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Key Lock & Lantern Steams Into Scranton for 2017 Annual Convention

Program to Include Transportation History Exposition, Train Excursion & Lectures

Key, Lock & Lantern, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of railroad & transportation history, has announced that its 45th Annual Convention will be held in Scranton, PA, over the weekend of May 12-14, 2017. Highlights of the convention will include a Transportation History Exposition, railroad history programs, and a special excursion train over the former Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad mainline.

All events will take place at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, at 700 Lackawanna Avenue in downtown Scranton. The hotel was once the main train station and division headquarters of the Lackawanna Railroad, with modern guest rooms now occupying former offices, and the waiting room converted into a spacious lobby and restaurant. With trains still rumbling by on nearby tracks, and many of the building's original fixtures restored to their former glory, the hotel provides the perfect venue for a transportation history convention.

Activities will begin at 10:00am on Friday, May 12th, when a special excursion train will depart from behind the hotel for a trip through the Pocono Mountains to the scenic Delaware Water Gap. Passengers will have the choice of riding in a former Erie-Lackawanna commuter coach, a restored DL&W caboose, or an observation lounge car. A stop will be made at East Stroudsburg, PA, for passengers to enjoy lunch on their own at one of several nearby restaurants, and to photograph the train near the town's historic signal tower. After continuing to Slateford Junction, the train will return to Scranton, with a dinner time arrival.

On Saturday, May 13th, from 9:30am to 2:30pm, the annual Transportation History Exposition will be held at the Lackawanna Station Hotel ballroom. Transportation, railroad and industrial history displays will be presented by Key, Lock & Lantern members, with many exhibitors also offering original artifacts for sale or trade. From tickets and timetables to lanterns and dining car china, all types of memorabilia will be on display. The annual meeting of Key, Lock & Lantern will take place in the morning, followed by the organization's annual railroadians fund raiser event. Anyone interested in transportation and industrial history is invited to attend, with a \$7 registration fee collected at the door.

On Saturday evening, a dinner program will be held in the hotel's Platform Lounge, where passengers once boarded luxury trains such as the Phoebe Snow. A buffet dinner will be served, and several railroad and transportation history presentations are planned to follow. The schedule for Sunday has been left open for convention attendees to visit nearby Steamtown, the Electric City Trolley Museum, and other local historic sites.

Complete convention schedules and information, along with online registration, will 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 related 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 other resources.

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