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Mark Your Calendar for the 2015 KL&L Convention in Utica, NY

While those of us in the northeast are still digging out from record snowfalls and sub-zero temperatures, it is time to start thinking ahead to the spring, and the annual KL&L convention. Despite a small amount of upheaval associated with our move to Utica, NY last year, those who attended enjoyed the train ride, the return of the Saturday night dinner, and the luxurious atmosphere of the hotel. With that in mind, the convention committee decided to return to the Hotel Utica for the 2015 event, to be held over the weekend of June 5th through 7th.

Incorporating some of the most popular features of last year's convention, and of past conventions in Albany, we have planned an expanded schedule of activities for 2015. Friday night will be the traditional "room hopping" and informal dinner, as has been a key part of the convention for decades. We have moved the train ride to Saturday, so things will be less hectic during check-in and unpacking.

The main event on Saturday, the railroad history exhibits and railroading show & sale will once again be held in the Hotel Utica's Saranac Room, with additional table space added this year, in the adjacent mezzanine. We plan to once again have sandwiches and snacks available for lunch, as was popular in recent years in Albany, so exhibitors won't have to leave their tables. The meeting and auction will be held around noon, as usual.

Our train ride this year will depart late Saturday afternoon, and will be a special trip over normally freight-only trackage. Our chartered train will retrace last year's route to Remsen, and then continue over the former New York Central line to the Black River Canal town of Boonville, NY. We will lay over there for an hour or two, allowing passengers to visit the town and dine in one of its several restaurants.

Later in the evening, we will have a railroad slide & movie program, as had been held in recent years in Albany. We are planning additional activities for Sunday, which may include another train ride and/or museum visit. Additional information will be announced when final details are worked out. There will be something for everyone at this year's convention, from traditional events to new activities.

The best aspect of the convention, though, is that it provides an opportunity for railroad historians and collectors to get together in a relaxed atmosphere, and share our knowledge. While we often see each other at the big shows or auctions, our conversations are often cut short with "I better get going; I still have 100 lots to look through," and so on. The KL&L convention offers an entire weekend of nothing but time to visit with fellow railroad buffs, and take a leisurely look at displays of railroading that don't require walking through eight acres of buildings to see.

Registration information will be posted on the website soon and mailed to KL&L members in the next magazine. Mark your calendar for the 2015 Key Lock & Lantern Convention!

Dave Hamilton

KL&L President & Editor

Railroad Event Calendar



Upcoming historical society conventions, special events, railroading shows & auctions. Listings subject to change. Check show web sites before traveling and visit www.klnl.org for updates. See submission guidelines at the end of the calendar.

- Feb 21-22 Allentown, PA** - Spring Thaw Train Show. Allentown Fairgrounds Ag Hall
Info: www.allentowntrainmeet.com.
- Feb 21 Houston, TX** - Greater Houston Train Show. Stafford Center.
Info: <http://sanjac.leoslair.com>.
- Feb 21 Lone Jack, MO** - Dirk Soulis Auctions. Dale Falk collection continues.
Info: www.dirksoulisauctions.com.
- Feb 22 Watertown, WI** - Online Railroading Auction. Internet Bidding Closes.
Info: www.jonesauctionservice.com.
- Feb 28 Greenville, SC** - Railroading Auction. Manifest Auctions. Online bidding available.
Info: www.manifestauctions.com.
- Mar 7-8 Denver, CO** - Rocky Mountain Train Show at the Denver Mart.
Info: <http://rockymountaintrainshow.com/>.
- Mar 8 Old Greenwich, CT** - Southern Connecticut Model Train Show.
Info: www.ronsbooks.com.
- Mar 14 Steelton, PA** - Harrisburg Railroad Show.. IW Abel Union Hall.
Info: <http://harrisburgnrhs.org>.
- Mar 15 Clark, NJ** - Jersey Central NRHS Train Show. Mother Seton High School.
Info: www.jcrhs.org.
- Mar 15 Stockton, CA** - Winterail 2013. Scottish Rite Masonic Center.
Info: www.winterail.com.

