

# KATY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## 2026 ANNUAL CONVENTION

### APRIL 30–May 3

# AT KANSAS CITY



SD40-2 #603 and a GP40 were coming off the KC Terminal's Kaw River Bridge into Missouri at Santa Fe Junction on Sept. 11, 1987. *John E. Carpenter photo*

#### KANSAS CITY HERE WE COME!

The 2026 Katy Railroad Historical Society annual convention will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites, 8787 Reeder Street, Overland Park, KS 66214. Single King or Double Queen, non-smoking rooms are \$119 per night, including breakfast for two. Please make reservations at **913-888-8440** and request our KRHS room rate.

Join us for three full days of railroad-focused activities, beginning Wednesday, April 29, with late-afternoon registration and concluding Sunday, May 3, with layout tours.

#### PRE-CONVENTION WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Early arrivals are invited to meet our Kansas City hosts at 9:00 a.m. for a day trip to Boonville, MO driving our own cars or carpooling. Highlights include the MKT Spanish Mission-style depot, the museum housed in MKT caboose #134 and the iconic 1932 lift span bridge over the Missouri River. Return to Overland Park mid-afternoon for registration. That evening, a limited number of members may operate on a local MKT HO model railroad.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 30

- **Morning:** clinics on MKT and Kansas City topics
- **Afternoon:** Tour Class One Model Works in North Kansas City (concept-to-reality model production); driving tour of Glen Park Yard, Kansas City Terminal Railway's turntable and the BNSF yard.

- **Evening:** Slide shows, additional clinics and a second limited MKT HO operating session.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 1

- **Morning:** KRHS Board Meeting: General Membership Business Meeting; Show & Tell modeling session.
- **Afternoon:** Split-group tours of Mid America Car in North Kansas City (locomotive and rolling stock repaint, repair and upgrades).
- **Evening:** Slide presentations, clinics and a special drawing for attendees who registered for the convention and made hotel reservations **prior to January 31, 2026**. Two locomotive and four caboose tickets for our Saturday A&SV excursion will be awarded.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 2

- **Morning and Afternoon:** Board motor coach for Abilene, KS and the Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad, housed in a restored 1888 Rock Island depot with museum and gift shop. Ride in a 1903-built MKT wooden coach to Enterprise, KS; visit the operating Hoffman Grist Mill and a country store. Enjoy lunch aboard the coach while we return to Abilene, then motor coach back to our hotel.
- **Evening:** Banquet at Kansas City Union Station's Harvey House with guest speaker retired 40-year MKT/UP veteran train dispatcher Thomas Lightfoot, followed by slides and fellowship at the hotel.

#### SUNDAY, MAY 3

- **Morning:** Farewells and open-house layout tours featuring MKT and other railroads throughout the Kansas City area.



Mail this registration form by January 31st to be eligible for the Friday night drawing, but not later than March 31st to: KRHS Convention, 22016 Senna Hills Drive, Garden Ridge, TX 78266. If you have questions or concerns, contact Convention Co-Chairman Rick McClellan by e-mail at **kansas96@yahoo.com**.

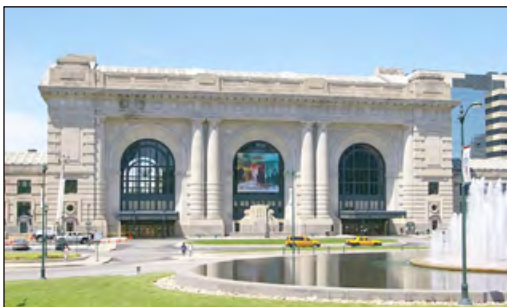
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**Registration fee: (\$195 per person)** includes Wednesday thru Sunday activities, train tickets, motor coach, annual KRHS banquet, etc. Number attending Thursday thru Sunday \_\_\_\_\_. Number for Saturday banquet only (**\$40 per person**) \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Total amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_. Make check payable to "KRHS." You may also register and pay online using PayPal at **<https://katyrailroad.org>**. Pick up your packet(s) at our Holiday Inn KRHS registration table.

