. As usual, this edition contains a variety of interesting articles about railroad history and memorabilia, and is illustrated with many detailed photos of scarce railroadiana.

This year, the Union Pacific Railroad celebrated its 150th anniversary with a special train that traveled around the entire system. Pulled by restored E-9 passenger diesels and steam locomotive No. 844, the train included a display car that was filled with photos and memorabilia tracing the history of the transcontinental railroad. In recognition of this important milestone, we take a brief look at the development of the Union Pacific, with a few photos of railroadiana from throughout its long and colorful history.

In recent editions of the *Key, Lock & Lantern* magazine, we have examined several unusual styles of lanterns, including the early Dietz Vesta, Crull's signal lamp, and the Cash & Baron dual globe "Buckeye." A later dual globe model was patented in 1907 by Frederick Vinton, and was marketed as both the V&N and DuoLite lantern, this time using an inner chimney for signalling purposes. Thanks to contributions from several KL&L members, in this issue we are able to take a close look at the inner workings of this unique lantern.

On the subject of unusual railroad hardware, we also have an article by Phil Simms about a Central New England Railway switch lock produced by Thomas Slaight, with an interesting cast "CNERR" marking. Lock collectors will no doubt enjoy seeing this uncommon example from the famous Poughkeepsie Bridge Route.

Lantern collectors who watch current eBay auction sales are probably aware of the return of the reproduction cast tall globes that have been produced by Wayne West over the years. While the Rodefer-Gleason globes are evidently no

longer being produced, and have fairly obvious attributes that identify them as reproductions, the new Corning globes are more difficult to spot. In this issue, long-time Western Maryland RR historian, author and collector Mike Yetter provides an extensive analysis of the reproduction WMRR marked globes. His commentary and detailed photos provide KL&L members with the tools needed to distinguish the reproductions from authentic Western Maryland globes.

In Key, Lock & Lantern Issue #165, Warren Hagman shared his knowledge of the development of the Tyden freight car seal, with many photos of the seals in his collection. He also submitted a 1967 Tyden sales brochure with specifications and prices for the company's products, which we were not able to include, due to space limitations. In this issue's new "Second Section" column, we have reprinted the flyer in its entirety. We also have some additional material related to the article about safety goggles that appeared in Issue #167.

Several new questions have also been submitted for our "Questions & Answers" column, and a KL&L member has sent in photos of some of the railroad playing cards that are on display at the Steamtown National Historic Site.

The printed *Key, Lock & Lantern* magazine is only sent by mail to members, and is not available for download. If you are not currently a member of KL&L, there is no better time than the present to join. A membership application is included on the last page of this newsletter, and is also available at [www.klnl.org](http://www.klnl.org).

Anyone who is interested in railroad history and collecting railroadiana (of all types) will benefit from membership in Key, Lock & Lantern. KL&L is on track for growth, with ambitious plans for the future. Get on board with your fellow railroad historians and collectors, and join or renew your membership in Key, Lock & Lantern today!

# A Variety of Hardware & Paper is Sold at Brookline Auction

With its gallery surrounded by the woodlands of southern New Hampshire, it is not surprising that Brookline Auction's railroadiana sale always attracts consignments of rare New England memorabilia. However, serious collectors from other regions also know to check the online catalog, as there is usually plenty of high quality railroadiana from outside of the northeast as well.

At the Fall 2012 auction, held on October 13th, some of the big ticket items were from railroads that would be considered to be southern and midwestern lines. New England collectors



The Nickel Plate number board from Berkshire steam locomotive No. 774 went to an absentee bidder for \$2200.

were not disappointed either, with a nice variety of artifacts from local railroads. From a small collection of lanterns to large lots of public timetables, and everything in between, there was something for everyone at this auction.

The number board from Nickel Plate Berkshire locomotive No. 774 was the star of the show, selling for a hammer price of \$2200 to an absentee bidder. The Lima-Hamilton builders plate from the same locomotive also went to an absentee



Something a little different at the auction, a framed Yarmouth Steamship Company print sold for a bid of \$200.

bidder (perhaps heading home to Nickel Plate country) for a \$2400 high bid. A builders plate from a Southern Railway switch engine sold to a bidder on the floor for \$650.

A nice selection of locks and keys was also offered, with a fancy cast back Grand Trunk Railway lock by Fraim leading the prices realized list at \$1800. Most keys were grouped in small lots, with a few scarce examples sold individually. A Portland & Rumford Falls key brought \$225, a St. Johnsbury



All in excellent condition, three Boston & Albany fixed globe lanterns sold for \$220 (Clear), \$800 (Blue) and \$450 (Red).

