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2015 Railroad History Expo to be Held in Utica, NY Train Rides Planned for Key Lock & Lantern Annual Convention

Key, Lock & Lantern, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of railroad history and memorabilia, has announced that its 43rd Annual Convention will be held in Utica, NY, over the weekend of June 6th & 7th, 2015. Highlights of the convention will include a Railroad History Expo, and special train excursions on the nearby Adirondack Scenic Railroad and the Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley RR.

The Railroad History Expo will take place in the historic Hotel Utica, at 102 Lafayette St. in downtown Utica, NY, and is open to all railroad history buffs and collectors between 10:00am and 2:00pm on Saturday, June 6th. Displays of original railroad artifacts will be presented by Key, Lock & Lantern members, and a Railroadiana Collectors Market will give visitors the opportunity to take home some authentic memorabilia, including lanterns, timetables, and dining car china. The annual meeting of Key, Lock & Lantern will take place in the morning, followed by the organization's annual railroadiana fund raiser auction. A \$7 registration fee for the event will be collected at the door.

A special Adirondack Scenic RR excursion train will depart from Utica Union Station at 4:00pm on Saturday, June 6th, for a round trip over the normally freight-only Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern RR to Boonville, NY. The train will lay over in this old Black River Canal town long enough to allow passengers to explore the village and dine in one of its many fine restaurants. Arrival back in Utica is planned for around 9:00pm, after which a railroad slide & video program will take place at the Hotel Utica. Tickets for the trip over this former New York Central line are \$35 per person.

On Sunday, June 7th, convention activities will move to Milford, NY (located about a one hour drive southeast of Utica), for an excursion on the Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley RR. The special Key, Lock & Lantern train will depart from the restored Milford depot at 11:00am for a round trip over the former Delaware & Hudson branch line to Cooperstown, NY. The cafe car will be open on the train for a light lunch, and arrival back at Milford is planned for around 2:00pm. Tickets for this trip are \$15 per person (food not included).

Complete convention schedules and information, along with online train ticket ordering, may be found on the Key, Lock & Lantern website at www.klnl.org. Key, Lock & Lantern is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, with the mission of gathering and publishing information about transportation history, and supporting the preservation of all types of railroad memorabilia. The annual Key, Lock & Lantern Convention began in the early 1970's as a railroadiana collectors swap meet, and has grown in recent years to include railroad history programs, train rides, and related activities. Visit the Key, Lock & Lantern website at www.klnl.org for free newsletters about railroad preservation, an online event calendar, images for media use, and related resources.

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