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On the Front Cover:

A CSX freight heads east on the Albany Division's Selkirk Subdivision. See article on Page 8 about CSXT's support of railroad preservation. Matthew Bushart photo.

Railroad History Expo & Train to Boonville Planned for 2015 KL&L Convention in Utica

Following the success of the 2014 Key, Lock & Lantern Convention, which was held at a new location for the first time in over 40 years, KL&L will return to Utica, NY over the weekend of June 5th through 7th for its 2015 convention. In addition to the annual meeting of the organization, scheduled activities will include a Railroad History Exposition with displays of railroad memorabilia and a railroadiana collectors market, slide & movie programs, and excursions on local railroad lines. As in the past, most events are open to all interested railroad history buffs and collectors.

Unlike the big railroad hobby shows, the annual Key, Lock & Lantern Convention is a smaller gathering of serious railroad historians and railroadiana collectors, with the exhibits focused solely on railroad history and authentic railroad memorabilia. KL&L members typically display unusual artifacts from their collections, and offer a variety of railroadiana for sale or trade. The annual railroadiana fund raising auction at the convention is always an entertaining event, with all proceeds supporting the activities of Key, Lock & Lantern.

The historic 1912 Hotel Utica will once again be convention headquarters, with most events taking place there. Activities begin on Friday, June 5th, with check-in at the hotel, and an early railroadiana trading session for Key, Lock & Lantern members in the evening. The annual meeting of the KL&L Board of Trustees will also take place on Friday night.

On Saturday, June 6th, the Railroad History Exposition will open to KL&L members for setup in the Saranac Room at 8:00 am. From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, the exhibit hall is open to all interested railroad history buffs and collectors, with



A specially chartered Adirondack Scenic Railroad train will take convention attendees on a round trip excursion on the former New York Central line to Boonville, NY for dinner on Saturday evening.



The Railroad History Expo features displays of railroad artifacts arranged by Key, Lock & Lantern members.

a \$7 registration fee collected at the door. As in the past, members will have arranged a variety of railroad history exhibits with original railroad artifacts on display. Collectors of railroadiana will also find a variety of memorabilia for sale or trade, including lanterns, dining car china, and timetables. All attendees will have the opportunity to vote for the “Best in Show” award to be presented to the member with the best overall display.

There were a variety of exhibits at the 2014 convention, including memorabilia from the New York, Ontario & Western and Delaware & Hudson Railways, Railway Express Agency artifacts, Brady’s patent lanterns, signals and signs from the Utica area, lanterns from the Poughkeepsie Bridge Route, and a large display of Lehigh Valley railroadiana. Most members brought extra items from their collections for sale or trade, with much memorabilia changing hands. Attendees were among the first to see John Taibi’s new book about the Delaware & Hudson Railway, with the author selling signed copies at the show. Although there were many excellent displays that were worth taking note of, the “Best in Show” award went to Devan Lawton’s extensive exhibit of railroadiana from the Erie and Delaware Lackawanna & Western lines. Similar exhibits and memorabilia for sale are expected at the 2015 convention.

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During the morning, the annual membership meeting of Key, Lock & Lantern and fundraiser sale will be held (times to be announced). The fundraiser, which is loosely termed an “auction,” includes a variety of railroad memorabilia donated by KL&L members, which is sold to the highest bidder. All proceeds benefit the activities of KL&L, so “friendly” rivalry, excessively high bids, and financial support for new collectors are all strongly encouraged. An entertaining sale always results, and plenty of railroading goes to new homes.

The Railroad History Expo closes promptly at 2:00 pm, in order to allow exhibitors to take down their displays before the evening activities. Once again this year, convention attendees will have the opportunity to take a ride on the Adirondack Scenic Railroad, this time over trackage that is not covered by the railroad’s regular excursions.

At 4:00 pm, a specially chartered Key, Lock & Lantern excursion will depart from Utica Union Station, which is conveniently located a few blocks from the hotel. The train



The KL&L excursion train will depart from Utica Union Station, located only a few blocks from convention headquarters at the Hotel Utica.