& Lake Champlain sold for \$205, and a nice Baltimore & Ohio car lock key went for an \$85 bid. Railroads that were represented in the larger lots included the Long Island, the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh, the Delaware & Hudson, Ulster & Delaware, Texas & Pacific, Virginian, and Wabash.

Paper and book collectors had plenty of lots to bid on, with several dozen groups of timetables and annual reports included in the sale. Most of the timetables were common examples from the mid-20th century, but they still brought fairly solid prices. Several unusual lots attracted more attention, including broadside timetables for the Boston & Lowell and Cheshire Railroads, which sold together for a

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A set of two early broadside timetables from the Cheshire and the Boston & Lowell went to a new home for \$230.

# Collectors Enjoy Another Excellent Gaithersburg Show

A week of terrible weather that brought catastrophic floods, blizzards and destruction to the northeast didn't stop most railroadiana collectors from making the trip to Gaithersburg, Maryland for the big transportation memorabilia show over the weekend of November 3rd. A few dealers were stuck at home due to power outages and other storm related issues, but hundreds of tables of railroad artifacts still filled the



*With everything from lanterns to dining car china, the Gaithersburg, Maryland show is the year's "big event."*

buildings at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. By the time the show began, the main roads in the region were clear and airports were open, allowing collectors from across the country to attend the hobby's "big event" of the year.

Those who made the trip were not disappointed, with plenty of new material to look through, from the scarce to the common. As usual, most dealers were set up by Friday night, and an all-weekend early admission pass was needed



*Looking for a certain piece of dining car china to complete a set? The Gaithersburg show is the place to go!*



*Serious collectors get a head start on Saturday morning with a weekend early admission pass to the show.*

to have a chance to purchase some of the rarer items. There were plenty of bargains to be found, as well, with the one dollar timetable bins yielding some good finds. From small lantern parts to cast iron signs, the Gaithersburg show has a little of everything (actually a lot of everything!).

While most dealers were selling railroadiana, the show also includes memorabilia from other modes of transportation, and steamships & airlines were represented as well. Several railroad historical groups, including Key, Lock & Lantern,



*The Sunday crowd makes their way through the hundreds of tables of railroadiana at the Gaithersburg show.*

set up display tables, along with a number of book and video dealers. For the last several years, a model train show has been held in an adjacent building, which has brought in many new patrons who might not have otherwise attended a "railroadiana only" event. This year, there was a fairly steady stream of show visitors, right up to the end of the day on Sunday afternoon.

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# Key, Lock & Lantern Convention Scheduled for April

The 41st Annual Key Lock & Lantern Convention will be held over the weekend of April 20, 2013, at the traditional location of the Albany/Glenmont Comfort Inn, just outside of Albany, NY. Event schedules will soon be posted on the Key Lock & Lantern web site, and registration forms will be sent out in January.

As usual, the convention will include railroad history & memorabilia displays, a swap meet & auction, the annual meeting of KL&L, slide & movie programs, and "members only" trading sessions. Most events on Saturday (including the swap meet & auction) are open to all railroad enthusiasts and collectors, with membership in Key Lock & Lantern required to participate in certain activities.

Mark your calendar now and plan to join other collectors and railroad history buffs for a great weekend of trading railroiana, sharing information, and just "shooting the bull" about trains!



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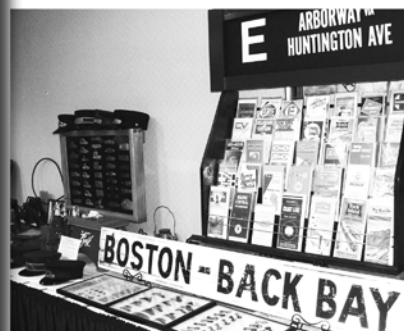
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Key, Lock & Lantern has been serving its members since 1966, sponsoring an annual convention for railroad historians and collectors, publishing a quarterly printed magazine, hosting an internet site, and producing a digital railroad preservation newsletter.

*Anyone with an interest in  
railroad history and collecting  
will benefit from membership in  
Key, Lock & Lantern*

The Key, Lock & Lantern promotional brochure has recently been updated to reflect the current dues amounts and membership categories. Since it was in need of revision anyway, we took the opportunity to give the entire brochure a facelift, and added descriptions of the many new services that KL&L offers.

