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38th Annual Key, Lock & Lantern Convention A Success

Over sixty KL&L members and local railroadians collectors attended the 38th annual Key, Lock & Lantern convention, held on April 10th, at its traditional location in Albany, NY. Many members set up displays of unusual items from their collections, and everyone had something for sale or trade. As usual, "early bird" trading took place among convention registrants on Friday night, while all interested collectors were invited to attend the swap meet and auction on Saturday.

A number of items changed hands, including Rutland and New York Central lanterns, Hudson River Day Line baggage tags, many different locks & keys, and books & other paper. Auction participants were able to bid on several lanterns, postcards, timetables, locks, and china. There were some great deals on interesting items, with all auction proceeds going to support KL&L.

Key, Lock & Lantern mugs and KL&L index CD's were also available, and members who added a \$5 donation to their dues payment while at the convention received a free subscription to the monthly New York-Pennsylvania Collector magazine. Overall, the various fund raising efforts were a huge success.

The "Best of Show" award went to Randy Bushart, for his extensive display that included telegraph office equipment, and related train order memorabilia, along with other items from his hometown of Elmira, NY. Other displays included



Randy Bushart's display took the Best of Show Award.

a nice collection of brasstop bellbottom lanterns, a display of modern switch keys, and trolley memorabilia. More detailed photos of these excellent exhibits will be published in the next print edition of the KL&L magazine.

After the auction and a brief general membership meeting, sandwiches and refreshments were served, and convention participants had time to visit with old and new friends. The atmosphere at the KL&L convention is more relaxed than at the big shows, and there was plenty of time for everyone to view all of the displays at a leisurely pace.

Following the close of the displays and swap meet, a railroad slide and movie program was held in the exhibit hall. George Cook presented several reels of movies that he shot during the 1960's, with subjects that included trips on the D&RGW, the California Zephyr, the C&O James River route, and the Southern Pacific. The results of his efforts to locate the last operational steam locomotives on several shortline and logging railroads were also shown.

Several other members brought slides, and Randy Bushart gave a digital presentation about his travels around the CSX system during the year. William Sternitzke presented his DVD of trains on Conrail's River Line and Southern Tier, that was recently released by Green Frog Productions.



There were plenty of items for trade at the swap meet.

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KL&L Enters the “Digital Age”

Although Key, Lock & Lantern is an organization that is dedicated to preserving railroad history, most KL&L members make use of modern technology in the pursuit of our hobby. Whether it is by bidding on items in an online auction, or performing research in a scanned book, we have all become a part of the “digital age.”

Key, Lock & Lantern was founded over forty years ago with the purpose of providing a means for collectors of railroadiana to contact each other, and to facilitate the exchange of information. Since then, our magazine has grown into a publication that is now considered to be an important resource for collectors and railroad historians.

While our quarterly printed magazine will continue to form the cornerstone of our organization, we are now able to use the internet to support our original mission of exchanging information. To better serve our members, KL&L is rolling out several new electronic resources.

The first is this newsletter, which is distributed in PDF format to Key Lock & Lantern members via e-mail. As a supplement to our printed magazine, it will allow us to publish news items in a more timely manner, and free up space in the magazine for photos and articles.

We have also created a Key, Lock & Lantern page on the internet social network site Facebook. This website allows for friends and people with similar interests to get in touch with each other, and will help to introduce KL&L to the younger generation. We are planning to add more content to our website in the future, as well.

While the reports of the death of print media are greatly exaggerated, there is no denying that the “digital age” is here, and KL&L is getting on board. We hope that you will find this newsletter to be useful, and welcome your feedback.

Dave Hamilton
KL&L President & Editor



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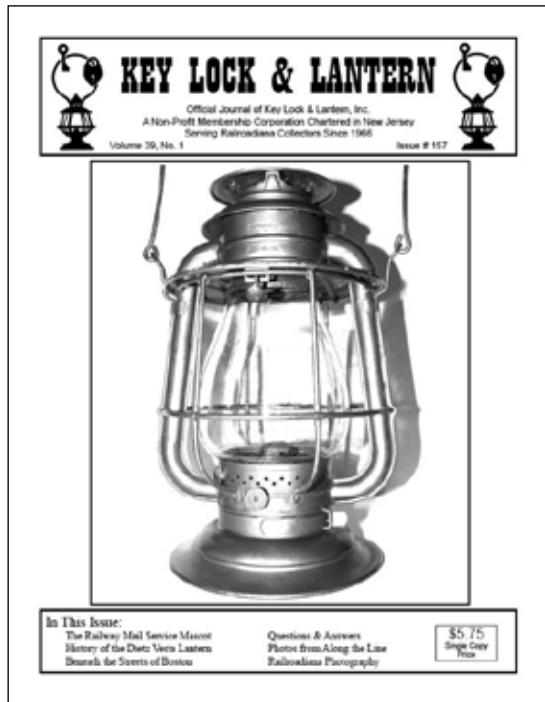
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Railroadiana Show & Auction Calendar