In addition to displays, the Railroad History Expo includes a railroadiana collectors market, with a variety of authentic railroad memorabilia offered by members for sale or trade.

will retrace the route of last year’s trip to Remsen, and will then continue up the freight-only former New York Central line to the canal town of Boonville, NY. The train’s arrival time of approximately 5:30 pm will allow passengers to dine in one of the town’s historic inns. Following dinner, the train will return to Utica, arriving by 9:00 pm.

Upon the group’s arrival back at the Hotel Utica, a railroad slide & movie night will be held, similar to the Saturday night program that took place in the past at the Albany convention. KL&L members are invited to bring slides, movies, or digital

media to share with everyone. The hotel pub will be open, providing a place to visit with other convention attendees and enjoy some late night refreshments. For those staying overnight, there will also be the opportunity to make last minute deals on railroad memorabilia.

Activities for Sunday are still in the planning stages, but the convention committee is currently looking into an additional train excursion and/or railroad museum visit in the region. Final details will be announced when they are available.

The Hotel Utica was built in 1912, and still retains its original atmosphere, but with modern amenities in its renovated rooms. Convention attendees can enjoy the experience of being turn of the century travelers in the

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Meeting fellow railroad historians and collectors, and sharing information is an important part of the convention.

Railroad Fans Brave Winter Storm to Attend 2015 Railroad Hobby Show in Springfield

The Amherst Railway Society's Railroad Hobby Show in West Springfield, MA is probably the largest railroad show in the nation, and is a "must attend" event for eastern railroad hobbyists. Last year, over 21,000 people visited the show's 500 exhibitors, spread over eight acres in four buildings at the Eastern States Expo grounds. With a variety of model railroad layouts, the show is popular with the general public and railfans alike. How many fall into each category has largely been a matter of speculation in the past, but at this year's show, it was obvious who the die-hard railroad buffs were.

As the weekend of the show approached, a small weather system that was expected to bring light snow to the region combined with an area of low pressure to form a classic nor'easter storm. By the morning of Saturday, January 24th,



Railroad museums from around the northeast introduced themselves to potential visitors at the Springfield show.

watching shows by Maggie the Clown and the Polar Express conductor. With this rebound on the second day, the total attendance at the show (including exhibitors) reached just over 18,000.

As always, national railroad hobby suppliers such as Lionel, Walthers, and Kalmbach exhibited new and future products at the show, with its combination of a trade show and flea market atmosphere. Many vendors offered demonstrations on the use of tools, kits, and scenery products, and a variety of "hands on" model clinics were offered.

The Springfield show also serves as a showcase for many railroad historical groups and tourist lines from around the northeast (and even some from outside of the area). Friendly

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The New Haven Railroad Historical & Technical Association was one of many historical societies exhibiting at the show.

when the show opened, a foot of snow already covered the parking lots. Those who braved the treacherous roads found only a short line of cars at the entrance to the fairgrounds, where there is usually a mile-long traffic jam. Despite the storm, about 5000 of the most serious railroad fans made their way through the snow to attend the show on Saturday.

While one of the main goals of the show is to introduce the railroad hobby to new participants, this year demonstrated that most vendor sales are made to this "hard core" group of railfans. Those who visited on Saturday found plenty of elbow room at the various tables, relatively short lines for food, and some good deals on merchandise. Even with the smaller crowd, most vendors reported strong sales on the first day of the show.

On Sunday, the usual family crowd returned to the show, viewing the over two dozen huge model train layouts and



While most vendors offered model supplies, a number of railroadiana dealers set up tables at the Springfield show.



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CSX Transportation Supports Railroad History Preservation



While the slogan of CSX Transportation is “How Tomorrow Moves,” the huge rail freight carrier has not forgotten about its past, providing financial support for the preservation of railroad history through donations to Key, Lock & Lantern and related organizations. With the pioneer Baltimore & Ohio among its earliest predecessor lines, the railroads that eventually made up CSX have been part of the colorful history of the railroad industry since its very beginning.