The new version of the flyer includes information about our digital newsletter, expanded content on the KL&L web site, and the Key, Lock & Lantern page on the social media site Facebook. New photos and graphics illustrate that our members are interested in every aspect of railroad history and collecting.

The brochure has been published in PDF format, which can be printed or viewed on a computer with the free Adobe Acrobat reader. It is available for download on the main page of the Key, Lock & Lantern web site, or can be forwarded by e-mail upon request.

Key, Lock & Lantern members are welcome to forward the brochure, post it on their web sites, and print copies for distribution at train shows and internet auction sales. The layout of the brochure is designed for front & back printing on a copy machine. For assistance with downloading or printing, contact Dave Hamilton at [transportsim@aol.com](mailto:transportsim@aol.com).

The more members that we have, the better our organization will be, so let's get the word out about KL&L!

# Union Pacific Timeline by the Union Pacific Railroad Company

On July 1, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Pacific Railway Act into law, authorizing the construction of a transcontinental railroad, and designating the new Union Pacific Railroad as one of the companies that would build it. Not only did the Union Pacific accomplish this huge task, but it survived the challenges of operating a railroad through the rugged American west, and emerged as one of the most successful railroads in North America. In celebration of its 150-year anniversary, the company operated a special train across its system during 2012, which included an exhibit car containing displays that explored the development of the railroad.

One of the popular features of the car was an interactive multimedia timeline that traced the history of the Union Pacific. For those who were unable to visit the exhibit, Union Pacific has made the timeline available on its special 150th anniversary website at [www.up150.com](http://www.up150.com), and has also published it as an electronic book. From the early days when immigrant workers laid rails across the remote plains, to the mergers of the 1980's, the fascinating story of the railroad is presented in a timeline that includes hundreds of original photos and historical documents. Over 60 "chapters" detail significant milestones in the company's history, including the Golden Spike ceremony, the reorganization of the railroad under E.H. Harriman, the introduction of the Big Boy locomotives, and the railroad's



maps and images of documents. References and links to the original sources are given, for those who wish to delve a little deeper into any particular subject. Overall, the *Union Pacific Timeline* provides an excellent look at the history of this icon of western railroading.

The *Union Pacific Timeline* is currently available for viewing at [www.up150.com](http://www.up150.com), and will hopefully be archived for future retrieval from the company's regular web site. The electronic book may be downloaded at no charge from



iTunes, and can be viewed on an iPad or newer versions of the iPod (it can be downloaded with a computer, but not viewed on it). One suggestion to Union Pacific would be to publish the book in other formats, so that users of other devices could have access to it. However, with such a handy resource available at no cost, we certainly won't argue about the details!



In 2012, Union Pacific celebrates the shared stories that have shaped our country since 1862. To mark our 150th anniversary, we invite you to explore from the nation's largest railroad, more than 100 experiences that built America with innovation and tenacity, touching the lives of nearly every citizen.

role during wartime. While the timeline is not meant to be a comprehensive history (which would obviously require many volumes), it provides an excellent snapshot of many of the important events that took place on the railroad over the years. The book's electronic format allows readers to easily navigate back and forth across the timeline, and select specific events in order to obtain more detailed information. Each section contains a variety of photos, and in some cases



There were four ceremonial spikes given that day: Two gold-plated spikes given by the State of California to Leland Stanford, President of Central Pacific; one silver spike given to both railroads by the State of Nevada; and a gold and silver spike given by the Territory of Arizona to Union Pacific Railroad. Today, the gold and silver spike is on display in Grand Staircase, one of the Union Pacific Railroad's National Historic Sites. The iron spike from the State of Nevada and one of



*While not everyone makes a purchase, railroad hobby shows provide an opportunity to introduce railroadiana to the general public and potential future collectors.*



*The Great Train Extravaganza attracts railroad enthusiasts from throughout New York State and the northeast.*



*Railroad historical groups and related vendors are regular exhibitors at Albany's Great Train Extravaganza.*



*Serious railroadiana collectors can often find some good deals among the model train displays at railroad hobby shows such as Albany's Great Train Extravaganza.*



*A variety of railroadiana was offered for sale at the 2012 Great Train Extravaganza at Albany's Empire State Plaza.*

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Most dealers reported good sales for the weekend, although many put their money back into purchases that they made at the show. With such a large selection of memorabilia, it is almost impossible to leave Gaithersburg empty handed. Several collectors even picked up a few “goodies” enroute to the show, at antique shops along the way.

