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## From the President's Desk.....



It doesn't seem like a year has passed, but it is once again time for the Key Lock & Lantern Convention, to be held this weekend at the Hotel Anthracite in Carbondale, PA. All of the 50+ tables for the Saturday show have been reserved, the train is being made up for the Friday excursion, and our convention committee has been hard at work getting registration packets and badges ready. We are all set for yet another great event!

I recently acquired a couple of KL&L Convention programs from the 1970's, when organizations such as KL&L were the only way for collectors to share information, and buying & selling memorabilia was mostly done through shows and auctions. The KL&L meets were the place to go to learn about railroadiana and to make a deal for top shelf artifacts. It was fun to look at the names of some the "old timers" who were listed in the programs, with about 50 collectors attending each year.

Today, we have online auctions and marketplaces, internet chat groups, and other resources that don't require the face to face interactions that groups like KL&L provide. Even so, we have almost 100 people registered for the convention this year, with an equal number expected to come to the show for the day. There is still something appealing about getting together for a leisurely weekend of checking out artifacts in person, making a deal on Friday night, and telling railroad stories. Evidently, that never gets old.

I look forward to seeing many of our members this year, and for those who can't attend, hopefully we'll see you next year. There is always some good stuff to buy, excellent displays, and just an overall good time to be had.

As always, thanks for everyone's ongoing support of KL&L!

*Dave Hamilton*

KL&L President & Editor

## Railroad Event Calendar



**Upcoming historical society conventions, special events, railroadiana shows & auctions. Listings subject to change. Check show web sites before traveling and visit [www.klnl.org](http://www.klnl.org) for updates. See submission guidelines at the end of the calendar.**

**Look for Advertisements in this Issue & on the Key Lock & Lantern Website for [Events Shown in Blue](http://www.klnl.org)**

- May 3**      **Bellaire, OH** - Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Historical Society Mini-Convention.  
Info: [www.borhs.org](http://www.borhs.org).
- May 3**      **Ocean View, DE** - Delaware Seaside Railroad Club Train Show.  
[www.delawareseasiderailroadclub.com](http://www.delawareseasiderailroadclub.com).
- May 7-8**    **Lafayette, IN** - Railroadiana Book & Slide Auction. Rail & Road Auctions.  
Info: <https://rarauctions.com>
- May 8-11**   **Carbondale, PA** - Key, Lock & Lantern Annual Convention.  
Info: [www.klnl.org](http://www.klnl.org).
- May 10**    **Painesville, OH** - Painesville Railroad Museum Model Train Day Show.  
Info: [www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org).
- May 10**    **Portland, OR** - National Train Day at Oregon Rail Heritage Center.  
Info: <https://orhf.org/>.
- May 13**    **Delmar, NY** - Presentation on Selkirk Yard by KL&L member Randy Bushart.  
<https://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/>.
- May 14-17** **Harrisburg, PA** - Pennsylvania Railroad Tech & Historical Society Meeting.  
Info: [www.prtrhs.org](http://www.prtrhs.org).

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Front Cover: Steamtown National Historic Site is one of the destinations for KL&L Convention attendees to visit. Dave Hamilton photo.

# Brookline Auction Gallery Sells a Variety of Large Collections and Consignments

A variety of rare and unusual railroadiana continues to flow through the Brookline Auction Gallery, with several large collections being sold. While many auctions have shifted to an online-only format, Brookline continues to hold onsite sales, with online bidding also offered. *Photos and prices realized courtesy of Brookline Auction Gallery and do not include buyers premiums and shipping.*



*A \$300 bid was needed to buy this Maine Central Kennebec pattern creamer made by Syracuse.*



*A Baldwin builders plate from Great Northern Railway steam locomotive 2585 sold for a \$900 high bid.*



*A \$1500 bid took home this William Porter presentation lantern with green over clear fancy cut globe.*



*A set of silver Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway coffee pot and creamer sold for a \$375 high bid.*

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# Railroadiana Auctions - Spring & Fall - Brookline, NH

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Brookline Auction Gallery LLC - 32 Proctor Hill Rd, Brookline, NH 03033

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# Railroad Memories Offers Scarce Artifacts in February Railroadiana Catalog Auction

