The joint Katy/Frisco TEXAS SPECIAL is shown at the Dallas, TX Union Terminal behind H-3-a class Pacific type No. 381, circa 1947. - R. B. George, Jr. collection.

On April 23 – 26, the Katy Railroad Historical Society returns to the D/FW area for our 2015 annual convention and banquet. Our headquarters for the weekend will be the SpringHill Suites, Las Colinas in Irving, Texas, between DFW Airport and downtown Dallas. The hotel is at 5800 High Point Dr. in Irving just off the east service road of State Highway 114 between President George Bush Tollway and N. MacArthur Blvd. (map on reverse). Reserve your hotel room yourself by calling the SpringHill Suites-Las Colinas at (972) 580-1120. Be sure to mention our KRHS convention rate of $79 for a king or double/double bed suite with free complimentary breakfast. Our block of rooms at the special rate have been guaranteed through April 12, 2015; call ASAP.

The 2015 convention registration fee is $65 per person. A Saturday-only rate of $50 per person is also available. The bottom of this information sheet is provided as your registration form and should be mailed to Meeting Chairman Roy Jackson.

Official activities kick-off at the SpringHill Suites on Thursday at 6 PM with registration check-in adjacent to the hotel lobby/lounge area and an informal “meet & greet” session with fellow KRHS members. For early arrivals, a self-directed group tour by light rail of the Katy’s former Denton Branch and the Dallas Subdivision from Dallas to Rowlett will be organized to start around noon on Thursday the 23rd if enough people are interested. We plan to arrive back at the hotel around 3 PM which is check-in time. One of the meeting rooms will be available at about 5 PM for vendors to set-up for a buy/sell/trade session of Katy and other railroad items. You must, however, contact Meeting Chairman Roy Jackson to reserve a table (no charge). During the evening other activities and entertainment will be organized, or you are welcome to explore the DFW area on your own.

On Friday morning April 24 we will have an early registration session at the hotel, then caravan or car pool to a nearby Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) light rail station and ride a regular scheduled train to the Akard Street station in downtown Dallas. There we board our own special train to the DART Operations and Light Rail and Bus Maintenance Facilities at the site of the former Santa Fe Railroad yard north of downtown Dallas.

After our tour we will board our DART special train again for a ride back to the Akard Street DART station, continue one stop down to the West-End DART station, and stop for lunch on our own at one of the restaurants near the station. After lunch we will board the next DART train at the West-End station and travel back

Mail this convention registration form and check AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, or no later than April 6th, 2015 to: KRHS, 1400 N. State Highway 91, Apartment 913, Denison, Texas 75020. Contact Meeting Chairman Roy Jackson if you have questions or concerns at 903-327-5966. Roy’s e-mail: katyrailway@gmail.com.

Name(s) _______________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________________
City ___________________________ State ___________ Zip ________ Phone or e-mail __________________________

Registration fee: $65 per person. This includes the Thursday through Sunday scheduled activities and annual KRHS banquet. Saturday-only registration fee: $50 per person. This includes Saturday seminars and the KRHS annual banquet dinner. 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 our hotel registration table. Make your room reservations with the SpringHill Suites, Las Colinas EARLY.

Number attending Thursday–Sunday _______ Number attending Saturday only _______ Total Enclosed _______
to the DART station near the hotel and drive ourselves or carpool back to the SpringHill Suites. Another registration session will begin Friday afternoon and continue through the evening in the hotel lobby/lounge area. One of our meeting rooms will be available for vendors and individuals to buy/sell/trade Katy Railroad and related items, and for the display of modeling contest entries (reserve tables with Roy Jackson).

Our schedule on Saturday morning is in the final planning stage, but our executive board (closed) and annual KRHS business meetings (open to all) will be held from 08:30 – 10:00 AM. Another group tour or presentations on railroad operations and Katy modeling clinics are planned before lunch. After lunch, additional railroad-related clinics/presentations, judging of the annual modeling contests and vendor sales will continue. At 3 or 4 PM all convention meeting rooms must be cleared to allow the hotel to prepare for our annual banquet activities. After the banquet and our special guest speaker, retired former MKT/SP/UP Train Dispatcher John B. Charles, a drawing for door prizes and the annual fund raising auction will be held. The rest of the evening will be devoted to Katy movies, slides and/or PowerPoint presentations by our members.

Sunday morning brings the end of our festivities for 2015 and time for farewells until next year. Before leaving Dallas you can check out Dallas Heritage Park just north of downtown Dallas and its restored Katy depot from Fate, Texas, a section foreman house and other ROW buildings. Other preserved Katy depots are located in Faramers Branch and Carrollton in northern Dallas County. Those traveling north can stop in Frisco, Texas and see the progress at the Museum of American Railroads since the big move from the State Fair Park in Dallas last year. The Red River Railroad Museum in Denison will be open from 11 AM to 4 PM; stop by and see the Katy’s 401B which received a cosmetic restoration last year. For those traveling south, stop by and take a look at recently restored Katy depots at Itasca, Waxahachie, Hillsboro and West, Texas. Another worthwhile stop is the Railroad Heritage Museum in Temple in the ATSF station, the Katy depot in Temple is used by the museum for records storage.

It is helpful to our KRHS convention volunteers if you would mail your registration form and check AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, or no later than April 6, 2015 to: KRHS, 1400 N. State Highway 91, Apartment 913, Denison, Texas 75020.

If you would like to help as a volunteer at our convention, have a question or concern, want to make a slide presentation, want to reserve a vendor table for Thursday, Friday or Saturday, want to donate door prizes, or have something for our Saturday evening auction, contact Meeting Chairman Roy Jackson.

Meeting Chairman Roy Jackson’s contact information:
Cell phone: 903-327-5966
E-mail: katyrailway@gmail.com.

Please check or complete all that apply.

I would like to reserve space to sell Katy or other train memorabilia or models on Friday evening or Saturday.
I would like to reserve space to display Katy items Friday evening or Saturday.
I will be entering the Friday Model Contest.
I will be entering the Friday Photo 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 Dallas/Fort Worth, Convention. (THANK YOU!)

HOTEL CONTACT INFORMATION
SPRINGHILL SUITES by MARRIOTT / LAS COLINAS
5800 High Point Drive • Irving, Texas 75038
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Call the SpringHill Suites and ask for a room in the Katy Railroad Historical Society block. Rooms are $79.00 per night, which includes breakfast. This rate is not available online, you must make reservations by phone; it is good only until April 12th.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS
From Ft. Worth take President George Bush Turnpike North. Take the exit toward Texas 114/Royal Lane. Merge onto Texas 161 North. Turn right onto West John W. Carpenter Freeway. Take the 1st right onto High Point Dr. The hotel will be on your left.

From Dallas take Highway 114 West and follow signs for Grapevine/Airport North Entry. Take the exit toward President George Bush Turnpike. Take the 1st right onto High Point Dr. The SpringHill Suites will be on the left.

Our SpringHill Suites headquarters is marked with the letter “A.”

Daily AMTRAK service is available via The Heartland Flyer between Oklahoma City and Fort Worth/Dallas. At Dallas, connections are made to Chicago and San Antonio via The Texas Eagle. From Dallas Union Terminal to our hotel is 14.2 miles.