- May 22 Albuquerque, NM – 15th Annual Albuquerque Railroad Fair. 9am-4pm. New Mexico State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque, NM.
Info: www.gserr.com.
- May 28-30 Lone Jack, MO – Railroadiana Auction. See ad on Page 3 for schedule & more info. Dirk Soulis Auctions, Lone Jack, MO.
Info: www.dirksoulisauctions.com.
- Jun 5-6 Saint Charles, IL – 2nd Annual St. Charles Railroad Show. 9am-4pm. DuPage Expo Center, St. Charles, IL.
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Jun 12 Rochester, NH – Railroadiana Auction. 10:00am. Preview 7:30am. JW Auction Co., Rochester American Legion Post 7.
Info: www.jwauctionco.com.
- Jun 13 Saint Charles, IL - 34th Annual Kane County Railroadiana Show. 10am-3pm. Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles, IL.
Info: www.kanecountyrshow.com.
- Jun 19-20 Latham, NY – Railroadiana Auction. Sat 10am & Sun 11am. Jon Lee Auctions, Latham Circle Mall. Info: www.auctionzip.com.
- Jun 26 Charlotte, NC - 7th Annual North Carolina Model Train & Railroadiana Show. 9am-4pm. Metrolina Trade Expo Center.
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Jul 10 DeLand, FL - Florida Rail Fair. 9am-4pm. Volusia County Fairgrounds, DeLand, FL.
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Jul 16-17 New Haven, CT - NAOTC Annual Convention. Transportation paper show on July 17th, 8am-3pm, Holiday Inn, North Haven, CT.
Info: www.naotc.com
- Jul 17 Lancaster, PA - 1st Annual Lancaster Lock Show. 9am-4pm. HOST Resort, Lancaster, PA.
Info: www.lancasterlockshow.com.



Key, Lock & Lantern Issue #157

Key, Lock & Lantern Issue #157 was mailed to members during the first week of April. This edition includes the second 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 include another "Photo from Along the Line" from the collection of Larry Davis, several new Questions & Answers, and the return of our Fakes & Reproductions report. KL&L members who are considering sending in photos from their collections will find useful information in an article about editing digital images for publication.

Membership Renewals Are Due

Membership renewal forms were included with the mailing of Key, Lock & Lantern Issue #157. Please take a moment to return the form with your dues payment for this year. The mailing label on your envelope indicates the number of the last issue that you will receive before your membership runs out. Our board of trustees has voted to keep the dues amount the same for the year, despite an increase in costs, so your prompt renewal is more important than ever.

Additional donations included with your renewal are always appreciated. As you are no doubt aware, Key, Lock & Lantern is a non-profit organization, and every dollar that we receive is used to improve the quality of our magazine, newsletter, and other resources.

There are plenty of interesting articles lined up for future issues, including the next part in our history of the Dietz Vesta lantern, and our series on the conservation of paper railroadiana. Those who enjoyed the articles by Phil Simms about the "figure eight" and other locks will be interested in his story about O&W "alphabet" keys in an upcoming issue.

If you have misplaced your renewal form, a membership application is included on the last page of this newsletter. Don't forget to include a current e-mail address, in order to ensure that you continue to receive this e-mail newsletter.

Magazine Submissions Are Appreciated:

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 From My Collection
 The Railway Guide
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Railroadiana Auction



Memorial Day Weekend

Friday Evening, May 28th
 Saturday, May 29th, 10am
 Sunday, May 30th, 11am

The Collection of Steve & Sherri Stich
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Recent Auctions Show There is Still a Market for the Rare & Unusual

While economic recovery may be a slow process, and prices for more common types of railroadiana are down, several recent auctions have shown that there still is a fairly strong market for the “good stuff.” The auctions of a part of James Parella’s collection and the April multiple-estate auction at Brookline Auction Gallery both included numerous rare items that attracted several serious bidders.

