



Northbound Katy No. 102 on the St. Louis Terminal Railroad Association's High Line on September 18, 1987. *Daniel M. Schroeder photo*

From April 25 to 28, 2024, the Katy Railroad Historical Society's annual convention will again be in St. Louis, Missouri. Headquarters is the Hampton Inn & Suites, 215 Meramec Ave. in the business district of suburban Clayton, Missouri 63104 (see map). Book your room reservations online using our Group Code "KRH" at <https://group.hamptoninn.com/47fh17>. Or call the Hampton Inn at 800-774-1500. A KRHS group rate of \$126 per night (standard King or Double Queen) is guaranteed through April 4, 2024. Make your reservations EARLY.

The 2024 convention registration fee is \$100 per person for all Thursday through Sunday activities. A motor coach Friday-only tour rate of \$85 per person is available. Register online at [www.katyrailroad.org](http://www.katyrailroad.org) or use the bottom of this information sheet as your registration form and mail to KRHS Treasurer Don Scott.

Activities kick-off at the Hampton Inn on Thursday April 25 at 6 PM with registration and check-in at our meeting room. That evening several outstanding slide presentations will be featured. Vendors are welcome each day, Thursday through Saturday.

On Friday morning, April 26th, we leave the hotel at 9 AM for a light rail excursion across the Mississippi River on the historic Eads Bridge. Those who go on the tour need to be able to walk up and down steps and for short distances. Our motor coach

will take us to yards on both sides of the Mississippi, including MetroLink's St. Louis Ewing Yard maintenance center and Gateway Rail Services' Madison, Illinois yard and passenger car shops. Lunch will be on our own. Following the tour, our hotel meeting room will be available to buy or sell Katy Railroad literature and model train items from vendors, and for the display of model contest entries. Slide presentations will be shown until 10 PM.

Saturday morning begins early with our board meeting (closed) and annual KRHS business meeting (open to all). Afterwards, Katy history and modeling clinics are featured through the day. The full-price registration fee includes admission that afternoon to the National Museum of Transportation (NMOT) before our banquet in the Lindburg Automobile Building at 5:30 PM. Presentations and awards will follow the remarks of rail historian and KRHS member Don Hofsommer, author of *KATY NORTHWEST*. Afterwards, we return to our Hampton Inn meeting room where Katy movies, slides and/or PowerPoint presentations will continue.

Sunday brings the end of scheduled activities, although self-directed tours of some outstanding local model train layouts (O and HO) have been arranged. While in St. Louis for the KRHS convention, you may want to take the opportunity on Sunday to visit other points of interest in the area.



Mail registration form and check(s) no later than April 4, 2024 to: KRHS – Don Scott, 22016 Senna Hills Drive, Garden Ridge, TX 78266. **Or securely register and make payment online at [www.katyrailroad.org](http://www.katyrailroad.org).** If you have questions, contact Convention Chairman Raymond George by e-mail at [rbgeorge4@gmail.com](mailto:rbgeorge4@gmail.com).

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Full Registration: \$100 per person \_\_\_\_\_ includes Friday's bus tour, Saturday's clinics, National Museum of Transportation and annual KRHS banquet. Friday-Only Tour Registration: \$85 per person \_\_\_\_\_. Saturday-Only Clinics, NMOT and Banquet: \$50 per person \_\_\_\_\_. Total Number: \_\_\_\_\_. Make check(s) payable to "KRHS." Conformations will be e-mailed only. For schedules, maps, etc., pick up your packet(s) at the KRHS' hotel meeting room registration table. Make your room reservations with the Hampton Inn, Clayton/St. Louis EARLY. Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_.

**HOTEL HEADQUARTERS CONTACT INFORMATION**

HAMPTON INN & SUITES CLAYTON/ST. LOUIS

216 North Meramec Avenue

Clayton, MO 63104

Phone: 314-727-0700

Room Booking Link: <https://group.hamptoninn.com/47fh17>

Room Reservation Call-In: 800-774-1500 with Group Code: KRH

Guest Reservation Cut-off Date: April 4, 2024

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The KRHS’ room rate is \$126.00 per night that includes a buffet breakfast each day. Our block of rooms will be reserved only through April 4th. Reserve EARLY. If you miss the cut-off date, other hotels are located nearby.

On Saturday afternoon April 27, 2024, we carpool from the hotel to the National Museum of Transportation (NMOT) to view the Museum’s collection of steam and diesel locomotives, trolleys, airplanes and automobiles, including a guided tour through vintage rail passenger cars. Katy 4-4-0 American type No. 311, currently undergoing restoration, will be available for inspection.

