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# **New Haven Hosts NAOTC Timetable Convention**

While some people may think of Key Lock & Lantern as an organization of "hardware collectors," most KL&L members are interested in many different types of railroadiana. Often, lanterns share display space on our shelves with passes, timetables and broadsides. Recently, the ongoing search for interesting paper items led a number of KL&L members to New Haven, CT, for the annual convention of the National Association of Timetable Collectors.

Hosted by nationally-known timetable dealer Carl Loucks, the NAOTC convention was held over the weekend of July 16th, at the Holiday Inn in North Haven, CT. Collectors and dealers from all around the country brought timetables and other paper memorabilia for sale and trade. Steamship line, airline, and bus timetables were offered, in addition to the large selection of railroadiana. Following a "members only" trading session on Friday, the doors were open to the public for Saturday's show and sale.

The speaker for the Saturday night banquet was retired New Haven Line trainmaster Jack Swanberg, whose photographs have appeared in many railroad publications over the years. Mr. Swanberg presented an excellent slide show of subjects ranging from steam locomotives in Colorado to New York Central electric lines. Following the program, the annual NAOTC fund-raiser auction was held, with a large variety



There was an excellent selection of timetables and other paper memorabilia available at the NAOTC convention



Many convention attendees took the opportunity to ride some of the former New Haven RR lines in the area, such as the historic Metro-North Danbury Branch.

of interesting items sold to the high bidders. All auction proceeds went to support the NAOTC. Although everyone was looking to add something to their collections, the highlight of the convention for most participants was simply the opportunity to visit with fellow timetable collectors.

Many convention attendees also took the opportunity to visit local railroad museums, and to photograph the operations on railroad lines in the New Haven area. Amtrak and the Connecticut Southern RR provided a constant parade of trains by the hotel, and Acela trains on the Northeast Corridor could be found a few miles away.

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### **KL&L Preserves Railroad History**

While the majority of us collect railroad memorabilia simply as a hobby, we are nevertheless preserving a part of history through our efforts. If the high quality of the many displays at the KL&L convention is any indication, most collectors seem to take a serious approach to historic preservation and research. Many KL&L members have a wealth of knowledge about railroad collectibles and history.

The best way to share that knowledge is through involvement in organizations such as Key, Lock & Lantern. When we are gone, the information that we have accumulated will be lost, unless it is passed along to other historians and collectors. There is no better time than the present to send in photos, articles, or even just research notes, for publication in the Key, Lock & Lantern magazine.

For those who cannot contribute material at this time, your support as a member of KL&L is equally important. With higher membership numbers, we will be able to produce a larger magazine, and expand its content. It is easy to forget about the KL&L dues renewal form, and leave it sitting on the desk for a month (like I did). Please remember to mail it in, or use the form on the last page of this newsletter. Thanks to the members who have already renewed, and to those who included an extra donation.

And as always, don't forget to spread the word about KL&L at railroad clubs, historical museums, and train shows. This digital newsletter may also be forwarded to other collectors who have an interest in railroad memorabilia. Through groups such as Key, Lock & Lantern, we can each play an important role in the preservation of railroad history.

Dave Hamilton KL&L President & Editor

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Send news items to Dave Hamilton at: transportsim@aol.com

#### Railroadiana Show & Auction Calendar



- Aug 14 Atlanta, GA 39th Annual Train & Artifacts Show & Sale. 9am-5pm. North Atlanta Trade Center. Info: www.gserr.com.
- Aug 14 Lynchburg, VA Lynchburg Rail Day. 9am-4pm. Boonsboro Ruritan Club. Info: www.blueridgenrhs.org.
- Aug 21 Topeka, KS Topeka Railroad Festival.
  Great Overland Station. 10am-6pm.
  Info: www.greatoverlandstation.com.
- Aug 22 Niles, OH Northeastern Ohio Transportation Artifacts Show & Sale. 10am-3pm. McMenamy's Banquet Center, Route 422. Info: www.gserr.com.
- Sep 11-12 Buffalo, NY 5th Annual Train Show.