On March 27th, Jenack Auctioneers of Chester, NY sold the first part of James Parella’s extensive collection of memorabilia from the NYO&W and other New York railroads. Although the prices realized for the more common items reflected the current state of the market, there was spirited bidding for the rarer lanterns in the sale. Jenack offers live internet bidding, along with absentee and phone bidding, and there were times when staff members were rapidly executing bids from every source.



This NYO&W Dietz bellbottom with a blue logo globe brought \$2600. Photo courtesy of Jenack Auctioneers

As expected, the NYO&W lanterns with the various marked colored globes were among the more popular items, bringing around \$2500 each. A bid of \$800 took home either of the rare Delaware & Eastern and Delaware & Northern lanterns, and many other lanterns pushed the \$400-500 range. All of the lanterns in the sale were cleaned and restored, making them well worth the prices that were paid.

A number of locks and keys, also in very good condition, were offered at the sale. The rarer locks were sold individually, while the more common ones were grouped in lots of two or more pieces, with most lots selling in the \$100-200 range. A few signs, books, paper and other items completed the 100 or so lots of railroadiana at this auction. Another installment is planned for later in the year.



A street railroad hat badge with the unusual occupation of “Dock Master” sold at auction for \$265. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery

On April 23rd & 24th, the first consignment auction managed by Scott Czaja was held at the Brookline Auction Gallery in Brookline, NH. Included in this sale were a number of items from the collections of Gordon Alling and James McFarlane, with a focus on memorabilia from New England. An online catalog with very detailed descriptions and photos resulted in a number of absentee bids, and a good crowd was on hand for “on the floor” bidding.

Those who expected to return home empty-handed, due to the high quality of the railroadiana that was offered, were pleasantly surprised to discover that some lots went for fairly reasonable prices. The many museum-quality pieces that were in the sale required some persistent bidding, though.

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The curious Grand Central Station lantern with the green No.39 globe in a “bent” No.6 frame brought \$3100. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery

Auction Season Continues with Several Large Collections

Several large railroadiana collections are scheduled to be sold over the next few months, as auction season gets into full swing. The huge collection of Steve & Sherri Stich will be auctioned by Dirk Soulis Auctions of Lone Jack, Mo, in a three day sale over Memorial Day weekend. From lanterns, tools, and china, to signs, timetables and paper, there is something for everyone at this auction.



*Part of the railroadiana collection of Steve & Sherri Stich.
Photo courtesy of Dirk Soulis Auctions.*

Many western lines are represented in the Stich collection, which is expected to take the entire weekend to sell. For those who are unable to attend the auction in person, absentee bidding by phone or internet is available. With such a large variety of railroadiana, including many rare and unusual items, this promises to be an exciting sale. For a schedule and additional information, see the ad on page 3.



*Memorabilia from the collection of Steve & Sherri Stich.
Photo courtesy of Dirk Soulis Auctions.*



The Stich collection includes several bells & other rolling stock fixtures. Photo courtesy of Dirk Soulis Auctions.

Another large collection is scheduled to be sold over the weekend of June 19th, by Jon Lee Auctions of Latham, NY. This collection includes a large number of lamps, lanterns, oil cans, and other hardware, mostly from eastern railroads. There are also many books, timetables, and paper items. With over 800 lots, this auction is planned to take place over two days.

For additional information about this auction, and other shows, auctions and related events, check out our railroad events calendar on page 2. With plenty of memorabilia on the auction block, this should be an interesting summer.

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*Part of the collection to be sold by Jon Lee Auctions.
Photo courtesy of Jon Lee Auctions.*

Large Collections to be Auctioned

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Dining car china from the collection of Steve & Sherri Stich. Photo courtesy of Dirk Soulis Auctions.



Some of the lanterns to be auctioned in Latham, NY. Photo courtesy of Jon Lee Auctions.

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Switch locks & keys to be sold by Jon Lee Auctions. Photo courtesy of Jon Lee Auctions.

Railroadiana Shows & Auctions Lined Up for Summer Months

A number of railroadiana shows and sales are scheduled to take place over the next several months, catering to collectors in various parts of the country. Starting off the summer season, the 15th Annual Albuquerque Railroad Fair will be held at the New Mexico State Fairgrounds on May 22nd.

