KATY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2027 ANNUAL CONVENTION
APRIL 28–May 2
AT BASTROP, TEXAS



MKT's La Grange, Texas depot in 1968 – still exists. ***Pat Coughlin collection***



Katy's Bastrop, Texas depot in 1961 – no longer exists. ***Ed Stoll photo***

THE KRHS WELCOMES YOU TO TEXAS HILL COUNTRY

Join us for three fascinating days of Katy Railroad-focused group activities, beginning Wednesday, April 28, with late afternoon registration and concluding Sunday, May 2, with a MKT model layout tour. The 2027 Katy Railroad Historical Society's annual convention headquarters is the Hampton Inn and Suites of Bastrop at 240 Hasler Blvd. Singles and doubles are $139.00 and suites are $159.00, breakfast included. When reserving by phone call **512-321-2898**, and ask for the KRHS' group room rate. Or reserve online at: ***https://group.hamptoninn.com/wlfjaz.***

PRE-CONVENTION – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Early arrivals are invited to leave at 9 a.m. for a trip to New Braunfels driving our own cars or carpooling. Highlights include the New Braunfels Railroad Museum and lunch at Krause's famous German Restaurant. Then we leave for San Antonio to visit the San Antonio Model Railroad Association's extensive layout. We return to our hotel by 4 p.m., to finalize your registration, rest or dine, followed by open slide time. Welcome packets with itinerary and restaurant information will be available from our registration table, staffed by the Friends of the La Grange Railroad Depot.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

Leave our hotel at 8 a.m. for a bus tour of Texas Crushed Stone and the Georgetown Railroad. Next, we depart for Austin's Capitol Metro and a light-rail trip. From Cap Metro we leave for Elgin and have lunch on our own at Southside Market, then tour the railroad museum in the 1903 Katy/H&TC (Southern Pacific) joint passenger depot. Arrive back at the Bastrop Hampton Inn by 4 p.m., rest or have dinner, followed at 6 p.m. with Katy historical slide clinics.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

A KRHS Board Meeting (closed) is followed at 8 a.m. by our Annual Membership Business Meeting. Next is a presentation by Al Dykes detailing the restoration of Katy's 1955 Texas Special chair car *NEW BRAUNFELS*. A panel discussion follows with veteran MKT employees recalling their experiences. Afterwards, lunch is provided. At 12:30 we drive our own cars or carpool to Smithville for tours of LCRA's Rail Fleet Maintenance Shop, followed by visits to Bruce Blalock's outstanding MKT Railroad Library and Smithville's wonderful Railroad Park. We leave Smithville for La Grange and tour the La Grange Depot Museum, also enjoy Happy Hour.

At 5:45 we gather at the nearby La Grange Casino Hall for our KRHS Annual Banquet and after dinner speaker Mike Cox, author of *America's Deadliest Public Stunt – The Train Crash at Crush, Texas*. Afterwards, we return to the Hampton Inn and more presentations.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

We board our motor coach at 7:15 and depart for the Austin Steam Train Association (ASTA) at Cedar Park and ride on the Hill Country Flyer that departs for Burnet, Texas at 9 a.m. Lunch is on our own in Burnet. On arrival back at Cedar Park, we board our bus and return to Bastrop's Hampton Inn for rest or dinner.

A model clinic by Steve Nelson at 7 o'clock features his amazing MKT East End layout – including Blue Bell ice cream sundae treats. Afterwards, additional time for slides and presentations.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

Breakfast and farewells followed by an optional open-house layout tour of Steve Nelson's HO-scale layout in Cedar Creek that includes his incredible model of the Katy's Missouri River bridge.

Mail this registration form by January 31st to assure seating in the *NEW BRAUNFELS*, 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-Chairpersons Gale and Gary Lincke by e-mail at ***heritage@cvctx.com***.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____ e-mail_____

Registration fee: ($199 per person) includes all Thursday thru Sunday activities, train tickets, motor coach, annual KRHS banquet, etc. Number attending all activities _____. 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 Hampton Inn & Suites of Bastrop KRHS registration table.

HOTEL HEADQUARTERS INFORMATION
HAMPTON INN & SUITES OF BASTROP
240 Hasler Boulevard
Bastrop, TX 78602
Room reservations phone: **512-321-2898**
Online room reservation booking link:
https://group.hamptoninn.com/wlfjaz.

If you call, tell the Hampton Inn's registration desk that you are with the KRHS convention and have a group room rate. The group room rate includes breakfast for two persons. Hampton Inn's group room rate is based on single or double occupancy, nonsmoking, with a rate per night of $139. Our group room rate for suites is $159 per night. The cutoff date for our KRHS special rates is March 31, 2027. 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-Chairpersons Gale and Gary Lincke by e-mail at ***heritage@cvctx.com***



In October 1983, a northbound Katy train was passing the Austin, Texas Amtrak station. ***Edward J. Stoll photo***

AMTRAK SERVICE:

Austin's Amtrak station is located just west of downtown at 250 N. Lamar Blvd. The station is served by Amtrak's Texas Eagle train Nos. 22 and 21, which runs north to Chicago and southwest to San Antonio. Trains pass daily at 9:26 a.m. and 7:22 p.m. The station was originally built in 1947 by the Missouri Pacific Railroad.



Hampton Inn & Suites of Bastrop, Texas is our 2027 KRHS convention headquarters.



DIRECTIONS: From I-35 in Austin take Bastrop Highway (TX-71 E) 18.1 miles east to ramp onto TX-71 W at Bastrop toward Hasler Blvd/Childers St/ TX-150-LOOP E. Go for .8 miles. Turn right onto South Hasler Blvd and go .3 miles. Turn right and go 49 feet to the Hampton Inn & Suites of Bastrop.

We are grateful to Gale and Gary Lincke and the Friends of the La Grange Railroad Depot for their volunteer work.

Please check or complete all that apply.

_____ I would like space to sell Katy or other train memorabilia or models Wednesday evening through Saturday afternoon.
_____ I will bring a model(s) for display during the 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. Please explain:** _____
_____ I want to volunteer to help during the KRHS' 2027 Bastrop, Texas, Convention. (Thank You!)