  Buffalo Central Terminal. 10am-4pm.

  Info: http://buffalocentralterminal.org.
- Sep 11 Perris, CA Railroadiana Swap Meet.
  Orange Empire RR Museum. 8am-2pm.
  Info: www.oerm.org.
- Sep 17-20 Dassel, MN Railroadiana Auction. Four day on-site liquidation of The Old Depot Museum by Mangold Auction Service.

  Info: www.mangoldauctionservice.com.
- Sep 19 Lenexa, KS 12th Annual Kansas City
  Railroadiana & Transportation Show.
  Lenexa Community Center. Info: e-mail
  rdmjames@swbell.net.
- Sep 25 Phoenixville, PA Railroadiana Auction. Ted Maurer, Auctioneer. 10am. Ridge Fire Hall. Info: www.maurerail.com.
- Oct 2-3 Lone Jack, MO Railroadiana Auction. Sat 10am, Sun 11am. Dirk Soulis Auctions. Info: www.dirksoulisauctions.com.
- Oct 2-3 DeLand, FL 31st Annual Florida Rail Fair. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-3pm. Volusia County Fairgrounds. Info: www.gserr.com.

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# Journey Back in Time on Historic Tourist Railroads

Summer is the season for flea markets and the big outdoor antique shows, and as railroadiana collectors, we often find that our schedules are filled with these events. After a few weekends of pre-dawn races to be first in line at the opening of a show, we could no doubt use a short break from the action. For rest and relaxation, nothing quite compares to a train ride, and a leisurely trip on a tourist or museum railroad fits the bill perfectly.

Local scenic railroads and historical museums are sometimes overlooked when planning summer activities, but they are often "hidden gems" of railroad history. There is something about sipping a drink in a restored diner or lounge car, with the clickity-clack of jointed rails beneath the wheels, that transports the passenger back in time.



Train time at Thendara, NY on the Adirondack Scenic Railroad appears much as it did over fifty years ago on the New York Central Railroad's Adirondack Division.

For a collector of railroad memorabilia, it is fun to watch an engineer use a long-spouted oiler on a restored locomotive, or to ride an open platform observation car with authentic marker lamps. A trip on a historic railroad is an excellent way to experience that past era of railroading that we have attempted to preserve through our collecting efforts.

In addition to historic equipment, most scenic railroads have made an effort to restore depots and other buildings to their original condition. Many of these structures contain displays of local railroad memorabilia, or accurate recreations of telegraph offices and waiting rooms. More than one tourist railroad has a rare item or two on display that is certain to grab the attention of collectors.

For more extensive displays of memorabilia, a visit to a local railroad historical society's museum provides an enjoyable alternative to the flea market rat race. One way to learn to identify rare items, and to avoid fakes, is to obtain an education by studying museum exhibits. Volunteer guides at museums are often knowledgeable collectors themselves,



The Berkshire Scenic Railroad's Lenox, Ma depot and its adjacent railroad display cars house a number of interesting exhibits about local railroad history.

and can provide detailed information about the objects that are on display. Railroad museums are usually the home of locally significant artifacts, such as station signs, tower model boards, and photographs. For serious research, many original documents have been preserved in various railroad society libraries.

When planning summer activities, a visit to one of our many excellent historical museums or tourist railroads provides a relaxing alternative to antique hunting or mainline train watching. And, those "old favorite" lines that are right in our backyards count on our patronage to stay in business. So, dust the cinders off the wicker seats, or have a drink in the diner, and take a train trip back in time this summer.

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Many tourist railroad depots contain exhibits of railroad memorabilia. Some rare artifacts from the NYCRR Adirondack Division are on display at Thendara, NY.

