



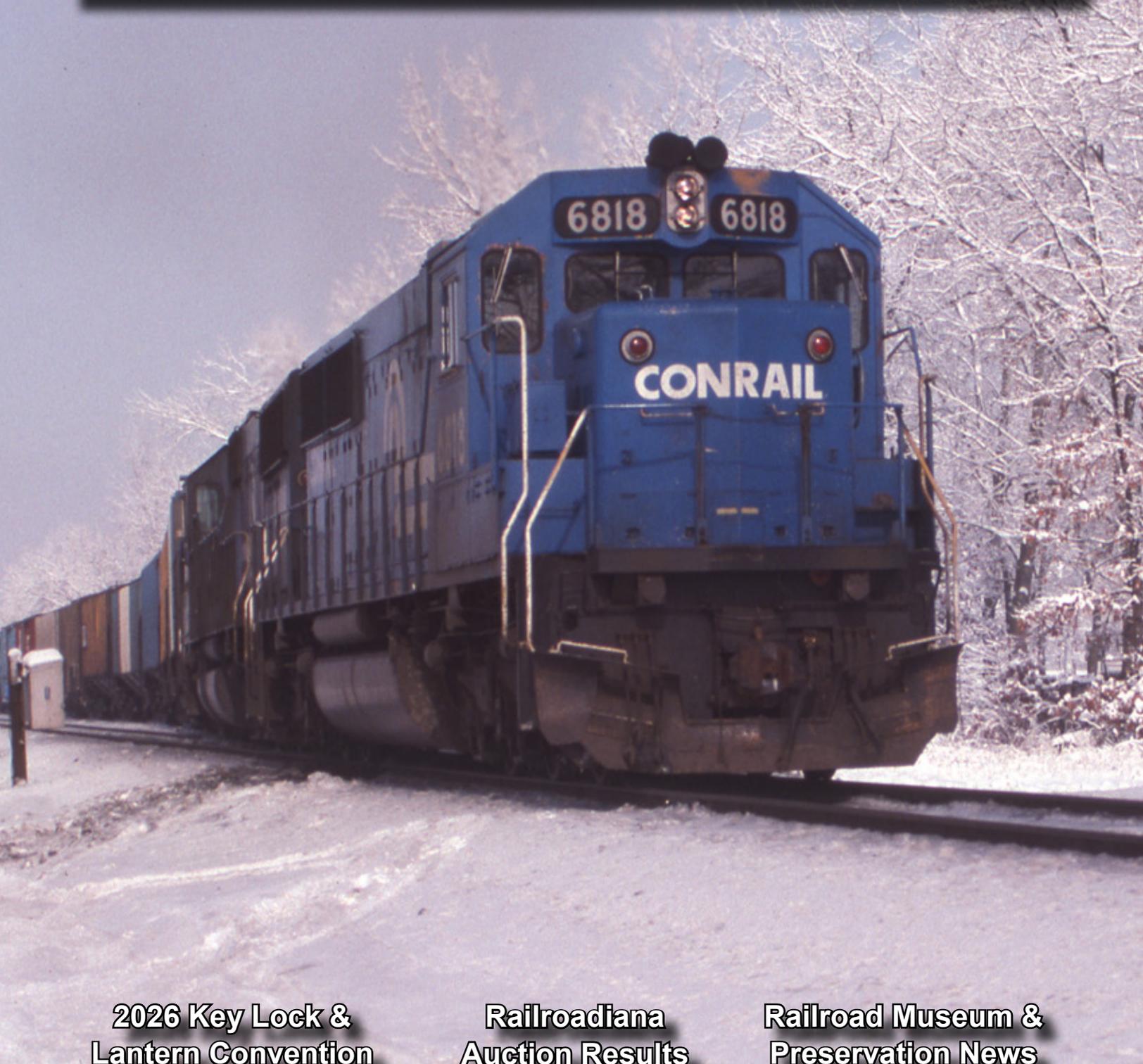
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From the President's Desk.....



