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Train Show Season is Here Again

The holiday season is almost here again, and so are the many railroad hobby shows that take place during the winter months. While most events don't have the amount of railroadiana per square foot that you will find at memorabilia shows such as Gaithersburg or the KL&L Convention, I always find the general hobby shows to be worth attending. There is always plenty to see, people to visit with, and the occasional good deal on a piece of railroadiana that is mixed in with model trains on someone's table.

While I don't set up a table at every show (living in the east, there is one held somewhere almost every weekend), I do make a point of selling railroadiana at two or three each year. Railroad hobby shows aren't usually the place to bring a \$500 lantern, but I can always sell a few Vestas to someone who is interested in having a decoration for the train room. Cheap books, magazines, and timetables that you wouldn't waste table space on at Gaithersburg are always popular, too.

In the end, I usually only bring in a couple hundred dollars, which doesn't seem like much, given the work involved with hauling, loading, and unloading everything. I consider the time spent to be worthwhile, though - introducing this aspect of the hobby to potential collectors (and possible future KL&L members). We need to prime the pump every now and then, and railroad hobby shows are the place to do it.

On the subject of introducing the collecting hobby to new participants, I was happy to see a few younger faces at a recent railroadiana auction. After years of being the "young guy" at many events, even into my 40's, there seems to be an increased interest in railroadiana and history in members of the "train simulator generation." Hopefully, they'll all be back after their student loans are paid off. Many of us collect railroad memorabilia because we feel that it should be preserved for its historical value, and it would be nice to know that someone else will care for it once we are gone.

One of those "caretaker" positions opened up this past month, with the passing of another member of the "old timers" club. Noted railroad historian and Key, Lock & Lantern founder Paul Pietrak died on September 25th, after a short illness. I still remember getting a copy of his book on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh when I was about 12 years old. It started me on a quest to find old depots that were pictured in the book, locating abandoned right-of-ways, and searching flea markets for BR&P artifacts. While I was already a railroad fan at that point, it opened the door to yet another element of the hobby. Thanks, Paul, for pointing me down the dark path from which there is no return!

Many of us who are hooked on railroadiana collecting and historical research will be at the big Gaithersburg show next month. I will have the KL&L display set up, but I'll no doubt be wandering around the show for much of the time. If you have something that you would like to have photographed for the magazine, I'll post my cell phone number at the table. I'll also be at the RCAI meeting and auction on Saturday night. See you there!

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.

- Oct 10 Brookline, NH** - Railroadiana Consignment Auction. Brookline Auction Gallery.
Info: www.tagtown.net.
- Oct 10-11 Kirkwood, MO** - Greater St. Louis Metro Area Model Train Show.
Info: <http://seetrains.com>.
- Oct 10 Terryville, CT** - Lock Museum of America Annual Lock Show.
Info: www.lockmuseumofamerica.org.
- Oct 10 Wakefield, MA** - North Shore Model Railroad Club Train Show.
Info: <http://nsmrc.org/>.
- Oct 18 Kingston, NY** - Railroad Hobby Show. Murphy Midtown Center.
Info: www.kingstontrainshow.com.
- Oct 18 St. Charles, IL** - ChicagoLand Railroadiana Show. Kane County Fairgrounds.
Info: www.rsshows.com.
- Oct 18 Vermillion, OH** - Fall Model Train Show. German's Villa.
Info: www.norwalkandwesternrr.com.
- Oct 24 Greenville, SC** - Railroad Memorabilia Auction. Manifest Auctions.
Info: www.manifestauctions.com.
- Oct 24 Indianapolis, IN** - Railroadiana Show. Ramada Inn East.
Info: www.indyrrshow.com.
- Oct 31 Gaithersburg, MD** - RCAI meeting & railroadiana auction - Holiday Inn.
Info: www.railroadcollectors.org.

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On the Front Cover:

Lehigh Valley Alco C-420 #414 rests at Steamtown in Scranton, PA in between runs on its current owner, the Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad. Dave Hamilton photo.

Paul Pietrzak 1936-2015

Founder of Key, Lock & Lantern



Paul Pietrak at the 2014 Key, Lock & Lantern Convention in Utica, NY. After an absence from the hobby for several years, Paul had started collecting again, and displayed a nice collection of locks, lanterns, uniform buttons, and a set of early KL&L magazines. Photo by Dave Hamilton.

Paul V. Pietrzak, better known by his pen name Paul Pietrak, passed away on September 25, 2015, after a short illness. A lifelong resident of western New York, Paul had a long career with Bethlehem Steel and was active in the community. However, most historians and collectors will remember him as the author of several books on the railroads of western New York and northern Pennsylvania, and as the founder of Key, Lock & Lantern.

Paul's first book, a comprehensive history of the Buffalo & Susquehanna Railway, was first published in 1966. It was followed over the course of the next ten years by similar volumes on the Coudersport & Port Allegheny, the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern, and the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway. Pietrak then coauthored a book on the Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad in 2000. All of these works have been reprinted several times, and copies are highly sought after by railroad history buffs and researchers of transportation history.

