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All Aboard for Scranton and the Key, Lock & Lantern Transportation History Exposition & Convention

Key, Lock & Lantern, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of transportation history and memorabilia, has announced that its 46th Annual Convention will be held in Scranton, PA, over the weekend of June 2-3, 2018. Highlights of the convention will include a Transportation History Exposition, railroad history programs, and a special excursion train to the summit of the Poconos. All events will take place at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, in the historic DL&W train station in downtown Scranton.

The Transportation History Exposition will take place on Saturday, June 2nd, from 9:30am to 2:30pm, at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel banquet room. All history buffs and collectors are invited to attend, with an \$8 registration fee collected at the door. Exhibits of railroad, transportation, and industrial memorabilia will be presented by Key, Lock & Lantern members, with many original artifacts available for sale or trade. The annual meeting of Key, Lock & Lantern will take place in the morning, followed by the organization's annual railroadians fund raiser auction. At 4:00pm, a lecture by noted railroad author Tom Nemeth will be given, introducing his new book *Pocono Mountain Route: The Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad*.

On Saturday evening, a dinner program will be held at the Platform Lounge, where passengers once boarded famous trains such as the *Phoebe Snow* and *Lackawanna Limited*. A banquet dinner will be served at 6:00pm, followed by railroad history programs presented by Key Lock & Lantern members and guests. Several presentations on regional transportation history are planned, with speakers to be announced. Dinner reservations may be made as part of the convention registration package.

On Sunday, June 3rd, a special excursion train will board at 10:00am on the platform behind the hotel, for a day long railfan trip over the former Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad mainline. The train will travel through the scenic Pocono Mountains, stopping at the history museum in Gouldsboro, PA, before continuing to the summit at Tobyhanna, PA. Here, special tours of the old railroad signal tower and other historic sites are planned, along with a lunch break. On the return trip, a photo stop will be made at the Nay Aug Tunnel, with arrival back in Scranton planned for 5:00pm. Seats will be available in a former EL/NJT coach, a restored caboose, or an observation lounge car, as part of the convention registration package.

Complete event listings 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 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 a variety of history programs, train rides, and related activities. Visit the Key, Lock & Lantern website at www.klnl.org for free newsletters, an online event calendar, images for media use, and related resources.

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