After several years with very little snow, this season we've had a real winter again in eastern New York. There have been a couple of days when the wet snow has stuck to the trees, creating a winter wonderland scene which is nice to look at, but not much fun to deal with when working on the railroad. It reminded me of a nor'easter that buried the railroad when I was working the Conrail Hudson Dispatcher desk in 1993, and I went out to take the photo on the front cover.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the creation of Conrail, which to many of us is part of the modern era of railroading. However, to young railroad fans, Conrail is another chapter in its history. It has been interesting to watch (and bid on) some of the lots of more current railroadiana in recent auctions, and see memorabilia from Penn Central, Amtrak, and Conrail bring some fairly solid prices. I remember when Matthew Bushart's Conrail display (above) was somewhat of a novelty at the 2011 KL&L convention in Albany. We'll no doubt see more of that theme at future conventions!

Although I've spent the last two days shoveling snow in my driveway, it is time to think ahead to Spring and this year's KL&L Convention. In less than three months, we'll be getting together in Carbondale at the Hotel Anthracite, for a weekend of sharing railroad stories, trading memorabilia, and riding the rails. I still remember the first KL&L convention that I attended, staying up until two in the morning talking about trains and staring with amazement at some of the rare memorabilia on display. Decades later, KL&L is still the event that I enjoy the most each year.

You may know someone who would enjoy the convention, or more likely you know several people who might like it, but have never gone (or perhaps you have never made the trip). Let's make this the year where we bring along a friend or two, or come for the first time yourself. I guarantee that everyone will have a good time!

As always, thanks for everyone's ongoing support of Key Lock & Lantern!

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 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](#)

- Feb 20-21** **Fletcher, NC** - Asheville Train Show - WNC Agricultural Center
Info: www.asheville-trainshow.com.
- Feb 21-22** **Allentown, PA** - 2026 Spring Thaw Train Show
Info: www.allentowntrainmeet.com.
- Feb 21** **Houston, TX** - Greater Houston Model Train Show
Info: <http://sanjacmodeltrains.org/>.
- Feb 22** **Georgetown, CO** - Railroad Memories - Online & Catalog Auction Closes
Info: www.railroadmemories.com.
- Feb 22** **Buena Park, CA** - California Express Railroadiana Show.
Info: www.californiaexpress.net.
- Feb 28** **Portland, OR** - Willamette Model Railroad Club Swap Meet.
Info: <https://wmrrc.com/>.
- Feb 28** **St. Cloud, MN** - 2026 Granite City Railroad Show.
Info: www.granitecitytrainshow.com..
- Feb 28-Mar 1** **Colorado Spr, CO** - 2026 Train Expo Colorado
Info: www.tecoshow.org.

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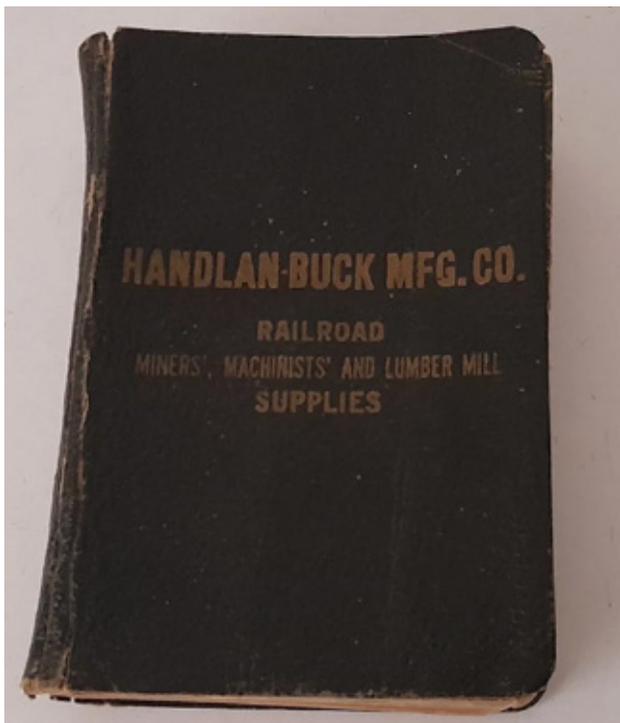
Front Cover: Conrail train SEAL heads down the River Line at Ravenna, NY after meeting TVLA in January, 1993. Dave Hamilton photo.

Brookline Adds Railroadiana Collections to Auctions With New Online Platform

Brookline Auction Gallery recently switched to an in-house bidding platform, and its online customers have enjoyed a large savings in buyer's fees. The change also allowed Brookline to run its most recent sales as timed auctions. Several new collections are making their way through the sales, with more to come in the Spring. *Photos, descriptions and prices realized courtesy of Brookline Auction Gallery and do not include buyers premiums and shipping.*



A group of Ontario Car Ferry memorabilia including china and a hand towel sold for a high bid of \$325.