# Information Wanted for Upcoming KL&L Articles

Several articles are in the works for upcoming issues of the Key, Lock & Lantern magazine, and members are invited to contribute additional material for them. KL&L counts on its members for photos and information, and in this age of digital photos and e-mail, it has never been easier to send in your contributions.

Our series on the Dietz Vesta lantern will continue in the near future, and several KL&L members have already shared photos and research. However, for complete coverage of any subject, we can never have enough material, and more photos, information, and copies of advertising are requested.

On the subject of advertising, computer scanners have made it possible to contribute high-quality reproductions of catalogs and advertising to KL&L, without sending the originals through the mail. The same goes for rare photos and paper memorabilia, that were difficult to reproduce in the past, using conventional methods.

A recent KL&L article on modern switch keys sparked some discussion about which railroads still use "old style" brass switch keys. A display at the KL&L convention revealed that there may be more brass keys still in use than most of us are aware. Perhaps a future survey of modern switch keys is in order, and members are invited to send in photos of brass keys that are currently being issued by railroads.

Other photos and material that would be useful for ongoing projects includes memorabilia from the Pullman Palace and Wagner Palace Car companies,

and information about various hardware makers' hallmarks. Photos of rare and unusual artifacts (paper and hardware) are always appreciated for future use.

Contributions to our new *Railway Guide*, *General Stores*, and *Photos from Along the Line* columns are needed, and comments for our *Q&A* and *Fakes & Reproductions* pages are also welcome. For fifteen minutes of fame, why not tell us about yourself in a *Know Your Collector* feature.

As has been noted in the past, we are looking to include more material about western railroads in future issues, but we need contributions from our members on those subjects. Reader feedback and suggestions for articles are always welcome. Please e-mail Dave Hamilton with your ideas at transportsim@aol.com.

#### **Magazine Submissions Are Appreciated:**

Photos from Along the Line
From My Collection
The Railway Guide
Know Your Collector
Photos & Notes Are Fine - We'll do the Rest



# Key, Lock & Lantern Updated Contributor Guidelines

Key, Lock & Lantern has updated its contributor guidelines, to reflect the recent transition to computer-based production. Although material will always be accepted in the traditional formats (printed photos, written manuscripts, etc), members are encouraged to send computer files of their contributions. The revised guidelines are as follows:

For members without computers, articles should be written on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, typed or neatly handwritten. Printed photos (B&W or color) should be sent with a caption attached, including your name, phone #, and a description. Photocopies of catalog pages, advertising, and related materials are acceptable. Letters with comments, Q&A contributions, and other information are always appreciated.

For members with computers, submission of material by e-mail or on a computer CD is preferred. Articles, letters, and text may be sent in an e-mail message, or as a file attachment. Text files may be in DOC, TXT, or PDF format. Digital photos and scans of photos & catalogs may be sent as an e-mail attachment in JPG, TIF, BMP, or GIF format. For other file types, please contact the editor. Large quantities of material and large files should be sent by mail on a computer CD or DVD.

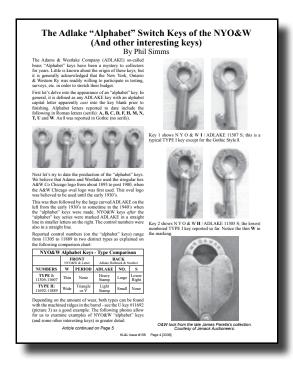
By submitting material to Key Lock & Lantern, the contributor grants permission for use in any edition of the KL&L magazine (print or digital), KL&L websites, and other KL&L publications. All material will be retained by KL&L for future use, unless the contributor specifically requests that it be returned and includes a suitable, self addressed stamped envelope.

If you send something in to KL&L and don't see it in print right away, don't worry. We often have articles lined up for several issues in advance, so it may be a few months before your material appears. Your contributions are appreciated!

