



# KEY LOCK & LANTERN NEWS



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## Railroad History Exhibits Planned for 41st Annual Key, Lock & Lantern Convention in Albany, NY

Railroad historians and collectors from around the northeast will gather in Albany, NY over the weekend of April 19th, for the 41st Annual Key, Lock & Lantern Convention. All railroad history buffs and antique collectors are invited to register at the door for only \$7, on Saturday, April 20th, to visit the railroad history displays and attend the railroadiana swap meet. The exhibit hall opens to non-members at 10am, and the registration fee includes admission to all Saturday activities, including a railroadiana fund-raiser auction, the KL&L annual meeting, and a railroad slide, movie and video program. Current Key, Lock & Lantern members can still register for discounted weekend admission and exhibit table packages until April 5th.

Unlike the big railroad hobby shows, the annual KL&L Convention is a smaller gathering of serious railroad history enthusiasts, with the exhibits focused solely on authentic



*John Stewart received the "Best of Show" award at the 2012 KL&L Convention, for his extensive display of Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway memorabilia.*



*The former New York Central A.E. Perlman Yard, now the second largest hump yard on the CSX system, is located in Selkirk, NY, a ten minute drive from the KL&L convention.*

railroad memorabilia. KL&L members typically display unusual artifacts from their collections, and offer a variety of railroadiana for sale or trade in the swap meet.

At the 2012 convention, the "Best of Show" award went to John Stewart, for his excellent display of lanterns, hardware, and historical information about the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway. Other exhibits included a group of New

York, Lake Erie & Western lanterns by the Steam Gauge & Lantern Company with different colored globes, a collection of horse car photos and memorabilia, and a large assortment of locomotive builders plates.

Displays at past conventions have explored such subjects as lanterns from the New York Central & Hudson River RR, memorabilia from the Lehigh & Hudson River Railroad and its connections, the railroads of Elmira, NY, baggage tags of New England, early fixed globe lanterns and timetables from the Boston & Albany and its predecessors, and railroadiana from the New York, Ontario & Western Railway. Similar exhibits are expected at this year's event.

Collectors who are looking for an elusive lantern part or a timetable to complete a collection won't want to miss the railroadiana swap meet and fund-raiser auction. If there is something specific that isn't offered at the show, a fellow collector who is attending can probably provide assistance in finding it. The Key, Lock & Lantern Convention provides numerous educational and networking opportunities for both new and experienced collectors, with plenty of time available for participants to discuss their recent finds and historical research.

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## Still Time to Register for Convention

There are still a few days left to register for table space at the 41st annual Key, Lock & Lantern Convention. If you forgot to send in your registration form, please contact John Brainard at [j944wb@aol.com](mailto:j944wb@aol.com), to confirm that there are still exhibit tables available. Late registration for admission to the displays will be available for \$7 at the door on Saturday, April 20th, beginning at 10am.

I've already heard from many collectors who are planning to attend, and it looks like it will be another great event this year. Don't forget to bring some railroadiana to show off or trade, even if you aren't planning to set up a display table. The Key, Lock & Lantern convention is just as much about sharing information, as it is about trading memorabilia, so plan on bringing something that you are interested in learning more about (or that other collectors might enjoy).

If you have any railroadiana that you would like to include in the KL&L magazine, please bring that to the convention, as well. I'll have my camera, lighting, and background set up for digital photography. While fakes and unmarked reproductions are prohibited in the swap meet, I would like to encourage everyone to bring examples to the convention, so that they can be shown to other collectors. Donations of authentic memorabilia for our fund-raising event are also much appreciated.

As usual, I plan to hold a slide, video, & movie program on Saturday afternoon, following the close of the swap meet. This is an "open" event, and everyone is invited to bring something to show. Last year, those who stayed for the entire evening were treated to some excellent material. There are also plenty of antique shops and railfanning locations around the area to visit, so why not make it a weekend trip?

A complete schedule of activities is available on our web site at [www.klnl.org](http://www.klnl.org). The annual KL&L Convention is a truly enjoyable event, and I hope to see you there!