A \$250 bid was needed to buy this 1918 Handlan Buck catalog of lanterns, headlights, gauges & hardware.



A Porter's Sons nickel plated brass presentation lantern with ornately cut green over clear globe sold for \$1500.

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A Variety of Rare Memorabilia is Featured in Railroad Memories Recent Auctions

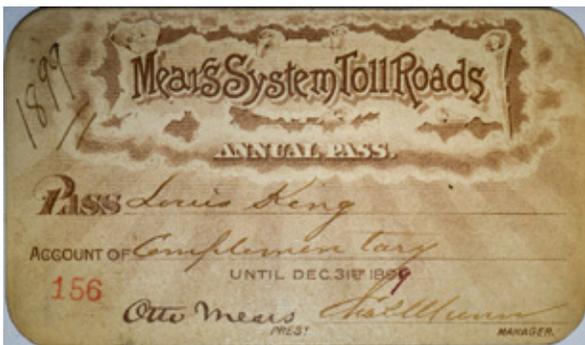
Railroad Memories continues to offer high end railroadiana in its catalog and online auctions, with several well known collections gradually being dispersed to new owners. There is much more to come in upcoming sales, with the usual selection of western material and some from the east coast. *Photos,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



An Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe cast iron lion paperweight went to a new collection for a high bid of \$260.



A \$1250 bid was needed to buy this Frisco logo News Service uniform cap badge with no hallmark.



A Mears System Toll roads annual pass from 1899 issued to Louis King sold for a high bid of \$3200.



A \$1450 bid was needed to buy this Watt & Company lock from the Star Union Line fast freight company.



An interesting desk caddy marked for the Queen & Crescent Route went to a new home for \$1800.

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Railroad Memories

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From Passes to Passenger Car Fixtures, JM Hobby Has Something For Everyone

The fall 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 2026 auctions, and consignments are still being accepted for upcoming sales. *Photos, descriptions and prices realized courtesy of JM Hobby Supply & Railroad Artifacts and do not include buyers premiums and shipping.*



A bid of \$850 bought this Alco / GE Schenectady builders plate from Gulf Mobile & Ohio FA locomotive #726.



A Santa Fe aluminum Hopi art plaque from the Budd cars on the El Capitan train sold for a high bid of \$2400.



A lot of Great Northern and Northern Pacific calendars from 1967, 1968, 1969, and 1970 sold for a \$100 high bid.



A \$325 bid was needed to buy this 1894 annual pass from the California & Nevada State Company.

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Rail & Road Continues to Offer Large Collections And Quality Consignments

Rail & Road Auctions continues to offer several collections and additional consignments, with live online auctions held almost 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, descriptions and prices realized courtesy of Rail & Road Auctions and do not include buyers premiums and shipping.*



A \$1900 bid took home this Santa Fe Ancient Mimbreno pedestal compote bowl stamped "Santa Fe Dining Service"



A Star Head Light lantern from the Central Railroad of New Jersey with clear cas CRR of NJ globe sold for \$300.



A New York Lake Erie & Western Railway telegraph operator badge on cap by M.H. Crossman sold for \$550.



An \$1850 bid was needed to buy this Alco builders plate from Florida East Coast 4-6-2 locomotive #103.



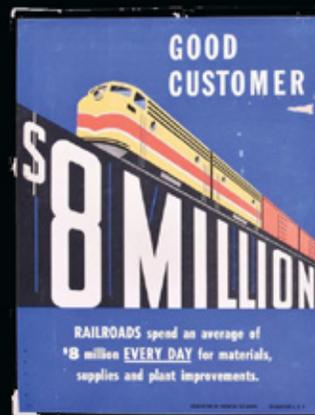
A \$400 bid purchased this Louisville & Nashville Railroad step box marked for use on office car #365.

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All Aboard for the 2026 Key Lock & Lantern Convention!



Randy Bushart Photo.

Registration for the 2026 Key Lock & Lantern Convention is now open on the KL&L website at www.klnl.org. The event will once again be held at the Hotel Anthracite in Carbondale, PA over the weekend of May 7th through 10th. All transportation history buffs and collectors are invited to attend the many events that are scheduled for the weekend.

