

Key Lock & Lantern Convention Is Set For April 8th & 9th

As has been a tradition since 1973, railroadiana collectors will meet on April 8th and 9th in Albany, NY, for the 39th Annual Key Lock & Lantern Convention. Activities will include a railroad memorabilia display and swap meet, which is open to all collectors and railroad history buffs. Unlike the big railroad hobby shows, the KL&L convention is a smaller gathering of serious collectors and railroad historians, where education and networking are just as important as buying memorabilia.

While most convention participants bring items for sale or trade, displays of artifacts by KL&L members make up an important part of the exhibits at Saturday's railroadiana show and swap meet. The KL&L convention is also unique in that only authentic railroad memorabilia is offered by dealers, with no fakes, souvenirs, or toys allowed. As in previous years, all types of railroadiana will be exhibited, generally with a focus on hardware, but also including paper items such as timetables, books, and postcards.



The Key Lock & Lantern convention offers a more relaxed atmosphere for collectors to meet and share information.

All interested collectors and railroad enthusiasts are invited to attend the swap meet and view the displays, from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at the Albany/Glenmont Comfort Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont, NY. The annual meeting of Key, Lock & Lantern will be held in the morning, followed by a fund-raiser auction with a variety of railroad memorabilia. Refreshments will be served, and a railroad slide & movie program is once again planned, following the swap meet. A \$7 admission fee is collected at the door, for those who have not registered for the entire convention.



One of the many excellent displays of railroad memorabilia at the 2010 Key Lock & Lantern Convention

Full registration is available to Key, Lock & Lantern members for only \$15 (\$20 after March 27th), and includes early admission to the swap meet and use of one table. Advance registration and a current KL&L membership are required for table space, and early reservations are recommended. For those planning to stay for the weekend, the Comfort Inn has a special rate for convention participants.

Once again this year, the annual Kingston Train & Hobby Expo is scheduled for the following day, on April 10th, and is being held about 90 minutes south of Albany in nearby

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There is always a good selection of railroadiana available for sale or trade at the Key Lock & Lantern convention.

Don't Miss the KL&L Convention

While most of us in the northeast still have several feet of snow piled around, the famous groundhog in the heart of BR&P Ry country tells us that an early Spring is on the way. Once the rotary plow is switched to the back track for the year, that usually means that the annual KL&L convention is right around the corner. While the convention is not as big as shows like Gaithersburg or Springfield, its many unique aspects make it an event that should not be missed.

One of the things that I enjoy most about train shows and auctions is the opportunity to visit with fellow collectors. Unfortunately, our brief conversations often end with "I'll catch up with you later, I still have another building to see." Usually, there is no time to meet later, or I never bump into the person that I was looking for. At the KL&L convention, there is plenty of time to meet fellow collectors, and share information about railroad memorabilia and history.

At the big railroad shows, the emphasis is generally on buying and selling, while exhibitors at the KL&L convention often bring unusual artifacts for display only. Not that there isn't a good selection of memorabilia for sale (often including some rare items), but the swap meet is only one aspect of the convention program. Networking with other collectors and sharing knowledge is just as important as buying and selling.

I hope that many KL&L members will be able to attend the convention and discover why it has been such a popular event for the last forty years. The convention is well suited for a weekend trip, with a variety of things to do in the area, including our Saturday afternoon railroad slide show and the Kingston train show on the following day. Make plans now to attend, and I hope to see you there!

Dave Hamilton KL&L President & Editor





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Railroadiana Show & Auction Calendar



Feb 19-20 Buffalo, NY - WNYRHS Winter Toy & Train Show. Hamburg Fairgrounds. Info: www.trainweb.org/wnyrhs.

Feb 26-27 Allentown, PA - Spring Thaw Railroad Meet. Allentown Fairgrounds. Info: www.allentowntrainmeet.com.

Feb 26 Boonsboro, MD - Railroadiana Auction. Cochran Auction Gallery. Info: http://cochranauctions.com.

