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## Funding & Resources for Historic Preservation

From the “big show” at Gaithersburg to regional railroad hobby shows, the start of the holiday season seems to bring one event after another. My schedule has been extra tight this year, making it difficult to attend everything on my list. Several regular dealers at the shows mentioned that they had something scheduled for every weekend throughout the season. This is certainly good news for the hobby, but it can also be a challenge when our time and resources are getting stretched thin.

Picking a weekend for the Key Lock & Lantern Convention is one of those challenges. Each year, when I think that we have found a weekend with minimal conflicts, members tell me of other events on the same dates that they also regularly attend. While the KL&L Convention has been a success in recent years, it would be even better if everyone could come. With so many railroad events on the calendar, it is tough to find a week when nothing else is going on, though.

Many groups use shows and conventions to raise funds for their organization, so it would be a difficult proposition to arrange joint events in order to avoid schedule conflicts. However, even if participation in the hobby remains strong, attendance at each event suffers when a choice must be made. A conflicting show or conference held 100 miles away may not seem like a problem for local promoters, but it is a big factor for an exhibitor who travels on the show circuit.

From the attendee’s perspective, there is often only so much money in the budget to attend events and make purchases. These same people are also the ones who give their time as volunteers at museums and scenic railroads. Unfortunately, there is a limited amount of time and money that can be spent on something that is a hobby for most people.

Then there are funds that are essentially lost to projects that don’t materialize, and to necessary administrative costs or unexpected items such as litigation. As noted in articles in this issue, both the Catskill Mountain and Adirondack Scenic Railroads have been forced to spend tens of thousands of dollars on court fights to preserve their lines. This is money that could have been used for new equipment or facilities.

I’m not sure what the solution to this issue is, but it should be considered by every group that is involved with historic preservation. With hundreds of worthwhile organizations, projects and events around, our resources are at risk of being spread too thin. More cooperation among groups may be the way to reach our common goal.

As always, thanks to everyone for your ongoing participation and support, and I hope that the 2018 Key Lock & Lantern Convention fits into your calendar!

*Dave Hamilton, KL&L President & Editor*

### On the Front Cover:

By road or rail, collectors of transportation memorabilia made the trip to Gaithersburg for the annual show. Here, an Amtrak Acela departs from Washington, DC.

## 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](http://www.klnl.org) for updates. See submission guidelines at the end of the calendar.**

- Jan 20 Allentown, PA** - Lehigh Valley Train Meet Merchants Square.  
Info: [www.valleygoto.com](http://www.valleygoto.com).
- Jan 20 Atlanta, GA** - Atlanta Railroad Show. Infinite Energy Center.  
Info: [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com).
- Jan 20-21 Colorado Springs, CO** - Train Expo. Chapel Hills Mall Event Center.  
Info: [www.tecoshow.org](http://www.tecoshow.org).
- Jan 21 Utica, NY** - TTCS Annual Train Show. Utica Union Station. <https://www.facebook.com/TTCSUticaTrainShow>.
- Jan 21 Vermillion, OH** - Annual Winter Train Show. German’s Villa.  
Info: [www.norwalkandwesternrr.com](http://www.norwalkandwesternrr.com).
- Jan 27-28 Springfield, MA** - Railroad Hobby Show. Eastern States Expo.  
Info: [www.railroadhobbyshow.com](http://www.railroadhobbyshow.com).
- Jan 28 Georgetown, CO** - Railroadiana Consignment Auction. Railroad Memories.  
Info: [www.rrmemories.com](http://www.rrmemories.com)
- Jan 28 Griffith, IN** - Blackhawk Chapter NRHS Swap Meet Railroadiana Show.  
Info: [www.blackhawknrhs.org](http://www.blackhawknrhs.org).
- Feb 10 Jacksonville, FL** - Rail Fair at the Prime Osborn Convention Center.  
Info: [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com).
- Feb 10 Sharpsburg, MD** - Hagerstown Model RR Museum Train Show  
Info: [www.antietamstation.com](http://www.antietamstation.com).
- Feb 11 Fishkill, NY** - Railroad Hobby Show. Fishkill Recreation Center.  
Info: [www.kingstontrainshow.com](http://www.kingstontrainshow.com).
- Feb 17-18 Buffalo, NY** - Western NY Train Show. Erie County Fairgrounds Event Center.  
Info: [www.wnyrhs.org](http://www.wnyrhs.org).