*Dave Hamilton*

KL&L President & Editor

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## Railrodiana Show & Auction Calendar



- Apr 6 -7 Lone Jack, MO** - Railroadiana Auction. Dirk Soulis Auction Gallery.  
Info: [www.dirksoulisauctions.com](http://www.dirksoulisauctions.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.  
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- Apr 13 St. Cloud, MN** - Granite City Railroad Show. National Guard Armory.  
Info: [www.granitecitytrainshow.com](http://www.granitecitytrainshow.com).
- Apr 13 Griffith, IN** - Blackhawk NRHS Spring Railroad Swap Meet.  
Info: [www.blackhawknrhs.org](http://www.blackhawknrhs.org).
- 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.  
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- Apr 20-21 Randolph, MN** - Railroad Days. Randolph School, Rail Yard & Museum.  
Info: [RandolphMNHHistory@yahoo.com](mailto:RandolphMNHHistory@yahoo.com).
- Apr 27 Phoenixville, PA** - Railroadiana Auction. Maurer Auctions - Ridge Fire Hall.  
Info: [www.maurerail.com](http://www.maurerail.com).
- Apr 28 Catalog Auction** - Golden Spike Enterprises. Railroadiana auction closes.  
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# Large and Varied Two-Day Railroadiana Auction

Saturday, April 6th, 10 a.m. and Sunday, April 7th, 10 a.m.

Held inside DSA Gallery located 30 miles east of Kansas City, Mo. on the north side of U.S. Hwy 50 at the western edge of Lone Jack, Mo. Address: 529 W. Lone Jack-Lee's Summit Rd., Lone Jack, Missouri 64070

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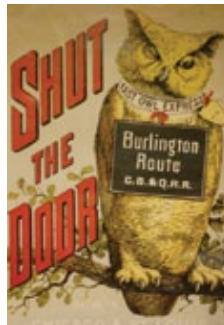


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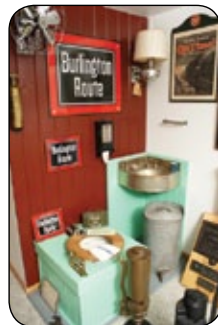
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# Southern #630 & Nickel Plate #765 Engines Power Norfolk Southern 21st Century Steam Excursions

Norfolk Southern's 21st Century Steam program was off to an exciting start this year, with a full schedule of excursions offered during the month of March. The season began on March 2nd, with a trip from Chattanooga, TN to Attalla, AL pulled by Southern Railway locomotive #630. The train then headed to Bristol, VA for excursions to Bulls Gap, TN and Radford, VA, over the weekend of March 9th & 10th.

Roanoke, VA, birthplace of many Norfolk & Western steam locomotives, was next on the timetable, with trips operated to Radford and Lynchburg, VA on March 16th & 17th. The following weekend, #630 provided the power for a run from Norfolk Southern's headquarters city to Petersburg, VA.

The train is scheduled to travel to North Carolina during the month of April, with a trip between Spencer and Barber planned for April 13th. Runs between Asheville and Old Fort, NC are scheduled for the weekend of April 20th & 21st.



*Southern Ry #630 from the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum provides the motive power for Norfolk Southern's 21st Century Steam excursions. Photo courtesy of TVRM.*



*Nickel Plate 765 will round Horseshoe Curve on trips over the weekend of May 25th. Norfolk Southern photo.*

Up in Nickel Plate country, an excursion is planned for May 12th, from Rocky River, OH to Bellevue. The Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society's Nickel Plate Road Berkshire #765 will be on the point of the train, traveling over its old home rails. Later in the month, the 765 will head into former Pennsylvania Railroad territory, for several trips over the world famous Horseshoe Curve. Departing from Lewistown, PA on May 25th, 26th & 27th, the train will make a round trip to the curve on each day.

