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A Full Weekend of Events Planned for Key, Lock & Lantern Convention

When I look through the Key, Lock & Lantern archives, and issues of the magazine from the 70's and 80's, it is always entertaining to discover photos of past KL&L conventions. One thing that always catches my attention (besides the clothing styles of years past) is the large number of people who attended the convention back in the "good old days." There were some pretty big crowds that made the trip to Albany, back in the early years of the organization.

Thirty years from now, whoever looks through the KL&L files will no doubt see a similar scene at the 2015 convention. With almost 50 tables reserved and over 70 people registered to attend, this year's event will be one of the biggest in recent history. It is exciting to see the convention return to being one the "main events" for railroad historians and collectors.

If you haven't already made plans to attend, think about hopping in the car or train and heading to Utica this weekend. While the KL&L block of rooms at the Hotel Utica is now booked, there are still rooms available at regular rates, and at other nearby hotels. If you need an extra reason to come, there is a 150-dealer antique sale at the Madison-Bouckville show fields on Route 20 (south of Utica) that starts at 8am on Friday. And, there is plenty of mainline railroad action in the area, for those who want to do a little train chasing.

In addition to the show on Saturday morning, we have two train excursions this year. The Saturday afternoon trip on the Adirondack Scenic Railroad will cover typically freight-only trackage on the Mohawk Adirondack & Northern RR between Remsen and Boonville. Tickets are still available for this rare mileage event, and for our Sunday train on the Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley RR. This is also a KL&L special charter, so we can enjoy the trip and take photographs without "tourists" getting in our way.

Although any of these activities is reason enough to attend the convention, it is the opportunity to meet with fellow railroad historians and collectors that makes this event unique. While we usually get together with friends at auctions and shows such as Gaithersburg, the relaxed atmosphere of the KL&L Convention allows for more time to visit and share ideas, without the need to rush off to check the next table or room. While there is some hustle & bustle during setup, there isn't the same pressure as is found at the big shows and auctions, to see everything before it closes. And with two relaxing train rides this year, there is extra time to catch up with old friends and make some new ones.

So whether it is for the weekend or just for a day, there is still time to make plans to attend the Key, Lock & Lantern Convention in Utica, NY. With so many serious collectors in attendance, you are sure to miss something good if you don't come! And, each and every member who participates in the convention adds to the success of the event.

Thanks for your ongoing support, and I hope to see you at the convention this weekend!

Dave Hamilton
KL&L President & Editor

Railroad Event Calendar



Upcoming historical society conventions, special events, railroadiana shows & auctions. Listings subject to change. Check show web sites before traveling and visit www.klnl.org for updates. See submission guidelines at the end of the calendar.

Jun 4-7 Altoona, PA - Railway & Locomotive Historical Society Annual Convention.

Info: www.rlhs.org.

- Jun 4-7 Omaha, NE Union Pacific & CNW Historical Societies Joint Convention.
 Info: www.cnwhs.org.
- Jun 5-7 Utica, NY Key, Lock & Lantern Convention.
 Railroad History Expo & Excursions.
 Info: www.klnl.org.
- Jun 6-7 Tampa, FL Railroad Show at the Florida State Fairgrounds.
 Info: www.gserr.com.
- Jun 14 St Charles, IL Kane County Railroadiana Show. Kane County Fairgrounds. Info: www.kanecountyrrshow.com.
- Jun 16-20 Rutland, VT National Railway Historical Society Annual Convention.
 Info: www.nrhs.com.
- Jun 18-21 Kansas City, MO American Bell Association Convention. Info: www.americanbell.org.

Jun 18-21 Marion, OH - Norfolk & Western Railway Historical Society Convention. Info: www.nwhs.org.

Jun 18-21 Yakima, WA - Milwaukee Road Historical Association Annual Convention. Info: www.mrha.com.

Jun 20 Charlotte, NC - North Carolina Railroad Show.
Metrolina Expo Center.
Info: www.gserr.com.

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On the Front Cover:

An Adirondack Scenic Railroad train prepares to depart from Utica Union Station. A special Key Lock & Lantern train will run to Boonville, NY on Saturday, June 6th.

Railroad History Exposition to Feature Exhibits & Railroadiana Collectors Market

On the morning of Saturday, June 6th, the historic Hotel Utica in downtown Utica, NY will be filled with railroad history displays and dozens of tables of original railroad artifacts for sale and trade. The main event of the annual Key, Lock & Lantern Convention, the Railroad History Exposition, will be held from 10am to 2pm in the Saranac Room and the adjacent section of the second floor mezzanine.

Many members of Key, Lock & Lantern will display museum-quality exhibits of railroad memorabilia, and most will offer a variety of railroadiana for sale. Almost fifty tables have been reserved for the event, which typically includes displays of lanterns, locks & keys, timetables, photos, dining car china, books, tools, locomotive manuals, and more.

Last year's exhibits filled the Saranac Room, so the show has been expanded to include the adjacent section of the mezzanine. The historic atmosphere of the restored 1912 Hotel Utica is the perfect setting to browse through displays of memorabilia from the golden age of railroading, and to find something unique to take home for any railroadiana collection.