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# All Roads Lead to Gaithersburg for Annual Golden Spike Railroad & Transportation Memorabilia Show



The annual Gaithersburg railroad, airline, steamship and transportation memorabilia show, sponsored by Golden Spike Enterprises, has gained a reputation over the years as the “big show” that cannot be missed by anyone who is a serious collector. Held in several buildings at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg, Maryland, the event is billed as the largest of its kind. The 2017 show, held over the weekend of November 4th and 5th, certainly lived up to its reputation.

Despite predictions that internet sales would bring about the end of train shows, attendance remains high at Gaithersburg (and most well-established train shows, for that matter), with dozens of dealers setting up over 200 tables of memorabilia for sale. While railroading has made up the bulk of the show in recent years, artifacts from other modes were still represented.

From timetables to lanterns, china, books, and advertising, there was something for everyone to add to their collection or to simply admire, as their budget permitted. As always, the deals began during setup on Friday night, but there were still a few goodies to be found during the official public hours on Sunday. There are always many “high end” artifacts for sale, but beginning collectors had a nice selection of reasonably priced memorabilia to choose from.

Once again this year, a model train show in an adjacent building was part of the event, bringing in potential new

participants to the collecting side of the hobby. Throughout the weekend, the usual parade of trains passed by on the former B&O Metropolitan Subdivision, providing photo opportunities for fans of modern railroading.

While online auctions, Facebook groups, and other forms of digital communication now play a role in the pastime of antique collecting, the Gaithersburg show proves that there is still a place for in-person transactions. And for those who are concerned about the future of shows, Golden Spike has renewed their contract with the fairgrounds for several more years. Ask anyone who attended, and they will tell you that they are already looking forward to next year!

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A new exhibitor this year was KL&L member Joe Bokanoski, who offered a variety of lantern parts.



Jeremy Tuke from the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum set up in his usual location.



Railroad police badge collector Chip Greiner put on an extensive display of police memorabilia.



The weather was reasonably nice for visiting the several dealers who set up tents outside on the grounds.



There was a nice selection of locomotive number and builder plates offered by Ron Muldowney.



National Association of Timetable Collectors president Kent Hannah brought his huge stock of timetables & paper.

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For those with weekend passes, there was some time available for socializing, but not too much!



The Gaithersburg show is known for the high quality of the memorabilia that is offered for sale by its dealers.



KL&L trustee Leonard Gordy was just starting a downsizing project, with plenty of new railroadiana for sale this year.



Local scripophily collector Tom Lareau brought a variety of railroad stock and bond certificates for sale.



William Sternitzke searches for some Penn Central memorabilia on his table for an enthusiastic customer.



Tom Hassenmayer often adds new collections to his postcard stock, so it is worth browsing at every show.



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# Railroadiana Auctions - Spring & Fall - Brookline, NH

Railroadiana Consignment Auctions Held Each Winter, Spring & Fall

Brookline Auction Gallery LLC - 32 Proctor Hill Rd, Brookline, NH 03033

Auction information including photos: [www.tagtown.net](http://www.tagtown.net)

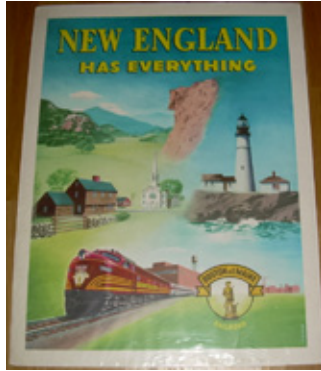
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## Some Highlights of Recent Sales