Railroad Memories continues to offer high end railroadiana in its catalog and online auctions, with several well known collections gradually being dispersed to new owners. There is much more to come in upcoming sales, with the usual selection of western material and some from the east coast. *Photos and prices realized courtesy of Railroad Memories Auctions and do not include buyers premiums and shipping.*



*A Union Pacific "pilgrim hat" style insulator by Mulford & Biddle went to a new home for a \$3100 bid.*



*A \$3700 bid purchased this Post & Co. nickel plated brass conductors lantern with green over clear globe.*



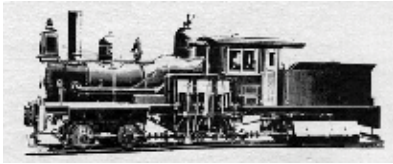
*A \$480 bid was needed to buy this Denver & Rio Grande Western RR ticket dater die from Littleton, Colorado.*



*An Alco Brooks Works builders plate from Union Pacific Mikado 2298 sold for a high bid of \$1550.*

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# Several Collections & Many Consignments Sold in JM Hobby Supply Railroadiana Sale

The spring auction by JM Hobby Supply & Railroad Artifacts had something for every collector, from top shelf memorabilia to reasonably priced lots. A large collection of model trains rounded out the two day sale. There are more collections on deck for the spring auction, and consignments are still being accepted for upcoming sales. *Photos and prices realized courtesy of JM Hobby Supply & Railroad Artifacts and do not include buyers premiums and shipping.*



*An \$850 bid took home this complete Union Pacific Railroad smoking stand with shield logo on the base.*



*A Missouri Pacific Railway step box by Morton Manufacturing of Chicago sold for a high bid of \$275.*



*An Erie Railroad lantern by CT Ham with clear cast diamond logo globe went to a new home for \$1800.*



*A \$750 bid was needed to purchase this General Electric builders plate from CB&Q 44-tonner No. 9106.*

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# JM HOBBY SUPPLY & RAILROAD ARTIFACTS

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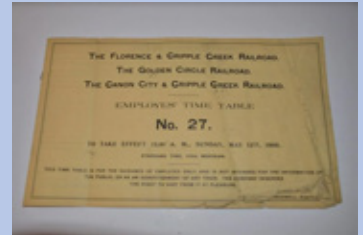
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Or visit our website at [www.jmhobbysupply.com](http://www.jmhobbysupply.com)

# A Constant Stream of Railroad Memorabilia Comes Through Rail & Road Auctions

Rail & Road Auctions is not slowing down, with live online auctions held monthly, featuring memorabilia of every sort from all over the country. From higher end artifacts to bargain lots for newer collectors, there has been something for everyone in recent auctions, with plenty to come in upcoming sales. *Photos and prices realized courtesy of Rail & Road Auctions and do not include buyers premiums and shipping.*



*A \$200 bid took home this Norfolk & Western Railroad side marked teapot with some scratches and tarnish.*



*A Norfolk & Western trainman badge with N&W buttons and some condition issues went to a new home for \$150.*



*A \$1050 bid was needed to buy this Zuni figure trim from a Sante Fe El Capitan dining car, saved from the scrapper.*



*A \$400 high bid purchased this Armspear caboose marker lamp with some chipping of the original yellow paint.*



*A Northern Pacific monad logo step box by Morton went to a new collection for a high bid of \$400.*

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# KL&L Railroadiana Show to Fill the Hotel Anthracite with Exhibits & Vendors



On Saturday, May 10th, the 6000 square foot Gravity Hall banquet room at the Hotel Anthracite will once again be filled with museum-quality exhibits and over fifty tables of transportation memorabilia for sale. The Transportation History Exposition is the “main event” of the Key Lock & Lantern Convention, providing members with a venue to showcase interesting artifacts from their collections and the results of their research.

KL&L members competing for the “Best in Show” award have presented a variety of exhibits in recent years, with topics ranging from lantern manufacturers to local railroad history. Some of the displays at recent shows included: the Nail City Lantern Company, Delaware Lackawanna & Western Railroad memorabilia, early Amtrak timetables,

passes from New York & Pennsylvania railroads of the 1850-1890 period, railroad uniform badges, and an original CTC machine panel from the New York Central Railroad. The Erie Railroad, the Northern Central Railroad, the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company, the Chicago & Alton Railroad, Taylor Manufacturing Company, street & post lamps, railroad police badges, and lantern patent models have been featured in recent years.