As a railroad historian and collector in the early 1960's, Paul saw the need for a publication geared specifically to collectors of railroadiana. While the NRHS, the R&LHS, and other national organizations covered railroad history in their journals, there was little information available about original railroad artifacts. With his work on the B&S book complete, Paul decided to start a newsletter for collectors of railroad hardware. The first issue of *Key, Lock & Lantern* was a two-sided, photocopied sheet of paper, sent out to a few collectors to determine if there was any interest.

With positive feedback from the first readers, Paul began publishing the newsletter on a quarterly basis, and expanded its content to include articles about all types of railroadiana. When he passed *Key, Lock & Lantern* on to a new editor in 1968, the publication was firmly established as an important source of information for collectors of railroad artifacts.

During the 1990's, Paul sold off most of his railroad collection and turned his attention to antique clocks. He was an active member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, and served as a local officer of the group. There is no such thing as a former collector of railroadiana, though, and while working on the WNY&P book in 2000, Paul's interest in railroads was renewed. He constructed a model railroad layout based on the Buffalo & Susquehanna line, and began collecting railroad memorabilia again.

Many KL&L members had the chance to visit with Paul when he attended the 2014 convention in Utica. Fortunately, his extensive knowledge of railroad history and memorabilia has been preserved in his books and on the pages of KL&L. One of the pioneers of the railroadiana collecting hobby, he will be missed.

Union Pacific No.844 Boiler Work Entering Final Stages

Boiler work on Union Pacific steam locomotive No.844, known as the “Living Legend,” is entering its final stages, bringing the engine closer to a return to excursion service.

“The boiler is among the most complex and important parts of a steam locomotive,” said Ed Dickens, senior manager of UP’s Heritage Operations. Dickens and his team are currently rebuilding the Living Legend No. 844 locomotive.

“The boilers on these locomotives are very, very well built, but there are still a lot of consumable parts,” Dickens said. “They’re exposed to the fire, water and fuel the locomotive burns, so you can imagine how these combined elements affect the steel over time. Every rugged machine requires heavy maintenance as part of its life cycle, and the process is specified by regulation. Right now we’re performing a comprehensive inspection to assess the overall condition.”

The first step was removing some of the boiler’s internal components, allowing for members of the UP Steam Team to crawl inside with ultrasonic measuring equipment. “The ultrasonic tester uses sound waves to penetrate various parts of the boiler to measure material thickness,” Dickens said. “We had thousands of points to measure. We plug all the measurements into mathematical formulas to determine if the boiler still meets required specifications.”

To bring it up to spec, precise adjustments were needed on some parts. For example, two boiler braces had to be shortened by 0.060 inch. To make the adjustment, the parts had to be removed from the inside of the boiler, which required the removal of other components. “We have to take nearly everything apart,” Dickens said. “Often, we have to make special fixtures to hold heavy components to make such precise adjustments.”

The team analyzed all aspects of the boiler, both inside and out, including the fire box, which needed patching due to corrosion that occurred behind the firebrick. “We also had to determine if small portions of the firebox sheets are thick enough to operate for many more years of service,” Dickens said.

With the analysis stage completed, the Steam Team is now in the process of putting the boiler back together. So far they’ve replaced more than 100 boiler studs, similar to



bolts, that are threaded into the boiler shell. “Most of the existing bolts were worn out, old and rusty,” Dickens said. “We removed them, carefully cleaned up each hole with a newly made boiler-tap, and hand made a custom stud from that boiler-tap to fit in those old locations.”

In the process, the Steam Team is rebuilding the actual machines used to make each part, said Austin Barker, foreman general - Heritage Fleet Operations. “The equipment and tools that we need just aren’t available anymore, and are as old as the locomotives,” he said, “Many are left over from the steam era, and they need just as much TLC as the locomotives do. It’s exciting and interesting to get these older machines rebuilt.”

“Once we complete all aspects of the firebox work, we will put the new cab deck and the actual cab on,” Dickens said. “We’ll also assemble new steam and air piping, along with the other parts we’ll need to perform a hydrostatic test. Once the hydrostatic test is done, we’ll begin the reassembly process, followed by a steam test, before final reassembly occurs,” Dickens said.

“I’m really excited to get into the cab work,” Barker said. “That’s when the fun part begins. Our team eats, sleeps and breathes this stuff. We’re always looking at old pictures of when they were putting these locomotives together. It’s going to look just like it did when the American Locomotive Company built it in 1944, right here in our shop. It’s going to look excellent, just exquisite.” *(News and photo courtesy of Union Pacific Railroad).*

Railroad Memories Auction Brings in High Bids on Western Railroad Artifacts

Railroad Memories catalog and online railroading auction Number 93 closed on September 6, 2015, and as usual, it seems as though collectors of western railroad memorabilia are willing to pay whatever it takes to acquire rare artifacts. Several locomotive builders plates and a Santa Fe drumhead all brought three-figure bids, along with a few lanterns. A number of scarce locks also brought over \$1000, and rare examples of keys, china, and paper all sold for over \$500. While the general antique market still remains somewhat soft, the “good stuff” never seems to lose its appeal. All photos, descriptions, and prices courtesy of Railroad Memories.