CSX Corporation was formed in late 1980 as a holding company that controlled the Chessie System and Seaboard Coast Line Railroads. Later, the Louisville & Nashville and several affiliated shortlines were absorbed, before the various railroads were consolidated as CSX Transportation in 1986. The acquisition of a large portion of former New York Central territory during the split of Conrail in 1999 brought CSX into the New York and New England markets.

Today, CSX Corporation employs over 30,000 people in a multimodal transportation network that includes a 21,000 route-mile railroad system in 23 states and Canada. The six million annual carloads that are handled in 1350 daily trains are a far cry from the 1830 trip of the B&O “Tom Thumb.” With the company’s financial assistance, organizations such as Key, Lock & Lantern will be able to continue their mission of preserving significant artifacts from past chapters in the history of railroading.

Projects supported by CSX include renovations to the Robert W. Willaford Train Museum in Plant City, FL. Representatives of CSX recently presented the museum with \$10,000 for safety improvements to update a sidewalk that currently lines up with a railroad track. They presented the check to City Commissioner Mike Sparkman and Robert Willaford and his wife, Felice. Also in attendance were volunteers and board members of the museum. In addition to the sidewalk work, the funds will go to promote railroad safety around the historic depot.

A \$400 donation to Key, Lock & Lantern was made through the company’s “Dollars for Doers” program, which is part of its “Beyond Our Rails” community involvement initiative. In this program CSX makes donations in recognition of its employees’ volunteer work for non-profit organizations, in this case, Key Lock & Lantern.

“This donation by CSX will greatly assist KL&L in its mission of supporting the preservation of transportation history and railroad memorabilia,” said David Hamilton, president & editor of Key, Lock & Lantern. “On behalf of the members of our organization, I would like to thank CSX Transportation for its generous support.”

KL&L members are reminded that many corporations have similar programs, and may also provide matching grants for employee donations. Key, Lock & Lantern is a non-profit educational organization, under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Individual donations (other than membership dues, merchandise purchases, advertising or event registration fees) are also tax-deductible.



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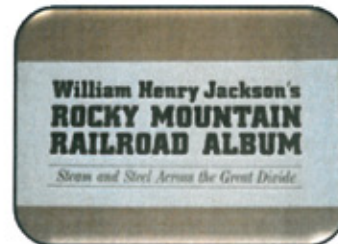
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Brookline Auction Gallery Continues Sale of Several Large Railroadiana Collections

At its fall auction, the Brookline Auction Gallery continued to sell lanterns from a large collection, supplemented by an additional group of excellent examples from the Pennsylvania Railroad. Other collections included switch keys and a huge group of pre-1900 annual passes. Consignments of a variety of railroadiana, including photos, books, timetables, and dater dies rounded out the sale.

With internet bidding, the sale prices of railroadiana from southern and western roads rivaled that of local memorabilia from New England. While there were a few deals, most lots brought relatively high bids. The sale of the lantern and pass collections will continue in the next installment in April. Photos, descriptions, and prices are courtesy of Brookline Auction Gallery and do not include buyers premium.



A Louisville & Nashville Dressel short globe lantern with a cast "L&N RR" amber globe sold for a high bid of \$180



This Pennsylvania RR brass top bellbottom lantern with a clear cast MacBeth globe went to a new home for \$350.



A \$160 bid was needed to take home this nice Rio Grande Western Railway 1892 annual pass with a tiny vignette.

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Railroadiana Auction - April 11, 2015 – Brookline, NH

Preview: Fri 12:00-8:00 pm, Sat 8:00-10:30 am, Auction starts at 10:30 am EST
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A "Baggageman" uniform cap badge from Boston & Maine predecessor Concord & Montreal Railroad sold for \$160.



A \$140 bid was needed to purchase this scarce switch key from the Rome Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad.



Left to right: a Central Vermont bellbottom with ice spikes marked "CVRR" with a "CVRY" cast globe (\$375), a "Soo Line" by Armspear with matching red cast globe (\$300) and an Illinois Central Adlake Reliable with green cast globe (\$425).