Two shows are planned for the Chicago area, with the St. Charles Railroad Show taking place over the weekend of June 5th & 6th at the DuPage Expo Center, and the 34th Annual Kane County Railroadiana Show to be held on June 13th at the Kane County Fairground. The 7th Annual North Carolina Model Train & Railroadiana Show at the Charlotte Metrolina Trade Expo Center is planned for June 26th.

The regularly scheduled railroadiana consignment auctions held by JW Auction Company of Rochester, NH continue on June 12th. Ted Maurer of Pottstown, PA expects to include some railroadiana auctions in his summer line-up, as well. For more information on upcoming railroadiana shows and auctions, see our calendar on page 3.

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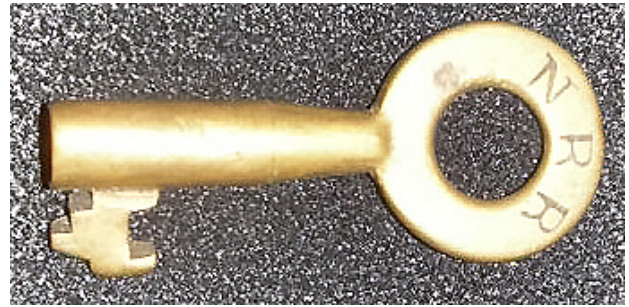
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Rare & Unusual Railroadiana Auctioned

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Several of the lanterns from Barrett's book were auctioned, including the New England Glass triple-marked B&A, which brought \$1750, and the Concord RR Thompson, which went for \$1700. A rare Nashua & Lowell from New England Glass surpassed both of those lanterns at \$4100, and the curious Grand Central Station bellbottom with the green cast No.39 globe brought \$3100.

For those interested in switch keys, there was an opportunity to add some rare examples to their collections. A Western RR key brought \$400, a well marked Boston Hartford & Erie went for \$500, and \$450 was needed to take home one from the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill.



This Northern RR key sold for a reasonable price of \$75. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery

Not everything was high priced, with a few lanterns selling in the \$75-\$200 range, and there were a few bargains at the Friday night session. Even collectors who came primarily to watch the sale of the rarer items were able to take something home.

More photos from this auction will be published in a future edition of the Key, Lock & Lantern magazine. The next installment of items from these collections is scheduled for October, and it promises to be an interesting sale. *All prices reported are "hammer prices" and do not include buyers premiums.*



A nice Bangor & Aroostook lock & key set brought \$480. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery

High quality New England dining car china was advertised as one of the highlights of the auction, and examples of several rare patterns were sold. A B&M "Bar Harbor" platter brought \$425, a Maine Central "Pinecone" creamer sold for \$700, and a high bid of \$800 purchased an 11" B&M "Minuteman" plate.

There was plenty of memorabilia from outside of New England in the sale, as well. Several nicely restored lanterns from western and midwestern railroads were sold, along with some rare items from upstate New York trolley lines.



A 6 1/4 x 5 inch oval dish, one of several pieces of Maine Central RR "Pinecone" dining car china, sold for \$525. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery



One of several lots from outside of New England, this Monon Route bellbottom lantern brought \$750. Photo courtesy of Scott Czaja / Brookline Auction Gallery

Key Lock & Lantern Convention

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Most convention participants took home something new for their collections, and everyone had a good time visiting with fellow collectors. The efforts of convention organizers John and Marie Brainard, and those who set up displays or donated auction items, were much appreciated by everyone who attended. Thanks again to everyone who participated in the 38th annual Key Lock & Lantern convention, and we'll see you next year!



Marie Brainard greets KL&L convention registrants.



Collectors examine a nice selection of railroad postcards.

First Annual Lock Show to be Held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania

The First Annual Lancaster Lock Show will be held from 9:00am to 4:00pm, on July 17, 2010, at the HOST Resort in Lancaster, Pa. In addition to antique locks, other types of hardware and railroadiana will be offered for sale.

Early bird admission during dealer set-up hours on Friday afternoon is available, along with group discounts. The HOST Resort is located on Route 30, in Lancaster, Pa, which is only a short drive from the various railroad museums in nearby Strasburg. For more information, visit the show web site at www.lancasterlockshow.com.



A variety of memorabilia at the KL&L convention.

Timetable Collectors Association Convention Scheduled for July

The National Association of Timetable Collectors will hold its annual convention during the weekend of July 16, 2010, in New Haven, Connecticut. As part of the weekend events, a transportation paper show is scheduled from 8am to 3pm on Saturday, July 17th, at the Holiday Inn in North Haven. This show is open to the public, and many NAOTC members are expected to have timetables and other paper railroadiana for sale or trade.