Former Southern Railway locomotive #630 is owned by the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum. The museum was founded in 1961 in Chattanooga, TN to create an interpretive operating museum of historic equipment and artifacts in an authentic setting. Today it operates an extensive schedule of historic and scenic trains in Southeast Tennessee and Northwest Georgia, supported by its East Chattanooga shop

facility. TVRM is the largest operating historical excursion railroad in the Southeast. In 2012, more than 100,000 people visited the museum or rode on TRVM-sponsored 21st Century Steam excursions.

The Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society was formed in 1972 with the goal of saving Nickel Plate Road steam locomotive 765 from rusting away in a city park. The organization was successful in restoring the locomotive to operation. The engine first ran again on Sept. 1, 1979. Since then, NKP 765 has operated on over a dozen different railroads from New York City to Rock Island, Illinois, hauling more than 250,000 passengers on excursion trains covering over 50,000 miles of operation. In 1986 FWRHS bought the locomotive from the City of Fort Wayne.

21st Century Steam is a partnership between Norfolk Southern Corporation and the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum to operate steam-powered excursions throughout the territory Norfolk Southern serves. More information and schedule updates are available on the 21st Century Steam website at [www.21stcenturysteam.com](http://www.21stcenturysteam.com).

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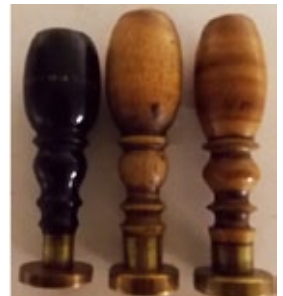
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# Key, Lock & Lantern Issue #169 is Published

Key, Lock & Lantern magazine Issue #169 was mailed to current members during the first week of March. This issue contains articles about several interesting “off the beaten path” subjects, along with the usual high quality photos of scarce railroad memorabilia.

New York Central General Passenger Agent George Daniels is well known to railroad historians for arranging the world record speed run of the *Empire State Express* in 1893. Six years later, he partnered with Elbert Hubbard to reprint the famous author’s essay, *A Message to Garcia*, as part of the New York Central’s “Four Track Series.” Millions of copies of *Garcia* were distributed, each containing advertisements for the New York Central, and spreading Elbert Hubbard’s name around the world.

Following the success of this venture, Hubbard’s Roycroft Shops began offering advertising versions of his popular “Little Journeys” series of pamphlets. In an article featuring the collection of noted Roycroft historian Charles Hamilton, we examine some of the “Business Little Journeys” that were produced for railroads. From the story of the Bergen Cut on the Erie, to a Little Journey over the Grand Trunk, Elbert Hubbard shared the wit and wisdom he gained from his travels by train. Original artwork by *Wizard of Oz* artist W.W. Denslow is reproduced in the article, and we also take a look at Roycroft copperware marked “NYC.”

Thirty years ago, Conrail wished “goodbye and good luck” to its commuter train operations, as they were transferred to regional transit authorities. A fair amount of memorabilia from the short period that Conrail was in the suburban passenger business still exists, and several KL&L members have shared examples from their collections. Photos of keys, timetables, tickets, and badges illustrate an article that reviews this interesting chapter in Conrail’s history.

Railfanning, collecting, and history all come together in a story by David Hamilton about riding trains on the former Pennsylvania Railroad’s “Pig Tail Line.” An old-timer’s tale of an otherwise insignificant derailment is brought to life when, years later, the author acquires a discipline letter, and later a photograph of the wreck. This article illustrates that the enjoyment of collecting railroadiana is often found by discovering the history behind it.

KL&L members who scour abandoned railroad roadbeds for long-forgotten hardware will find an article about T&E supplies on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to be of interest. Reprinted from a 1921 issue of the B&O employee magazine, this story outlines the quantities of lanterns, tools, and other supplies that are used (and carelessly lost) during a typical month on the railroad. It is noted that there were locations where as many as 50 discarded marker lamps were picked up from the right of way in one year!