In addition to the displays, most exhibitors also offer authentic memorabilia for sale or trade. A collector will find every type of railroadiana at the show, from hardware to paper and everything in between. A nice selection of lanterns (including non-railroad models) is usually offered by several collectors, along with globes, founts, and other parts.



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Several exhibitors are experts at lantern restoration, and are always happy to give advice, or to offer their repair services. Lock and key collectors will find plenty of scarce examples for their collections, and can exchange “want lists” with others who are looking for similar artifacts.

A growing number of timetable and paper collectors have been participating in the show in recent years, with several members of the National Association of Timetable Collectors scheduled to exhibit this year. From rare 19th century employee timetables to modern public timetables in the “dollar bin,” there is something available to fit every ephemera collector’s budget. A variety of used books on transportation and industrial history subjects are also usually offered for sale by various exhibitors.



Several historical societies are also expected to have tables at the show, offering books and memorabilia for sale, and providing information about their group’s activities. The KL&L Convention is an excellent event for networking with fellow historians, and members of these groups are looking forward to meeting collectors with similar interests.

The KL&L fundraiser sale will take place in the afternoon, with several tables of donated memorabilia to be sold to the highest bidder. All proceeds from this event are used to keep registration fees at a reasonable level, with the convention operating on a break-even basis every year as a result.



There is always some interesting (and sometimes scarce) memorabilia to buy, and it is a great opportunity to pass along something that is no longer needed in a collection, while supporting a good cause.

The annual membership meeting of Key Lock & Lantern will be held at 1:30pm on Saturday afternoon, in the exhibit hall. The “Best in Show” award will also be presented to the member whose display receives the most votes from show attendees.

Setup for the Transportation History Exposition begins at 7:30am, with doors to the Gravity Hall opening at 9:00am. All interested collectors and transportation history buffs



are invited to attend, with a \$10 registration fee per person collected at the door. Early admission passes are available for \$20 per person (in addition to the registration fee), which allows entry to the exhibit hall during setup.

Several new exhibitors are registered to attend this year, along with members who don’t do shows and are thinning collections, and the regulars with their usual selection of rare artifacts. Don’t miss out - make plans to attend today!



# All Aboard for Mount Pocono

## KL&L Returns to the DL&W Mainline for its 2025 Excursion



Key Lock & Lantern will be returning to the former DL&W mainline for the 2025 convention, with a special excursion from Scranton to Mount Pocono, PA. Thanks to the generous support of Genesee Valley Transportation, the KL&L train will operate over the lines of the Delaware-Lackawanna RR, utilizing the regional railroad's inspection train.

Power for the train is planned to be Central Railroad of New Jersey RS3 No.1554 and Lehigh Valley C420 No.414, and the consist includes a former Erie Lackawanna Comet coach, the Nickel Plate City of Lima sleeping car, the Erie Lackawanna No.2 inspection car, and a shop-built DL&W caboose.

Boarding will begin at 9:30am on Friday, May 9th, at the Delaware Lackawanna Railroad's Bridge 60 tower, next to the Scranton Intermodal Transportation Center (aka the bus station) on Lackawanna Avenue in downtown Scranton. Please note that this is NOT the Steamtown platform, and the train will not be accessible from Steamtown. Parking is available in the Marketplace at Steamtown garage, with the entrance just east of the bus station (look for the Marketplace at Steamtown sign).

KL&L volunteers will be on hand at the train to check in passengers and hand out name badges, which serve as passes for the trip. Safety regulations require that the train crew keeps a manifest of passengers, so it is important that everyone checks in before boarding and reboarding. All ticket holders are requested to provide a cell phone number when signing up, so that KL&L can contact you in the event of any last minute changes.

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Departure will be promptly at 10am, for a trip up the DL&W mainline to the summit of the Poconos. The train will pass through the Nay Aug Tunnel, and past stations at Moscow, Gouldsboro, and Tobyhanna. Arrival is planned for approximately 11:30am at the platform shelter at Mount Pocono.

After discharging passengers, the train will back up to the siding at Pocono Summit, where the locomotives will run around the train, and shove back to the platform. While

this operation is taking place, passengers will have an hour layover to get lunch on their own at one of several nearby restaurants. A list of local eateries will be sent to train riders by email prior to the trip, and will be available on the train.