Informal activities begin on Thursday evening, May 7th, when most attendees begin to arrive. Pre-show railroadiana trading will take place in the hotel's Canary Lounge, and many KL&L members gather in the adjoining bar to catch up with old friends and make new ones. The convention schedule offers plenty of opportunities such as this to relax

and discuss transportation and industrial history and current preservation efforts. While it is not the biggest event for railroad historians, it is certainly one of the best for making contacts with fellow collectors, railroad preservationists, and other organizations.



Randy Bushart Photo.

On Friday, May 8th, a special Key Lock & Lantern chartered excursion train will depart from the Carbondale station for a round trip over the former D&H Penn Division to the south side of Scranton. The special train will be provided by our long-time supporters at Genesee Valley Transportation, and will consist of a former EL Comet coach, the City of Lima sleeping car, the EL business car No.2, and an original DL&W caboose.



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Dinner on Friday evening is on your own, but many members gather at the hotel's Kol Steakhouse or meet at one of several nearby restaurants. After dinner, more pre-show trading will take place in the Canary Lounge (or in the hotel courtyard, weather permitting).



On Saturday, May 9th, the Gravity Hall banquet room at Carbondale's Hotel Anthracite will once again be filled with transportation history exhibits and tables of authentic railroad memorabilia for sale or trade. 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. Over seventy tables are available in the 6000 square foot facility, and this year's event promises to be another exciting one.



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, fountains, and other parts. 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.

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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.



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.



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 annual membership meeting of Key Lock & Lantern will be held at 2:00pm 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.



Box lunches will once again be available to exhibitors and attendees for a very reasonable price of \$12. Lunches include a choice of sandwich (chicken salad, turkey, ham, or roast beef), chips, dessert, and bottled water. Box lunches must be ordered in advance, and the hotel restaurant will not be open for lunch. For those attendees who would like to take a break for lunch, there are several restaurants and fast food establishments within walking distance of the hotel.

Setup for the Transportation History Exposition begins at 7:30am, with doors to the Gravity Hall opening at 9:00am. The convention registration fee of \$5 entitles members to admission to all events during the day. For those who do not have exhibit tables, but would like to enter the hall during setup, an early admission pass is available for \$20. For those only planning on attending the show, registration will be available at the door for \$10 per person.

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2026 KL&L Convention

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At 5:00pm on Saturday evening, a buffet dinner will be held in the Hotel Anthracite Gravity Hall. Dinner is only \$29 per person, and must be reserved in advance. Following dinner, railroad history programs will be presented (a complete schedule will be announced in the next issue of the KL&L News). Convention registrants who do not attend the banquet are welcome to return at 6:30pm for the programs.



The schedule for Sunday has once again been left open for those who wish to explore the many local historic sites and museums on their own, or head home for Mother's Day. It is anticipated that Steamtown will have their short trips with the steam locomotive in operation by that weekend, and the Electric City Trolley Museum will be offering rides. There should be some freight train action on nearby lines for the train chasers, as well.



Online registration for the convention is available on the KL&L website at www.klnl.org, and a printable form is included at the end of this newsletter. Reservations for the Hotel Anthracite at the special KL&L rate of \$120 per night plus tax should be made by calling the hotel directly at 570-536-6020. Be sure to register early, as hotel rooms and table space are limited. This year's convention is shaping up to be another great event, so get onboard today!



Key Lock & Lantern Convention Excursion To Travel Over D&H Penn Division Mainline

Important Ticket Information

The KL&L Convention excursion train will return to the former Delaware & Hudson Railroad Penn Division this year, departing from the Carbondale platform, conveniently located two blocks from the Hotel Anthracite. The route will be similar to that of our 2022 excursion, heading south to the runaround track near Minooka Junction, with several photo opportunities and a lunch stop along the way.

Boarding is planned for 9:45am, with a 10:00am departure on Friday, May 8th. Arrival back in Carbondale depends on the length of stops and freight traffic, but is expected to be no later than 4:00pm.



It is planned to have the Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad's recently restored or repainted heritage locomotives as power for the train, subject to mechanical availability. Once again, the railroad will be providing its inspection train for the excursion, consisting of a former EL comet coach, a DL&W shop-built caboose, the Pullman City of Lima sleeper, and Erie Lackawanna #2 business car. The passenger equipment is heated and air conditioned, and the caboose has a stove if needed. There are restrooms in both the caboose and the passenger cars.