At the recent Springfield, MA railroad hobby show, several reproduction Delaware & Hudson Railway cap badges were offered for sale. Occupations included “Trainman,” “Station Master,” “Conductor,” and “Ticket Collector.” In our *Fakes, Souvenirs, & Reproductions* column, we include photos of these badges (that are properly identified as repros), and the markings that distinguish them from the originals.

Several answers have been published in our *Questions & Answers* column, along with a few new questions, and Larry Davis has contributed another excellent picture of railroaders and their lanterns, in our *Photos from Along the Line* section.

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.



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# Amtrak History & Archives

On May 7, 2011, Amtrak celebrated its 40th anniversary by sponsoring special events across the country on “National Train Day.” Activities at Union Station in Washington, DC included the unveiling of Amtrak’s 40th Anniversary Exhibit Train, as it embarked on a nationwide tour. The train’s three renovated heritage fleet baggage cars contained extensive displays of Amtrak memorabilia, tracing its history from 1971 through the present day (see *KL&L News #10*).

In addition to the train, Amtrak also launched a special web site for the 40th anniversary celebration, with original photos, images of artifacts, and other information. During the development of the exhibits and web site, a vast amount of historical material was collected. After the train concluded its year-long tour, items that were on loan were returned to their owners, and Amtrak’s memorabilia was placed back in the company archives.



*Amtrak’s 40th Anniversary Exhibit Train toured the country in 2011, with extensive displays of Amtrak memorabilia.*

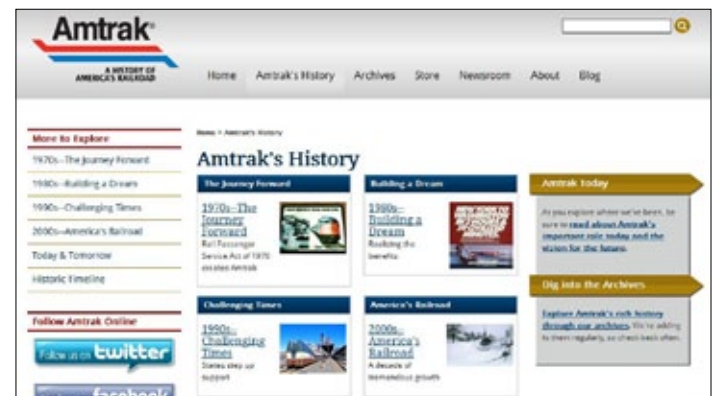


Fortunately, this valuable resource was preserved through the introduction of a new section on Amtrak’s regular web site. Somewhat hidden away on the “About Amtrak” page, an “Amtrak History & Archives” link takes visitors to a separate site that explores the fascinating history of “America’s Railroad.” Drawing from the content of the 40th anniversary site, and elements of the exhibit train displays, a fairly detailed outline of Amtrak’s development is presented.

The main sections of the site include “Amtrak’s History,” “Archives,” and a “History Blog,” along with links to the Amtrak store and newsroom. The history pages include a year by year timeline, and brief highlights of events and items

from the archives, arranged by decade. The “History Blog” is actually a collection of articles that delve into subjects ranging from the introduction of Amfleet equipment to the evolution of Amtrak advertising. Direct links to numerous images in the archives, and to a variety of external resources, are provided.

The “Amtrak Archives” contain a large collection of photos of trains and facilities, and images of Amtrak memorabilia. Timetables, menus, and advertising brochures have been scanned in high resolution, and may be downloaded by either



browsing through different categories or using a keyword search function. New material continues to be added to the archives on a regular basis, with plans to include multimedia resources in the future.

While this site doesn’t provide a complete history of Amtrak (which would be somewhat beyond its scope), it does offer a nice variety of short, detailed stories that aren’t found anywhere else. Railroad historians will find enough material to consider the site to be a useful tool for passenger train research, while collectors will enjoy the many images of interesting memorabilia. Even the most serious Amtrak enthusiast will probably find something that he doesn’t have in his collection! Visit the Amtrak History & Archives site at <http://history.amtrak.com> or the link at [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com).