An interesting Canadian Pacific Express brass uniform cap badge went to a new home for a high bid of \$210.



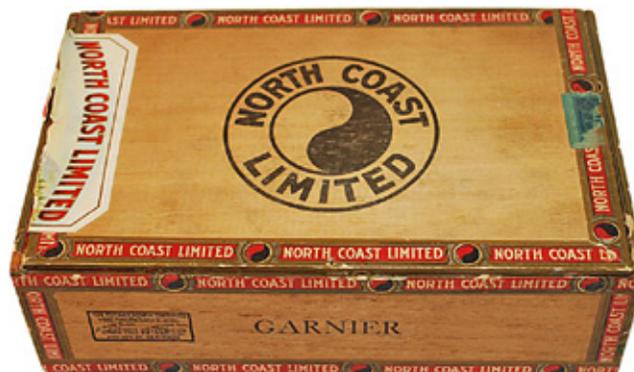
A Lima builders plate from Scott & Howe Lumber Co. 1924 shay steam locomotive #3 sold for \$2700.



There are plenty of CM&StP lanterns out there, but not many with a green cast globe. This one brought \$3100.



A \$675 bid was needed to purchase Rio Grande Southern Railroad Employee Timetable #56 from January, 1911.



This Northern Pacific North Coast Limited wooden cigar box is an interesting piece, bringing a \$320 high bid.

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Steamtown National Historic Site Offers a Variety of Fall Excursions

Feel that chill in the air? Autumn is here, and what better way to view Northeastern Pennsylvania's colorful fall foliage than from a historic train coach? Steamtown National Historic Site plans to transport visitors through some of the most beautiful fall scenery that the nearby Pocono Mountains have to offer! A total of nine fall foliage excursions and several Halloween rides, all diesel-powered, are planned for this season.

Trips to Moscow will depart at 12:30 p.m. on October 17th and 25th, and are expected to return at 3:00 p.m. The Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Chapter NRHS, which leases the former Moscow passenger station and freight house, will offer light refreshments for sale during the train's layovers. Moscow excursion tickets are priced at \$24.00 for adults 16-61, \$22.00 for seniors 62 and older, and \$17.00 for children ages 6-15. Children to age 5 require a "no-charge" ticket.

This year, Saturday trips are also planned to East Stroudsburg, PA. On October 24, we will visit East Stroudsburg, departing at 9:00 a.m. and arriving back at Scranton approximately 6:00 p.m. Visit this quaint, historic town and remember to make time to visit the East Stroudsburg Railroad Tower. Many local restaurants will also be open during the layover. Tickets are priced at \$54, adults 16-61, \$49, seniors 62 and older, and \$32, children ages 6-15. Children to age 5 require a "no-charge" ticket. Limited First Class seating aboard business car Lehigh Valley #353 "Black Diamond" may also be available at an additional cost of \$25.00 per person.

An excursion to Delaware Water Gap Station is scheduled to depart at 9:00 a.m. on October 18, returning at 5:00 p.m. Tour this historic town and enjoy fall activities during your visit! Tickets are priced at \$54, adults 16-61, \$49, seniors 62 and older, and \$32, children ages 6-15. Children to age 5 require a "no-charge" ticket. Limited First Class seating aboard business car Lehigh Valley #353 "Black Diamond" may also be available at an additional cost of \$25.00 per person.

On Saturday, October 31st, celebrate Halloween with a special train experience, featuring actor Dan Yeager, who played the character "Leatherface" in the "Texas Chainsaw" movies, on board to talk with visitors. The short rides will depart at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Ticket price is only \$5.00 for all, ages 5 and older, in addition to the park entrance fee.

The 30-minute "Scranton Limited" short train rides inside the park boundaries will operate with diesel locomotives on Fridays and Saturdays in September and October, then continue on Saturdays only, November through December 19; the "Nay Aug Limited" short train rides will operate on Sundays only from September thru December 13. All short train rides depart from the Roundhouse boarding area at



Restored Lackawanna Railroad "F" units are planned to power Steamtown National Historic Site's various fall foliage excursions this season. Dave Hamilton photo.

10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. There is an additional \$5.00 charge for this ride. The daily entrance fee is \$7.00 per person, all ages 16 and older. Children 15 and under, accompanied by an adult, are admitted to the park at no charge. The entrance fee includes parking and access to the outdoor grounds, the museum complex, scheduled walking tours, and the park movie, "Steel and Steam."