As usual, the 2012 Gaithersburg show was a very enjoyable event, with plenty of railroading to purchase, and many interesting people to meet. Hopefully, next year’s weather will be a little more pleasant, but this year’s attendance was proof that it takes more than a hurricane to stop railroading collectors from making the trip to Gaithersburg.



*Railroading collectors found a huge selection of railroad hardware and paper at the 2012 Gaithersburg show.*



*Many collectors stopped by the Key, Lock & Lantern table to give feedback, renew memberships, or just say hello.*



*During the last several years, a model train sale held in an adjacent building has brought new visitors to the show.*



*From the rare to the common, there was something for every collector’s budget at the 2012 Gaithersburg show.*

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# Brookline Railroadiana Auction

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price of \$230. An 1873 broadside announcing the opening of the Ware River Railroad brought a high bid of \$285, and many of the annual report lots sold for more than \$100 each.

Several small lantern collections were listed in the sale, including a nice set of Boston & Albany fixed globe engine marker lanterns. The rare blue globe sold for \$800, with the red bringing in \$450, and the clear going for \$220. Other



An unusual Erie RR Co globe sold for \$550, while a scarce NYWS&B Ry cast globe brought a \$300 high bid.

fixed globes included an Atlantic & St. Lawrence, which brought a \$400 high bid and a Vermont Central that sold for a reasonable \$325. An unusual clear cast Erie RR globe sold for \$550, while another from the New York, West Shore & Buffalo Railway brought \$300.

A variety of china, signs, photos, and badges rounded out the auction, along with additional ticket dater dies and audit tags from the large New York Central collection. While the Brookline auctions are known for having a highly detailed online catalog, there is usually a good crowd on hand to bid



One of several scarce keys at the auction, this example from the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain sold for \$205.

in person. Although many of the “big ticket” items went to absentee bidders, there was plenty of action on the floor at the October sale. From rare lanterns to common timetables, most everyone went home with something new for their collections. *All photos & descriptions are courtesy of Scott Czaja and the Brookline Auction Gallery. Prices do not include the buyers premium or any shipping costs.*



This rare Grand Trunk Railway fancy cast back lock by Fraim went back home to Canada for a high bid of \$1800.



One of several dining car items in the auction, this Maine Central silver logo crumber by Meriden sold for \$385.



A variety of public timetables from railroads of every region were sold, with lot sizes depending on age & rarity.

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*An absentee bidder spent \$2400 to acquire the builders plate from Nickel Plate Berkshire locomotive No. 774.*



*A NE Glass B&A fixed globe was a good deal at \$275, while an early Brady's patent lantern went for \$185.*



*A large switch key collection was sold in lots grouped by region, such as these from a variety of northeastern roads.*



*A train bulletin board from an unidentified depot on the Northern Pacific and Burlington Route sold for \$200.*



*A high bid of \$225 was needed to take home this porcelain sign from the Passumpsic (VT) Telephone Company.*

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# Holiday Train Show a Prelude to 100th Anniversary Events at New York's Historic Grand Central Terminal

The New York Transit Museum's 11th annual Holiday Train Show pulled into Grand Central Terminal on November 21st, where it will remain stationed until February 10, 2013. Sponsored annually by the Transit Museum, this year the popular model railroad exhibition has received a Centennial makeover, incorporating references to Grand Central and its 100-year history, as well as a new multi-track layout designed by the experts at Lionel toy-train manufacturing.

On the new layout, model trains travel from Grand Central Terminal, through New York City, traversing suburbs, farmlands and mountains. This year's show is accompanied by an exhibition of model trains from the Museum's collection, and vintage New York Central posters that give visitors a peek at railroading's glamorous past.

Many of the trains featured in this year's show depict the actual equipment that passed through Grand Central Terminal during its 100 year history. Also featured is Lionel's contribution to Grand Central's Centennial: the new Grand Central Express Passenger Set, a complete, ready-to-run, O-gauge electric train set that will be on sale at the Transit Museum Store.

Over the course of a colorful and tumultuous 100-year history, Grand Central Terminal has gone from being simply the start and end points of long-distance rail travel, to being the iconic home of MTA Metro-North Railroad and a destination for commuters, tourists and residents that boasts restaurants, cocktail lounges, a gourmet market, and numerous specialty shops. Starting with a kick-off event on February 1, 2013, Grand Central will celebrate its 100th anniversary with events and activities planned throughout the year.