Coach tickets in the EL Comet are \$45 each, tickets in the caboose are \$100 each, single roomette tickets in the City of Lima are \$95 each, and a bedroom for two is \$165. These seats are offered on a first come, first served basis, so be sure to register early.

To avoid overcrowding, tickets in the EL business car are limited to the capacity of the observation room, and are \$150 each. To give everyone a fair chance to get a seat in the business car, anyone interested should contact Dave Hamilton at transportsim@aol.com to get on the list for tickets. On March 7th, a computer drawing will be held to select the names of the people who will be eligible to purchase tickets, and create a waiting list for the remainder of the interested registrants. Anyone wishing to be put on the list for the drawing should also register for their second choice ticket, in order to reserve that space if needed.

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Coach tickets can be purchased online or by the printed registration form. Caboose and sleeping car tickets may be purchased online; those wishing to purchase them by mail should contact Dave Hamilton first, to check availability.

All registered train riders will be contacted by email during the week prior to the convention with final details of the train schedule, stops, and lunch options. Please contact Dave Hamilton at transportsim@aol.com with any questions.



Annual Key Lock & Lantern Membership Meeting to be Held on May 9, 2026



The annual membership meeting of Key Lock & Lantern will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 2:00pm, at the Hotel Anthracite, 25 S. Main Street, Carbondale, PA. The annual meeting of the KL&L Board of Trustees will be held online, at a date to be announced.

A summary of the reports of the officers of the organization will be presented by the president at the meeting. If any member in good standing wishes to inspect the detailed financial reports and meeting minutes, they will be available for review at the meeting upon request.

If any member has new business that they would like to have addressed at the general membership meeting or the Board of Trustees meeting, please forward it to KL&L president David Hamilton prior to May 1, 2026. Contact information for KL&L officers and trustees may be found in the latest issue of the *Key Lock & Lantern* magazine, in this newsletter, and at www.klnl.org.

Calling All Members: Help Spread the Word!

When we discover a rare lantern at a country auction in the middle of nowhere, we are generally happy when no other collectors show up. On the other hand, events such as the KL&L Convention are a success when more people attend. And, the cost of publishing the KL&L magazine is lower on a per-issue basis when the press run is larger. In short, the more members we have, the better the organization will be!

The internet and social media have allowed KL&L to reach many historians and collectors that would have likely never heard of the organization in the past. There are many people out there who would probably enjoy being members of Key Lock & Lantern, if they knew about everything that we have to offer.

Our current members are the key to successfully promoting KL&L, whether it is through social media or in-person events such as train shows and related historical society events. The easiest thing that our members can do to help grow KL&L is to spread the word through social media.

Following the Key Lock & Lantern Facebook page helps boost its visibility to other users. When KL&L makes a post about the convention, the publication of a newsletter, or just some photos, sharing them with relevant Facebook groups (after checking that they haven't already been posted) helps increase traffic to the KL&L page. When traffic goes up, the KL&L postings are more likely to appear in news feeds.

The same goes for the KL&L YouTube Channel. Videos are more visible when there are more subscribers to the channel, and individual videos are more likely to be seen when they have more "likes" and comments. The more exposure that KL&L gets, the more potential members learn about it.



For those members who aren't ready to take the plunge into the world of social media or YouTube accounts, then good old-fashioned networking at train shows and events is a great way to get the word out. Having a few convention flyers to hand out to prospective attendees is always good, and will also increase the traffic to the KL&L website.

Let's get the word out about KL&L, and help make the organization bigger and better! You may hope to still be the only railroader collector who shows up at an estate sale, but when it comes to shows and meetings, we love a crowd!

Railroad Historical Societies Invited to Participate in 2026 KL&L Convention

In its early days as a newsletter for collectors of railroad hardware, Key Lock & Lantern subscribers often arranged informal gatherings to trade memorabilia. It was from these small get-togethers that KL&L began to grow from a simple publication into an organization for railroadiana collectors. By the time Forbes Hauptman and Irwin Lloyd started the formal Key Lock & Lantern Convention in the early 1970s, KL&L membership had become diversified to include hobbyists who had an interest in almost every aspect of railroad history and collecting.