Concord RR Thompson Lantern: \$1700,  
Triple Marked Boston & Albany New  
England Glass Lantern: \$1750



Boston & Maine Railroad New  
England Travel Poster with  
Minuteman Logo: \$410



Grand Central Station Lantern with Green  
Cast Globe: \$3100, New York New Haven &  
Hartford - Hartford Division Thompson: \$2500



Cast Iron Railroad Crossing Stop,  
Look & Listen Sign: \$400



Nickel Plate Road Berkshire #774  
Number Board: \$2200



St. Albans Street Railway Dock  
Master Hat Badge: \$625



Lehigh Valley RR brass top marker lamp: \$700  
New England RR Fancy Cast Lock: \$1100



Boston & Maine RR Silver  
Casserole Dish: \$800



Grand Trunk Railway Brass Lock: \$1800  
Pennsylvania RR cast fixed globe: \$2900



Pennsylvania Railroad Gate Sign: \$400



New Haven RR Winsted, CT  
Wax Sealer: \$1100



Central Vermont Railway Ticket Office &  
Pullman Reservations Sign: \$675

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# Plenty of Rare and Unusual Memorabilia in Railroad Memories Auction #99

Bidders in Railroad Memories Auction #99 hardly noticed that the company had moved from Denver back to its original home of Georgetown, Colorado, as the sale went off without a hitch. As usual, there was a large selection of interesting railroad memorabilia from around the country, with rare artifacts from western lines highlighting the catalog.

Scarce lanterns and timetables brought high prices, along with some unusual advertising and decorative items. The Railroad Memories auction is without a doubt the place to look for hard to find memorabilia from this region, and the prices realized show that there is a high demand for it. There is plenty of the “good stuff” up for bid in the 100th auction, and it will interesting to see the results of that sale. *All photos, prices, and descriptions courtesy of Sue Knous at Railroad Memories Auctions.*



A high bid of \$1100 was needed to purchase this rare Denver & Rio Grande Express Money Order sign.



A nice F. Meyrose & Co. brass presentation lantern with a blue over clear globe sold for a high bid of \$875.



Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul “Freight Car” locks are hard to find, with this example selling for a \$500 high bid.



A \$260 high bid took home this 1912 Denver Northwestern & Pacific pass with a Yankee Doodle Lake vignette.

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# RAILROAD MEMORIES

## AUCTION #100 CLOSING SUNDAY JANUARY 28, 2018

If you are interested in participating go to our website and check out the 537 lots of quality memorabilia offered in this issue. You can find us at: [www.railroadmemories.com](http://www.railroadmemories.com)

Bids Begin Closing Sunday January 28, 2018 at 8PM MST



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A \$260 high bid was needed to purchase this colorful cap badge from the Tacoma Street Car Company



An unusual Kansas City Southern Railway "United States Mail Porter" badge went to a new home for \$400.



Northern Pacific "Baked Potato" advertising always commands high prices, with this pennant bringing \$4100, while an Otto Mears sterling silver spoon sold for \$2100



Switch keys from the Atlantic & Pacific RR (\$340), the Carson & Colorado (\$1000) and the Union Pacific (\$525).



Colorado & Southern Railway Employee Timetable #34 from 1917 went to a new owner for a \$575 high bid.

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A \$5750 bid was needed to purchase this aluminum wall plaque from a 1954 Santa Fe El Capitan train car.



A Union Pacific Adams & Westlake wire bottom lantern with a wheel cut "UPRR" globe brought a \$2700 bid.



A nicely marked "Local" baggage tag from the Eureka Springs Route sold for a \$460 high bid.



One of several builder's plates in the sale, this example from a Santa Fe Baldwin 2-10-4 sold for \$4300.



A \$300 high bid took home this nice South Carolina Railway 1888 annual pass with palmetto vignette.