# Key, Lock & Lantern Issue #158 Goes to Press

Key, Lock & Lantern Issue #158 has been mailed to current members, and includes articles covering a variety of topics. Phil Simms shares his extensive knowledge of NYO&W memorabilia with an article about the Adlake "alphabet" switch keys. Key collectors will also be interested in several new questions in the *Q&A* column, seeking identification of different keys.

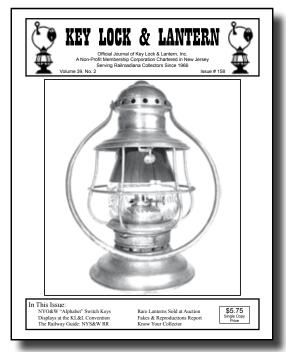
The *Railway Guide* column returns in this issue, with a look at the history of the New York, Susquehanna & Western RR. This regional line has an interesting history, from control by the Erie Railroad, to bankruptcy, and later rehabilitation by regional railroad Delaware Otsego Corporation. Railroadiana from this line carries a variety of markings, and the article provides a timeline for dating memorabilia.



Other features include photos from a recent auction of rare lanterns, and the displays at the 2010 Key, Lock & Lantern convention in Albany. There are continuing discussions about fake globes in the *Fakes & Reproductions* column, along with a list of suppliers of reproduction lantern parts and other hardware. After an absence of several years, the *Know Your Collector* column also appears in this issue.

Key, Lock & Lantern has a limited press run, and original copies of back issues are highly sought after, so don't forget to renew your membership (many are due with this issue). Don't miss out on any editions of this valuable resource for collectors of railroadiana.

If you are reading the KL&L News because it was forwarded to you by a fellow collector, please consider membership in Key, Lock & Lantern. The KL&L magazine is only sent to paid members, and is not available online. KL&L covers



more than railroad hardware, and past articles have included such subjects as timetables, china, museum displays, and railroad history. Upcoming articles include the continuation of the history of the Dietz Vesta lantern, another installment in the series on the conservation of paper railroadiana, and other restoration and display tips.

The Key, Lock & Lantern magazine has been an important resource for collectors of railroadiana since 1966, and plenty of new material is lined up for future issues. Renew your membership (or join) today!



#### **Tourist Railroads & Museums**

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Strasburg, Pa is a railroad historian's paradise, with operating steam locomotives, a caboose motel, and the collection of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

# Railroad Museums & Historical Groups

Send in photos of your museum's displays for publication in

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For more information on how KL&L can help promote your museum, contact Dave Hamilton at transportsim@aol.com



Exhibits at the Danbury Railway Museum of Danbury, CT.



Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton, Pa.



Pullman china on display at the Danbury Railway Museum.



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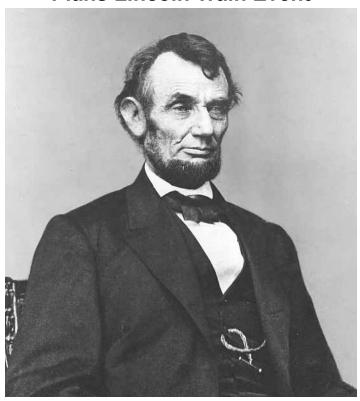
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# Passenger Train Historical Society Plans Lincoln Train Event



The Passenger Train Historical Society (PTHS), a non-profit organization devoted to the study and preservation of the history of railroad passenger train service in North America, is planning a reenactment of a critical historical event in American history. President-elect Abraham Lincoln's Inaugural Train operated on a route which Lincoln called a "winding way" enroute from Springfield, Illinois to Washington, DC in February of 1861. The train traveled 1,904 miles from Illinois through Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland while enroute to Washington, DC.

This event celebrates more than 150 years of American and passenger train history. To commemorate the historical operation of this train, railroads and private car owners are invited to participate, along with state, county, and municipal historical societies to plan and coordinate state and local activities.

Presently, preliminary plans are being considered in the following cities: Springfield, Illinois; Indianapolis, Indiana; Columbus, Alliance, Ravenna, Hudson, and Cleveland, Oh; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Other cities are encouraged to propose activities to commemorate this historical event.