For exhibitors and KL&L members who registered in advance, setup and early admission starts at 8am. Doors open for general admission at 10am, with a \$7 registration fee collected at the door. Everyone with an interest in railroad history and collecting is invited to attend. Displays at last year's convention included memorabilia from

the New York, Ontario & Western and Delaware & Hudson Railways, Railway Express Agency artifacts, Brady's patent lanterns, signals and signs from the Utica area, lanterns from the Poughkeepsie Bridge Route, and a large exhibits of Lehigh Valley, Erie, and DL&W railroadiana. Similar displays are expected at this year's event, along with a large selection of original artifacts for sale and trade in a Railroadiana Collectors Market.

The historic Hotel Utica is located at 102 Lafayette Street, just off Genesee Street in downtown Utica, NY. There is free parking in lots on the west and north sides of the building, and on the side streets in the vicinity of the hotel. Exhibitors with boxes to unload and visitors with mobility issues should consider using the east entrance on Seneca Street - there is a wheelchair lift that will hold a hotel luggage cart available at that door.

For additional information about the Utica area, and a map of downtown, see *KL&L News* Issue #27, which is available for download on the KL&L website at www.klnl.org.



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Train Excursions Are a Popular Addition to KL&L Convention



At the 2013 Key, Lock & Lantern Convention in Albany, a number of members commented that it would be nice to have an activity such as a train ride on the weekend schedule. Albany is surrounded by tourist railroad lines, but most are located over an hour away, so it wasn't considered practical to do. However, when it unexpectedly became necessary to relocate the convention last year, the opportunity presented itself to find a new venue that would allow for a train ride to be added to the convention lineup.

An optional trip on the Adirondack Scenic Railroad's wine tasting train proved to be a popular event at the 2014

KL&L Convention, so it was decided to offer two excursions at this year's meeting, once again to be held in Utica, NY. On Saturday, June 6th, a special KL&L Adirondack Scenic train will depart from Utica Union Station at 4pm, for a round trip on the Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern RR to Boonville. The KL&L Boonville Dinner Express will arrive at around 5:30pm, allowing passengers to eat dinner in town, before departing at 7:30pm for the return to Utica. After the train's arrival back at Union Station at approximately 9pm, a slide and movie program will take place at the Hotel Utica.

On Sunday, June 7th at 11am, a specially chartered Key, Lock & Lantern railfan special will depart from Milford, NY on the Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley Railroad. The train will make a round trip to Cooperstown, arriving back at Milford around 2pm. Passengers will then have time to view some of the historic equipment that

is being restored by the Leatherstocking Railway Historical Society at the original Milford depot. Hot dogs, snacks, and drinks will be available for purchase on board the train.

Both train trips are open to all railroad enthusiasts, with tickets for the Cooperstown trip on sale at the KL&L table at the Railroad History Exposition at the Hotel Utica on the morning of Saturday, June 6th, for \$15 each. Tickets for the Boonville excursion are \$35 each, and will also be available at the Railroad History Expo, and on the Adirondack Scenic Railroad website at www.adirondackrr.com.



Cabin Fever Brings Larger than Usual Crowd to Spring 2015 Brookline Railroadiana Auction

Since the introduction of online bidding via Live Auctioneers, there have been fewer people making the trip to attend the semi-annual railroadiana auctions at the Brookline Auction Gallery in person. Sales manager Scott Czaja is well known for providing accurate and complete descriptions in the online catalogs, allowing collectors to stay home and confidently bid via the internet. While many lots still end up going to floor bidders, and many "old school" collectors still prefer to inspect things in person, internet sales now play a significant role in the auction.

At the Spring 2015 sale, held on April 11th, the auction gallery was filled with a larger than usual crowd, though. After a long, hard winter in New England, many collectors no doubt had "cabin fever" and were ready to get out of the house. It made for an interesting sale, with more competition among bidders in the auction gallery than usual. While internet bids still took many lots, there was plenty being loaded in the parking lot at the end of the sale. Prices were generally strong throughout the auction, with a few surprise good deals, and plenty of high-end artifacts bringing top dollar. Additional memorabilia from several of the collections that were sold in the auction will be included in the fall sale, so that one will be worth watching, as well. *All photos courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookine Auction Gallery. Prices realized do not include buyers premium.*







Some of the many unusual switch keys offered in the sale: New York, Providence & Boston RR (\$350); Galveston, Houston & Henderson Railroad (\$400); and Leominster & Fitchburg Street Railway Company (\$300).

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One of the rarer lanterns in the sale, this PRR cast Kelly brass top fixed globe sold for a high bid of \$2900.



A bid of \$450 was needed to take home this Maine Central Railroad pinecone logo silver crumber by Rogers.

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New York Central Gulf Curve Exhibit Opens at Little Falls Historical Museum

At 11:32 pm on April 19, 1940, New York Central Railroad train No.19, the westbound *Lake Shore Limited*, entered the sharp bend along the banks of the Mohawk River at Little Falls, NY, known locally as Gulf Curve. Two permanently restrictive automatic signal aspects and a sign that warned "Speed Limit, 45 Miles" reminded crews to reduce their speed, but the *Lake Shore* was still traveling at a rate of over 60 mph as it rounded the curve.