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# 2017 Holiday Railroad Hobby & Model Train Shows Draw Large Crowds

The beginning of the holiday season also marks the start of the winter model train and hobby show season. Many local model railroad groups hope to attract members of the general public who are caught up in the shopping spirit, or who have memories of department store train displays from their childhood. It is also an excellent time of the year to bring new participants into the hobby.

For dealers, the schedule gets pretty hectic during the late fall and into the winter, with regional shows scheduled on almost every weekend (some conflicting). Often, the van or truck remains packed for several weeks, with only a couple of midweek days off. It is generally worthwhile, though, in this railroad hobby equivalent of "Black Friday."



*Local railroad hobby and model train shows often feature vendors who are not on the regular show circuit.*

Dealers at the shows held during November and December around the northeast reported good attendance and sales this year. The photos accompanying this article were all taken at the Great Train Extravaganza at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, NY, where Key, Lock & Lantern is a regular exhibitor. This year, several thousand visitors passed through the doors, many coming from the nearby holiday festival. The train show is alive and well, and we'll be loading up soon for the next one!



*Volunteers from the Delaware & Ulster tourist line greet visitors to their booth at the Great Train Extravaganza.*

Serious railroad historians and collectors may be tempted to skip these shows, in favor of the big events such as the Gaithersburg or Springfield shows. However, there are often hidden gems of railroadiana for sale among the models, and new stock is sometimes introduced at these shows by regular dealers of memorabilia. Even one or two good deals makes the trek to a nearby model train show a success.

For railroad museums and historical groups, a display at a railroad hobby show is a good use for off-season time. New volunteers and customers can be introduced to a museum or tourist line, bringing potential business for the coming year. And, shows are a great place to visit with fellow enthusiasts.

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*Railroad historical groups, such as the Penn Central Railroad Historical Society recruit new members at shows.*

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Visitors to the Adirondack Scenic Railroad booth were able to meet the friendly crew of the Polar Express train.



Tom Hassenmayer introduced stock from a recently acquired postcard collection at the Albany show.



Most railroad hobby and model train shows include several dealers of authentic railroad memorabilia.



A nice selection of railroadiana was offered by dealer Times Treasures at Albany's Great Train Extravaganza.



A few familiar faces from the railroadiana show circuit were among the exhibitors at this year's Albany show.



The Alco Historic Photos group offered prints from their vast collection of negatives at the GTE Albany show.

# Catskill Mountain Railroad Seeks STB Declaration Regarding U&D Route

In previous issues, we have reported on the ongoing story of the Catskill Mountain Railroad's efforts to preserve the route of the Ulster & Delaware RR through Ulster County, New York. The line, which once ran through the heart of the Catskills from Kingston to Oneonta, NY, played a key role in the history of the region and has hosted tourist trains for the last three decades.

Prior to the creation of Conrail, Penn Central had filed to abandon the line, but the process was never completed, as it was not included in the final Conrail system. Freight service ended shortly after Conrail took over, and the railroad was conveyed to the counties of Ulster and Delaware, for use by tourist trains. Since the early 1980's, the portion in Delaware County has been operated by the Delaware & Ulster Railroad and the section in Ulster County by the Catskill Mountain Railroad.

With several sections of the line out of service due to track conditions, both organizations have worked toward repairing all remaining trackage to create a through route again from Kingston to the end of the rail at Roxbury. Even with limited



*A Catskill Mountain Railroad tourist train departs from Kingston, NY in September of 2017, on a short run to the foothills of the Catskill Mountains. The railroad has retained its operating rights on this section of the former Ulster & Delaware RR.*

funds, both railroads have made progress toward expanding service. The communities in Delaware County have been particularly receptive to the railroad, and the Delaware and Ulster group has enjoyed their ongoing support.

The political climate on the Ulster County end of the line has been the exact opposite in recent years, with the County Executive attempting to remove the railroad and convert the right of way into a recreational trail. The Catskill Mountain Railroad's contract to operate the line was initially cancelled in 2016, and was only partially renewed due to the popularity of the group's Polar Express train in Kingston.