Today, at its current home of the Hotel Anthracite in historic Carbondale, PA, the KL&L Convention not only continues to be a premier event to trade memorabilia, but it also offers an excellent networking opportunity for railroad historians. Public trains shows usually require exhibitors to be “tied” to their booths, and the busy schedules of historical society conventions often leave less time to visit with other attendees. The casual atmosphere of the Key Lock & Lantern Convention allows participants to meet other like-minded individuals and share information about their research and historical preservation projects.



With the move from its longtime home in Albany, NY to Utica, NY and later Scranton, PA, the Key Lock & Lantern Convention expanded from primarily being a railroadiana show to include excursions, lecture programs, and related events. Registration for the convention was also opened up to all collectors and railroad history buffs, and attendance at the show more than doubled, while still maintaining the close-knit atmosphere for which it was known.

To help facilitate this exchange of ideas, and to encourage more serious historians and preservationists to attend the convention, KL&L is offering a limited number of exhibit tables at the show to other non-profit railroad historical societies. The table fee will be waived for qualifying groups, and representatives will only be required to pay the fees for other events that they attend. For additional information about participating in the convention, please contact Dave Hamilton at transportsim@aol.com.

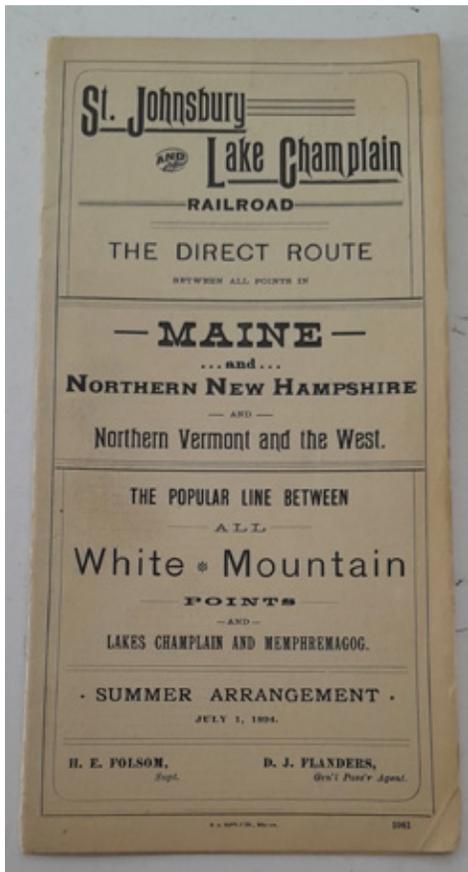




An \$800 bid purchased this earlier Bohannon lock and key set from the Lehigh & Hudson River Railway.



A "pickle jar" fixed globe lantern with a cut globe from the Maine Central Railroad sold for a high bid of \$1300.



An 1894 St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain Railroad timetable went to a new collection for a \$500 bid.



A \$650 bid took home this matching Fraim lock and key set from the Lehigh & Hudson River Railroad.



A gray uniform cap with a Rio Grande Main Line Thru the Rockies badge sold for a high bid of \$210.



A passenger car drumhead sign insert from the Santa Fe Grand Canyon train went to a new home for \$1800.



A \$1400 bid was needed to purchase this Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Sage Green cup & saucer by Buffalo.



An \$825 bid was needed to purchase this Santa Fe parlor car smoking stand, with possible replacement ring.



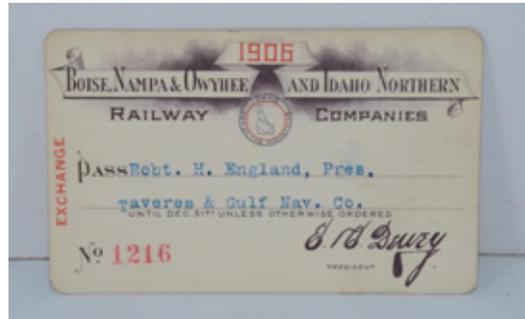
A Denver & Rio Grande Railway Ice House six lever lock with no hallmark sold for a \$3200 high bid.



A \$2400 bid was needed to purchase this Santa Fe Railroad aluminum Hopi Art plaque from the El Capitan.



A Whitcomb / Baldwin builders plate from Fellsmere Sugar Products Railroad diesel "critter" sold for a \$1000 bid.



A \$325 bid purchased this 1906 Boise Nampa & Owyhee pass issued to the president of the Tavares & Gulf.



A set of CSX Nashville Division safety award lanterns with green, clear, red, and blue globes sold for \$180.