At the last moment, the engineer closed the throttle, but Hudson No. 5315 left the rails, skidding across the two freight mains before colliding with a pinnacle of rock. Most of the train's 15 passenger & express cars piled up in a heap behind the locomotive, resulting in the deaths of 26 passengers and five crewmen.

The next morning, newspaper headlines across the nation reported one of the New York Central's worst disasters in modern times, while investigators began to pick through the wreckage. The official cause of the wreck - "excessive speed on a sharp

curve" - never shed any light on why the engine crew failed to slow down, and the circumstances behind it still remain a mystery, decades later.

In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of this tragedy, the Little Falls Historical Society recently unveiled a new



The Gulf Curve exhibit at the Little Falls Historical Society Museum includes maps, photos and railroad artifacts.



The wreckage of New York Central train No.19, the westbound Lake Shore Limited lies against the rocks on Gulf Curve in Little Falls, NY, after derailing there on April 19, 1940. Bucklin Studio photo, collection of Harold Usyk.

exhibit about the Gulf Curve wreck at their museum in Little Falls, NY. Original railroad artifacts related to the accident are displayed, along with newspaper articles, maps, and an extensive collection of photographs of the accident scene. While much has been written about the famous wreck over the years, much of the material in the exhibit cannot be found in the usual books and articles.

Objects on display that were reportedly recovered from the wreckage include a boiler fragment, a piece of coal from the tender, a step box, and a trainman's uniform cap. Lanterns, tickets, and other New York Central memorabilia from the region add depth to the exhibit, which also covers the history of the Little Falls & Dolgeville and West Shore railroads. Maps and diagrams of the accident scene help visitors to understand the events that took place on the night of the disaster.

Most railroad history buffs are probably familiar with the photos of the wreck that are labeled "Gregorka Photo Service." The Gregorka family happens to still reside in the Little Falls area, and provided a full set of the photos for display in the exhibition. While visitors will recognize the more commonly reproduced images, there are many on display that rarely surface and are not often seen elsewhere.

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Another unique feature of the exhibit is a collection of brief interviews with local residents who saw the wreck first hand. Each person's account of their experiences has been placed in a binder, with a photo of them from that period, and is available for reading in the museum. Hopefully, this valuable resource will be added to the list of publications that are offered for sale by the society, in the near future.

While most serious railroad historians are familiar with the Gulf Curve wreck, and have reviewed most of the resources related to it that are available, this exhibit has enough unique



A 1940's police officer stands guard over the extensive collection of Gregorka photos of the Gulf Curve wreck.

material to make a visit there worthwhile. The photos, maps, and memorabilia are all well presented, making the displays enjoyable to view, as well.

Permanent exhibits at the museum include scarce early documents from the first European settlers in the area and the Western Inland Lock & Navigation Company, along with artifacts from the various industries of the region. Little Falls, New York has always been an important center of transportation and commerce, and there are plenty of interesting displays on these subjects.

The Little Falls Historical Society Musuem is located at 319 South Ann Street, in Little Falls, NY, just off Route 5, and a stone's throw from the CSX mainline and the antique shops and restaurants of Canal Place. Regular hours are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1-4pm and Saturdays from 10am to noon, or by appointment. Visit their website at www.lfhistoricalsociety.com or call 315-823-0643 for more information and to confirm current hours.

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Visitors to the Little Falls Historical Society Museum enjoy displays about the local Little Falls & Dolgeville Railroad.



Cause of Gulf Curve Wreck is Examined in KL&L Issue 175

75 years after the tragic wreck of the *Lake Shore Limited* on Gulf Curve, the events that took place moments before the train entered the curve at 60mph still remain a mystery. In *Key, Lock & Lantern* Issue #175, we review the trip from Albany to Little Falls that was taken by the doomed train, and examine what was likely happening in the cab of Hudson No. 5315 as it approached the curve.

The article is illustrated with photos from the collection of Harold Usyk, many of which have not been widely published before. They include several that appear to be among the dozens of snapshots taken by local residents of the cleanup efforts. Issue #175 has been sent to all current members - renew today if you didn't receive one!

Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society Announces Schedule for Nickel Plate 765



World-famous steam locomotive No. 765 and the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society will once again partner with Norfolk Southern Corporation to operate a series of special passenger excursions in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York as part of Norfolk Southern's 21st Century Steam Program.

Locomotive No. 765 will pull several round-trip excursions originating out of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Youngstown, Ohio; Buffalo, New York; as well as Allentown and Scranton, Pennsylvania. Unless otherwise noted, the 765 will operate one round-trip per day. There are no overnight trips.

"We are thrilled to team up with Norfolk Southern again to offer people unique and exciting opportunities to enjoy the 765," said Bill Otter, Society president. No. 765 will visit Buffalo in its first trips there since 1985 and operate out of the Allentown region for first time since 1988. For the locomotive's first visit to Scranton, home of the Steamtown National Historic Site, it will operate to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Nicholson Viaduct.

"The people in these areas have been asking for the return of No. 765 for over 20 years. Many of the locomotive's fans now have families of their own and they'll get to pass on these great experiences to a new generation," explained Kelly Lynch, Communications Director for the Society.