Located in downtown Scranton, Pa., Steamtown NHS is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. From I-81 follow exit 185 (Central Scranton Expressway); then, follow the brown and white signs to the main entrance at Lackawanna and Cliff Avenues. Beginning on Friday, September 25, phone for fall foliage train reservations at (570) 340-5204, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; all major credit and debit cards are accepted (sorry, Internet and/or email sales are unavailable). General park information is available by phoning (570) 340-5200 during regular business hours, or by visiting the park website at www.nps.gov/stea anytime! (News courtesy of Steamtown National Historic Site)

Norfolk Southern Returns Locomotive to Original Erie Lackawanna Paint Scheme

When the photo first appeared on the Norfolk Southern Facebook page, many people thought that the image of an Erie Lackawanna SD-45-2 had been created in Photoshop. In fact, NS No.1700, an original EL engine, has been returned to its “as delivered” paint scheme at the DeButts yard shop in Chattanooga, TN.

The first of a thirteen unit order, 1700 was originally built as Erie Lackawanna number 3669, completed in October 1972, and has since worked as Conrail 6654 and NS 1700. Cab upgrades were recently completed at the NS East End Shop in Roanoke, Virginia, followed by paint in Chattanooga, returning it to its original colors.

It will return to revenue service, joining the fleet of five additional 1700-series locomotives presently assigned to the Conrail Shared Assets region, based out of Oak Island, New Jersey. (News Courtesy of NS Corp.)



Norfolk Southern SD-45-2 emerges from the paint shop at DeButts Yard in Chattanooga, TN, in its original Erie Lackawanna paint scheme. Assigned to the Conrail North Jersey Shared Assets area, the locomotive will no doubt see service over its former home rails. With NS now operating the line between Scranton & Binghamton, perhaps it will make its way west some day. NS Photo.

Museum of the American Railroad to Continue Popular Tours in Frisco, Texas



Guided tours of the Museum of the American Railroad's new Frisco, TX facility are being offered during its ongoing construction phase. Photo courtesy of the museum.

Guided tours of the Museum of the American Railroad's new Frisco, Texas facilities have been extended through December. Due to the strong response throughout the summer, tours of a portion of the historic rolling stock collection will take place on Thursdays and Saturdays through December 5th, except on Thanksgiving Day.

Please phone ahead (214) 428-0101 to check the status of the tour schedule in the event of inclement weather. Tours will last approximately 45 minutes and will originate at the Frisco Heritage Museum at 6455 Page Street, Frisco, TX, just a few blocks north of the Railroad Museum. After paying admission at the Heritage Museum, you will proceed to the Railroad Museum site. Please contact the Museum prior to your tour if you have questions.

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-12, and includes the Railroad Museum's 2nd floor exhibits at the Frisco Heritage Museum. Information about the museum's ongoing expansion project is available on their website at www.museumoftheamericanrailroad.org.

Alaska Railroad Events Highlight 2016 Print Featuring Northern Lights in Houston



The Alaska Railroad will release its 2016 annual poster/print at three public sale-and-signing events featuring artist Jason Vukovich, who will sign prints and posters. The locations and hours of the events are:

Houston: Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Houston High School Library (12501 Hawk Owl Circle).

Anchorage: Saturday, November 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Anchorage Historic Depot (411 W. 1st Avenue)

Fairbanks: Friday, December 4, 4 to 7:30 p.m., as part of Fairbanks First Friday event, at the Fairbanks Depot (1745 Johansen Expressway).

Entitled *Lights Above Houston*, the original watercolor painting depicts an Alaska Railroad locomotive moving into a winter landscape with the northern lights shimmering overhead. "I find endless inspiration in the natural world. In my artwork, I attempt to capture slices of the enormous beauty surrounding us, throwing in some humor along the way," said Vukovich.

His railroad painting included clear Alaska icons as a means to underscore Houston as a very Alaskan community as it marks its 50th anniversary. For the 2016 print, the Alaska Railroad asked artists to feature Houston, which was incorporated as a city in 1966, and which sits at the juncture of the railroad's existing main line and a rail extension to Port MacKenzie, a project that is well underway.

"In addition to showing the Houston area on a clear winter night and the spectacular aurora borealis, I wanted to showcase two of the very best ways to see Alaska — mushing a dogsled and riding the Alaska Railroad," said Vukovich.

During the Anchorage and Fairbanks events, the depot gift shops will be open to offer other items that feature the 2016

artwork (such as ornaments, mugs and coasters) along with other ARRC gifts and apparel. Following the signing events, prints, posters and pins will remain on sale at the Anchorage Historic Depot and the Fairbanks Depot, and may also be purchased online via the Alaska Railroad Gift Shop website at www.AlaskaRailroadGiftShop.com. Samples of the gift shop items will be available at the Houston event.

A native of Illinois, Jason Vukovich started his art education in first grade and kept with it for 16 years, earning a Degree in Sculpture from the University of Illinois. Soon after graduation, Vukovich joined the Army, which transferred him out of the flatlands and into mountain territory, beginning with his first station at Fort Lewis, WA, followed by tours of duty in Georgia, Europe, Egypt / Middle East, Afghanistan and Central Asia. As a decorated infantry officer, he spent 6 years active duty and 7 years Army Reserve before leaving the military in 2013. That same year he moved to Alaska, a mountain haven he dreamt of even as a child. He currently works as a Control System Designer for Doyon Anvil in downtown Anchorage. His spare time is consumed with family and creating art.