A Fairbanks Morse builders plate from Akron Canton & Youngstown H20-44 diesel #502 sold for \$1700.



A \$230 bid took home this 1897 Everett & Monte Cristo Railway Company annual pass with mountain vignette.



A Pennsylvania RR keystone logo silver & glass mustard pot with spoon by Reed & Barton sold for a \$775 bid.



A high bid of \$325 purchased this original 80x50" Pennsylvania Railroad keystone logo flag.



A \$1050 bid took home this Pyle National headlight from New York Central 2-8-2 locomotive #1370.



The General Motors EMD builders plate from Lehigh Valley Railroad F7A locomotive #572 sold for an \$1850 bid.



A Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway "Safety & Service" fruit bowl by Geo. W. Davis sold for \$825.



A \$1000 bid bought this Tennessee Central Railway brass heart lock with Tenn Ry key by Slaymaker.

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A Pennsylvania Railroad cast iron keystone logo whistle sign went to a new collection for a high bid of \$500.



An \$1850 bid purchased this Pyle National headlight from Delaware Lackawanna & Western MU car #3224.



A \$350 high bid took home this corporate seal embosser from the Louisville & Nashville Railroad by Koehler.



A Pennsylvania Railroad Altoona pattern butter pat with no makers mark sold for a high bid of \$925.

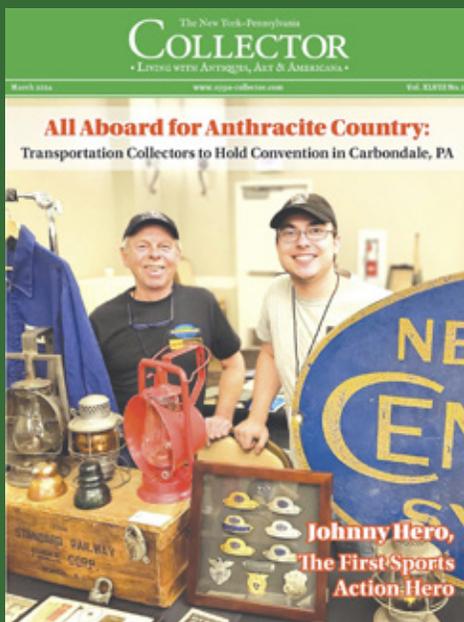


A New York Central Railroad "Dial-A-Drink" cocktail shaker by International Silver went to a new collection for \$2300.

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it organization dedicated to the preservation of transportation history and memorabilia. There are over 80 issues of the group's newsletters available for viewing and downloading on

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Time Like the Present to Get Onboard with Railroad's Past



The Key Lock & Lantern Convention offers the opportunity to network with other historians and view museum-quality exhibits of memorabilia.



Tickets please! A Pennsylvania Railroad conductor's hat badge provides a reminder of the days of the luxury Broadway Limited train.

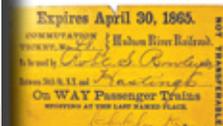
Railroadiana collections often feature larger artifacts such as signs and locomotive parts. This Pennsylvania Railroad station sign is from a junction near Buffalo.

houses that specialize in railroadiana, and many dealers at shows have recently added new finds to their stock. Although higher end memorabilia still commands top dollar, many serious collectors are thinning out to make room on the shelf for these new purchases, and common artifacts are now selling for more reasonable prices.

Needless to say, it is important to first acquire some basic knowledge before bidding at an auction or making a deal at a show. There are many railroad-theme decorations, reproductions, and fakes out there, masquerading as genuine artifacts. Experienced collectors properly identify



A piece of memorabilia sought after by collectors of railroadiana, stocks, and autographs: a New York & Hudson RR certificate signed by William Vanderbilt and Cornelius Vanderbilt II.



It didn't take long for convenient transportation by train to create suburbs around major cities, as illustrated by this 1865 Hudson River Railroad commuter ticket.



Streetcar and bus tokens offer an inexpensive way to add memorabilia from this classic form of transportation to a collection.