- Mar 5 Phoenixville, Pa Railroadiana Auction. Ted Maurer Auctions. Info: www.maurerail.com.
- Mar 6 Clark, NJ Central Jersey NRHS Railroad Show. Mother Seton High School. Info: www.jcrhs.org.
- Mar 12 Stockton, CA Winterail Railroad Photography Exposition and Railroadiana Show. Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Info: www.winterail.com.
- Mar 19 Steelton, PA NRHS Railroad Show & Collectors Market. IW Abel Union Hall. Info:http://harrisburgnrhs.org.
- Mar 19 Taylor, MI SHOW CANCELLED. Bluewater NRHS Railroadiana & Model Train Show. Taylor Town Trade Center.
- Mar 20 Spring City, PA Railroadiana Auction. Stanley Baker Collection. Ron Rhoads Auctioneer. Info: www.echant.com.
- Mar 27 Batavia, NY Great Batavia Train Show. Batavia Downs Gaming Center. Info: http://www.gsme.org.
- Apr 2 Rochester, NH Railroadiana Auction. JW Auctions. Info: www.jwauctionco.com.
- Apr 8-9 <u>Albany, NY Annual Key Lock & Lantern</u> <u>Convention</u>. Albany/Glenmont Comfort Inn. Info: www.klnl.org.
- Apr 9 DeLand, FL 35th Florida Rail Fair. Volusia County Fairgrounds. Info: www.gserr.com.
- Apr 9 Griffith, IN Blackhawk NRHS Spring Swap Meet. American Legion Post 66. Info: www.blackhawknrhs.org. Continued on Page 8

Railroad Museum Profile

Poughkeepsie's Walkway Over The Hudson

While the massive railroad bridge that spans the Hudson River at Poughkeepsie, NY may not technically be a railroad museum, it certainly deserves mention in this column as an example of a successful railroad preservation project. After many years of effort by several different groups of supporters, this former link between the New Haven Railroad and its western connections recently reopened in its new role as a scenic pedestrian walkway.

Completed on January 1, 1889, after decades of planning and almost three years of construction, the 6768 foot long bridge stands 212 feet above the surface of the water, connecting Poughkeepsie and Highland, NY. When it opened, it was the longest railroad bridge in the world, although this record was surpassed the following year. The first railroad to operate through train service across the Poughkeepsie Bridge was the Central New England & Western RR, which absorbed the bridge company and connecting lines in 1889. After a



The Poughkeepsie Bridge offers a spectacular view of the Hudson River (and the railroad lines on each shore).

brief period of ownership by the Reading Railroad, as the Philadelphia, Reading & New England RR, the line was sold to the newly organized Central New England Railway in 1899. The New Haven RR gained control of the CNE in 1904, and the Poughkeepsie Bridge became an important gateway for its freight traffic between New England and the south and west.

For many years, New Haven trains were classified at the nearby Maybrook Yard, and forwarded to the Erie, NYO&W, and the Lehigh & Hudson River railroads. However, after the New Haven was absorbed by Penn Central in 1969, most traffic was rerouted to the former New York Central mainline. Penn Central continued to run a few trains over the line, but in 1974, a mysterious fire destroyed about 700 feet of the track structure on the east end of the bridge.

For several years, various proposals for the rehabilitation of the bridge were examined, but the bankrupt railroad



The New Haven Railroad's massive Poughkeepsie Bridge recently reopened as the Walkway Over the Hudson.

lacked the necessary financial resources to restore the redundant line to service. When Conrail took over the Penn Central's railroad operations in 1976, the former Maybrook branch was dismantled, and the bridge was sold to private developers. Although several grand ideas for alternative uses were proposed, in the end they proved to be impractical.

After the bridge was essentially abandoned by its owners, due to their failure to pay taxes and maintain navigation lights, the grass roots "Walkway Over the Hudson" organization took possession of the property in 1993. Volunteers immediately performed needed maintenance work, and began to repair the original walkway planks. Guided walking tours of the bridge were initially given, until liability issues forced them to cease in 1996.