His artwork has been shown across the United States and in British Columbia and Vukovich regularly participates in Anchorage's First Friday art openings. Primarily a watercolor painter, he also works in acrylics, welded steel, and draws dinosaurs with his 6-year-old son Henry. For more on Jason, his artwork and exhibits/showings, follow JasonVukovichArt on Facebook and Etsy, or visit his Jason Vukovich Art web site at <http://vukovichart.blogspot.com>.

Renowned artist John Van Zyle produced the first official Alaska Railroad painting in 1979. Since then, the annual tradition (except in 1984, when no painting was released) has evolved into a popular collector's item. More information about the Alaska Railroad's annual art print program, including history and images of prints from the recent past, are available at www.AlaskaRailroad.com. (*News & photos courtesy of Alaska Railroad*).

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Dome Car Returns to Amtrak *Adirondack* for Fall Foliage Season in New York State

Passengers aboard Amtrak's *Adirondack* can experience the splendor of Upstate New York's fall foliage season in unique fashion when the historic "Great Dome" car returns for a six-week run September 24 through November 3, 2015.

In partnership with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and the National Park Service Trails and Rails program, Amtrak brings its one remaining dome car back for this popular annual tradition along one of the most scenic train routes in the world.

The car features an upper level with windows on all sides to provide panoramic views of the changing colors of the trees, sweeping vistas of Lake Champlain and breathtaking views of the Adirondack Mountains between Albany and Montreal.

"The 'Great Dome' car is one of the best and most unique ways to experience the magnificent scenery along the route of the *Adirondack*," said Kevin Chittenden, Amtrak Deputy General Manager of the Empire Service. "The car is a passenger favorite every year and helps contribute to the ridership and revenue growth that make this service so successful."

"We're proud to partner with Amtrak to give riders not only a beautiful view of the fall foliage, but also a glimpse of how tourism can create jobs and improve local economies," said New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Matthew J. Driscoll. "Growing the tourism industry has been a top priority of Governor Andrew Cuomo's administration."

The dome car will operate northbound from Albany to Montreal on Thursdays, Saturdays and Mondays and returns south from Montreal on Fridays, Sundays, and Tuesdays. Dome car trips are not made on Wednesdays. Passengers are welcome to enter the car and enjoy the view at no extra cost. Seats are unreserved and available on a first-come, first-served basis. When available, Trails and Rails volunteers will be aboard select dome car trips offering historical commentary between Saratoga Springs and Westport, N.Y.

Passengers can also take advantage of the "I Love NY" 15% discount off the regular (full) adult rail fare, valid for sale through May 2016. Advance reservations are required. In addition, up to 2 children ages 2-12 may accompany each adult at half the discounted rail fare. Details may be found at www.amtrak.com or www.ILoveNY.com.



Amtrak's full-length dome car will be part of the *Adirondack* consist between Albany, NY and Montreal through the end of October. Kevin Burkholder photo courtesy of Amtrak.

Amtrak Autumn Express Train to Operate Through Hoosac Tunnel

Back by popular demand, the Amtrak Autumn Express will operate this year on October 24 and 25 through parts of New York, Vermont and Massachusetts. This unique excursion is an opportunity to see parts of southern New England not visible by car on a route not traversed by passenger trains in decades.

This year's Autumn Express will take passengers through the scenic valleys of eastern New York, southwestern Vermont and the beautiful Berkshire Hills of Western Massachusetts. Experience the splendor of fall colors and travel through the historic five-mile-long Hoosac Tunnel. Considered one of the nation's civil engineering landmarks and completed in 1877, the Autumn Express will be the first passenger train through the tunnel in 30 years!

The train departs from Amtrak's Albany-Rensselaer and Schenectady stations en route to East Deerfield, Mass. and returns via the same route. Tickets are now available and can be purchased online at www.amtrak.com or by calling 1-800-USA-RAIL. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$129 for adults. Children aged 2 through 12 ride for half price with each adult ticket. Passengers also receive a boxed lunch and souvenir tote. (News courtesy of Amtrak).

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Norfolk Southern Acquires South End of Historic Delaware & Hudson Railway



The historic Delaware & Hudson was a partner of the N&W and EL during the 1970's. Norfolk Southern has now acquired the railroad's south end. Dave Hamilton photo.

On September 18, 2015, Norfolk Southern Corporation completed the acquisition of 282 miles of the Delaware & Hudson Railway line between Sunbury, Pa., and Schenectady, N.Y., a \$214.5 million transaction that increases options for rail carriers and supports jobs in Pennsylvania, New York, and New England. D&H is a subsidiary of Canadian Pacific.