New York Central & Hudson River Railroad lanterns appeals to both railroad enthusiasts and collectors. Lanterns from Rochester's Herz Headlight Company.

an auction for \$3,600 doesn't mean that the dozens of New York Central Vestas that are currently hanging in antique shops are a bargain for \$150. Of course, the answer to the question of "what is it worth?" is simply whatever makes both the buyer and seller happy. An excellent source of information about railroadiana is the website of Key Lock & Lantern, a non-profit from the Lehigh & Hudson River Railroad recently sold

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

The 12th annual “Rails Along the Mohawk” train show will be held on April 12, 2026, from 10:00am to 3:00pm, at the Riverfront Center in Amsterdam, NY. This event is a major fundraiser for the Alco Historical & Technical Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of this famous locomotive manufacturer.

The mission of the society includes gathering oral histories from former Alco employees, acquiring artifacts from the company, and educating the public about its history. The current home of the group’s exhibits is the Walter Elwood Museum in Amsterdam, and it works with other organizations to further the preservation of Alco locomotives and memorabilia.

The train show features models, displays by other railroad historical societies, and sellers of railroadiana. Several KL&L members are regular exhibitors at the show. The Riverfront Center is located adjacent to the former New York Central mainline, offering the opportunity for watching the parade of CSX and Amtrak trains after visiting the show.

For more information, visit the Alco Historical & Technical Society website at <https://ahts.org>.

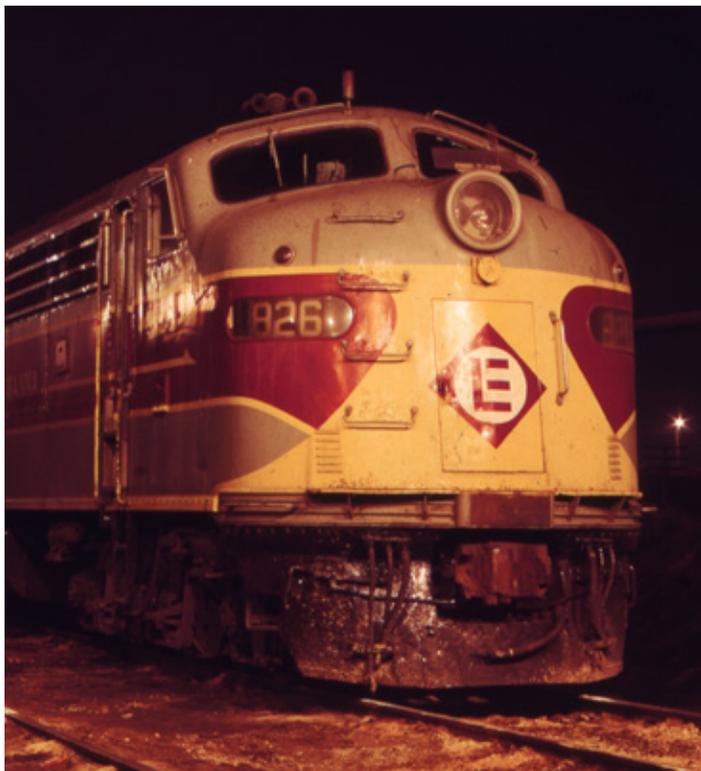


Erie Lackawanna Historical Society to Hold Spring Meets in Avoca & Parsippany

The Erie Lackawanna Railroad Historical Society will hold its annual Western District Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 11, 2026, in conjunction with the dedication of its new Archive Building in Avoca, NY. The archives will be open in the morning, with a variety of presentations scheduled for the afternoon. Programs include “Hoboken to Buffalo on the Route of the Phoebe Snow” by David Monte Verde and “EL Bicentennial Units” by Devan Lawton.

The Eastern District Spring Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at the Holiday Inn in Parsippany, NJ. The hotel is located on US Route 46, and is convenient to Interstates 80 and 287. A panel discussion featuring former EL employees is scheduled, along with presentations by Bob Bahrs and Mitch Dakelman. Sales tables are available at both meetings

Walk-in registrants are welcome, but advance registration is recommended. For more information, and to register for the events online, visit the Erie Lackawanna Railroad Historical Society website at www.erielackhs.org. *All photos from the KL&L Archives.*



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- Apr 11** **DeLand, FL** - Florida Rail Fair. Golden Spike Enterprises
Info: www.gserr.com.
- Apr 11-12** **Denver, CO** - Rocky Mountain Train Show. Train Collectors Association.
Info: <http://rockymountaintrainshow.com>
- Apr 12** **Amsterdam, NY** - Rails Along the Mohawk Train Show
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**54th Annual Convention - May 7-10, 2026
Hotel Anthracite - Carbondale, PA**

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