On February 1st, the Terminal will entertain visitors and guests with performances, celebrity appearances, photo opportunities, and the opening of the New York Transit Museum's exhibition, "Grand By Design." Open through March 15th, this dramatic, multi-media installation on Grand Central's century long lifespan will be the centerpiece of the Centennial celebration, revealing how the iconic building shaped modern New York and determines its future.

From March 6th through July 7th, MTA Arts for Transit and Urban Design will present an exhibition entitled "On Time: Grand Central at 100," featuring the work of more than a dozen contemporary artists who capture and reimagine



*Many special events are planned for Grand Central Terminal's 100th anniversary. MTA Metro-North Photo.*

moments in Grand Central Terminal. This is an exhibition about Time and about the people who move and live through it, who are connected to the past and future through their experience in this iconic, romantic place.

On May 11th & 12th, historic trains come back to the Terminal for a weekend filled with kid-friendly family fun, performances, and a show of railroading for avid collectors. More details on this Grand Centennial Parade of Trains will be announced as they become available.

The New York Transit Museum, one of the city's leading cultural institutions, is the largest museum in the United States devoted to urban public transportation history and one of the premier institutions of its kind in the world. The Museum explores the development of the greater New York metropolitan region through the presentation of exhibitions, tours, educational programs and workshops dealing with the cultural, social and technological history of public transportation. Since its inception more than a quarter century ago, the Museum – which is housed in a historic 1936 IND subway station in Brooklyn Heights – has grown in scope and popularity.

The New York Transit Museum operates a Gallery Annex in Grand Central Terminal that presents changing exhibitions. As custodian and interpreter of the region's extensive public transportation networks, the Museum strives to share through its public programs their rich and vibrant history with local, regional, and international audiences. The New York Transit Museum Gallery Annex and Store at Grand Central Terminal is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free. For additional information visit [www.mta.info/museum](http://www.mta.info/museum).

More details about 100th anniversary events at Grand Central Terminal, and up to date schedules of the various activities and exhibits are available at [www.grandcentralterminal.com](http://www.grandcentralterminal.com) and [www.mta.info/gct](http://www.mta.info/gct). (MTA Metro-North Railroad)

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Info: [www.winterail.com](http://www.winterail.com).
- Mar 10** **Taylor, MI** - Railroad Memorabilia & Model Train Show. Taylor Town Trade Center.  
Info: [www.bluewaternrhs.com](http://www.bluewaternrhs.com).
- Mar 16** **Steelton, PA** - Harrisburg Railroad Show & Collectors Market . IW Abel Union Hall.  
Info: [www.harristower.org](http://www.harristower.org).
- Mar 30** **Joplin, MO** - Joplin Museum Train Show. Joplin Museum Complex.  
Info: [www.tristatemodelrailroaders.com](http://www.tristatemodelrailroaders.com).
- Apr 6** **Pine Bluff, AR** - Arkansas Railroad Museum Railroadiana Show & Sale.  
Info: [www.arkansasrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.arkansasrailroadmuseum.org).
- Apr 7** **Batavia, NY** - Great Batavia Train Show. Batavia Downs Casino & Racetrack.  
Info: [www.gsme.org](http://www.gsme.org).
- Apr 13** **Brookline, NH** - Railroadiana Consignment Auction. Brookline Auction Gallery.  
Info: [www.tagtown.net](http://www.tagtown.net).
- Apr 13** **DeLand, FL** - Florida Rail Fair. Volusia County Fairgrounds.  
Info: [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com).
- Apr 19-20** **Albany, NY** - 41st Annual Key Lock & Lantern Convention. Glenmont Comfort Inn.  
Info: [www.klnl.org](http://www.klnl.org).
- Apr 20-21** **Calgary, AB** - Super Train Railroad Show. Subway Soccer Center.  
Info: [www.supertrain.ca](http://www.supertrain.ca).
- Apr 20** **Columbus, OH** - Buckeye Railroadiana Show. Ohio Expo Center.  
Info: [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com).
- Apr 20-21** **Randolph, MN** - Railroad Days. Randolph School, Rail Yard & Museum.  
Info: [RandolphMNHHistory@yahoo.com](mailto:RandolphMNHHistory@yahoo.com).
- Apr 27-28** **San Bernardino, CA** - Railroad Days Train Show. Old Santa Fe Depot.  
Info: [www.sbdepotmuseum.com](http://www.sbdepotmuseum.com).
- May 4-5** **Ottawa, ON** - Ottawa Train Expo. Carleton University Fieldhouse.  
Info: [www.ottawatrainingexpo.com](http://www.ottawatrainingexpo.com).
- May 11-12** **New York, NY** - Parade of Trains & Railroad Show. Grand Central Terminal.  
Info: [www.mta.info/gct/](http://www.mta.info/gct/).
- May 17-19** **Durand, MI** - Durand Railroad Days. Various locations around town.  
Info: [www.durandrailroaddays.com](http://www.durandrailroaddays.com).
- May 18** **Albuquerque, NM** - Albuquerque Rail Fair. New Mexico State Fairgrounds.  
Info: [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com).
- May 18** **Chester, MA** - Chester On Track Festival Train Show. Chester Railway Museum  
Info: <http://chesterrailwaystation.net>.
- Jun 9** **St. Charles, IL** - Kane County Railroadiana Show. Kane County Fairgrounds.  
Info: [www.kanecountyrrshow.com](http://www.kanecountyrrshow.com).
- Jun 22** **Charlotte, NC** - North Carolina Railroad Show. Metrolina Expo Trade Center.  
Info: [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com).
- Jul 13** **DeLand, FL** - Florida Rail Fair. Volusia County Fairgrounds.  
Info: [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com).
- Jul 19-20** **Lancaster, PA** - Lancaster Lock Show. Host Resort & Convention Center.  
Info: [www.lancasterlockshow.com](http://www.lancasterlockshow.com).
- Aug 10** **Atlanta, GA** - Atlanta Railroad Show. North Atlanta Trade Center. Norcross, GA.  
Info: [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com).
- Aug 10** **Lynchburg, VA** - Lynchburg Rail Day. Boonsboro Ruritan Club.  
Info: [www.blueridgenrhs.org](http://www.blueridgenrhs.org).
- Aug 18** **Niles, OH** - Northeastern Ohio Railroad Show. McMenamy's Banquet Center.  
Info: [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com).
- Sep 7-8** **Buffalo, NY** - Central Terminal Train Show. Buffalo Central Terminal.  
Info: [www.buffalocentralterminal.org](http://www.buffalocentralterminal.org).