Following Saturday evening’s catered banquet at the NMOT, Professor Donovan L. Hofsommer will talk to us concerning his experiences with the Katy while researching and writing the first in-depth history of a branch line railroad in the United States. His book *KATY NORTHWEST*, first published in 1976, is considered a definitive source by students of the MKT. Entertainment continues later at our Hampton Inn meeting room.

**KATY HISTORY CLINICS**

- **Early MK&T Hannibal and St. Louis “East End” Depots.** From the St. Louis National Museum of Transportation Collection.
- **1948 St. Louis Union Station Trains.** Slides from the Bob O’Neal Collection, St. Louis National Museum of Transportation.
- **MKT 4-4-0 No. 311 Restoration Update.** Presented by KRHS member Brad Libich.

**KATY MODELING CLINICS**

- **Modeling the Wabash and Katy at Moberly, Missouri (circa 1960) in HO-Scale.** Presented by modeler Larry VanHouten.
- **Modeling the Katy and KCS in HO-Scale.** Presented by KRHS modeler Bill Wehmeier.
- **Modeling MKT 4-4-0 No. 311 in O-Scale.** Project discussion by KRHS modeler Bruce Blalock.
- **Katy Rolling Stock, 1960-1988.** Previously unseen prototype slides from the collection of KRHS modeler Steele Craver.

Please check or complete all that apply.

I would like to reserve space to sell Katy or other train memorabilia, models or literature on Friday evening or Saturday.

I would like to reserve space to display Katy items Friday evening or Saturday.

I will be entering the Saturday Model Contest.

For Friday or Saturday nights I plan to bring:  Slides;  Videos;  Movies. A Kodak Carousel slide projector, digital projector, and video equipment will be available both nights.

I would like to contribute a door prize(s) for the banquet. Description: \_\_\_\_\_

I require special assistance. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

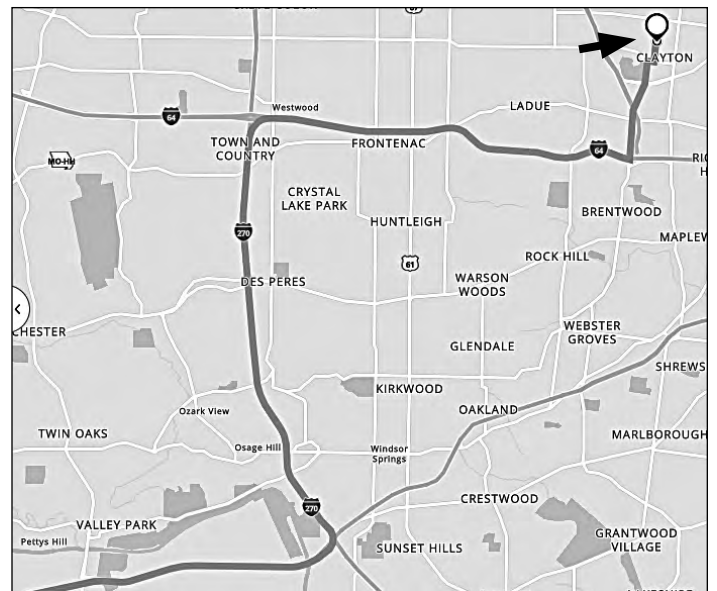
I want to VOLUNTEER to help during the KRHS’ St. Louis, Convention. (THANK YOU!)



KRHS 2024 Hampton Inn Clayton/St. Louis convention headquarters.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM THE SOUTHWEST**

Take Interstate Highway 44 Exit 276 toward Chicago onto I-270 North. Go 6.7 miles to Exit 12 onto I-64 East for 5.5 miles. Take Exit 31B-A toward Brentwood Blvd./Hanley Road. Go 0.5 miles. Turn Left onto S. Brentwood Blvd. Go for 1.5 miles. Turn Right onto Forsyth Blvd. Go for 505 feet. Then turn Left onto North Meramec Avenue. Go for 0.3 miles. Turn Right and go 72 feet to 216 North Meramec Ave. at the Hampton Inn – Clayton/St. Louis. Enjoy the KRHS’ 2024 convention.



Our Hampton Inn, Clayton headquarters is marked with an ARROW.

AMTRAK service is available via *The Texas Eagle* from Chicago and San Antonio to St. Louis, also *The Missouri River Runner* between Kansas City and St. Louis. Amtrak’s historic ex-MoPac Kirkwood station is 9 miles from the Hampton Inn. Amtrak’s St. Louis S. 15th Street station is 11 miles from our hotel.