The train will reboard at 12:30pm for the return trip to Scranton. Depending on freight traffic and other operational factors, arrival is expected to be at approximately 2:30pm, but is of course subject to delay. It is planned for everyone to be back to the Hotel Anthracite in time for dinner, room hopping, and meeting Lantern Joe in the parking garage when he arrives.



There are still a few coach tickets available for \$55, which includes entry to the Saturday railroadiana show, and sleeping car tickets for \$135, which also includes admission to the show. The coach seats are in the former EL Comet commuter coach, and sleeping car accommodations include single seats in private roomettes, and seats in bedrooms, which hold four passengers. Tickets are available on the KL&L website at [www.klnl.org](http://www.klnl.org). All aboard!





# *From Room Hopping to Slide Programs: The KL&L Convention is More than Just a Show*

When Forbes Hauptman and Irwin Lloyd organized the first KL&L meet in Albany, NY in the early 1970's, it was initially planned simply as a railroadiana show where members could trade memorabilia. However, before it even began, it was obvious that the event was going to be a social gathering, as participants started arriving at the motel on Friday evening before the show. Soon, "room hopping" as it was known, became an integral part of the weekend, as members wandered from room to room to visit and get a head start on making deals.

Awards for the best railroadiana displays, auctions, and dinners were added to the list of activities within the first few years, and the KL&L Convention was born. Although the size of the show has tripled in recent years, and events such as train excursions and lectures have been added to the program, that spirit of camaraderie among historians and collectors is still at the heart of the convention.



After the Friday excursion, many participants meet for dinner in the Hotel Anthracite's Kol Steakhouse or one of the nearby restaurants in downtown Carbondale. After dinner, most exhibitors unload their cars and bring memorabilia to their rooms to get ready for the show. Traditional room hopping (which hasn't been practical in the facilities that KL&L has used since Albany) has been replaced by bringing memorabilia to the lounge or courtyard. Those late night bull sessions that took place in the old days are still a part of the convention!

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With the addition of the Friday train ride, many members arrive on Thursday night, and the Hotel Anthracite bar and canary lounge (and courtyard) are usually filled with convention goers. While some unloading takes place, most people focus on getting settled in, catching up with old friends, and making new ones. There are plenty of railroad stories to be told, and discussions of railroad preservation and collecting.

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During the final years that the convention was held in Albany, the motel restaurant had closed, leaving a gap in the Saturday schedule. As an alternative, a few members started ordering pizzas and watching slides and movies after the show ended. When the convention moved to hotels that had open restaurants, the dinners resumed, and the slide shows became part of the formal Saturday evening schedule.

This year, following the Saturday buffet dinner, there will be a presentation by “Mr. Slides” himself, noted photographer and railroad slide dealer John Benson. We’ll be setting up the Kodak Carousel projector for an old-school slide show, followed by another gathering in the bar (for those who have some energy left after a long day).



The Hotel Anthracite offers a complimentary breakfast, so Sunday morning offers one more chance to get together with friends before heading out to visit Steamtown, chase trains, or return home for Mother’s Day. Hopefully everyone will have found something new for their collections, sold a few things that they no longer wanted, and made some contacts with people who have similar interests. More than just a show, the KL&L Convention is about sharing your interest in this fascinating hobby!



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# 2025 Key Lock & Lantern Convention Schedule



A variety of activities are planned for the 2025 Key Lock & Lantern Convention, with plenty of unscheduled time to allow for visiting with fellow history buffs & collectors, and for making those “parking lot deals” that the convention is known for. There are also many other attractions of interest in the area, along with modern railroad action for train chasers. The following schedule of events outlines the activities that

are planned. The schedule is subject to last minute change, if an unforeseen event occurs, so if your email and/or cell phone number has changed since you registered, please contact Marie by email at [j944wb@aol.com](mailto:j944wb@aol.com). Registration for the show is available at the door, but some other events are closed and some are sold out, so please contact KL&L first or register online at [www.klnl.org](http://www.klnl.org).