Providing a direct connection with a specific location on the railroad, dater dies and wax sealers are highly sought after by collectors. The New Haven wax sealer from Winsted, Connecticut sold for \$1100, while the Boston & Maine dater die from Beverly, MA brought \$100, and the Atlantic Coast Line Four Oaks, NC sealer \$375. Photos continued on Page 14.



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Adlake short globe lanterns usually don't command very high prices, but this example from the Santa Fe included an amber "AT&SF RY" cast globe, selling for \$700.



A \$1700 bid was needed to purchase this Golden Glow headlight from Bangor & Aroostook locomotive #32, which was a first generation diesel off the New Haven RR.



A switch key from Maine narrow gauge Bridgton & Saco River Railroad by Williams Page & Co. sold for \$300.



A nice Parmelee & Bonnell brass top bellbottom marked "ERR" for the Eastern Railroad, with an unmarked red barrel globe went to a new home for a \$700 high bid



A \$550 bid took home this New York Central & Hudson River Railroad marked Seth Thomas clock.

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A nice PRR Adams & Westlake with a green keystone logo etched Macbeth mellon style globe sold for \$650.



The auction included a large collection of framed PRR calendars, which sold in the \$60 to \$120 price range.



A \$110 high bid took home this Adlake switch key marked for the popular New York Ontario & Western Railway.

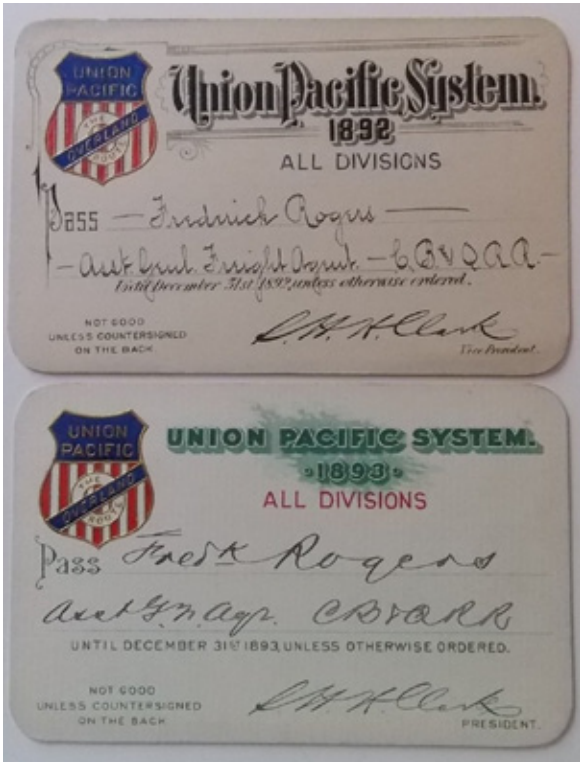


A \$110 bid was needed to purchase this baggage tag from Delaware & Hudson affiliate Greenwich & Johnsonville RR.



A set of 1892 & 1893 annual passes from the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad (and related water lines) sold for \$80.

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A set of two Union Pacific Overland Route shield logo annual passes from 1892 and 1893 sold for \$190.



A nice cast iron "W" whistle post sign from the Norfolk & Western Railway sold for a reasonable bid of \$120.



Some of the many brass lanterns in the sale, from left to right: An all-brass variation of the C.T. Ham No. 39 model with a green over clear globe (\$1100); an 1875 patent nickel plated conductor's lantern with a green over clear globe (\$850); an all-brass model Dietz Vesta, marketed for marine service, with a B&M clear cast globe (\$180). Continued on Page 17.



This clear cast New York & New England Railroad barrel globe went to a new home for a high bid of \$210



A nice triple marked Pennsylvania Railroad brasstop by Kelly, with a red cast Macbeth globe sold for \$850.



This superb Cotton Belt Route logo globe came in an Adlake reliable "StL&SWRy" lantern for a bid of \$650.

