

# KATY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION • APRIL 16-19 OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA



Restored one-of-a-kind MKT inspection car No. 1045. – Oklahoma Railway Museum photo

The KRHS Annual Convention returns to the Sooner State April 16-19, 2020 at Oklahoma City. KRHS headquarters will be the Oklahoma City Airport Holiday Inn located at 4401 SW 15th Street Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73108. To reserve your room please call the hotel directly at 405-601-7272 and make sure to mention that you are with the KRHS. Our KRHS blocked room rate is \$95.00 a night which includes a hot breakfast and beverage. Please make your room reservation by the hotel cutoff date of March 26, 2020. The hotel is located in the southwest part of the city near I-40 and the Will Rogers Airport.

Check-in and registration will begin at 3 PM on Thursday April 16 at the Holiday Inn. That evening we have organized a KRHS swap meet, show and tell, model displays, two Katy clinics, and slide presentations from 3 PM until 10 PM. Please plan to participate by bringing your favorite Katy model or memorabilia to display for show and tell or for sale.

Friday April 17 at 9 AM we will board a comfortable Village Tours charter motor coach for an Oklahoma rail tour along former Oklahoma-Kansas-Texas (OKT) rails. Our first stop will be a visit to the Canadian County Historical Museum in El Reno located in the former Rock Island depot on the OKT Route. Included is a KRHS chartered ride through the city streets aboard the museum's historic Brill 1924-built trolley car. After the visit to the museum we will stop in El Reno for a BBQ lunch (not included in meeting fare). Our motor coach will then depart for the Railway Museum of Oklahoma at Enid, traveling north on US 81 paralleling the former CRI&P-OKT route, present day Union Pacific. The museum, located in the former ATSF freight house, has one of the finest historic antique railway collections in the Southwest along with an impressive historic outdoor collection. We will arrive back at the hotel at 5:45 PM.

After dinner on your own at 7 PM we will continue the KRHS swap meet, show and tell, one clinic, slides, and the annual modeling contest will be open until 10 PM.

On Saturday April 18 the KRHS' annual business meeting begins at 9 AM preceded by a KRHS board meeting at 7:30 AM at the hotel. At 10 AM we will depart on your own and meet for a tour and train excursion at the Oklahoma Railway Museum (ORM) located at 3400 NE Grand Blvd. in Oklahoma City.

The ORM is located on former Katy Parsons-Oklahoma City Oklahoma Subdivision rails and houses several pieces of historic Katy equipment including: former MKT home-built inspection car 1045; former MKT GE 25-ton No. 400 that worked at the Katy's Denison, Texas, tie plant; and OKRX No. 48 – a former US Army SW8 that is painted in Katy Whitman green and yellow that was in service at the McAlester, Oklahoma, Army Ammunition Plant. The museum also is home to an extensive collection of historic rolling stock and equipment. The ORM plans a special excursion at 11 AM for the KRHS with the MKT 1045 inspection car and MKT tribute SW8 over former Katy Oklahoma Subdivision rails.

There is no admission charge to the museum, however passengers on the KRHS excursion train are asked to donate \$12 to help pay for ongoing maintenance and fuel expenses. Museum exhibits will be open to the KRHS after the train returns at 11:45 AM.

At 5:30 PM Saturday evening at the Holiday Inn, the KRHS will enjoy its annual banquet with our special guest historian John Merman until 9 PM. Slide and video presentations will follow.

After Sunday morning check-out and farewells, we will start for home. Or, you may want to stay for a self-directed afternoon tour of some of the finest local Oklahoma City model railroads that the KRHS has been invited to visit.



Mail this registration form AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, or no later than March 31st to: KRHS Convention, 22016 Senna Hills Drive, Garden Ridge, TX 78266. If you have questions or concerns, contact Convention Chairman Dusty McCoy by e-mail at [dustmkt317@yahoo.com](mailto:dustmkt317@yahoo.com) or call 316-619-0756.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee: \$90 per person \_\_\_\_\_ \$12 donation per person for the ORM excursion train \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending Thursday–Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to "KRHS." No confirmation can be mailed prior to the convention. For schedules, maps, etc., pick up your packet(s) at the KRHS' hotel registration table. Make room reservations with the hotel EARLY.

