



# KEY LOCK & LANTERN NEWS



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## 38th Annual Key, Lock & Lantern Convention to be Held in Albany

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of Key, Lock & Lantern will be held during the second weekend of April, at the traditional location of the Albany/Glenmont Comfort Inn in Glenmont, NY. Convention activities will include a railroad memorabilia display and swap meet, which is open to all railroaders collectors and railroad history buffs, from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, April 10, 2010. As in previous years, all types of railroaders will be exhibited, with a primary focus on lanterns, tools, and hardware, but also including paper items such as timetables, books, and postcards.

Unlike the big railroad hobby shows, the Key, Lock & Lantern convention is a smaller gathering that is focused strictly on railroad history and authentic memorabilia (no repros, souvenirs or toy trains), giving collectors and history buffs the opportunity to share information and trade items in a more relaxed atmosphere. In the past, admission to the display and swap meet was limited to Key, Lock & Lantern members, but in recent years this part of the convention has been open to anyone interested in railroad history and collecting. Both new and experienced collectors are certain to find something of interest at the convention.



a registration form in the mail, and an early response is appreciated. Due to limited space, advance registration is required for a table in the exhibit hall.

This year, a railroad slide/movie night is being planned for Saturday afternoon, following the annual meeting, auction, and swap meet. Exact details will be announced soon (please e-mail Dave Hamilton at [transportsim@aol.com](mailto:transportsim@aol.com) if you are interested). Also this year, the annual Kingston Train & Hobby Expo is scheduled for the following day, on April 11, 2010, and is being held about 90 minutes south of Albany in Poughkeepsie, NY. For modern train watchers, the busy Selkirk Yard and Albany-Rensselaer station are each located about ten minutes away from the convention, so it is well suited for a weekend of railroading.

The Key, Lock & Lantern convention will be held at the Albany/Glenmont Comfort Inn, on Route 9W in Glenmont, NY, just south of Albany Exit 23 on the New York State Thruway. The exhibit hall will be open for general admission from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, April 10, 2010. For full convention registration information, contact John Brainard at [j944wb@aol.com](mailto:j944wb@aol.com) or by phone at 201-569-9758 between 7 & 9pm. For hotel reservations, contact the Comfort Inn directly at 518-465-8811, and mention KL&L for a special convention rate.



Admission to the displays and swap meet is \$7 at the door. Full convention registration is only \$15 for current KL&L members, and includes table space, early admission to the swap meet, and other activities. The registration fee for those who are not current members of Key, Lock & Lantern is \$40. This fee includes admission to convention activities, a table at the swap meet, and a full one year membership in the organization. Current KL&L members should have received

**Don't Forget to Send In Your  
Convention Registration Form!!!**

## Collections of Key, Lock & Lantern Members to be Auctioned

The collections of two former Key, Lock & Lantern members will be featured in several upcoming estate and consignment auctions. On March 27<sup>th</sup>, part of the late James Parella's collection of rare memorabilia from the NYO&W and other New York railroads will be sold by Jenack Auctioneers of Chester, NY. Included in the auction will be various lanterns from the O&W, D&H and the Ulster & Delaware RR, along with locks, hardware and other railroadiana. James Parella was a trustee of Key, Lock & Lantern for many years, and he was always willing to share his vast knowledge of the O&W with his fellow members at the KL&L conventions. For more information, go to [www.jenack.com](http://www.jenack.com).



*Photo courtesy of Jenack Auctioneers*

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, the Brookline Auction Gallery of Brookline, NH will hold its first railroadiana consignment auction, managed by KL&L member Scott Czaja. After completing the sale of the John Knowles collection last year, Brookline Auctions has decided to continue in the railroadiana business, and the first auction will include a number of rare and unusual items. In addition to consignments, a large part of the auction will be devoted to the collection of the late Gordon Alling. His extensive railroadiana collection included rare lanterns from New England railroads, a number of which were featured in KL&L and Barrett's *Illustrated Encyclopedia of Railroad Lighting*. For more information, visit the auction website at [www.tagtown.net](http://www.tagtown.net).



*Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery*



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## The Key, Lock & Lantern Magazine

Key, Lock & Lantern Issue #157 will soon be going to press, bringing publication back on schedule after our recent unplanned change of editors. This edition will include the next installment in our series examining the history of the Dietz Vesta lantern, with feature articles about the mascot of the Railway Mail Service, and Charlie, the most famous customer of Boston's MTA. Regular columns in this issue will include "Photos from Along the Line," new Questions & Answers, and the return of our Fakes & Reproductions report. We'll also have some tips for digital photography of railroadiana.

We hope that readers have enjoyed our new "General Stores Department" column, with the accounts of the lantern and lamp repair programs on the Denver & Rio Grande, Santa Fe, and Maine Central railroads, along with reprints of period advertising. Additional material on these subjects is planned for future issues. Also, we will continue our "Railway Guide" column, having received positive comments about our chronology of New York Central name and logo changes in Issue #155. Our series on the preservation and restoration of paper railroadiana will also continue in future issues.

Thank you to our recent contributors, including Ken Andrews for his photo gallery of Central Railroad of New Jersey passes, Phil Simms for several articles on locks, Michael Orange for his memorabilia from Louisville area railroads, and Larry Davis for his pictures for the "Photos from Along the Line" column. Also, the responses to the "Questions & Answers" column are much appreciated. As always, Key, Lock & Lantern relies on contributions from our members, so let's keep the material coming!

### Magazine Submissions Are Appreciated:

Questions & Answers  
 Fakes & Reproductions  
 Photos from Along the Line  
 From My Collection  
 General Stores Department  
 The Railway Guide  
 Know Your Collector

*Photos & Notes Are Fine - We'll do the Rest*



## Railroadiana Show & Auction Calendar

- March 20 Taylor, MI – Ray Nikolai's Railroadiana & Model Train Show. Taylor Town Trade Center, 22525 Ecorse Rd., Taylor, MI. Info: 248-541-1000.
- March 27 Chester, NY – Railroadiana Auction. Preview 9:00 to 10:45am. Jenack Auctioneers, 62 Kings Highway Bypass, Chester, NY. Info: www.jenack.com.
- April 3 DeLand, FL – 31<sup>st</sup> Florida Rail Fair. 9:00am to 4:00pm. Volusia County Fairgrounds, DeLand, FL. Info: www.gserr.com.
- April 10 Albany, NY – 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Key, Lock & Lantern Convention. Exhibits open 10:00am to 2:00pm. Albany/Glenmont Comfort Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, NY. www.klnl.org.
- April 11 Poughkeepsie, NY - Kingston Train & Hobby Expo. 10:00am to 4:00pm. Gold's Gym. Info: 845-334-8233.
- April 17 Columbus, OH – 47<sup>th</sup> Buckeye Railroadiana & Model Train Show. 9:00am to 4:00pm. Lausche Building, Ohio Expo Center, Columbus, OH. Info: www.gserr.com.
- April 23/24 Brookline, NH – Railroadiana Auction. Friday 6:30pm & Saturday 10:30am. Brookline Auction Gallery, Brookline, NH. Info: www.tagtown.net.
- May 22 Albuquerque, NM – 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Albuquerque Railroad Fair. 9:00am to 4:00pm. New Mexico State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque, NM. Info: www.gserr.com.
- May 28/30 Lone Jack, MO – Railroadiana Auction. Three day auction of a huge collection. Dirk Soulis Auctions, Lone Jack, MO. Info: www.dirksoulisauctions.com.
- Jun 5/6 Saint Charles, IL – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Charles Railroad Show. 9:00am to 4:00pm. DuPage Expo Center, St. Charles, IL.

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