## Thursday, May 8

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| 9:00am-5:00pm  | Open schedule for those wishing to visit Steamtown, the Carbondale Historical Museum, Electric City Trolley Museum, and other local historic sites. |
| 5:00pm-8:00pm  | Dinner on your own (many KL&L members meet in the hotel restaurant).  |
| 8:00pm-11:00pm | Informal social hour at the Hotel Anthracite lounge & early memorabilia trading.  |

## Friday, May 9

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|----------------|--|
| 7:00am-10:00am | Continental breakfast for guests at the Hotel Anthracite.  |
| 9:30am         | Check-in & boarding for KL&L excursion train at Bridge 60 Tower in Scranton. KL&L volunteers will check in passengers and issue name badges. |
| 10:00am        | KL&L excursion train on the Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad from Scranton to Mount Pocono, with an 11:30 arrival and one hour layover.          |
| 12:30pm        | KL&L excursion train departs from Mount Pocono.  |
| 2:30pm         | Approximate arrival time of KL&L excursion train back in Scranton.   |
| 5:00pm-7:00pm  | Dinner on your own (many KL&L members meet in the hotel restaurant).   |
| 5:00pm-7:00pm  | Key Lock & Lantern Board of Trustees Meeting (officers & board members).   |

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## Friday, May 9 (continued)

- 8:00pm-11:00pm Room hopping & informal social hour at the Hotel Anthracite bar & lounge.  
11:00pm Room hopping ends. For the comfort of those going to bed early, any late get-togethers should be held in the hotel bar and/or lounge.

## Saturday, May 10

- 6:30am-10:00am Continental breakfast for guests at the Hotel Anthracite.  
7:30am Convention check-in opens at the Hotel Anthracite banquet room. Table-holders and anyone who registered for early admission may enter the show room for setup.  
9:00am The Transportation History Exposition opens in the Hotel Anthracite banquet room for those who did not register for a table or early admission. Anyone who did not register in advance is welcome to register at the door for a \$10 fee.  
12:00pm Box lunches will be available for pickup by those who ordered them in advance. The restaurant in the hotel will NOT be open for lunch, but there is a Dunkin Donuts and a pizza shop located right across the street.  
1:15pm Please have votes for the “Best in Show” award turned in to the registration desk.  
1:30pm Annual membership meeting of Key Lock & Lantern at the Hotel Anthracite banquet room. The presentation of the “Best in Show” award will take place during the meeting. After the meeting, any last-minute donations to the fundraiser sale may be placed on the auction table.  
1:45pm Annual Key Lock & Lantern fundraiser sale. Donated memorabilia will be sold in an auction style sale, with all proceeds going to support the activities of KL&L.  
3:00pm Transportation History Exposition exhibits close - exhibitors may take down their displays.  
4:00pm Pre-dinner social hour in the banquet room.  
5:00pm Key Lock & Lantern Annual Banquet in the Hotel Anthracite banquet room for those who registered in advance.  
6:30pm Transportation history program, following dinner in the Hotel Anthracite banquet room. Anyone who registered (either in advance or at the door) for the Transportation History Expo is welcome to attend. Featured presentation by “Mr. Slides” - photographer John Benson.  
10:00pm Bull sessions, late memorabilia trading, sharing photos, etc. by KL&L members continue in the Canary Lounge & social hour in the bar.

## Sunday, May 11

- 7:00am-10:00am Continental breakfast for guests at the Hotel Anthracite.  
9:00am-7:00pm Open schedule for those wishing to visit Steamtown, the Electric City Trolley Museum, and other local historic sites.





*An earlier Bohannon lock and key from the Lehigh & Hudson River Railway went to a new collection for \$800.*



*A high bid of \$950 took home this small and delicate 3" tall x 1 1/2" wide Maine Central Railroad logo glass.*



*A \$450 bid was needed to purchase this Canadian Pacific Railway cast metal passenger car shield logo.*

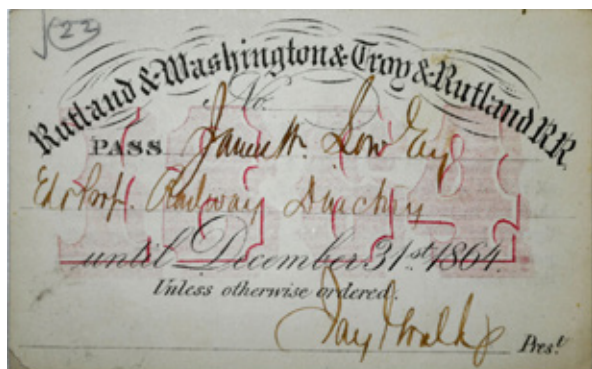


*Unusual gold wash baggage tags from the Great Western, New York Central, and Western RR sold for \$210.*





A 12" silver engineer's award trophy from the Little Miami Columbus & Xenia Railroad sold for a high bid of \$1800.