*Amtrak memorabilia gathered during the 40th anniversary celebration has been preserved in a new “Amtrak History & Archives” special section of the railroad’s web site.*



# “Members Treasures” on Display at Reading Museum



*Displays at the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum in Hamburg, PA preserve the history of the Philadelphia & Reading RR and the Reading Company. Photo courtesy of the Reading Company Technical & Historical Society.*

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Railroadiana from the personal collections of members of the Reading Company Technical & Historical Society is the highlight of a temporary exhibition at the group’s museum in Hamburg, PA. The display at the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum includes a variety of original artifacts, photographs, and models from the Philadelphia & Reading RR and the Reading Company, all from private collections. Several of the members who are participating in the exhibit are former Reading employees, and much of the memorabilia on display has never before been shown in public.

The Reading’s famous Crusader train is remembered with an original oil painting, a scale model, and an original logo plate from one of its locomotives. Memorabilia from the Iron Horse Ramble excursions is also displayed, along with other Reading Railroad paper and hardware. The “Members Treasures” exhibit is open through November 17th, during regular museum hours from 10am to 4pm on Saturdays and 12pm to 4pm on Sundays.

Permanent exhibits at the museum also include a variety of railroad artifacts, ranging from lanterns and tools, to the bass drum from the Reading Shop Band. One of the highlights of the main exhibit hall is a recreation of a 1930’s station agent’s office, complete with original furnishings, and an outdoor display yard contains part of the Reading Company Technical & Historical Society’s collection of over seventy pieces of rolling stock.

The Reading Railroad Heritage Museum is located at 500 S. Third St. in Hamburg, PA, one mile south of I-78. More information may be found on the organization’s web site at [www.readingrailroad.org](http://www.readingrailroad.org).

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Following the close of the official convention activities, a railroad slide and movie show is once again planned for Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2:00 pm. The program is an “open” event, and all railroad fans are invited to participate by showing their slides, videos, or movies. A Carousel slide projector with a stack loader will be available, along with a computer for digital presentations.

For fans of modern railroads, the Albany-Rensselaer Amtrak station, the Port of Albany, and CSX Selkirk Yard are all located within a ten minute drive from the hotel. There are many other popular railfanning and antique



The former Delaware & Hudson Railway building is one of the many historic railroad sites in the Albany, NY area.



A unique aspect of the KL&L Convention is the exhibits of railroading that are displayed by KL&L members.

hunting locations in the area, making the convention well suited for a weekend trip. The Sunday schedule is open to allow convention participants to explore the area on their own.

KL&L members who would like to register in advance should contact convention chairman John Brainard by e-mail at [j944wb@aol.com](mailto:j944wb@aol.com), to determine if exhibit table space is still available. A full schedule of convention activities can be found at [www.klnl.org](http://www.klnl.org).

The Key, Lock & Lantern Convention has been a tradition in the railroading collecting hobby for over forty years. Make plans today to join your fellow collectors and railroad historians for what promises to be an enjoyable weekend!



The displays at the Key Lock & Lantern Convention usually include a variety of scarce and interesting memorabilia.

## **Attention Railroading Collectors: Bring Your Fakes & Reproductions to the Key, Lock & Lantern Convention!**

Don't worry, Key, Lock & Lantern hasn't changed its “no fakes or unmarked reproductions” policy for exhibitors at the annual convention! However, we would like to invite collectors to bring fakes, fantasy items, and reproductions to be displayed and/or photographed for educational purposes. Examples of both authentic and reproduction versions of an item for comparison would be particularly helpful.

While there is a place in the railroad hobby for reproduction and decorative objects, it is important for those of us who are serious collectors to identify and document them. Share your knowledge at the convention, or through the KL&L magazine! If you are unable to attend the convention and would like to submit your photos of fake or reproduction railroading, please contact KL&L editor Dave Hamilton by e-mail at [transportsim@aol.com](mailto:transportsim@aol.com).