Since 2012, No. 765 has lead the 21st Century Steam program with great success, operating sold out trips on numerous occasions throughout the Midwest. The Society's first public trip out of Fort Wayne in over 20 years sold out in less than 2 hours. For each trip, passengers regularly travel from all 50 states and around the world to experience the historic train.

Originally built in 1944 for the Nickel Plate Road, No. 765 was retired in 1958 and put on display in Lawton Park to commemorate the elevation of the railroad through downtown. In 1974, the locomotive was removed from the park and by 1979 was restored to operating condition. The initial rehabilitation effort was the first all-volunteer effort in the world to successfully restore and operate a mainline steam locomotive. Since then, No. 765 has operated in excursion and public exhibition service as an ambassador for the City of Fort Wayne and the railroad industry at large.

The current excursion schedule includes runs from Fort Wayne to Lafayette, Indiana on July 18th & 19th, Youngstown to Ashtabula, Ohio on July 25th & 26th, and Buffalo to Corning, NY on August 1st & 2nd. The train then heads to Pennsylvania for trips between Allentown and Pittston on August 22nd & 23rd, and from Steamtown in Scranton on September 5th, 12th & 13th. It is then scheduled to return home to Indiana.

Most trips include a variety of seating options, ranging from standard and deluxe coach, to first-class, dome car, and observation car accommodations. Food service will be offered on most trips, and is included in first class and dome car ticket prices. The trips generally include a layover for lunch at the destination, for about a ten hour day. One aspect of the steam train excursion of the past that is now absent is open cars, dutch doors, and photo run-bys, which are now prohibited by railroad safety regulations.

For more information, up to date schedules, and ticket sales information, visit the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society website at https://fortwaynerailroad.org. *News and photo courtesy of Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society*.

Class J 611 Homecoming Kicks off Norfolk Southern 21st Century Steam Excursions



Locomotive No. 611 is home again, coming back from its second restoration to headline Norfolk Southern's 21st Century Steam excursions in 2015. Sixty-five years after the Class J 611 was built at Norfolk & Western Railway's shops in Roanoke and placed into service for the first time May 29, 1950, the locomotive returned under steam on May 30th, fulfilling the dreams of its Virginia Museum of Transportation owners and rail enthusiasts worldwide.

Chairman and CEO Wick Moorman, who launched plans for 21st Century Steam in 2010, and President Jim Squires were aboard a J-powered train from Spencer, N.C., where the 611 has been undergoing restoration at the North Carolina Transportation Museum since June 2014.

Neither progress of rail industry dieselization nor ravages of time spent lying dormant on display for decades could defeat the 611, which survived the scrap heap of other steam locomotives and two retirements to take its place among a trio of iconic engines that will power 21st Century Steam this year. The others are Southern Railway 4501 and Nickel Plate Road 765.

The Virginia Museum of Transportation is a new sponsor with Norfolk Southern, joining the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum and the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society to operate excursion trips between June 6 and Oct. 11. Tickets and schedule details will be available on the websites of trip sponsors.

Southern Railway's 4501 was the pioneer locomotive in Norfolk Southern's initial steam excursion program that operated from 1964 to 1994. The 4501 returned to excursion

service in 2014 after being rebuilt at TVRM's Chattanooga shops. Nickel Plate Road 765 was built in 1944 by Lima Locomotive Works at Lima, Ohio, and has been used in excursion service since 1979.

But it is the powerful sleek N&W Class J 611 with its bullet nose and tall-as-a-man driving wheels on a 4-8-4 configuration that many associate with the halcyon days of steam railroading. Its initial restoration in 1982 after two decades of retirement was occasion for a movie, "Going Home," produced by Norfolk Southern. "The J being alive of course is the greatest joy that we true rail fans have had in many many years," an appreciative fan says in the movie. The resurrection kept the J chugging in excursion service until 1994, when Norfolk Southern concluded its steam program, and 611 was retired a second time and put on display again at VMT.

Norfolk Southern's 2010 announcement of plans to operate 21st Century Steam prompted hope that the 611 might ride the rails yet again. In 2013, VMT launched a study and then a capital campaign, "Fire Up 611!" to fund restoration of the locomotive. Norfolk Southern donated \$1.5 million from proceeds of sale of a Mark Rothko abstract expressionist painting. The 611 was towed to the North Carolina Transportation Museum in May 2014 for display among a group of historic locomotives, and the restoration began there in June.

The tentative schedule for this year's 21st Century Steam Program is as follows:

June 6-7 Manassas – Riverton Junction, Va. (611)

June 13-14 Lynchburg – Petersburg, Va. (611)

June 27 Bristol, Va. – Bulls Gap, Tenn. (4501)

June 28 Bristol – Radford, Va. (4501)

July 4-5 Roanoke – Lynchburg and Walton, Va. (611)

July 18-19 Fort Wayne – Lafayette, Ind. (765)

July 25-26 Youngstown – Ashtabula, Ohio (765)

Aug. 1-2 Buffalo – Corning, N.Y. (765)

Aug. 22-23 Allentown – Pittston, Pa. (765)

Sept. 12-13 Scranton, Pa. – Nicholson, Pa. (765)

Sept. 12-13 Jersey – Cleveland, Tenn. (4501)

Sept. 26-25 Macon – Tennille, Ga. (4501)

Oct. 3-4 Atlanta – Toccoa, Ga. (4501)

For ticket information visit the website of the Virginia Museum of Transportation at www.vmt.org (No.611), the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum website at www.tvrail. com (No.4501), and the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society website at https://fortwaynerailroad.org (No.765). News courtesy of Norfolk Southern and photo courtesy of the Virginia Museum of Transportation.

