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All Aboard for the 2018 Transportation History Exposition and Pocono Mountain Express Train Ride

On Saturday, June 2nd, Scranton's Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel will be transformed into an exhibit hall filled with displays exploring the region's railroad and industrial history. Key, Lock & Lantern, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of transportation history and memorabilia, will be holding its annual Transportation History Exposition in the historic building, which once served as the city's main train station. Members of the group will arrange museum-quality exhibits of original photos and transportation memorabilia, and will also offer a variety of authentic artifacts for sale.

The Transportation History Exposition is just one of several events that will take place as part of Key Lock & Lantern's annual convention, which is being held in Scranton for the second year in a row. "With a history rooted in the coal mining and transportation industries, Scranton offers the perfect venue for a conference of historians and researchers in this field," said KL&L president David Hamilton. "And with world-class museums such as Steamtown and the Electric City Trolley Museum right around the corner, it was an easy decision to return to Scranton for the 2018 convention."

Representatives of Steamtown's archives department will be on hand at the Transportation History Exposition, to share news about their current projects. Other organizations participating in the event include the Ontario and Western Railway Historical Society, the East Stroudsburg Railroad Tower Society, and the National Association of Timetable Collectors. Noted railroad author Tom Nemeth will be presenting a program on his new book about the history of the regional Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad, followed by a book signing session. Additional lectures will take place on Saturday evening, following the annual Key Lock & Lantern banquet dinner.

On Sunday, June 3rd, a special Pocono Mountain Express excursion train will depart from Scranton at 10am for a scenic trip to Tobyhanna and return. The train will be pulled by historic diesel locomotives, and riders will be seated in vintage equipment including an Erie Lackawanna coach and an original Lackawanna Railroad caboose. Passengers will be able to visit the museums in the Gouldsboro and Tobyhanna train stations, and a photo stop is planned at the Nay Aug Tunnel, before arriving back in Scranton around 4pm. Ticket prices are \$55 for coach seats and \$100 for a unique ride in the caboose.

Admission to the Transportation History Exposition, which will be open in the Radisson's main banquet hall from 9am to 2:30pm on Saturday, June 2nd, is \$8 per person. This fee includes admission to the afternoon book signing program and evening lectures, with an additional charge for the buffet dinner (which must be reserved in advance). Discounted registration packages are available for those who would like to attend all events, with information and online ticket sales available on the Key Lock & Lantern website at www.klnl.org.

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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, and other resources related to the history of transportation and industry.

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Interviews, exhibit previews, and photo opportunities at the Radisson hotel with Steamtown train operations on the adjacent tracks on Friday, June 1st may be arranged by contacting Key Lock & Lantern President David Hamilton at transportsim@aol.com or cell phone 518-526-6941.