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ornately decorated lobby, and still head back to their rooms to place bids on online auctions, using the hotel's high speed internet connection. A special room rate will once again be available to KL&L members.

For those who did not attend last year, Utica is located 90 miles west of our former Albany location, in the Mohawk Valley region of New York State. The city was once a major junction point between the mainline of the New York Central, its St. Lawrence and Adirondack Divisions, and the DL&W and NYO&W railroads. Many historic railroad structures remain standing in the area, as reminders of its past.

Utica is still an important railroad junction today, with CSX trains dropping cars for the regional Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern and New York, Susquehanna & Western lines. The MA&N operates the old Utica & Black River route, that once stretched to the shores of Lake Ontario, while the "Susie Q" heads south over a former Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad branch that once connected to the



The 2015 KL&L Convention will once again be held at the luxurious 1912 Hotel Utica in downtown Utica, NY.



Exhibits at the KL&L Convention include a variety of memorabilia, from hardware to paper and photos.

DL&W mainline in Binghamton. Passengers can still make a cross platform transfer from Amtrak's Empire Service trains to the vintage equipment of the Adirondack Scenic Railroad, for a trip to Old Forge or Big Moose. While the days of wood burners in the Utica roundhouse are long gone, the city has retained much of its "railroad town" atmosphere.

The Key, Lock & Lantern Convention is a unique event where serious railroad historians and collectors are able to get together in a more relaxed atmosphere, without the pressure and crowds of the big railroad hobby shows. It

provides collectors with the opportunity to present museum-quality exhibits, and allows researchers to meet others who are interested in railroad history. Anyone with an interest in railroad history or memorabilia will enjoy spending the weekend with fellow KL&L members and railroad buffs.

Registration information will be sent to KL&L members in the next issue of the magazine, and will be posted on the KL&L website when the convention schedule is finalized over the next week or two. Online registration will once again be available, with payment through Paypal. Complete information about the various activities will be available at www.klnl.org and an announcement will be made on the Key Lock & Lantern Facebook page when registration is open.



Key Lock & Lantern members inspect the Adirondack Scenic Railroad locomotive during the layover at Remsen depot on the 2014 KL&L Convention excursion.



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Springfield Railroad Hobby Show

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volunteers from various organizations were on hand to share information about current projects with show visitors. There were plenty of railroaders dealers exhibiting at this year's show as well, offering a variety of memorabilia from paper to hardware. As usual, there were a few good deals to be found, and most railroaders dealers reported strong sales.

The Amherst Railway Society is a non-profit organization with about 450 members who share an interest in the many aspects of the railroad hobby. Proceeds from the show not only support the activities of the organization, but are also donated to other railroad preservation projects. Overall, there was an excellent mix of dealers and exhibitors this year, representing every segment of the railroad hobby. Introducing the excitement of railroading to new participants has always been an important goal of the event sponsors, and the Springfield show certainly succeeds at it.



The Conrail Historical Society offered a variety of souvenirs and some good deals on authentic Conrail memorabilia.



The Adirondack Scenic Railroad was one of many tourist railroads and museums exhibiting at the show. The 2015 Key, Lock & Lantern Convention will include a rare mileage excursion on this line from Utica to Boonville, New York.



Visitors enjoy a performance by Maggie the Clown, whose home for several years was the Ringling Brothers train.



Springfield is part trade show, with displays by major national suppliers such as Walthers, Kalmbach, and Lionel.



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Railroad Preservation & Museum News



California State RR Museum Announces Train Rides on Sacramento Southern Railroad

As an expansion of the well-established weekday train ride program for local school groups, California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum are once again offering excursion train rides to the general public on 14 pre-determined Tuesdays in Spring 2015. Tuesday Train Rides are available on the following dates: February 3, 10, 17 & 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31; April 7, 14, 21 & 28 and May 5. Two train ride times will be available at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the scheduled Tuesdays when the trains are running.