Excursion to Celebrate 160th Anniversary of Opening of Utica & Black River Railroad



During the summer of 1855, the rhythmic pounding of workmen's hammers rang out across the pastoral countryside around Remsen, NY. Using little more than horse-drawn wagons and hand tools, laborers were working feverishly to extend the tracks of the Black River & Utica Railroad northward to Boonville. Earlier in the year, the previously insurmountable obstacle of Deerfield Hill had been conquered, with trains starting to carry passengers between Utica and Trenton Falls, NY in January of 1855. Now, the railroad's promoters looked toward the next step in reaching their ultimate goal of Watertown and New York's Thousand Islands region.

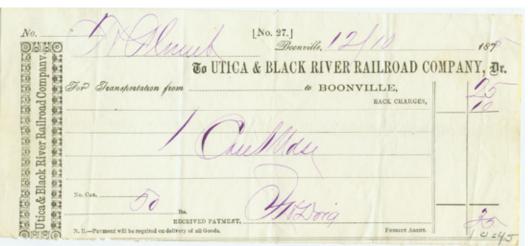
Boonville was already a bustling town on the Black River Canal, which connected Rome, NY with the navigable Black River at Lyons Falls, so it was a logical choice to be the next stop on the railroad. A locomotive was even shipped to Boonville on the canal, in order to expedite construction, and it pulled several short excursions for local residents in September of 1855. As winter approached, crews hurried to finish their work, and the first train from Utica arrived in Boonville on December 13, 1855.

Above, a directors special on the Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern Railroad passes Adirondack Scenic Railroad power in the siding at Holland Patent. John Taibi photo.

Right: 1875 freight bill from the Utica & Black River RR for a shipment from Utica to Boonville, NY. Within a few years, the line was absorbed by the connecting Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg RR. Collection of Dave Hamilton. Boonville was the end of the line for the next decade, as the high cost of construction caused financial difficulties for the railroad company. The reorganized Utica & Black River Railroad opened its next section to Lyons Falls in 1867, and eventually reached Sacketts Harbor on Lake Ontario in 1873. Later, the line was absorbed by the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad, which itself became part of the vast New York Central Railroad system by the end of the 19th century. During the glory days of the railroad, luxury Pullman cars carried vacationers over the line to the resorts of the Thousand Islands and into the heart of the Adirondacks.

Today, the old Utica & Black River route has returned to being a local line, much as it was 160 years ago. Trains of the Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern Railroad deliver freight cars from Utica to Boonville, but the tracks to Lyons Falls are not currently in use. Regularly scheduled passenger service stopped operating in the 1960's, and it has been many years since anyone has arrived in Boonville by train. However, on Saturday, June 6th, passengers will once again disembark from historic rail cars at the old station, as a special Adirondack Scenic Railroad excursion train makes the journey from Utica to Boonville.

Key, Lock & Lantern's Boonville Dinner Express will depart from Utica Union Station at 4:00pm on Saturday, June 6th, and will arrive in Boonville at approximately 5:30pm. The train will wait there for two hours, allowing passengers to stroll around town and enjoy dinner on their own. Departure from Boonville will be at 7:30pm, with arrival back in Utica at approximately 9:00pm. Tickets may be purchased directly from the Adirondack Scenic Railroad at a cost of \$35 per person and will also be available during the Key, Lock & Lantern Railroad History Expo at the Hotel Utica on the morning of the trip. Meals are not included in the ticket price, allowing passengers to eat at the establishment of their choice in Boonville. Snacks and beverages will also be available on the train.





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The Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley Railroad: From Branchline to Tourist Railroad (Twice)

While the Albany & Susquehanna Railroad was still under construction between Albany and Binghamton, NY during the 1860's, numerous connecting railroads began to spring up along its route, most extending for a few miles to small towns up and down adjacent valleys. The Cooperstown and Susquehanna Valley was one of those railroads, opening in July of 1869 between Otsego Lake and a junction with the A&S just east of Oneonta. In 1888, the railroad was extended toward a connection with the new Ulster & Delaware RR and reorganized as the Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley.

Purchased in 1903 by the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, successor to the Albany & Susquehanna, the C&CV lived out the next seven decades as a branch line. Tough times for the D&H during the late 1960's saw the abandonment of many of the bridge line's lighter density branches. By chance, the Delaware & Otsego tourist railroad in Oneonta had recently been forced to relocate its operations in 1970, and purchased the Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley from the D&H during that year. In 1971, steam trains began running between the station at Milford, NY and Cooperstown.

