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Carbondale to Host Annual Transportation & Industrial History Conference

On Saturday, August 14th, Carbondale's Hotel Anthracite 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 this city that once served as a major railroad hub. Members of the group will display 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 Carbondale, PA for the first time. "With a history rooted in the coal mining and transportation industries, Carbondale 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 hold the convention in this region."

Key Lock & Lantern members from across the country will participate in the event, along with representatives from local and national historical societies. Exhibits will include displays of artifacts from railroads around the region, including "tools of the trade," such as lanterns, timetables, and locomotive fixtures. Lines that have been the subject of past displays have included the Lackawanna Railroad, the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company's railroad, and the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Visitors to the expo will have the opportunity to take home some original railroad memorabilia, as many exhibitors offer items from their collections for sale.

Several transportation history lectures will take place on Saturday evening in the Hotel Anthracite, following the group's annual meeting and dinner. Local historian Dr. S. Robert Powell of the Carbondale Historical Society will present a program about the Delaware & Hudson Gravity Railroad, and Walter Kierzkowski of the Ontario & Western Historical Society will give a virtual tour of that railroad's facilities in the region. Many members of the group are current or retired railroaders, and they will be sharing stories and photos after the conclusion of the formal presentations.

Everyone with an interest in transportation and industrial history is invited to attend these events, with registration for the Transportation History Exposition available at the door for \$10 per person. This fee also includes admission to the evening programs. All events will take place in the Hotel Anthracite, at 25 South Main St. in Carbondale. The exhibits will be open from 9:00am to 3:00pm, and the lectures start at 7:00pm on Saturday, August 14th. Additional information is 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 railroading 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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