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The Primer is a composite of the personal experiences and views of several attendees and is designed to enrich Eastern Division, TCA's York Week Experience. The Eastern Division, TCA, York Meet Notice is the official document for the York Meet. The Primer is not sponsored by any organization; business or company nor does it sell, endorse or promote a particular product. If you have a question about an activity or event listed herein, please contact the listed sponsor. Events off the York Fairgrounds or the NTTM site are not TCA sponsored. This version negates all previous versions. In my view, York is much more than a train-meet. It is about the gathering of families, friends and acquaintances. -Your TCA Family-

This Primer highlights the TCA Eastern Division York Train Meet; the TCA Museum, Library and Business Office Activities; member meetings and specified train group activities; non-TCA sponsored train events locally; local attractions; restaurants, tips on navigating the events and the locale. For the price of admission which includes free parking, this is the best deal for a 3 day train meet

in the universe. My hope is that the Primer will help you enjoy the week as much as I do.

“New info is presented in red.”

The information in italics comes from the York Registration Chair/President

President's Message

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of our Eastern Division members who cast their vote this past Fall for our newly elected Board of Directors. I assure you that all of us on the Board are fully committed to continue to sponsor the best toy train experience at the semi-annual York, Pennsylvania train meet. For 2 ½ days, whether your interests favor collecting, operating or both, you can enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow toy train enthusiasts. You may be thrilled with that once in a lifetime find or the joy of meeting up with old friends from all over the country or indeed the world. It is always a pleasure to make new friends and share experiences of the toy train hobby. If you've never made the trip to York or have been away for a while please accept our invitation to join us in April and again in October to take in this incredible experience. Click on the “You’ve got it made in York” for information regarding accommodations and other enjoyable activities in this great region of South Central Pennsylvania. And while you are in the area take the time to visit the TCA Toy Train Museum in Strasburg, PA. A great family experience.

If you are a seasoned veteran of the York train meet please spread the word to your fellow train hobbyists at home. We, as TCA members, should be enthusiastic about our hobby and invite new people to share in the fun. If you are a first timer and wish to speak with someone directly with questions about the Meet feel free to contact our Registration team or anyone on our Board. Their contact information is readily available on this website. They would be happy to pass on any helpful hints regarding the Meet or help you get registered to attend. In closing I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge with gratitude all of the hard work that our volunteer staff performs to make everything come together twice a year for the enjoyment of our members and their guests.

As I write these remarks in frigid, snowy Buffalo, NY I am looking forward to seeing everyone again in the Spring at York. Best Regards,

John Zobel, President Eastern Division TCA

The York Train Meet is the Train Collectors Association greatest recruitment tool. The October Meet proved to be no exception. TCA has 55 new members because of the York Meet and 77 members renewed their TCA dues. If you want to see the TCA membership

grow - then take a guest to the York Train Meet and encourage them to join TCA to continue attending. Online Registration begins in early January 2015. If you are as enthusiastic about toy trains as we are, come see what we are all about. Once there, join the Train Collectors Association so you don't miss a single show. Watch for April 2015 Meet Notice for meet details, member, dealer and guest registration forms.

York Meet Registrar's October 2014 Wrap Up

The October 2014 York Meet is behind us and work has begun on the April 2015 Meet.

A big **"Thank you"** to all the volunteers and staff that donated countless hours to put on another successful meet.

The Lower Susquehanna Valley Modular Railroad Clubs brought their "O" & "HO" layouts to York and put on a spectacular display. **Thank you.** Click on the club's name to visit their website.

We registered over 12,355 members, families and guests for the show. 55 of the guests attending also joined TCA and 77 renewed their TCA membership dues. York remains TCA's best recruiting tool. A big thank you to Leslie Houser (TCA National Business Office) for her dedication signing up new members and assisting those renewing their membership.

Now for the registration numbers:



Registration
Numbers

Members - 8,011
Spouses - 3,147
Children - 698
Guests - 499
Total - 12,355
RV's - 157

Don't forget you may bring as many guests as you want to the show. You'll find the guest form on our website. (Guest form) Register them early and get the advance discount pricing. Remember, guests may attend one time and then they are expected to join the TCA to continue attending the York Train Meet.

Work has already begun on the April Meet Notice. If you don't receive yours by mid February, please Contact Us. Online registration will begin in early January 2015 and I encourage you to register early and receive the advance discount pricing.