As most students of modern railroad history are aware, the Delaware Otsego grew rapidly from a tourist line into a major regional freight railroad. By the early 1980's the CACV had returned to its former status as a low-traffic freight line, as the DO concentrated on developing intermodal business on its newly acquired New York, Susquehanna & Western Ry. By the end of the decade, the railroad was transloading the little freight business destined for Cooperstown and hauling it by truck, in order to avoid operating trains over the line. A special passenger equipment move for the Baseball Hall of Fame festivities in 1989 was thought to be the last trip over the Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley.



A Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley Railroad excursion train operated by the Leatherstocking Railway Historical Society departs from the Milford, NY station. Photo by LRHS.



NYS&W GP18 #1800 leads what was expected to be the last train operating on the CACV, on a deadhead move in July of 1989. Fortunately, the dormant branchline found another life as a tourist railroad - for the second time! Photo by David Hamilton (so much for the "last run" shot).

In 1996, history repeated itself though, with the dormant branch between Cooperstown and the junction sold by the Delaware Otsego Corporation to the Leatherstocking Railway Historical Society. In 1999, the Cooperstown and Charlotte Valley Railroad was once again reincarnated as a tourist line, as passenger trains began operating from the renovated Milford freight house. Two Alco switchers currently serve as motive power for a variety of dinner, fall foliage, and special themed excursions, all staffed by LRHS volunteer crewmembers.

The special June 7th Key, Lock & Lantern railfan charter will be traveling over a line that has a unique history, going from branchline to tourist railroad, not once but twice! With operation by a dedicated group of railroad preservationists, historic equipment, and many nearby tourist attractions, the future of the line finally seems secure. For more information about the Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley Railroad, visit their website at www.lrhs.com.

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C&CV Railroad Excursion

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Visit the Key, Lock & Lantern Website at www.klnl.org

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For Full Weekend Schedule & Train Excursion Info & Tickets

Schedule & Guide to the 2015 Key, Lock & Lantern Convention

The following is a tentative convention schedule, subject to final revision. Please check your registration packet and listen for announcements during the Railroad History Expo and on board the trains.

Friday, June 5th

8:00am	Outdoor Antique Show with 150 dealers - Madison/Bouckville Antique Dealers - Show fields on Route 20 in Bouckville, NY. About 30 minutes south of Utica. www.madison-bouckville.com			
4:00pm	Hotel check-in & "Room Hopping" to visit with other KL&L members as they arrive & unpack. Note that the east entrance to the hotel is at street level, with a wheelchair lift to the lobby.			
6:00pm	Dinner on your own - Hotel Utica bar & restaurant will be open. A variety of dining options are available north of the railroad tracks on Genesee Street.			
8:00pm	Key, Lock & Lantern Board of Trustees Meeting - Hotel Utica Saranac Room			
Saturday, June 6th				
7:00am	Breakfast buffet for Hotel Utica guests.			
8:00am	Convention registration table open in the Saranac Room. Exhibitors may begin setting up their displays & KL&L members may enter the exhibit hall for early admission.			
10:00am	Railroad History Exposition open to all railroad history buffs & collectors - Railroad history displays and railroadiana collectors market. \$7 fee for those not registered in advance.			
10:00am	Tickets on sale at KL&L table for Boonville & Cooperstown train excursions. For advance sale tickets, boarding passes may be picked up (or are included in registration packet).			
11:00am	Annual Membership Meeting of Key, Lock & Lantern - Saranac Room.			
11:30am	Presentation of "Best in Show" Award, and Railroadiana Fundraiser Auction - Saranac Room.			
12:30pm	Sandwiches & Beverages will be available for registered exhibitors & members - Mezzanine.			
2:00pm	Railroad History Exposition closes.			
3:30pm	Boarding begins for KL&L Boonville Dinner Express train at Union Station. Holders of KL&L issued tickets should proceed directly to the Adirondack Scenic RR platform. Tickets purchased from the railroad must be picked up at the ticket office in the station.			
4:00pm	Key, Lock & Lantern Boonville Dinner Express departs. Snacks & beverages available onboard.			
5:30pm	Excursion train arrives in Boonville. KL&L members and R&GV Museum members who signed up in advance for dinner at the Boonville Hotel should meet in the outdoor seating area. KL&L members who signed up for the Hulbert House should meet at the crossing for the walk into town.			
7:30pm	Excursion train departs from Boonville. A stop will also be made at the crossing near the Black River Canal Museum for anyone who wants to be picked up at that end of town.			
9:00pm	Key, Lock & Lantern Boonville Dinner Express train arrives at Utica Union Station.			
9:30pm	Slides & Movies at the Hotel Utica - bring something to show! Location to be announced - most likely will be held in the Pub or the Mezzanine.			

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Sunday, June 7th

7:00am	Breakfast buffet for Hotel Utica guests.		
9:00am	Suggested departure time from Utica for those driving to Milford for the Cooperstown Railfar Excursion (about a 1 hour & 15 minute drive).		
10:30am	Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley RR Railfan Excursion boarding begins at Milford station.		
11:00am	C&CV train departs for Cooperstown. Hot dogs, snacks & beverages available onboard.		
2:00pm	C&CV Excursion arrives back at Milford. Visit depot & view historic equipment undergoing restoration by Leatherstocking Railway Historical Society.		
5:00pm	Informal dinner for anyone who is interested at Brooks BBQ or other local restaurant.		