Over the next ten years, the Walkway group patiently worked to gather support for the conversion of the bridge into a scenic trail. In 2005, federal funds were allocated to preserve and stabilize the bridge, and the project soon began to make

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Visitors to the Walkway Over the Hudson stroll across the bridge where New Haven RR trains once ran.

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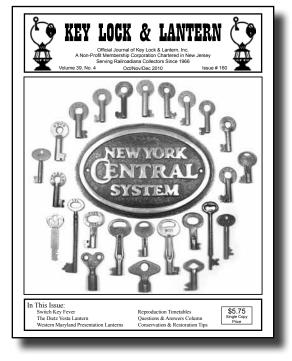
Key, Lock & Lantern Issue #160 has now been printed, and was mailed during early January to all current members. This edition includes articles that will be of interest to collectors of many different types of railroad memorabilia. KL&L member Jeff Wolfe shares photos of his collection of keys from railroads of the Chicago area, in his article "Switch Key Fever." The third installment of our series covering the history of the Dietz Vesta lantern also appears in this issue, examining the development of the early bell bottom Vestas, and the transition to later models.

Western Maryland RR memorabilia collector Mike Yetter recently completed extensive research on the lanterns of this interesting line, and he shares an excerpt from his new book on the subject. Other features in this issue include our



popular "Questions & Answers" column, with several new questions, and a detailed answer to last issue's question about Long Island RR badges. Our "Fakes & Reproductions" column takes a look at the Railpix timetable reprints that were produced in the 1980's, which still surface at shows and auctions from time to time. And, a new column provides railroadiana restoration and conservation tips from KL&L members. In this issue, Randy Bushart shares his unique approach to the restoration of a heavily worn Railway Express Agency scale.

If you are reading the KL&L News because it was forwarded to you by a fellow collector, please consider membership in Key, Lock & Lantern. The quarterly KL&L magazine is only sent by mail to paid members, and is not available online. Key, Lock & Lantern covers all types of railroad memorabilia and railroad history, with articles about a wide variety of subjects. Upcoming articles include the



continuation of our series on the history of the Dietz Vesta lantern, a feature story about New York & Erie Railroad car locks, our "Railway Guide" column, additional display and restoration tips, a look at some modern railroad collectibles, and more "Photos from Along the Line," and "Know Your Collector" profiles.

The Key, Lock & Lantern magazine is an excellent reference source for serious collectors of railroadiana. Don't wait until printed copies of this issue are no longer available. Make certain that your Key, Lock & Lantern membership is up to date, or join today!



Springfield Railroad Hobby Show Draws Large Crowd

For most railfans in the northeast, the Amherst Railway Society's Railroad Hobby Show in Springfield, Ma is the big event of the year. From railroadiana dealers to model railroad suppliers, there is something of interest for everyone. Held over the last weekend in January, the show brings in vendors from all over the country, including the major publishers and model manufacturers. As a result, it has the atmosphere of both a trade show and swap meet.

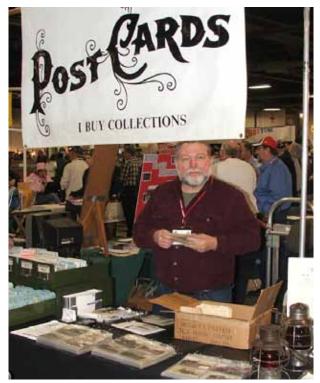
This year, over 20,000 people visited the show's five different buildings during the two day period. While model layouts and dealers make up a large percentage of the displays, there was a fair amount of railroadiana offered at this year's show. Several new dealers had table space, offering a variety of railroad hardware and paper, and most of the "regulars" were set up in their usual locations.



Representatives of many northeastern tourist railroads and museums were on hand, promoting their organizations and recruiting volunteers. Several NRHS chapters also offered books and memorabilia from their chapter stores, giving visitors the opportunity to make purchases that support railroad preservation projects and programs.