“The D&H South Line integrates perfectly into our 22-state rail system, and it allows NS to connect businesses along this important economic corridor with a rail transportation system that is a top performer in safety and efficiency,” said NS President and CEO James A. Squires. “Our acquisition will make NS a more competitive transportation option between Pennsylvania, New York, and New England.”

CP ceased operations on the corridor in the evening, and NS was scheduled to start operations at 12:01 a.m. Saturday. The transaction, first proposed in November 2014, received U.S. Surface Transportation Board approval in May 2015.

The acquired lines connect with the NS network at Sunbury, Pa., and Binghamton, N.Y., and they provide NS single-line routes from Chicago and the southeastern United States to Albany, N.Y., and NS intermodal terminals in Scranton, Pa., and Mechanicville, N.Y. NS also gains an enhanced connection to its joint venture subsidiary Pan Am Southern, which serves New England markets. Additionally, NS has acquired the D&H car shop in Binghamton along with other facilities along the corridor.

As part of the transaction, NS will retain and modify overhead trackage rights on the line between Schenectady, Crescent, and Mechanicville, N.Y., as well as Saratoga Springs, N.Y. NS has hired about 150 former D&H employees who have experience working in this corridor. Track crews from NS are scheduled to perform routine maintenance in the corridor,

and NS plans in 2016 to add new ties and resurface 40 miles of track and install 14 miles of new curved rail.

“This acquisition is a sign of Norfolk Southern’s confidence in the economic potential of northeastern Pennsylvania, New York’s Southern Tier, and New England,” said John Friedmann, NS vice president of strategic planning. “Our commitment to enhancing the D&H South Line will preserve good-paying railroad jobs and generates excitement at NS about future economic growth in the region.” (*News courtesy of Norfolk Southern*).

New Art Exhibit Debuts at California Railroad Museum

California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum are proud to debut a new exhibit titled “California Railroad Landscapes: Original Oil Paintings by Rod R. Aszman” on Saturday, September 12, 2015 in the Lobby Gallery. This all new exhibit showcases 16 original oil-on-canvas paintings by California railroad artist Rod R. Aszman who specializes in painting scenes that highlight the Golden State’s fascinating and picturesque railroading heritage.

The majority of the paintings in the visually-exciting exhibit depict scenes within California, while a few showcase other railroads and landscapes in the West. Subjects include Southern Pacific’s mighty cab-forwards, and the railroad’s colorful “Daylight” passenger trains rolling along the California coastline pulled both by steam and diesel locomotives. Rounding out this beautiful exhibit, guests will see paintings of Santa Fe’s “San Diegan” passing through orange groves plus a station scene at Del Mar, Union Pacific’s “Big Boy” locomotive in operation and a shiny “City of Los Angeles” passenger train.

Artist Rod R. Aszman’s award-winning paintings have been seen at numerous shows and exhibits throughout the West, including a memorable show with Mr. Aszman and the late railroad photographer Richard Steinheimer at the Museum in 1983. Also of mention, was Mr. Aszman’s participation in shows featuring a number of railroad artists during Railfair ‘91 and Railfair ‘99, which were large-scale railroad heritage festivals held at the California State Railroad Museum. In addition, his paintings have been reproduced as covers for railroad books and within publications of railroad history.

The “California Railroad Landscapes” exhibit will remain on display at the California State Railroad Museum through March 12, 2016. Railroad Museum admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths (ages 6-17), and children ages five and under are free. More information about the California State Railroad Museum is available at 916-323-9280 or www.csrnmf.org. (*News courtesy of the museum*).

The “Wiz” is Back! Railroadiana Auctions Resume in New Venue in Portsmouth, NH

For many years, the railroadiana consignment sales held by auctioneer James Wisowaty of JW Auction Company were a regular event in the American Legion Post in Rochester, NH. Collectors from around the northeast made the trip at least twice a year, to bid on a variety of memorabilia from railroads of New England and across the country. However, following a 2011 sale of a large lantern collection, the “Wiz” auctions disappeared from railroad event calendars.

While there was plenty of demand for railroadiana auction services, there was also an increased demand for banquet space in the legion hall, and the JW Auction Company was no longer able to use the facility. It seemed like a long-time tradition in the collecting hobby had come to an end.

Fortunately, an alternative location at the Holiday Inn in nearby Portsmouth, NH was found, and after a several year absence, auctions resumed in spring of 2015. The fall auction, held on September 12th, featured the usual selection of all types of railroadiana, from books & paper, to lanterns and other hardware. While there were many “high end” artifacts to bid on, there were also plenty of reasonably priced lots for beginning collectors.

Some of the highlights of the fall sale included an Adams Express Company lock box, which sold for \$175, the Boston & Maine “Noone” station sign, which brought \$325, and several lots of photos and negatives that went for between \$200 and \$500 each.

Several interesting lanterns were sold, many at reasonable prices. A Kelly presentation brought \$250, a Wabash Reliable sold for \$125, and a Washington County RR blue cast globe in a CT Ham frame brought a \$475 high bid. A number of more common lanterns sold for around \$100 each.