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# Virginia Museum of Transportation Studying Return of Norfolk & Western # 611 to Excursion Service

The Virginia Museum of Transportation in Roanoke, VA has announced that it is studying the feasibility of returning the iconic Norfolk & Western Class J 611 Steam locomotive to operating condition. “The Class J 611 locomotive embodies both beauty and power,” says Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr., executive director of the Virginia Museum of Transportation. Since her retirement from excursion service in 1994, fans have been clamoring, hoping and dreaming of a day when she once again blows her whistle and thunders across the landscape. The study, called “Fire Up 611!” will determine what it will take to restore, maintain and operate the locomotive.

A committee of experts has been formed to conduct the study. The committee will consult with specialists in steam locomotive operations and restoration, engineers and experts on Federal Railroad Administration regulations and safety. Fitzpatrick says that a thorough study is needed if the Class J 611 Locomotive is to ever run again. “Before we can promise our 611 fans that she will indeed return to service, we need to know what it will take to fix and maintain her,” she says. Fitzpatrick adds that rail fans will ultimately decide if the Class J 611 can run again. “We will need to raise the funds for the study and restoration,” she said. “We don’t have a third party to help us. Her restoration will ultimately depend on financial support from her fans around the world.”

The Fire Up 611! Committee will determine what work is needed for the locomotive to be operationally restored, as well as identifying the experts and facilities that can handle the restoration work. The study will also outline preliminary cost estimates. These estimates will be based on the 611’s past repair history, current Federal Railroad Administration guidelines and an external inspection. The committee will also develop a business plan for the 611 Locomotive.

Within 90 days, the committee will present its findings to the museum. Based on the estimated costs and feasibility of restoring this spirited locomotive, the museum and committee will decide if she can be restored to her original glory. 611’s fans are invited to visit [www.fireup611.org](http://www.fireup611.org) to learn more and to donate to the Fire Up 611 study. They can also visit the Fire Up 611 Facebook page and YouTube channel. The Museum urges 611 fans to fill out a survey about the restoration of the 611 on the web site.

The Norfolk & Western Class J Locomotives were a marriage of beauty and power. The teardrop nose, modern lines, graceful curves and deep-throated whistle combined with unbridled power to make the engine the iconic symbol of modern steam locomotives. The Class J Locomotives came to life in the era of war by the steel and guts of our forefathers. No. 611, the last of her kind, is known as the Spirit of Roanoke. She holds the sweat and blood of the men and women who molded her, who created her low rumbling



whistle and who stoked her fire. The Norfolk & Western Class J Locomotives were designed, constructed and maintained in Roanoke, Virginia. These streamlined locomotives have captivated the hearts of rail fans worldwide since they first rolled out of the N&W Roanoke Shops, beginning in 1941. The Class J 611 Steam Locomotive was built in 1950, a time when men wore hats and ladies wore gloves and smartly dressed porters served lunch on real china in the diner.

The 611 pulled the Powhatan Arrow, the famed passenger train, from Norfolk to Cincinnati. Her whistle woke sleepy towns. The rumble of her wheels made people wonder what was around the next bend or over the next mountain. She helped unite families long separated by war, took freshly minted high school graduates out into the world and brought long lost sons home again. The Class J 611 retired from passenger rail service in 1959. In 1962, she was moved to the Virginia Museum of Transportation in Roanoke, Virginia. In 1981, Norfolk Southern pulled her out of retirement and restored her to her original glory. Once again, she blew her whistle to sleepy towns and thundered across the landscape.

She was retired from excursions in 1994 and moved back into the Virginia Museum of Transportation, where she sits today, greeting tens of thousands of her fans who visit from across the globe every year. Since her retirement, rail fans have clamored, hoped and dreamed that she return to the rails, to blow her whistle and steam over the Blue Ridge and Appalachian mountains once again. For many of us, the 611 doesn’t rumble, she breathes. We long to hear her breathe again. With your help, it may be possible to bring her back to life. *(News & Photo Courtesy of the Virginia Museum of Transportation).*

# Grand Central Terminal to Host Parade of Trains

## Special Events Will Include Railroadiana Show & Sale

New York's Grand Central Terminal will host a "Parade of Trains" over the weekend of May 11th & 12th, as part of MTA Metro North Railroad's year long celebration of the historic station's 100th anniversary. It is expected that over twenty private passenger cars will be on display, including equipment used on the famous 20th Century Limited. Most of the cars will be open to the public for inspection.