Currently, the Catskill Mountain Railroad operates trains on a short trip out of Kingston, and the former operation in Phoenicia has been discontinued. The Rail Explorers rail bike tour company was awarded rights to use that section of the line, but was unable to commence operations this year, due to the failure of the county to perform needed track work. In between, a scenic section of the railroad was slated to be converted into a trail, with removal of the rails beginning in late December.

In an effort to stop the permanent destruction of this historic railroad line, on January 16, 2018, the parent of the



*Passengers line up to purchase tickets for the Catskill Mountain Railroad in the Stockade section of Kingston.*

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# Railroad Preservation & Museum News

Catskill Mountain RR, the Ulster & Delaware Railroad Revitalization Corporation, filed a formal request for a declaratory order from the Surface Transportation Board. In its filing, the group asks the board for a determination regarding the status of the line, specifically if it has in fact already been abandoned or if it is still considered an active railroad.

If the railroad was in fact formally abandoned prior to conveyance to the counties, then it would not be regulated in the same way as if were still a common carrier. If the formal abandonment never took place, then the line is still considered to be an active railroad, and it cannot be removed without STB approval. The U&D group has requested that the STB direct that the scrapping of the line be put on hold until a ruling is made, serving to halt the current action by the county

In the meantime, the Catskill Mountain Railroad has just completed another successful tourist train season, with its short trips out of Kingston and its Polar Express and other holiday theme trains. Most Polar Express runs were sold out this year, with many passengers traveling from out of town to ride. While local leaders are attempting to shut down the



*Catskill Mountain Railroad excursion trains from the Empire State Railway Museum in Phoenicia, NY have been discontinued with the refusal of Ulster County to renew the railroad's operating agreement. To add insult to injury, the county failed to perform track maintenance work, also preventing the Rail Explorers railbikes from using the line.*

railroad, it continues to contribute to the regional economy.

With so many national transportation issues on the docket, it is uncertain how quickly the Surface Transportation Board will act on the filing. If no evidence of abandonment can be found, the old Ulster & Delaware Railroad line may be given a reprieve.



*A Catskill Mountain Railroad Kingston run crosses Hurley Flats enroute to the edge of the Catskill Mountains.*



*The Viscose #6 steam locomotive has made several visits to the Catskill Mountain RR, pulling special trains.*

# Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society to Hold George Washington Train Show

The Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society will be holding its annual George Washington Train Show on February 17 & 18, 2018 in the historic railroad town of Clifton Forge, Virginia. The main show will be held in the Clifton Forge Armory, and will include model train layouts, vendors of models and railroad memorabilia. The C&O Railway Heritage Center will also be open for visits during the show, and admission is included in the price of the train show ticket.

In addition to displays and vendors for serious railroad buffs and modelers, there will be food and hands-on type activities for younger visitors. It is planned to be a fun filled weekend for the entire family. Proceeds from the show will support the activities of the society, including the museum.

Show hours are 10am-4pm on Saturday and 12pm-4pm on Sunday. The Armory is located at 724 Commercial Avenue in Clifton Forge, VA and the C&O Railway Heritage Center



is located at 705 East Main Street, also in Clifton Forge. An admission fee of \$5 per person will be charged. For more information about the show and the C&O Railway Heritage Center, visit the Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society website at [www.cohs.org](http://www.cohs.org). For vendor information, e-mail [Brandy@cohs.org](mailto:Brandy@cohs.org) or call 540-862-2210.

## New York State to Appeal Judge's Ruling Preserving Adirondack Scenic Railroad



In our last issue, we reported that the Adirondack Scenic Railroad had received a favorable ruling in its lawsuit to prevent the abandonment of the north end of its line to Lake Placid, NY. The judge determined that New York State's plan to convert part of the railroad into a trail did not conform to the Adirondack Park guidelines. This ruling effectively put the plan to remove the rails on hold and returned the state to square one as far as developing a new plan goes.