**HOTEL HEADQUARTERS INFORMATION**  
**HOLIDAY INN OKLAHOMA CITY AIRPORT**  
 4401 Southwest 15th  
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
 Make reservations directly: 405-601-7272

To receive our special room rate, call our Holiday Inn headquarters and ask for a room in the Katy Railroad Historical Society's block. Rooms are \$95.00 per night and include breakfast and a beverage. This rate is good only until March 26.

If you have questions regarding your room accommodations, contact the hotel directly. All other questions concerning the convention may be directed to Convention Chairman Dusty McCoy by e-mail at [dustmkt317@yahoo.com](mailto:dustmkt317@yahoo.com). Phone: 316-619-0756.

On the way to or from our meet, the following railroad museums may be of interest:

**Museum of the American Railroad**  
 8004 N. Dallas Parkway #400  
 Frisco, Texas 75034  
 Hours: Wed. – Sat. 10 AM – 5 PM; Sun. 1 – 5 PM  
 Website: [www.museumoftheamericanrailroad.org](http://www.museumoftheamericanrailroad.org)

**Red River Railroad Museum**  
 101 E. Main Street, Suite 145  
 Denison, Texas 75021  
 Hours: Thurs. – Sat., 11AM – 4 PM  
 Website: [www.redriverrailmuseum.org](http://www.redriverrailmuseum.org)

**Parsons Historical & Iron Horse Museum**  
 401 S. 18th Street  
 Parsons, Kansas 67357  
 Hours: Fri. – Sun., 1 PM – 4 PM  
 Phone: 620-421-6771

**Three Rivers Museum**  
 220 Elgin Street  
 Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401  
 Hours: Wed. – Sat., 10 AM – 5 PM  
 Website: [www.3riversmuseum.com](http://www.3riversmuseum.com)



Make the most of your visit to the Oklahoma Railway Museum during the KRHS tour on Saturday April 18, 2020. Check out the museum's website at [www.oklahomarailwaymuseum.org](http://www.oklahomarailwaymuseum.org). A museum guide and equipment roster are on the website. For other questions related to the ORM, call the museum during open hours at 405-424-8222. Hours: Thurs. – Sat., 9 AM – 5 PM



**Above:** The Holiday Inn Oklahoma City Airport, our KRHS 2020 convention headquarters.



**ARROW** indicates location of the Holiday Inn Oklahoma City Airport.

**FROM THE NORTH:** Drive south on Interstate 44. Exit on SW 15th Street. Take a right and drive 1.5 miles. The hotel will be on the right side of the road.

**FROM THE SOUTH:** Drive north on Interstate 44 and exit on SW 15th Street. Take a left on SW 15th and drive 1.5 miles. The hotel will be on the right side of the road.

**TRAVEL TIPS**

**AIR TRAVEL:**

The Holiday Inn Oklahoma City Airport's shuttle provides guest transportation to and from the airport daily between 5 AM and 11 PM.

**AMTRAK:**

Daily Amtrak service is available from the former Santa Fe station in Oklahoma City's downtown. The distance to the hotel is approximately 6 miles. Amtrak's Heartland Flyer, Nos. 822 and 821 provide 4-hour service between Fort Worth and Oklahoma City.

**If you would like to volunteer to host a clinic please contact Dusty McCoy at [dustmkt317@yahoo.com](mailto:dustmkt317@yahoo.com) or call 316-619-0756.**

Please check if you would like to participate in the following:

- I would like to reserve space to sell Katy or other train memorabilia or models at the Swap Meet.
- I would like to reserve space for the Show and Tell.
- I will be entering the KRHS Model Contest. First, Second and Third place ribbons will be awarded.
- For Thursday, Friday or Saturday nights I plan to bring:  Slides;  Videos;  Movies. A Carousel slide projector, digital projector, and video equipment will be available each night.
- I would like to contribute a door prize(s) for the banquet. Description: \_\_\_\_\_
- I require special assistance. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- I want to volunteer to help during the KRHS' Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Convention.**