In addition to the rolling stock on display, the Parade of Trains event will include many family-friendly activities, such as exhibits by LEGO and Chuggington Station. Several train layouts will be set up, and a variety of vendors will offer model trains and supplies.

For collectors of railroad memorabilia, a railroadiana show and sale will be held in the terminal's Vanderbilt Hall. Several displays of railroad artifacts are planned, and exhibitors will also be offering authentic railroad items for sale.

The Grand Central Terminal Parade of Trains will be held from 10am to 4pm on May 11th & 12th, and admission is free. For more information about this, and other centennial events, visit their web site at [www.grandcentralterminal.com](http://www.grandcentralterminal.com) or at [www.mta.info/gct](http://www.mta.info/gct).

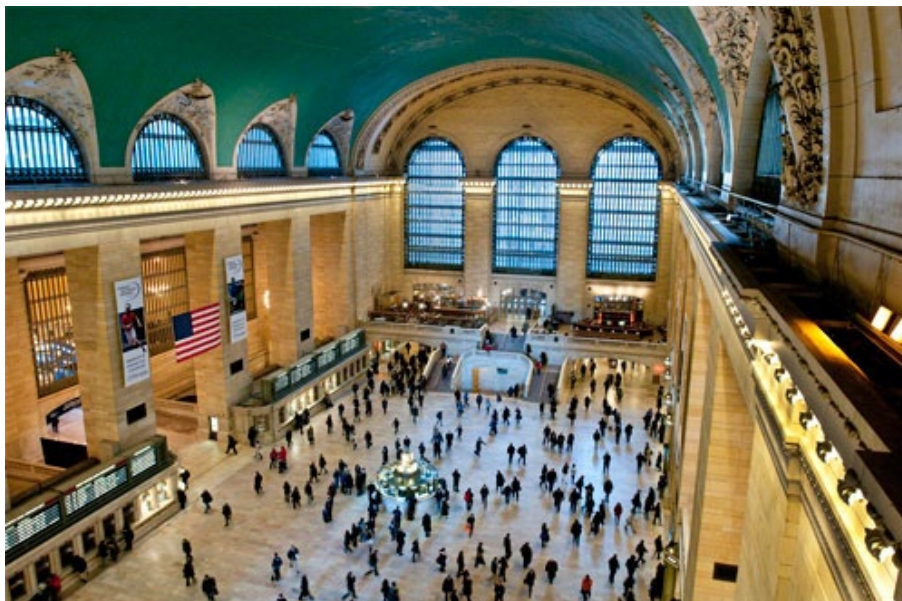
## Communities Across America to Celebrate National Train Day

On Saturday, May 11, 2013, Amtrak will join communities across America to celebrate the importance of trains to their town at the sixth annual National Train Day. More than 200 communities are expected to host events at local train stations, railroad museums and other locations commemorating this year's theme "trains matter."

"National Train Day invites communities big and small to share the importance of trains as a vital transportation option and engine of economic development and employment," said Amtrak Chief Marketing & Sales Officer Matt Hardison.

In addition to events in Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Chicago and Los Angeles, Amtrak is expanding its efforts to support events in many local markets across the country served by America's Railroad®. Event offerings will vary to include train equipment displays, family-friendly activities and local dignitaries.

More details on National Train Day events and information on how to host a National Train Day event is available at [www.nationaltrainday.com](http://www.nationaltrainday.com). Additional events and information will be added to the website frequently. (*News Courtesy of Amtrak*)



On May 11th & 12th, Grand Central Terminal will host a "Parade of Trains" and railroadiana show as part of its centennial celebration. MTA photo.