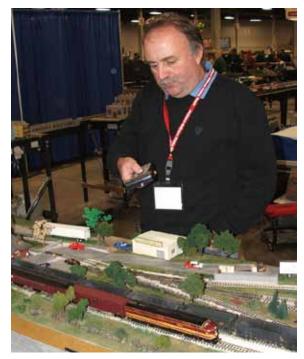
For the average visitor, the numerous model railroad layouts were probably the highlight of the show. From huge modular layouts to super detailed dioramas, the quality of the model trains was certainly impressive. Even those of us who usually focus on hunting for railroadiana couldn't resist spending some time watching the trains wind their way through the miniature landscapes.

The only drawback with the Springfield show is that there is almost too much to see in two days, which makes it difficult to check out all of the buildings and still have time to visit with



people. Making an early sweep of the show for railroadiana dealers, followed by wandering leisurely around the other displays seems to be a good strategy.

The Amherst Railway Society's annual show is generally a good indicator of the overall state of the railroad hobby. With five buildings full of exhibitors, and attendance over the 20,000 mark, it would appear that interest in railroads remains strong. We can no doubt look forward to an even larger show next year.



Walkway Over the Hudson

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headway. Additional support was received in 2006, in the form of \$1.5 Million grant from the Dyson Foundation. In 2008, New York State entered into a partnership with the Walkway organization, to fund the transformation of the bridge into a public trail, and construction began by the end of the year. Other charitable and economic development organizations soon joined in making financial contributions, and work progressed rapidly.

On October 3, 2009, the Poughkeepsie Bridge reopened as the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park. A new concrete floor and substantial railings allow visitors to walk in safety and comfort, high above the Hudson River valley.



Poughkeepsie station, as viewed from the Walkway.

With such a spectacular view, it is easy to forget that people are standing where New Haven freight trains once ran. A rusty block signal partially hidden among the trees on the approach to the bridge provides a reminder of the heritage of the trail, though.

Parking facilities have been constructed at each end of the bridge, which may also be reached by a short walk from the Poughkeepsie train station. Rest rooms are available, and food vendors are usually present during the tourist season. For those of us who are used to exploring abandoned roadbeds in remote locations, the Walkway offers a nice change of pace.

The Poughkeepsie Bridge is truly an engineering marvel, and is a significant part of the region's railroad history. It is encouraging to see the many years of effort to preserve this landmark come to fruition. The Walkway Over the Hudson is open daily, from 7am to sunset, except during periods of severe weather. For more information and directions, visit the Walkway organization's web site at www.walkway.org.



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Amtrak's Lake Shore Limited at Albany-Rensselaer, NY.

Poughkeepsie, NY. The former New Haven Railroad bridge over the Hudson River between Poughkeepsie and Highland is now open as a public walkway, and is also worth a visit (see the related story in this issue). For those coming from the west, the antique shops of historic Little Falls, NY and the infamous New York Central Gulf Curve may be reached by a one hour drive from Albany. And for modern train watchers, the busy Selkirk Yard and Albany-Rensselaer station are each located about ten minutes away from the convention, so it is well suited for a weekend of railroading.

At the 2010 convention, participants were able to find some great deals at the swap meet and fundraiser auction, a few rare items changed hands during the "early admission" period, and a variety of interesting slides and movies were shown in the evening hours. As in years past, many experienced collectors were on hand to share their knowledge of railroadiana and history. Similar displays and activities are planned for this year's convention.

For additional information, see the convention registration form and flyer at the end of this newsletter. Convention materials are also available on the KL&L web site at www. klnl.org, and additional news will be posted on Facebook. To participate in the slide & movie program, please contact Dave Hamilton directly at transportsim@aol.com.

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KL&L members who haven't visited our web site recently are invited to check out some of the changes that we have made over the last few weeks. As part of our ongoing efforts to offer more material on the Key, Lock & Lantern site, a new "Resources & Links" page has recently been added. Links to the web pages of various railroadiana collectors, parts suppliers, dealers, and auctioneers are all gathered in one convenient location. KL&L members are welcome to submit links to their favorite railroadiana, historical group, and museum web sites.

Back issues of the electronic Key, Lock & Lantern News are now posted online, in our new "KL&L Publications" section. If you missed an issue, or use a public computer to access the internet, it is now possible to download copies of the KL&L News. The KL&L magazine will continue to be produced in the printed format only, but a sample article is available online as a PDF file.