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**For Sale:** *Railroadiana II: The Official Price Guide for the Year 2011 and Beyond*. Softcover, \$65 + shipping. Railroad Memories. 303-759-1290. [www.railroadmemories.com](http://www.railroadmemories.com).

**For Sale:** Railroad Artifacts & Memorabilia: Everything from keys, locks & hardware to china, paper, and more. Jane Silvernail. Website: <http://timestreasures.rubylane.com> or contact by e-mail at [timestreasures@sohotechnical.com](mailto:timestreasures@sohotechnical.com).

**For Sale:** Switch Lamps, Markers & Parts. Website: [JerrysRRStuff.com](http://JerrysRRStuff.com). Phone: 206-778-0386. E-mail: [jerry@JerrysRRStuff.com](mailto:jerry@JerrysRRStuff.com).

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**For Sale:** Keys, Locks, Lanterns, Ephemera, etc. Mostly NE including ME narrow gauge. Jerry Devos, PO Box 376, Towaco, NJ 07082. 862-222-5264. [jdevos99@aol.com](mailto:jdevos99@aol.com).

**For Sale:** Original steam, electric & diesel locomotive builders plates. Currently wide range of N&W diesel plates in stock. E-mail for current list: [rjmuldowney@comcast.net](mailto:rjmuldowney@comcast.net) or call Ron Muldowney at 609-397-0293.

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**Wanted:** Vesta style globes marked "USRA", any color. John Stewart, 86 Bonnie Brae Ave, Rochester, NY, 14618-1802. (585) 704-8885. E-mail: [rgvrr@s363.com](mailto:rgvrr@s363.com).

**Wanted:** Tokens from North American electric & street railways, interurbans, elevated lines, trolleys lines, etc. One or a collection. Josh Linenbroker, 98 E. Market St #F9, Hyde Park, NY 12538.

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**Wanted:** Switch key for the PCRY (Pacific Coast Railway), not PCRR (Penn Central), probably made by Fraim. Contact Steve Mott at 805-544-5339 or by e-mail at [sjmott2359@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjmott2359@sbcglobal.net).

**Wanted:** Brass burner for a Dressel double wire tall globe railroad lantern & twist off font with burner for a Dietz 39 Vulcan wire frame. Also buying Western Maryland locks, keys, lanterns & globes, and C&PRR items. Joseph G. Hauger, 401 2nd St., Terra Alta, WV, 26764. E-mail address: [whiteoak4@verizon.net](mailto:whiteoak4@verizon.net) or phone 304-789-2229.

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