Wax sealers were the big ticket items at the auction, with a Knox & Lincoln selling for \$400, a Maine Central with an



The JW Auction Company has always offered a variety of railroadiana from New England and around the country. After the 2011 lantern auction pictured above, the company lost its Rochester gallery space, and was finally able to relocate to Portsmouth, NH for two auctions this year.

“MC - Wilton” imprint brought \$325, and a Maine Central from Bowdoinham bringing \$475. A Boston & Maine sealer from Rollingsford sold for \$550.

There were also box lots of books, paper, and photos that sold from \$30 to \$200 each, offering something for collectors on every type of budget. Most people who attended the auction reported that they are happy with the new venue, and are excited that the JW Auction Company is holding sales again. With a backlog of railroadiana waiting to be consigned to auctions in the northeast, we can expect a return to a regular schedule in the future. *Thanks to Jane Silvernail for reports on prices realized.*

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A mint condition AT&SF Griffon pattern ice cream dish made by Bauscher sold for a high bid of \$625.



The plexiglass drumhead sign from the Santa Fe Super Chief El Capitan went to a new home for a \$2050 bid.



An unusual Great Northern Railway hat badge by Maier-Lavaty of Chicago brought a high bid of \$340



While a rather plain style, this Santa Fe Conductor uniform cap badge still brought an impressive \$650 high bid.



A \$550 high bid took home this interesting Ashton dual airbrake gauge with a working light bulb in the top.



A \$4900 bid was needed to purchase this six-lever Denver & Rio Grande Railway brass pancake style Ice House lock.

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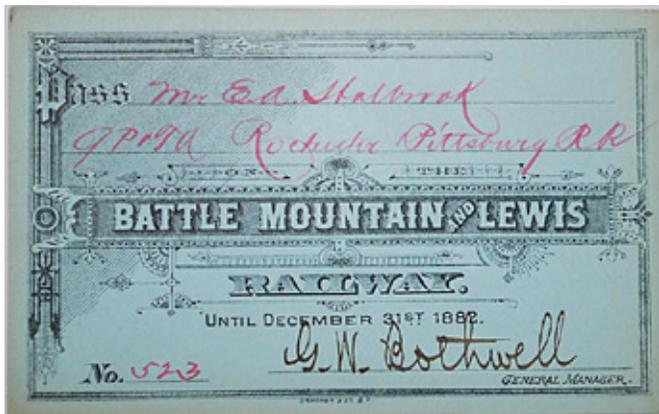
Some of the scarce lanterns in the sale included: Denver & Rio Grande by MM Buck with clear cast globe (\$1000), Burlington & Missouri River of Nebraska with cast globe (\$1650), and Northern Pacific RR with red cast globe (\$1550).



A Denver & Rio Grande Railroad nickel finish brakeman uniform cap badge brought a high bid of \$575.



While the western memorabilia always steals the show, Railroad Memories usually offers a good selection from eastern roads as well. This exceptional Long Island RR fancy cast lock by Slaymaker, with key, sold for \$1300.



An 1882 Battle Mountain & Lewis Railway annual pass issued to Mr. E.A. Stalbrook, General Passenger & Freight Agent of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad sold for an impressive high bid of \$1900.

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A Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific "Olympian" Three Forks Dairy milk bottle (\$600), a St. Paul & Duluth Railroad Adams & Westlake lantern with etched globe (\$1750), and AT&SF 5-chime cast iron locomotive whistle (\$2700).



This rare Denver & Rio Grande Railway Curecanti pattern butter pat with "Scenic Line" logo sold for \$625.

A \$525 bid took home this Great Northern Railway wooden timetable holder, including timetables from the 1950's.

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An Old Forester Whiskey bottle with faux leather label with the Northern Pacific monad logo brought a bid of \$220.



An \$825 bid took home this 24" Great Northern Railway porcelain enameled mountain goat logo sign.



Some of the many rare and unusual switch keys in the sale: Las Vegas & Tonopah Railroad by Adams & Westlake (\$700), Spokane & Inland Empire Railroad by Adams & Westlake (\$280), and Nevada County Narrow Gauge (\$380).



The Baldwin Locomotive Works builders plate reportedly from a CM&STP 0-8-0 sold for a \$1450 high bid.



Despite some condition issues, this Pullman step box by AlumaLot AAM Company brought a \$190 high bid.

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A \$700 bid was needed to purchase this Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City RR brass lock with TSTL&KCRR key.



A \$575 bid took home the ticket validator machine from the CMStP&P Railroad station at Beverly, Washington.



A Northern Pacific Transportation Company enameled nickel monad logo badge sold for a \$200 high bid.



Union Pacific Columbine pattern butter pats by Onondaga are very rare, with this example bringing a \$2450 high bid.