Convention flyers and registration forms (which are also included with this newsletter) are now available on the web site, in addition to the KL&L membership application. Other news and photos are posted on the Key, Lock & Lantern Facebook page, which may be accessed from our main page. "Like" us on Facebook to have KL&L announcements sent to your news feed.

Plans for the near future include the addition of more information about railroadiana for visitors to our web site, and a new "Members Only" section with expanded articles and other features. The address of the Key Lock & Lantern web site is www.klnl.org. Next time you are online, be sure to check it out!

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- Apr 10 Poughkeepsie, NY Kingston Train & Hobby Expo. Gold's Gym. Info: 845-334-8233.
- Apr 16 Columbus, OH 49th Buckeye Show. Ohio Expo Center. Info: www.gserr.com.
- May 1 Albany, NY New York Central Historical Society Train Show. Clarion Hotel. Info: www.nycshs.org.
- May 21 Albuquerque, NM 14th Albuquerque Rail Fair. New Mexico State Fairgrounds. Info: www.gserr.com.
- May 22-23 Allentown, PA Great Lehigh Valley Train Meet. Merchants Square Mall. Info: www.lehighvalleytrainmeet.com.
- Jun 5 St. Charles, IL St. Charles Railroadiana Show. DuPage Expo Center. Info: www.gserr.com.
- Jun 12 St. Charles, IL Kane County Railroadiana Show. Kane County Fairgrounds. Info: www.rrshows.com.
- Jun 25 Charlotte, NC 8th North Carolina Railroad Show. Metrolina Expo Trade Center. Info: www.gserr.com.
- Jul 9 DeLand, FL 36th Florida Rail Fair. Volusia County Fairgrounds. Info: www.gserr.com.
- Jul 9 Griffith, IN Blackhawk NRHS Summer Swap Meet. American Legion Post 66. Info: www.blackhawknrhs.org.
- Aug 13 Atlanta, GA 41st Atlanta Railroad Show. North Atlanta Trade Center. Norcross, GA. Info: www.gserr.com.
- Aug 13 Lynchburg, VA Lynchburg Rail Day. Boonsboro Ruritan Club. Info: www.blueridgenrhs.org.
- Aug 21 Niles, OH 29th Northeastern Ohio Railroad Show. McMenamy's Banquet Center. Info: www.gserr.com.
- Oct 8 Griffith, IN Blackhawk NRHS Fall Swap Meet. American Legion Post 66. Info: www.blackhawknrhs.org.
- Oct 8-9 Houston, TX Big Texas Train Show. George Brown Convention Center. Info: www.bigtexastrainshow.com.

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For Sale

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

For Sale: Moving & downsizing and selling part of collection. Nothing too rare: lanterns, keys, paper. Send for list. Paul Pietrak, 5475 Oakridge Dr., Hamburg, NY 14075. E-mail: marypaulp@aol.com.

For Sale: Railroad Artifacts & Memorabilia: Everything from a toilet paper holder to an 1800's police lantern, keys, locks, china, paper, and more. Jane Silvernail. Website: http://timestreasures.rubylane.com or contact by e-mail at tmstrsurs@logical.net.

For Sale: *Lanterns of the Western Maryland*. By Mike Yetter. A spiral-bound, 50-page book containing a detailed history and color photos of lanterns and globes used by the Western Maryland and its predecessors. \$20 + \$4 postage. Send cashiers check or money order to: Mike Yetter, 1423 Kensington Drive, Apt. 204, Hagerstown, MD 21742. E-mail: myetter@myactv.net.

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

For Sale: Approx 200 brass RR keys, 400 brass & steel RR locks, 75 steel RR keys (Frisco). Perry McDonald, 911 Walker Ave, Caruthersville, MO 63830.

Wanted

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

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

Wanted: Factory marked inspector lamps not already in my collection. 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 - Larry Davis, 5110 Hollywood Ave; Shreveport, LA 71109. 318-469-7825.