It has since been reported that New York State intends to appeal the ruling, and the office of the Attorney General is in the process of preparing the appeal. It is uncertain what the timeframe of the resolution of the case will be. In the meantime, the Adirondack Scenic Railroad continues to run trains between Utica, Thendara, and Big Moose, while the Lake Placid end of the line remains dormant.



# Norfolk Southern Opens New Portage Bridge Replacing Historic Erie Structure

December 11, 2017 was a bittersweet day for railroad enthusiasts in western New York. A project many years in the making was finally completed, with the opening of a new Portage Bridge on the NS Southern Tier Line. For over 140 years, trains had crossed the Genesee River gorge in the Letchworth State Park on an iron bridge that had been constructed by the Erie Railway in 1875. The subject of countless photos by multiple generations of railroad fans, the old bridge was one of a few remaining artifacts that served as a reminder of the line's heritage.

As much as the bridge was loved by railroad history buffs, it was an ongoing source of difficulty for the railroad. As standard freight car weights increased, they eventually exceeded the capacity of the Portage Bridge. This resulted in a prohibition on certain loaded cars over the Southern Tier Line between Buffalo and Hornell, NY. When the line was owned by Conrail, such traffic could be rerouted to former New York Central lines. However, when Norfolk Southern acquired this territory in 1999, the line became the backbone of its route across New York State. A solution to the Portage Bridge problem soon became a more pressing requirement.

After years of engineering studies and negotiations regarding funding for the project, construction on the new bridge began in late 2015. A new steel arch bridge was erected just upstream from the old Erie bridge, and upon completion the track was realigned on each end. The total cost of the project was \$75 million, with New York State contributing \$15.5 million through economic development and transportation infrastructure grants.

With the bridge located within a state park, railroad fans have been able to observe its construction over the last two years, as it slowly took shape. With the track swung to its new alignment,



*Norfolk Southern train 36T from Buffalo, enroute to Allentown, PA is the first train to cross the new Portage Bridge on December 11, 2017. NS Corporation photo.*

Norfolk Southern general freight train 36T, enroute from the former EL Bison Yard in Buffalo to Allentown, PA, was the first train to pass over the bridge on December 11, 2017. While it was sad to see the old bridge end its many years of service, the new structure will insure that the former Erie route will remain in service for years to come.

“This is a very exciting day for Norfolk Southern and for the future of freight rail service in New York’s Southern Tier region,” said James A. Squires, chairman, president and CEO in a press release about the historic event. “The successful completion of this bridge is an excellent demonstration of how the public and private sectors can work together on freight transportation projects that generate significant public benefits and are vital to U.S. commerce. It’s also a testament to Norfolk Southern’s robust bridge program and the ingenuity of engineers and railroaders.”

There were some efforts made by local preservations to save the old Erie bridge for use as a scenic walkway, but the state park agency was not interested in taking possession of the structure. With piers in the river, just above a waterfall, the bridge required a high level of maintenance in recent years, and it was determined that the best option would be to remove it.

Within a few days of the cutover, railroad and salvage crews began the work of dismantling the 1875 relic. The new structure is certainly impressive, and would no doubt have met the approval of the engineers on the Erie who constructed the two previous versions. Many future generations of railroaders will pass over this new engineering marvel that carries the historic name of Portage Bridge.



# 2018 KL&L Scranton Convention Schedule Update



Registration forms will soon be available for the upcoming Key Lock & Lantern Convention, to be held from June 1st through 3rd, 2018 at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel in downtown Scranton, PA. Convention activities will include social gatherings, visits to Steamtown, and pre-show trading on Friday and the “main event” on Saturday - the Transportation History Exposition. More than simply a train show, the Transportation History Expo includes museum quality displays of artifacts and memorabilia, and plenty of railroading for sale or trade.

Other events on Saturday include the annual meeting of Key Lock & Lantern, and the organization’s fundraiser sale of railroading. The banquet dinner and railroad history programs will be held on Saturday night. Plans are still being finalized for this year’s excursion, which is expected to be scheduled for Sunday morning (since there is no conflict with Mothers Day this year).