Sponsors are needed to support the various educational aspects of this event to promote an understanding of our historical past.

For additional information contact PTHS Project Coordinator David H. Mangold at PTHSLincolnTrain@hotmail.com or (330) 947-3685 late evenings. For additional information and links, see www.PTHSonline.org.

#### Railroadiana Show & Auction Calendar

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- Oct 9 Walnut Creek, CA San Francisco Bay Area Railroadiana, Mining & Western Artifacts Show & Sale. 9am-3pm. Walnut Creek Elk's Lodge. Info: bj620@aol.com.
- Oct 16 Brookline, NH Railroadiana Consignment Auction. 10:30am. Brookline Auction Gallery. Info: www.tagtown.net.
- Oct 17 St. Charles, IL 19th Annual Chicagoland Railroadiana Show & Sale. 10am-3pm. Kane County Fairgrounds. Info: www.rrshows.com.
- Oct 22-24 Bakersfield, CA Golden Empire Train Show. Kern County Fairgrounds. Info: www.ggshows.com.
- Oct 23 New Palestine, IN 30th Annual Crossroads of America Railroadiana Show. 9am-2pm. Ramada Inn. Info: www.indyrrshow.com.
- Nov 7 Gaithersburg, MD 33rd Annual Railroadiana & Transportation Artifacts Show & Sale.

  Montgomery County Fairgrounds. 9am-4pm. Info: www.gserr.com. Visit the KL&L booth at the show.
- Dec 5 Albany, NY Great Train Extravaganza.

  10am-4pm. Empire State Plaza Convention
  Center. Info: www.gtealbany.com. Visit the
  KL&L booth at the show.
- Dec 11 Columbus, OH 48th Annual Buckeye Railroadiana Show & Sale. 9am-4pm. Ohio Expo Center. Info: www.gserr.com.
- Dec 18-19 Tampa, FL 6th Annual Tampa Model Train & Railroadiana Show. Sat 9am-5pm. Sun 10am-4pm. Florida State Fairgrounds. Info: www.gserr.com.
- Jan29-30 Springfield, MA Railroad Hobby Show. 9am-5pm. Eastern States Expo. Info: www.railroadhobbyshow.com.

Send Show & Auction Listings to: transportsim@aol.com

## **KL&L Volunteer Phil Coffey Dies**

Long time KL&L member and volunteer Phil Coffey passed away on July 17, 2010, at age 71. For many years, Phil was in charge of KL&L back issue sales, recently with the assistance of his son. In addition to his work for KL&L, Phil was a member of the Sea Breeze Volunteer Fire Department, and was well known among railfans in the Rochester, NY area. He is survived by his sister June, his children Phil and Deborah, and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews. His many years of service to KL&L are deeply appreciated and he will be missed by his fellow collectors.

#### **NAOTC Timetable Convention**

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The National Association of Timetable Collectors was formed in 1962, and membership is open to anyone who is interested in collecting timetables from railroads, airlines, steamships, transit, and other modes of transportation. The NAOTC publishes a quarterly magazine and semi-monthly newsletters which include updates regarding current issues of various timetables.

Anyone who collects paper transportation memorabilia, or has a general interest in railroadiana, will find membership in the NAOTC to be worthwhile. For more information, visit the NAOTC website at www.naotc.org.



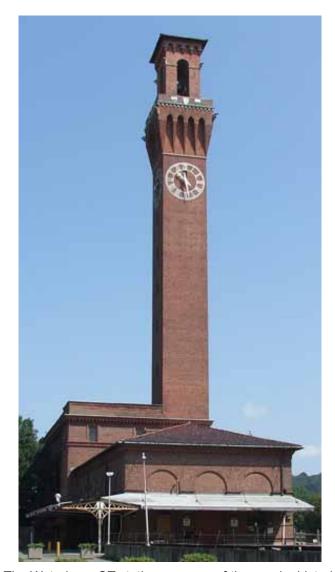
Searching for elusive timetables at the NAOTC Convention.