## Railroad Museum of Long Island Partners with Strasburg RR to Restore and Operate LIRR G5s Locomotive

On Thursday, March 14, 2013, Mr. Linn Moedinger, President of the Strasburg Railroad Company, Railroad Museum of Long Island President, Don Fisher and Vice President and Counsel Dennis DeAngelis, signed an agreement to restore and operate the LIRR G5s Steam Locomotive #39. RMLI's Board of Trustees voted unanimously on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 to partner with the Strasburg Railroad Company.

The agreement culminates five and one half months of talks and negotiations between the two principals. Terms of the contract provide for the Railroad Museum of Long Island to raise \$900,000.00 in FY 2013 and transport the G5s locomotive to the Strasburg property, the Strasburg Railroad will add \$1,086,861.00 to the project, complete restoration of the steam engine in three years and then operate the locomotive on their property for a period of forty-eight years.

Fisher stated that "this partnership is the best way to get the locomotive restored and into operation. After thirty three-years of trying, New Yorkers and others living in the Pennsylvania Railroad region may finally ride behind this historic steam engine. We need to complete this project with a grassroots effort. I believe the interest and support for restoring this locomotive will be there."

The Railroad Museum of Long Island officially begins efforts to raise \$1,000,000.00 for the move and restoration of the locomotive today. Tax-deductible donations may be made to "RMLI Engine 39" at P.O. Box 726, Greenport NY 11944-0726. For more information, visit the Railroad Museum of Long Island web site at [www.rmli.org](http://www.rmli.org). (*News Courtesy of Railroad Museum of Long Island*)



# Railroadiana Show & Auction Calendar

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- 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 4 Toledo, OH** - National Train Day Toledo railroad exhibits & show.  
Info: [www.tmacog.org](http://www.tmacog.org).
- May 5 Catalog Auction** - Railroad Memories railroadiana auction closes.  
Info: [www.railroadmemories.com](http://www.railroadmemories.com).
- May 5 Franklin, NJ** - Annual Franklin Model and Toy Train Show and Sale.  
Info: [www.trainweb.org/sussexctyrrclub](http://www.trainweb.org/sussexctyrrclub).
- 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>.
- May 24-26 Parsons, KS** - Katy Days Celebration with activities including railroad vendors.  
Info: <http://www.katydays.com>.
- Jun 1 Manassas, VA** - Manassas Railway Festival at the Manassas depot.  
Info: [www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org).
- Jun 9 St. Charles, IL** - Kane County Railroadiana Show. Kane County Fairgrounds.  
Info: [www.kanecountyrrshow.com](http://www.kanecountyrrshow.com).
- Jun 15-16 Waupaca, WI** - Annual Strawberry Fest Model Railroad Show.  
Info: [www.wamrltd.com](http://www.wamrltd.com).
- Jun 22 Charlotte, NC** - North Carolina Railroad Show. Metrolina Expo Trade Center.  
Info: [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com).
- Jun 22-23 Dayton, OH** - Miami Valley Rail Festival at Carrillon Park.  
Info: [www.railfestival.com](http://www.railfestival.com).
- Jun 30 Catalog Auction** - Golden Spike Enterprises. Railroadiana auction closes.  
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 9-10 Cincinnati, OH** - Summerail 2013 railroadiana flea market.  
Info: <http://cincinnatiirclub.org>.
- Aug 10 Atlanta, GA** - Atlanta Railroad Show. North Atlanta Trade Center. Norcross, GA.  
Info: [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com).
- Aug 16-18 Snoqualmie, WA** - Northwest Railroad Museum Railroad Days.  
Info: [www.railroaddays.com](http://www.railroaddays.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).
- Sep 20-21 Cumberland, MD** - National Association of Timetable Collectors Convention.  
Info: [www.naotc.org](http://www.naotc.org).
- Oct 5 DeLand, FL** - Florida Rail Fair. Volusia County Fairgrounds.  
Info: [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com).

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## For Sale

**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).

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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).

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