Registration forms will be mailed out soon, and will also be available online at [www.klnl.org](http://www.klnl.org), once final details have been arranged. An announcement will be made on the KL&L Facebook page and to the digital newsletter e-mail list, once online registration goes live. The Key Lock & Lantern Convention is once again one of the premier events for transportation historians and collectors - make plans today to attend!



*The KL&L Convention includes train excursions, programs, history displays, and memorabilia for sale or trade.*



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- Feb 17-18 Clifton Forge, VA** - George Washington Train Show - Clifton Forge Armory.  
Info: [www.cohs.org](http://www.cohs.org).
- Feb 17 Houston, TX** - Greater Houston Train Show. Stafford Center.  
Info: <http://sanjacmodeltrains.org>.
- Feb 17 Vancouver, WA** - SP&S Railway Historical Society Swap Meet..  
Info: [www.spschs.org](http://www.spschs.org).
- Feb 18 Buena Park, CA** - California Express Railroadiana Show. UFCW Hall.  
Info: [www.californiaexpress.net](http://www.californiaexpress.net).
- Feb 24-25 Allentown, PA** - Spring Thaw Train Show. Allentown Fairgrounds Ag Hall  
Info: [www.allentowntrainmeet.com](http://www.allentowntrainmeet.com).
- Mar 2-3 Fletcher, NC** - Asheville Train Show. WNC Agricultural Center.  
Info: [www.asheville-trainshow.com](http://www.asheville-trainshow.com).
- Mar 3-4 Denver, CO** - Rocky Mountain Train Show at the Denver Mart.  
Info: <http://rockymountaintrainshow.com/>.
- Mar 3 Ft Wayne, IN** - Maumee Valley Railroad Club Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet..  
Info: <http://maumeevalleyrailroad.com>.
- Mar 4 Clark, NJ** - Jersey Central NRHS Train Show. Mother Seton High School.  
Info: [www.jcrhs.org](http://www.jcrhs.org).
- Mar 4 Perris, CA** - Orange Empire Railway Museum Railroadiana Swap Meet.  
Info: [www.oerm.org](http://www.oerm.org).
- Mar 10 Steelton, PA** - Harrisburg Railroad Show.. Abel Union Hall.  
Info: <http://harrisburgnrhs.org>.
- Mar 12 Old Greenwich, CT** - Southern Connecticut Model Train Show.  
Info: [www.southerncttrainshow.com](http://www.southerncttrainshow.com).
- Mar 17 Corvallis, OR** - Winterail Show. Corvallis High School.  
Info: [www.winterail.com](http://www.winterail.com).
- Mar 18 Kingston, NY** - Railroad Hobby Show. Murphy Midtown Center.  
Info: [www.kingstontrainshow.com](http://www.kingstontrainshow.com).
- Mar 25 Batavia, NY** - Spring Great Batavia Train Show. Genesee Community College.  
Info: [www.gsme.org](http://www.gsme.org).
- Mar 31 Joplin, MO** - Joplin Museum Train Show. Joplin Museum Complex.  
Info: [www.tristatamodelrailroaders.com](http://www.tristatamodelrailroaders.com).
- Apr 7 Pine Bluff, AR** - Arkansas Railroad Museum Railroadiana Show & Sale.  
Info: [www.arkansasrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.arkansasrailroadmuseum.org).
- Apr 7 St. Cloud, MN** - Granite City Railroad Show. Rivers Edge Convention Center.  
Info: [www.granitecitytrainshow.com](http://www.granitecitytrainshow.com).
- Apr 8 Amsterdam, NY** - Alco Historical Society Rails Along the Mohawk Train Show.  
Info: [www.ahts.org](http://www.ahts.org).
- Apr 14 Brookline, NH** - Railroadiana Consignment Auction. Brookline Auction Gallery.  
Info: [www.tagtown.net](http://www.tagtown.net).

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## Wanted

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