A \$1500 bid was needed to buy this Rutland & Washington and Troy & Rutland RR pass signed by Jay Gould.



A \$2600 bid purchased this Santa Fe aluminum Hopi plaque from the 1954 version of the El Capitan trains.



An 1890 Silverton Railroad Otto Mears silver watch fob pass issued to printer C. F. Hoeckel sold for \$5000.



*A Buffalo, Attica & Arcade railroad switch key by Wilcox went to a new collection for a high bid of \$2500.*



*A \$150 bid took home this Pennsylvania Railroad police badge made by the Eby Company of Philadelphia.*



*A \$600 bid purchased this 28" steam locomotive bell, believed to be from the Pennsylvania Railroad.*



*A pair of Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee Railroad marker lamps by Adams & Westlake sold for \$950.*



*A cast iron no trespassing sign of the style used on the Florence & Cripple Creek Railroad sold for \$300.*



*A bid of \$150 bought this Soo Line brakeman's hat with badge by Carlson, used by Robert Merrill.*





*An 18" metal "W" whistle post sign with some paint wear went to a new collection for a high bid of \$275.*



*A \$400 bid took home this end name plate from the Chesapeake & Ohio Budd "Moonlight Dome" car.*



*A \$525 bid was needed to buy this San Diego & Arizona Railway Carrison pattern dinner plate by Warwick.*



*A framed Roanoke Shops builders photo of Norfolk & Western A class 2-6-6-4 No.1200 sold for \$600.*



*A baggage tag from Manistique, Michigan on the Manistique Marquette & Northern Railroad sold for \$130.*

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# Steamtown National Historic Site Launches 2025 Summer Season

Steamtown National Historic Site will transition to its summer schedule and increase in-park operations and experiences starting on Saturday, May 3. The park and its buildings will remain free to enter, daily summer hours will expand to 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Technology Museum will reopen, and the park will fire up its popular “Scranton Limited” yard shuttles - short train rides that offer visitors a front-row seat to the sights, sounds and motion of a working rail yard, all set within the park’s historic landscape.

The “Scranton Limited” yard shuttle train rides will operate Saturdays and Sundays at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in May. In June and July, the short train rides will expand to Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, at the same departure times. Ticket Prices for ages 0–5 are \$1, and ages 6 and older are \$6.



“Every ride through the park’s historic train yard connects visitors to the story of steam railroading in America,” said Superintendent Jeremy Komasz. “We’re proud to offer these experiences as part of our mission to preserve and share this rich industrial heritage.”

Established by Congress in 1986, Steamtown National Historic Site was created to promote public understanding and appreciation of steam locomotives in the region. The park, located on the former Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad yard in downtown Scranton, interprets how railroads accelerated the growth of industry, innovation and communities across the United States.



As the season continues, Steamtown will continue to explore opportunities for the expansion of access to live steam railroading and interpretive programming, offering even more ways for the public to engage with rail history.

For more information about train rides and upcoming events, visit our website at <http://www.nps.gov/steamtown> or call (570) 445-1898. *News courtesy of Steamtown, photos by Dave Hamilton.*



Tickets are valid for the entire day of purchase. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis; passengers should arrive 15 to 20 minutes before departure to secure a seat. Operations are subject to change due to weather, mechanical issues or crew availability. Tickets can be purchased on site at the Tickets and Information Kiosk (credit or debit only).





# Carbondale Historical Society Museum Preserves Fascinating History of Region

It is not merely by chance that the Key Lock & Lantern Convention has returned to Carbondale, PA for the past several years - the region is filled with numerous reminders of its fascinating transportation and industrial history. Located on the third floor of City Hall, the Carbondale Historical Society and Museum houses a collection of artifacts related to the industries that led to the growth of the city. For visitors who are exploring historic sites in the area, it is worth making a stop at the museum.