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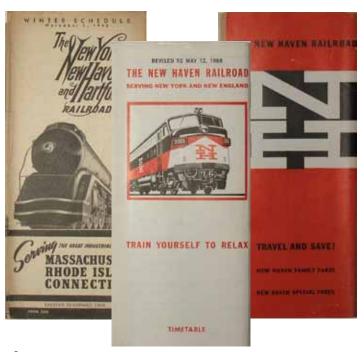
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The Waterbury, CT station was one of the nearby historic sites visited by NAOTC Convention participants.



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#### For Sale

**For Sale**: D&H Schenevus station sign - 13 3/4" x 74" steel with cast iron letters. In very good condition, ready for display. \$500.00. Ralph Gasner, 86 Chappell Dr., Milford, NH 03055. Call 603-673-6125.

For Sale: Brass conductor's lantern - CT Ham Mfg Co #39. Page 137, Item 13.5 in the Encyclopedia of Railroad Lighting, Vol 1. \$400.00. Paul Pietrak at marypaulp@aol.com or 716-662-4193.

**Wanted**: Buyer for Star Headlight presentation lantern, nickel plated, green over clear globe w/ old english lettering "Bates" with scrollwork and wreaths. Rare maker, super display. Pictured on cover of KL&L Issue 158. E-mail for more info/photos: tmstrsurs@logical. net. Asking \$1000.00 + shipping. Jane Silvernail.

#### Wanted

**Wanted**: Switch keys from the L&HR, WVRR, SRR, NY&ERR. Stock Certificates: Wawayanda RR, Mine Hill RR, Pequest & Walkill RR, and Southfield Branch RR. Phil Simms, 8 Still Waters Drive, Campbell Hall, NY, 10916. Call 845-427-5051.

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 or phone 304-789-2229.

Wanted: Looking for small hardware items from the Northhampton & Bath RR such as keys, badges, brass time/tool checks or any other significant small item. Have some interesting items to trade from US Steel roads. Contact Jeff Wolfe at lobowolf@aol.com.

**Wanted**: Hardware items from the Gary Railways, EJ&E and CLS&E, NYCL oiler keys, NYC Subdivision tags and livery and dray badges. Contact Jeff Wolfe at lobowolf@aol.com.

**Wanted**: Switch key from the Fort Eustis Military RR. Also photo of USAX engine #7291. This was an army engine that I worked on but never got a photo of. Contact Charles McQueen at 29705 Robert Dr, Livonia, MI 48150.

#### **Wanted**

**Wanted**: PRR Macbeth #220 pearl glass globes with straight letters 3/4" in height, "PRR" in rectangle. Need clear and red globes. Have traders or cash. Joel Shaw, 31 Sandle Drive, Fairport, NY 14450. Phone: 585-385-3776.

Wanted: Keys, locks, lanterns, fly fishing leader boxes, passes, buttons & other from the Denver, South Park & Pacific Ry - Denver, Leadville & Gunnison Ry - Union Pacific Denver & Gulf - Colorado & Southern Ry. Leonard Walmsley, 11044 Claire Circle, Northglenn, CO, 80234. 303-429-8674.

**Wanted**: Photo of NY State Railways Syracuse Lines car #1024. Also any photos of Syracuse trolleys on Irving Ave and around Syracuse University. Contact Dave Hamilton at transportsim@aol.com or by phone at 518-439-8392.

**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.

**Wanted**: Diesel builders plates, especially EL and other northeastern US railroads. Have plates to trade. E-mail: RBombel@aol.com.

#### **For Trade**

For Trade: W&ARRCo brass top wire bottom 1878 model A&W. Also, switch type key marked SRRR, possibly Sandy River RR. Contact Walter Sulowski at walter-sulowski@msn.com.

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