Excursion train rides are normally available on weekends and some holidays (once the season officially starts in April) but now weekday guests can also delight in the sights, smells and sounds of an authentic, working locomotive as it rolls along the levees of the Sacramento River. Appealing to all ages, the experience offers guests with the chance to relax and enjoy train travel from an earlier era. Passengers are treated to a six-mile, 45-minute roundtrip excursion along the levees of the Sacramento River. The train features a combination of vintage closed coaches with comfortable seats and open-air "gondolas" with bench style seating.

All excursion trains depart from the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot in Old Sacramento (on Front Street between J and K Streets). Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths (ages 6-17 and are free for children ages 5 and under). Weekday train ride tickets are only available in-person on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 10:30 a.m. the day of the train ride at the Sacramento Southern Railroad ticket office. For more information, call 916-323-9280 or visit www.csrmmf.org. (News & photo courtesy of the California State Railroad Museum)

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Alco Historical & Technical Society to Hold "Rails Along the Mohawk" Train Show

The Alco Historical & Technical Society will hold its first annual train show at the Riverfront Center in Amsterdam, New York, on April 12, 2015. Doors open at 10:00 am for the "Rails Along the Mohawk" show, which will feature a variety of exhibitors and vendors. The Riverfront Center (formerly the Amsterdam Mall) is located along the CSX Water Level Route mainline, for plenty of train watching action following the show.

The mission of the Alco Historical & Technical Society is to preserve the history of the American Locomotive Company and establish a museum to display artifacts from this significant manufacturer of steam and diesel locomotives. The society currently has exhibits at the Walter Elwood Museum in Amsterdam, NY. For more information about the show or the organization in general, visit www.ahts.org.



Some of the artifacts preserved by the Alco Historical & Technical Society. Proceeds from the organization's first annual train show will support the development of a permanent museum for the display of its collection.

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Museum of the American Railroad to Offer Spring Guided Tours of New Site

The Museum of the American Railroad will provide guided tours of a portion of its new facilities in Frisco during Spring Break, each Thursday & Saturday at 11:00 am & 1:00 pm from March 7th to 14th, then each Thursday & Saturday at 11:00 am only from March 19th to 28th. Summer Walking Tours will take place each Thursday & Saturday at 11:00 am & 1:00 pm from May 9th to August 29th.

Please phone ahead at 214-428-0101 to check the status of the tour schedule in the event of inclement weather. Tours will last approximately 45 minutes and will originate at the Frisco Heritage Museum (6455 Page Street, Frisco, TX 75034) - just a few blocks north of the Railroad Museum. Walking Tours will consist of guided tours of select cars and locomotives, weather permitting.

Site tours involve walking and some climbing. Please keep in mind that site tours are outdoors. The Museum site is still under construction and accessibility is limited. For those who may have mobility concerns, please contact a member of the Museum staff prior to your visit. We will make every effort to accommodate your needs during periods of construction. Please dress comfortably for outdoor activity, including closed toe shoes, hats, sunscreen, etc. Please contact the Museum prior to your tour if you have questions or requests.

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-12, and includes the Railroad Museum's 2nd floor exhibits at the Frisco Heritage Museum. Please pay admission at the Frisco Heritage Museum. Visitors can browse the Museum's store at the Heritage Museum, which features railroad themed gifts, collectibles, books, and electric train sets for all ages. To request a weekday tour of 15+ adults, please phone the museum at 214-219-2049. Visit the museum website at www.museumoftheamericanrailroad.org for current news and information. *(News courtesy of the Museum of the American Railroad).*



Amtrak Train Days to Celebrate Reasons to Ride: From National Train Day to Multiple Events in 2015

In 2015, America's Railroad is launching Amtrak Train Days (ATD) to celebrate with local communities why trains matter and reasons to ride. Due to the past success of the "National Train Day", Amtrak is expanding its community program from multiple events on a single day to individual events over the course of spring, summer and fall.

Amtrak Train Days will demonstrate why "Trains Matter" by sharing with the local communities we serve the "reasons to ride" the train. ATD will focus on reaching current and new audiences across America to reinforce the importance, benefits and value of passenger train travel.