Memorabilia from the region's railroads and coal mines is on display, along with artifacts from businesses in the local community where many of the workers lived. In addition to the exhibits, the Historical Society also maintains a research room in the museum, for those studying the history of the region, its industries, and local genealogy.

City Hall is located at One North Main Street in downtown Carbondale. The museum's hours are generally from noon to 5:00PM, Monday through Friday, but it is highly recommended that visitors call ahead to confirm that it will be open. Call 570-282-0385 or email the historical society at [carbondalehistorical@gmail.com](mailto:carbondalehistorical@gmail.com) for more information, to confirm hours, or make an appointment. The society also maintains a website at <https://carbondalepahistorical.org>.



*A variety of railroad memorabilia is on display at the Carbondale Historical Society Museum. CHSM photo.*



*The Carbondale Historical Society Museum exhibits explore the area's transportation history. CHSM photo.*



*Other displays include artifacts from local businesses and the surrounding community. CHSM photo.*



# Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission Celebrates 50th Anniversary at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC) celebrated the golden anniversary of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania in Strasburg, PA on April 22nd. This significant milestone marks 50 years to the day since the world-class museum of railroad history first opened its doors to the public in 1975.

“The 50th anniversary of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is a testament to the enduring power and significance of our state’s rich industrial and transportation heritage,” said Andrea Lowery, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. “As the Commonwealth’s official railroad museum, it has captivated and educated generations, and we at PHMC are immensely proud of its past achievements and excited to support its continued journey in preserving and sharing this vital part of our history for the next 50 years and beyond.”



“The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania does a fantastic job of telling the story of how railroads have shaped the history of Pennsylvania by connecting our citizens for commerce and community like no other innovation before,” said Secretary of Revenue Pat Browne, who has been a longtime supporter of the museum during his career in the Pennsylvania General Assembly. “It’s very important that we have a place to tell this story and celebrate the influence that rail has had on our economic and industrial growth. I’m very proud to be a part of the 50-year anniversary celebration and support the museum as it continues to help future generations appreciate and understand our past.”

The genesis of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania dates back to a 1963 act of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, recognizing the historical significance of the Commonwealth’s extensive railroad network. Driven by



a desire to preserve Pennsylvania’s pivotal role in the development of rail transportation, the state established the museum as its official repository for historic railroad artifacts.

After years of planning, acquisition of rolling stock, and the construction of its impressive facility in Strasburg, Lancaster County, the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania officially opened its doors to the public on April 22, 1975. Since then, through the collaborative efforts of PHMC and the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, it has grown into a world-renowned institution, dedicated to collecting, preserving, interpreting, and exhibiting the rich history and technological significance of railroading in Pennsylvania and its broader impact on American life.

“We are excited to look back on our first 50 years, to celebrate the achievements of all our staff, our partners the Friends of the Railroad Museum, volunteers and members over the years, and to begin to look ahead to our next 50 years and

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beyond,” said Patrick C. Morrison, Director of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. “Commemorating a milestone such as this one affords us the opportunity to appreciate what we have, celebrate what we have accomplished and speculate on what we can look forward to in the next exciting chapter of our story.”



In honor of the 50th anniversary, a new exhibit, “Tracking Our History: 50 Years of the Railroad Museum In Pictures,” debuted in the Museum’s second-floor gallery. This visual journey chronicles the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania’s evolution from its early days to the present. Featuring photographs carefully selected from the Museum’s archival research collection and institutional history, the exhibit illustrated the Museum’s growth and its ongoing commitment to its mission over the past half-century.

Visitor services staff also introduced a new 15-minute guided tour, “Building a Museum in 50 Years.” This tour explores the Museum’s history, its development over the past five decades, and the evolving approaches to presenting its significant historic railroad collection to the public.



The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania was established by an act of the state legislature in 1963 and is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s official railroad museum. A Smithsonian Affiliate, the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is home to a



world-class collection of more than 100 historic locomotives and railroad cars, a vast research library and archives, an immersive education center, a working restoration shop, distinctive special events and programs and a Museum store.

The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission is the official history agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Learn more by visiting <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/phmc.html>. For more information about the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania visit <https://www.rrmuseumpa.org>. *News & event photo courtesy of PHMC. Additional photos by Dave Hamilton.*



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