Admission to early trading sessions, and other activities, is open to registered members. The NAOTC is non-profit organization for collectors of timetables from railroads and other modes of transportation. For more information, visit their web site at www.naotc.com.

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For Sale

For Sale: D&H Schenevus station sign - 13 3/4" x 74" steel with cast iron letters. In very good condition, ready for display. \$500.00. Ralph Gasner, 86 Chappell Dr., Milford, NH 03055. Call 603-673-6125.

Wanted

Wanted: Switch keys from the L&HR, WVRR, SRR, NY&ERR. Stock Certificates: Wawayanda RR, Mine Hill RR, Pequest & Walkill RR, and Southfield Branch RR. Phil Simms, 8 Still Waters Drive, Campbell Hall, NY, 10916. Call 845-427-5051.

Wanted: Brass burner for a Dressel double wire tall globe railroad lantern & twist off font with burner for a Dietz 39 Vulcan wire frame. Also buying Western Maryland locks, keys, lanterns & globes, and C&PRR items. Joseph G. Hauger, 401 2nd St., Terra Alta, WV, 26764. E-mail address: whiteoak4@verizon.net or phone 304-789-2229.

Wanted: Looking for small hardware items from the Northhampton & Bath RR such as keys, badges, brass time/tool checks or any other significant small item. Have some interesting items to trade from US Steel roads. Contact Jeff Wolfe at lobowolf@aol.com.

Wanted: Hardware items from the Gary Railways, EJ&E and CLS&E, NYCL oiler keys, NYC Subdivision tags and livery and dray badges. Contact Jeff Wolfe at lobowolf@aol.com.

Wanted: Diesel builders plates, especially EL and other northeastern US railroads. Have plates to trade. E-mail: RBombel@aol.com.

Wanted: Switch key for the PCRY (Pacific Coast Railway), not PCRR (Penn Central), probably made by Fraim. Contact Steve Mott at 805-544-5339 or by e-mail at sjmott2359@sbcglobal.net.

Wanted: Switch key from the Fort Eustis Military RR. Also photo of USAX engine #7291. This was an army engine that I worked on but never got a photo of. Contact Charles McQueen at 29705 Robert Dr, Livonia, MI 48150.

Wanted

Wanted: PRR Macbeth #220 pearl glass globes with straight letters 3/4" in height, "PRR" in rectangle. Need clear and red globes. Have traders or cash. Joel Shaw, 31 Sandle Drive, Fairport, NY 14450. Phone: 585-385-3776.

Wanted: Keys, locks, lanterns, fly fishing leader boxes, passes, buttons & other from the Denver, South Park & Pacific Ry - Denver, Leadville & Gunnison Ry - Union Pacific Denver & Gulf - Colorado & Southern Ry. Leonard Walmsley, 11044 Claire Circle, Northglenn, CO, 80234. 303-429-8674.

For Trade

For Trade: W&ARRCo brass top wire bottom 1878 model A&W. Also, switch type key marked SRRR, possibly Sandy River RR. Contact Walter Sulowski at walter-sulowski@msn.com.

Announcements

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If you have enjoyed the KL&L News, and are not yet a member, please consider joining Key, Lock & Lantern. In addition to this e-mail newsletter, members of KL&L receive our quarterly high-quality printed magazine, with in-depth articles about railroadiana and railroad history. Members are also able to place free want ads in the KL&L magazine and newsletter, and are invited to participate in the activities at the annual convention.

Key, Lock & Lantern has been serving railroadiana collectors for over forty years, and with your support, our organization will continue to expand and improve. There is no better time than the present to get on board!



KL&L Dues & Officers Approved at Annual Meeting in Albany

The meeting of the Key, Lock & Lantern Board was held on April 9, 2010, in conjunction with the annual convention. The officers and trustees, as listed in KL&L Issue #157, were approved, with the addition of Sam Ferrara as a trustee and David Hamilton as Editor, in place of Sam & Pat Lombardi.

The board discussed the possibility of a dues increase, but voted to keep the cost of membership at the same level for the coming year. Several generous donations and successful fund raising efforts have helped to offset the increase in costs that we have recently experienced.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, as was the report of the VP-Membership and Treasurer. The actions of the board were ratified at the General Membership meeting on April 10, 2010. Copies of the minutes of the meetings, and the Treasurer's report are available to current KL&L members upon request.

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