ATD will officially kick off on May 9, 2015 at Chicago Union Station and then will travel across the country during the summer and fall. ATD celebrations will feature a combination of outreach tools, including a dedicated tour of the Amtrak Exhibit Train in select markets, interactive displays of the Amtrak experience at events sponsored by community organizations, Amtrak employee guest speakers, media and event promotions, and an ATD toolkit to support local community activities.

Communities from across the nation are invited to join in the celebration of passenger train travel by hosting their own ATD events during 2015. For more information visit www.AmtrakTrainDays.com. *(News Courtesy of Amtrak)*

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Info: www.kingstontrainshow.com.
- Mar 28 Joplin, MO** - Joplin Museum Train Show. Joplin Museum Complex.
Info: www.tristatamodelrailroaders.com.
- Mar 29 Batavia, NY** - Great Batavia Train Show. Clarion Hotel.
Info: www.gsme.org.
- Apr 11 Brookline, NH** - Railroadiana Consignment Auction. Brookline Auction Gallery.
Info: www.tagtown.net.
- Apr 11 DeLand, FL** - Florida Rail Fair. Volusia County Fairgrounds
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Apr 11 Pine Bluff, AR** - Arkansas Railroad Museum Railroadiana Show & Sale.
Info: www.arkansasrailroadmuseum.org.
- Apr 12 Amsterdam, NY** - Alco Historical Society Rails Along the Mohawk Train Show.
Info: www.ahts.org.
- Apr 16-18 York, PA** - NRHS & ATRRM Joint Conference.
Info: www.atrrm.org.
- Apr 17-18 Indianapolis, IN** - Crossroads of America Lock Show.
Info: schaef487@comcast.net.
- Apr 18-19 Calgary, AB** - Super Train Railroad Show. Genesis Centre.
Info: www.supertrain.ca.
- Apr 18 Columbus, OH** - Buckeye Railroadiana Show. Ohio Expo Center.
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Apr 18 St. Cloud, MN** - Granite City Railroad Show. National Guard Armory.
Info: www.granitecitytrainshow.com.
- Apr 23-26 Dallas / Ft Worth, TX** - Katy Railroad Historical Society Convention.
Info: www.katyrailroad.org/.
- Apr 25-26 Norwood, NY** - Rutland Railroad Historical Society Convention.
Info: www.rutlandrr.org.
- Apr 25-26 Ottawa, ON** - Ottawa Train Expo. Ernst & Young Centre.
Info: www.ottawatrainexpo.com.
- Apr 26 Griffith, IN** - Blackhawk NRHS Spring Swap Meet. American Legion Post 66.
Info: www.blackhawknrhs.org.
- Apr 30-May 3 State College, PA** - Pennsylvania Railroad Tech & Historical Society Meeting.
Info: www.prrths.com.
- May 1-3 Utica, NY** - New York Central Historical Society Convention. Hotel Utica.
Info: <http://nycshs.org>.
- May 14-15 Durand, MI** - Durand Railroad Days. Various locations around town.
Info: www.durandrailroaddays.com.
- May 16 Chester, MA** - Chester On Track Festival. Chester Railway Museum.
Info: www.chesterrailwaystation.net.
- May 22-24 Parsons, KS** - Katy Days Celebration with activities including railroad vendors.
Info: <http://www.katydays.com>.
- Jun 5-7 Utica, NY** - Key, Lock & Lantern Convention. Railroad History Expo & Railroadiana Collectors Market, Excursion on Adirondack Scenic RR to Boonville, Railroad slide & movie programs.
Info: www.klnl.org.

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There is no charge for calendar listings. Train shows must include dealers of authentic railroad memorabilia or related material, and auctions must include at least 20 lots of railroadiana. Other events must be directly related to railroad history (special exhibitions, lecture programs, conventions, limited excursions, etc.). Regular monthly group meetings, model train meets & scheduled tourist train trips are not eligible, unless related to a special event. Events are listed space permitting, at the editor's discretion. Listings are subject to error or change. Always check show web sites before traveling.

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