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2016 Railroad History Expo to be Held in Utica, NY Programs & Train Ride Planned for Key Lock & Lantern Convention

Key, Lock & Lantern, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of railroad history and memorabilia, has announced that its 44th Annual Convention will be held in Utica, NY, over the weekend of June 4th & 5th, 2016. Highlights of the convention will include a Railroad History Exposition, railroad history programs, and a chartered photographer's special excursion train on the Adirondack Scenic Railroad.

The Railroad History Exposition will take place in the historic Hotel Utica, at 102 Lafayette St. in downtown Utica, NY, and is open to all railroad enthusiasts and collectors between 10:00am and 2:00pm on Saturday, June 4th. Displays of original railroad artifacts will be presented by Key, Lock & Lantern members, and a Railroadians 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 railroadians fund raiser auction. A \$7 registration fee for the event will be collected at the door.

On Saturday evening, a dinner program will be held at the Trackside Restaurant, located in the historic Utica Union Station. A banquet dinner will be served at 6:00pm, followed by railroad history programs presented by Key Lock & Lantern members and guests. A variety of presentations are scheduled, including vintage films and digital programs. All railroad history buffs are invited to attend, with tickets available by advance reservation at \$25 per person.

A special Adirondack Scenic Railroad excursion train will depart from Utica Union Station at 9:45am on Sunday, June 5th, for a round trip into the Adirondack wilderness. The train will pass through pine forests, over high trestles, and along the rolling Moose River before arriving at remote Big Moose station for lunch. On the return trip, several photo stops are planned at historic depots and scenic locations along the line. The train will include air conditioned coaches, a cafe car, and an open baggage car where passenger can enjoy to cool breeze while watching to scenery roll by. Several ticket options are available, ranging from basic coach tickets at \$45 each, to seats in luxury private cars at \$159. Tickets that include lunch at Big Moose are also available.

Complete convention schedules and information, along with online registration, 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 railroadians 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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