

KCS Historical Society

2829 Youree Dr
Ste 7 PMB 1138
Shreveport, LA 71104
www.kcshs.org



Convention sign-up QR code:



Dear KCSHS Member,

Registration is now open for the **45th Annual Kansas City Southern Historical Society Convention, to be held June 5–6, 2026, in DeQuincy, Louisiana. Online registration is encouraged, if possible.**

This year's convention will be centered around the DeQuincy Railroad Museum and will feature a relaxed, rail-focused schedule with opportunities for fellowship, photography, and exploration of the region's railroad history.

Convention Highlights:

- Special locomotive appearance (planned): We are working with CPKC Heritage Services on plans for a special locomotive appearance during the convention weekend. While details are still being finalized, we expect this to provide a unique opportunity for attendees to view and photograph one of CPKC's America 250 units.
- Friday evening program includes member presentations, the model and photo contest, and the annual business meeting.
- Saturday activities include railfan and photography opportunities in DeQuincy and a visit to the historic Beauregard Museum depot in DeRidder, Louisiana (lunch currently planned in DeRidder).
- Annual banquet Saturday evening at the DeQuincy Railroad Museum, with a planned speaker from the CPKC Heritage Program.

Enclosed you will find the convention registration form. You may register by mail or online using the QR code provided. **Additional information about the hotel and the model and photo contests is included on the reverse side of this letter.**

LEGAL NOTICE

An annual meeting of the members of Kansas City Southern Historical Society, Inc. (a Louisiana nonprofit corporation) for the election of directors will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 5, 2026, at 400 Lake Charles Avenue, DeQuincy, Louisiana.

Hotel Information:

Heritage Place Hotel & Suites
1028 E Fourth St, DeQuincy, LA 70633
Phone: 337-786-2919

Mention "Kansas City Southern Historical Society" to receive the group rate of \$231.50 total (including tax) for both nights. Rooms are limited, so please book early.

We look forward to seeing you in DeQuincy this June.

Sincerely,

Kansas City Southern Historical Society

kcshs@kcshs.org

Hotel Reservations

- **Heritage Place Hotel & Suites**
 - 1028 E Fourth St.
 - DeQuincy, LA. 70633
 - Discount price for two nights is \$231.50 (includes taxes)
 - Phone: 337-786-2919
- Mention **Kansas City Southern Historical Society** when reserving
- We have a limited block of rooms – be sure to book in advance.

Contest Rules

Participants are invited to showcase their creativity and passion for the Kansas City Southern (KCS) railway through their submissions. The following rules apply to both contests:

- **General Guidelines:**
 - Submissions must depict or connect to the Kansas City Southern (KCS), its subsidiaries (e.g., Louisiana and Arkansas, Kansas City Southern de México, Texas Mexican Railway, Gateway Eastern Railway Company), locations, or major partners.
 - Each participant may submit up to five (5) entries per contest.
 - A **printed description** must accompany each submission, detailing modifications, context, and the connection to KCS.
- **Judging Criteria:**
 - Evaluations will equally value craftsmanship, creativity, relevance to KCS, and overall presentation.

Model Contest Rules:

- **Eligibility:** We welcome all models, including unmodified factory builds, weathered or super-detailed factory models, kit-built models, and fully scratch-built creations.
- **Builder's Description:** Highlight any modifications, techniques, or unique processes used, along with how your model connects to the KCS.
- **Tips:** Thoughtful modifications or customizations, such as weathering and super-detailing, may receive higher evaluations as they demonstrate additional effort and skill.

Photo Contest Rules:

- **Eligibility:** Photographs must depict aspects of the KCS railway, including subsidiaries, locations, or major partners. Submissions can include both prototype and model railroad subjects. All submissions must be original works by the participant.
- **Submission Requirements:**
 - **Prints:** Physical prints only.
 - **Dimensions:** Prints must be between 5 x 7 inches and 8 x 10 inches.
 - **Mounting:** optional.
- **Photographer's Description:** Include the subject, location, and connection to KCS. Thoughtful compositions or unique perspectives may receive higher evaluations.