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Katy's new baby

Union Pacific's latest Heritage Series locomotive, UP No. 1988, awaits a green light at Fort Worth Centennial Yard in August on its debut run to the Fort Worth/Dallas area. The unit, which pays tribute to the former Missouri-Kansas-Texas line, is the third of six locomotives honoring UP's predecessor roads. — *Courtesy Steven Bledsoe*

WGH on Tour attracting hobby's bigger players

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Fate would have it that the spacious George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston was available when the World's Greatest Hobby on Tour needed to expand to the Southwest.

There was talk of Dallas, but Houston had more than ample accommodations. So just a few months removed from an inaugural four-city whirlwind opening, the big-time promotional model railroading show

skirted Big D and settled in Houston to open its 2006 schedule.

More than 25,000 are expected to pack the 1.8 million-square-foot convention center Jan. 7-8 for a model railroading free-for-all that is attracting major manufacturers and dealers.

"It just worked out that way," show co-organizer Randy Bachmann said of the Houston venue. "Actually, Houston is a very good train market. The GATS shows

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