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

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

Wanted

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

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

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

Wanted: Switch key for the PCRY (Pacific Coast Railway), not PCRR (Penn Central), probably made by Fraim. Contact Steve Mott at 805-544-5339 or by e-mail at sjmott2359@ sbcglobal.net.

Wanted: Brass burner for a Dressel double wire tall globe railroad lantern & twist off font with burner for a Dietz 39 Vulcan wire frame. Also buying Western Maryland locks, keys, lanterns & globes, and C&PRR items. Joseph G. Hauger, 401 2nd St., Terra Alta, WV, 26764. E-mail address: whiteoak4@verizon.net or phone 304-789-2229.

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

Wanted: 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.

Wanted: Items from the Surry, Sussex & Southampton Ry. Jerry Rakes, PO Box 384, Tappahannock, Va 22560.

For Trade

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



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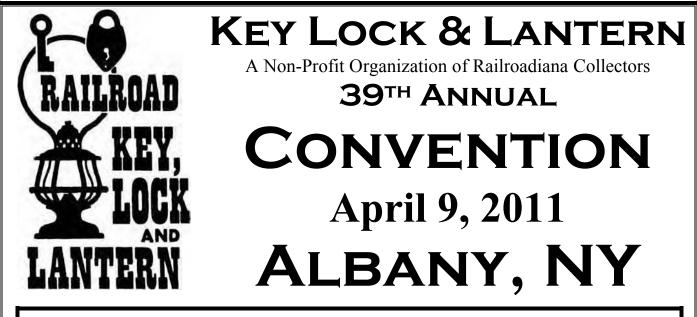
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39th Annual Key Lock & Lantern Convention Albany/Glenmont Comfort Inn, Glenmont, NY April 8-9, 2011

Full Convention Registration is Open to Key Lock & Lantern Members If you are not currently a member, or you are not up to date on your dues, and would like to register for the convention, please include a KL&L membership application and dues payment, along with your convention registration form.

The Key Lock & Lantern Convention is one of the oldest and largest meets for railroadiana collectors. It is not a public "train show," but a gathering of serious collectors of railroad memorabilia, and anyone interested in preserving railroad history.

Convention activities for registered participants begin on Friday night, with room hopping to meet with other members, and to get an early look at what they have brought to display, sell, and trade. The KL&L board meeting will be held at 8pm, in one of the conference rooms.

The railroadiana displays and swap meet will be held on Saturday. Registered convention participants are given "early admission" during setup from 8am to 10am, and are entitled to one table for the display or sale of railroadiana. No toy trains, fakes, or unmarked reproductions, please. All interested collectors are invited to attend the show between 10am and 2pm, for a \$7 admission fee. Refreshments will be served around noon. The general meeting and fundraiser auction will be held during the show.

Following the show and swap meet, a railroad slide and movie program is once again planned. KL&L members are encouraged to bring slides of railroad subjects, and stay for the evening.

The KL&L Convention will be held at the Albany/Glenmont Comfort Inn, 37 Route 9W, Glenmont, NY, 12077, just south of NY State Thruway Exit 23. Turn right after the toll booth, and head south for about a half mile on Route 9W; the hotel is on the right, just past the bridge over the Normanskill Creek. For reservations, call 518-465-8811, and mention KL&L for a special rate of \$79.99 + tax, per night. Hotel reservations must be made by March 30, 2010 to receive this rate, and the hotel has been completely booked in the past, so reserve early.

Convention registration is only \$15.00 before March 27, 2011, and **\$20.00** after March 27th. Tables are not available at the door, and must be reserved in advance. If you have any questions, e-mail John Brainard at j944wb@aol.com or call 201-569-9758 from 7-9pm, or leave a message.

Please make checks payable to: **John Brainard**, and mail completed registration forms directly to him at: **35 Nordhoff Place**, **Englewood**, **NJ**, **07631-4810**. Please fill out the following form completely:

Name_____

Spouse/Significant Other_____

Address_____

Arrival Date:_____

Departure Date:_____

Will you be donating fundraiser auction items? Y / N Will you bring a display? Y / N Will you bring items for sale/trade? Y / N