**HOTEL HEADQUARTERS INFORMATION**  
**HOLIDAY INN OVERLAND PARK -WEST**  
 8787 Reeder Street  
 Overland Park, KS 66214  
 Phone for reservations at **913-888-8440**

When you call, tell the hotel's registration desk you are with the KRHS convention that has a group room rate. The group room rate includes breakfast for two persons. Holiday Inn's group room rate is based on 1 King bed, double occupancy, or 2 Queen beds, nonsmoking. The room rate per night is \$119. The cutoff date for our KRHS group rates is March 31, 2026. Be sure to make your convention and hotel reservations early.

If you have questions regarding your room accommodations, contact the hotel directly. Questions concerning the convention may be directed to Co-Chairman Rick McClellan by e-mail at **kansas96@yahoo.com**.



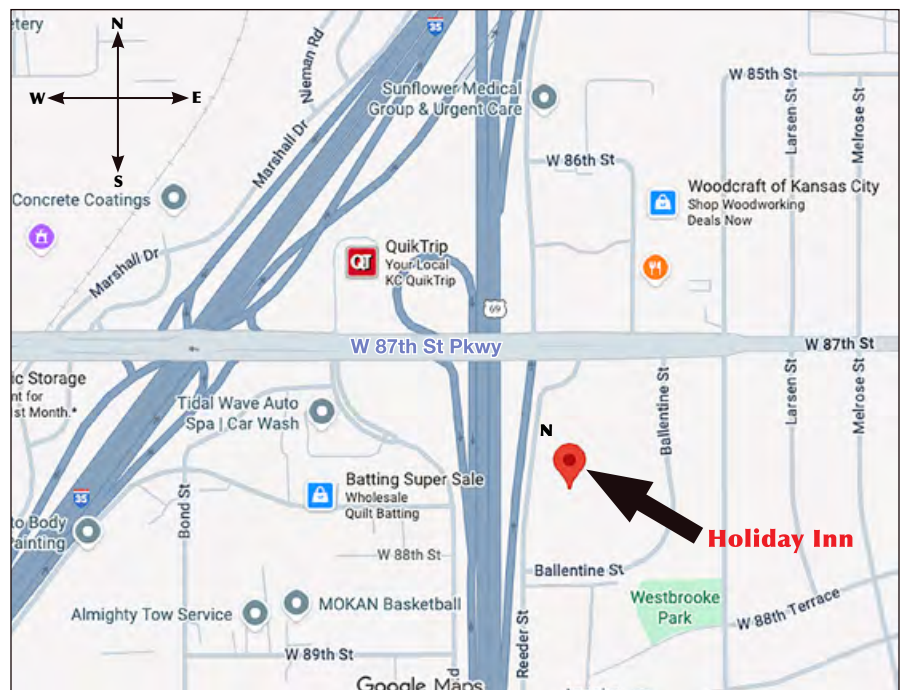
**Kansas City's Union Station (1914) will host our KRHS 2026 annual banquet at the Harvey House Restaurant.** Source: *npr.brightspotcdn.webp*

**AMTRAK SERVICE:**

Six daily trains can take you to or from Kansas City for the KRHS convention. Visit <https://www.amtrak.com/home.html> to start planning your trip. Kansas City Union Station, where we will enjoy our Saturday evening May 2nd banquet, is exactly 13.0 miles via I-35 from our Holiday Inn Overland Park-West headquarters.



**Holiday Inn & Suites-West in Overland Park, KS is our 2026 KRHS headquarters.**



**DIRECTIONS:** Take I-35 N to W 87th St./W 87th St. Pkwy. in Overland Park. Take exit **225A-225C** from I-35N. Continue on W 87th St./W 87th St. Pkwy. Use the right lane to turn slightly right onto 87th St./W 87th St. Pkwy. Turn right onto Reeder Street. Go 59 ft. and turn left. Destination will be on the left.

**We are grateful to Rick McClellan and Bret Overholtzer for their volunteer work of co-chairing our 2026 Kansas City convention.**

Please check or complete all that apply.

- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like space to sell Katy or other train memorabilia or models Thursday evening through Saturday afternoon.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will bring a model(s) for display during the Friday morning Show & Tell modeling session.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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. Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ **I want to volunteer to help during the KRHS' Kansas City, Convention. (Thank You!)**