Important Infomation

Local Transportation - Convention registrants are responsible for their own transportation to all events. If you are traveling to Utica by train or other form of public transportation, contact KL&L president Dave Hamilton for assistance in arranging for carpooling to the train trips, and/or hauling exhibits from the train station. The Hotel Utica is located about 1/3 mile from the train/bus station. Consult the ticket agent for taxi/car rental information.

Access to the Hotel Utica - Street level unloading with a wheelchair lift that will hold a hotel baggage cart is available at the east entrance. The south entrance has a minimal number of stairs to the lobby level. Elevators in the lobby provide access to the second floor mezzanine and the Saranac Room. Parking is available in the hotel lots on the west side (paved) and north side (stone), and 90-minute parking on adjacent streets.

Adirondack Scenic Train - Passengers who have purchased tickets from KL&L may proceed directly to the Adirondack Scenic RR platform, which may be accessed by the pedestrian walkway over the mainline. Elevators are located near the station waiting room and on the Track 2 platform. If you need assistance or use of the lift, see a member of the train crew. Please check in with a KL&L volunteer on the platform. Passengers who purchased their tickets from the railroad must check in at the Adirondack Scenic ticket office in the waiting room.

Cooperstown Train - Boarding passes will be distributed with registration packets at the Railroad History Expo. Please check in with a KL&L volunteer on the platform at Milford station.

Meals - Meals are not included with any event. Sandwiches and beverages will be available to registered KL&L members and exhibitors for a donation at the Railroad History Exposition. Light food & snacks will be available for purchase on both trains. A free breakfast buffet is available to guests of the Hotel Utica.

Security - The Hotel Utica and Utica Union Station are in urban areas (as opposed to our former suburban Glenmont location). Please remember to lock your car during unloading trips and overnight, and use caution when exploring local railroad sites. Check your table legs and watch your table during the show. KL&L is not responsible for any loss or damage to your property.

Finding Your Way Around Utica & Local Railroad Sites

We don't want to reinvent the wheel (or the automatic coupler or airbrake for that matter), so we have not included the maps and railfan guide to Utica that appeared in last year's convention guide. The 2014 convention guide that appeared in *KL&L News* Issue #27 is still available for download at www.klnl.org. It includes maps of Utica, the area around Union Station, and a brief railroad history of area and local railroad landmarks.



Memorabilia from the Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville RR is always popular, with this Motorman badge bringing \$140



More examples of keys: New York, Westchester & Boston (\$275); Hartford & Connecticut Western RR (\$350); and Portland & Ogdensburg RR - Vermont Division (\$300).



Collectors of Pennsylvania Railroad lanterns had plenty of rare examples to bid on, the this brass top bellbottom PRR Kelly with a matching green cast globe selling for \$1200.



Brass top marker lamps don't show up too often these days, with a nice example from the Lehigh Valley Railroad (left) bringing \$700, and one with a few issues from the New York Lake Erie & Western Railroad selling for \$375



This American Association of Dining Car Superintendents commemorative plate from the 1911 annual meeting in Cincinnati, made by Syracuse China, sold for \$150.

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A 1930's light fixture with documentation showing it in use on a Long Island Rail Road coach sold for a \$425 bid.



A reasonable \$140 bid took home this unusual Everett & Monte Cristo Railway annual pass with ornate vignette.



One of several lots of western memorabilia in the sale, this Missouri Pacific Lines coffee pot sold for a \$170 high bid.



A \$400 bid was needed to purchase this early cast iron railroad crossing sign from a Pennsylvania RR collection.



This New London Northern RR lock by S.C. Thompson, with a NYNH&H Bohannon key sold for a \$160 bid.



One of only a couple station signs in this auction, a \$220 bid was needed to purchase Halcyon, NH on the line between Concord and White River Junction, Vermont.



Many lots of books and timetables were sold, with this group of Cheshire and Ashuelot timetables bringing \$240.

Jun 20-28 Somerset, NJ - Train Collectors Association 2015 National Convention.

Info: www.metca.org.

Jun 20-21 Waupaca, WI - Annual Strawberry Fest Model Railroad Show.

Info: www.wamrltd.com.

- Jun 22-28 Addison, TX Santa Fe Railway Historical Society Convention.
 Info: www.atsfrr.com.
- Jun 27-28 Dayton, OH Miami Valley Rail Festival at Carrillon Park.
 Info: www.railfestival.com.
- Jul 11 DeLand, FL Florida Rail Fair. Volusia County Fairgrounds.
 Info: www.gserr.com.
- Jul 11 Greenville, SC Manifest Auctions Railroadiana Auction with Online Bidding. Info: www.manifestauctions.com.
- Jul 18 Lancaster, PA Lancaster Lock Show Host Resort & Conference Center. Info: www.lancasterlockshow.com.
- Jul 18-22 Minneapolis, MN Great Northern Railroad Historical Society Convention. Info: www.gnrhs.org.
- Jul 18-Aug 2 Staunton, VA Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society Conference. Info: www.cohs.org.
- Aug 8 Atlanta, GA Atlanta Railroad Show. North Atlanta Trade Center.
 Info: www.gserr.com.
- Aug 8 Cincinnati, OH Summerail 2015 railroadiana flea market.
 Info: http://cincinnatirrclub.org.
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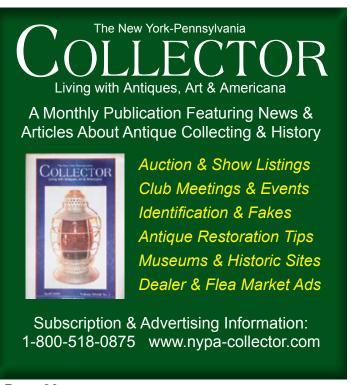
- Aug 14-16 Snoqualmie, WA Northwest Railroad Museum Railroad Days. Info: www.railroaddays.com.
- **Sep 12-13 White River Jct, VT** White River Junction Glory Days Festival.