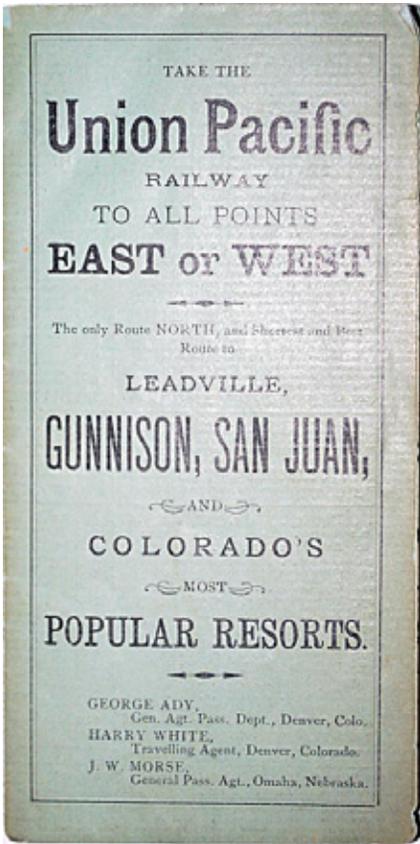
Not particularly ornate, but the rarity of this Union Pacific lock by SB Company earned it an \$1850 high bid.

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Early Union Pacific Railway paper is very scarce, with this 1881 public timetable selling for a \$600 high bid.



A scarce Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad Adams & Westlake switch lamp brought a high bid of \$975.



A \$675 bid took home this Butte, Anaconda & Pacific brass heart lock with a matching Adlake BA&P switch key.



A Colorado Midland Railway switch lock by Dayton Mfg. Company went to a new home for a \$1550 high bid.

Railroad Event Calendar

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- Oct 31- Nov1 New Braunfels, TX** - Fall Train Show. New Braunfels Civic Center
www.newbraunfelsrailroadmuseum.org.
- Nov 1 Brockton, MA** - Metro South Train Show Temple Beth Emunah.
Info: acastaline@alum.mit.edu.
- Nov 1 Gaithersburg, MD** - Railroadiana Show & Sale. Montgomery County Fairgrounds.
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Nov 7-8 Syracuse, NY** - Great NYS Model Train Fair. New York State Fairgrounds.
Info: www.modeltrainfair.com.
- Nov 8 Poughkeepsie, NY** - Annual Railroad Expo. Mid Hudson Civic Center.
Info: www.hydeparkstation.com.
- Nov 14 St. Cloud, MN** - Granite City Train Show. National Guard Armory.
Info: www.granitecitytrainshow.com.
- Nov 15 Batavia, NY** - Fall Great Batavia Train Show. Clarion Hotel.
Info: www.gsme.org.
- Nov 15 Lansing, MI** - Lansing Train Show Michigan State University Pavilion.
Info: www.lmrc.org.
- Nov 21-22 Buffalo, NY** - Greater Buffalo Train Show. Erie County Fairgrounds Event Center.
Info: www.wnyrhs.org.
- Nov 21 Ft Wayne, IN** - Maumee Valley Railroad Club Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet..
Info: http://maumeevalleyrailroad.com.
- Nov 22 Monaca, PA** - Beaver County Model Railroad & Historical Society Train Show.
Info: http://bcmrr.railfan.net/.
- Nov 28 Sharpsburg, MD** - Hagerstown Model RR Museum Trainfest.
Info: www.antietamstation.com.
- Nov 28 Joplin, MO** - Joplin Museum Train Show. Joplin Museum Complex.
Info: www.tristatamodelrailroaders.com.
- Dec 5-6 Marlborough, MA** - New England Model Train Expo. Best Western Royal Plaza.
Info: www.hubdiv.org.
- Dec 5-6 Oklahoma City, OK** - OKC Train Show. State Fairgrounds.
Info: www.okctrainshow.com
- Dec 6 Albany, NY** - Great Train Extravaganza. "The Egg" at the Empire State Plaza.
Info: www.gtealbany.com.
- Dec 12 Columbus, OH** - Buckeye Railroadiana Show. Ohio Expo Center
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Dec 12 Rochester, NY** - RIT Tiger Tracks Train Show. RIT Gordon Field House.
Info: http://ritmrc.org.
- Dec 19-20 Tampa, FL** - Railroad Show. Florida State Fairgrounds.
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Jan 9-10 Deland, FL** - Florida Rail Fair. Volusia County Fairgrounds.
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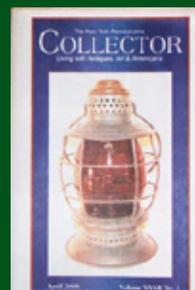
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Wanted: Delaware Lackawanna & Western keys & locks. Contact Bill Roberts. 8812 Mourning Dove Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20874. E-mail: whadyanrob@aol.com or call 301-977-3025.

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Wanted

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.

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Wanted: Factory marked ICRR tall lanterns by Defiance, Universal Spinning & Stamping, Prier Brass Co. Globe not important. Good condition & complete. Larry Davis, 5110 Hollywood Ave, Shreveport, LA 71109. 318-469-7825.

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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

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