 Info: www.vtglorydaysfestival.com.
- Sep 18-19 Indianapolis, IN National Association of Timetable Collectors Convention. Info: www.naotc.org.
- Sep 24-26 Buffalo, NY Nickel Plate Road Historical Society Convention Info: www.nkphts.org.
- Sep 24-26 Norwalk, CT Penn Central Railroad Historical Society Convention Info: www.pcrrhs.org.
- Sep 25-27 Indianapolis, IN Monon Railroad Historical Society Convention.
 Info: www.monon.org.
- Sep 27 Old Greenwich, CT Southern Connecticut Model Train Show. Info: www.ronsbooks.com.
- Oct 3 DeLand, FL Florida Rail Fair. Volusia County Fairgrounds.
 Info: www.gserr.com.

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There is no charge for calendar listings. Train shows must include dealers of authentic railroad memorabilia or related material, and auctions must include at least 20 lots of railroadiana. Other events must be directly related to railroad history (special exhibitions, lecture programs, conventions, limited excursions, etc.). Regular monthly group meetings, model train meets & scheduled tourist train trips are not eligible, unless related to a special event. Events are listed space permitting, at the editor's discretion. Listings are subject to error or change. Always check show web sites before traveling.

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For Sale

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.

For Sale: Switch Lamps, Markers & Parts. Website: JerrysRRStuff.com. Phone: 206-778-0386. E-mail: jerry@JerrysRRStuff.com.

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For Sale: Lanterns: B&M, B&A, Erie, B&O, D&H, NYO&W, CCC&STL, CRRofNJ, Rutland, IRY Co, LS&MS, West Shore. Paul Pietrak. marypaulp@aol.com.

Wanted

Wanted: Oil type cab lamp with shade. Contact Aubrey Keller at akeller@utm.edu or call 731-587-4723.

Wanted: New York Westchester & Boston Ry Signal lock and other hard to find signal locks such as Long Island and any I do not have. Contact Jeff Irvin 2524 Big Bear Ln. Indianapolis, IN 46217 - j.irvin@sbc.global. net or 317-882-2336

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Wanted: Factory marked inspector lamps. Must be complete and in reasonably good condition. Marked globe a plus. Need RDG C&O B&O GCT SOURY (or S RY) Erie Acme model plus others I may not be aware of - Contact Larry Davis, 5110 Hollywood Ave; Shreveport, LA 71109. Phone: 318-469-7825.

Wanted: Pennsylvania RR 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: Delaware Lackawanna & Western keys & locks. Contact Bill Roberts. 8812 Mourning Dove Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20874. E-mail: whadynrob@aol.com or call 301-977-3025.

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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@frontier.com or phone 304-789-2229.

Wanted: Lanterns, globes, locks, keys, hat badges, RR PD or RR Fire Dept items, Long Island RR & Staten Island Rapid Transit. Bob Myers, 36 Pine Hollow Lane, Greenlawn, NY 11740. 631-757-9540. robertrail@yahoo.com.

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Wanted: Railroadiana from Huntington & Broad Top Mountain RR (and Coal Co.). PA shortline 1850's-1950's. John Houp - call 610-745-2923 or e-mail jdhoup@hotmail.com.

Wanted: Cast brass fancy back railroad switch locks. Instant cash paid for any lock not already in my collection. I also have a list of approximately 125 rare cast switch locks for sale or trade. Contact Warren at 239-440-4254 (new number) or warrennyergesjr@hotmail.com.

Wanted: Lanterns, locks, timetables & passes of all types from Southern Ry, Richmond & Danville, East Tennessee Virginia & Georgia Ry, Washington & Old Dominion, Washington Ohio & Western, Washington & Ohio, Alexandria Loudoun & Hampshire. Contact Andrew Ramsay at aramsay@ieee.org.

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Wanted: Canadian switch keys. Looking for keys from Canadian roads for my collection and display in a small museum. Will purchase or have some U.S. keys for trade. Contact Brad at alco1310@sympatico.ca

For Trade

For Trade: LC&N Co Casey lantern, 6" Penna Co globe, D&RGRR cast lock by Dayton, SRRR, GF&ARy, C&A Ry tapered keys, T&OC dessert knife by R&B. I collect southern lower Michigan and also want 6" colored globes. Walter Sulowksi at walter-sulowski@msn.com or 313-295-7306.

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