We again offered members the opportunity to register at the October show for the April show. If you didn't take advantage of this convenience, please try it at the next show. A sign up table will be located across from the Registration Desk. Put that on your list of places to stop while wandering through the Silver Hall in April.

You might ask: what are the advantages of signing up at the meet?

Convenience - do it at the meet and forget about it until you receive your badge in the mail.

Cost - we pay the postage.

Time saver - you save time as you no longer need to wait for the meet notice to arrive, then complete the form, put a self addressed stamped envelope in with your registration form and make a trip to the post office.

Accuracy of information - ensuring the information we have on file is correct and eliminating errors due to illegible penmanship.

*Everyone should consider using this method to register for the next meet. We'll begin mailing badges out the first part of February to those members attending the meet only. **Just a reminder:** if you're a table holder or dealer, your badge(s) will be mailed after March 22th, 2015. **If you pre-registered, you will still receive a meet notice for informational purposes only.** No need to submit a registration form and if you're not sure if you pre-registered. The York Meet is open to TCA members, their families and guests.*

??? NOT A MEMBER OF THE TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION ???

*but you would like to attend our meet and see for yourself what it's like to go to "Toy Train Heaven". With 3 dealers halls and 4 non-dealer halls loaded with trains, plus modular exhibits of operating toy train layouts, dealer seminars, buying, selling and much more... **you don't want to miss it.** We have over 190,000 square feet of trains, trains and more trains. For more information click [here](#).*

***Eastern Divison** is the sole sponsor of the York Train Meet. It is the largest division within the Train Collectors Association with over 6,600 members. The York Train Meet has a long history dating back to 1964 when it began holding its first train meet in the Blue Hall, also known as Memorial Hall. When you hear the old timers tell how they used to secure their tables, you can't help but smile. It was a free for all and whoever managed to get to the table first laid claim to it for the entire meet.*

***Upstate New York Chapter** - founded in 2012, they are the newest chapter in the Eastern Division. With a membership fast approaching 400, they are the fastest growing chapter in TCA. If you live in this area check out what they have to offer - train meets several times a year.*

The WB&A Chapter, also known as the Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis Chapter. WB&A is the oldest chapter of the Eastern Division and a very active chapter sponsoring 2 meets a year and numerous trips dedicated to fostering the love of the toy train hobby.

*The Train Collectors Association with over 28,000 members world wide, is dedicated to the hobby of collecting and operating toy trains, the fun of members buying, selling and discussing them, the study of their characteristics and the history of their production. As a member of TCA you have access to the amazing library of historical resources at the National Toy Train Museum Library, Strasburg, PA as well as the wealth of knowledge held within the membership. The camaraderie and fellowship you'll find in the organization is a testament to the 60 years since it was founded in Yardley, PA in 1954. The National Toy Train Museum sponsors an Open House October 15th, 2014. While there if you join the TCA you are entitled to register to attend the York Train Meet which is the largest members only meet in the United States. (The registration fee to attend the York Meet will gain you entrance to the meet for all three days). Visit their website, review the benefits and then **JOIN** the TCA.*

*Eastern Division Call Center closes April 15th, 2015
and then all registrations will be processed at the door.*

Nancy tentzeras, York Registrar registrar@easterntca.com<registrar@easterntca.com>

NEW NEWS:

York fall dates separate Hershey Antique Car Show and York Train Meet by a week. For many years the fall meets were coordinated.

I'm noticing in the York Registration package that fall York 2015 dates has been changed to October 22, 23, 24, 2015. That is a week later than what has been the rule for years. For as long as I have been involved, the York train show always followed after the 2 big Pennsylvania car shows: Carlisle and Hershey. This arrangement was done with the counties' involved visitor bureaus' coordination to help with room accommodations and to free the last weeks of October for the huge influx of "Leaf Peekers" with their different "Kind" of money."

For several of you TCAers, including me, that means that we have a week between the end of the Hershey car show and the York week. For those who travel long distance that means do Hershey OR York only, or spend an extra week on the road. Tough decision.

Hi Clem,

The Fall 2014 Registration packet had a typo in it regarding the October 2015 dates, which was announced numerous times during the October 2014 meet of the error and to make note of the correct dates as well as included in an Eblast that was sent to members

between 8/20/14 - 8/23/14 (depending on your last name stating a Correction to the Meet Notice as follows:

Correction to Meet Notice:

Future Meet Dates for October 2015 is October 22, 23, 24, 2015.

Thanks,

-Nancy Tentzeras, York Registrar

FUTURE YORK MEET DATES

April 23 - 25, 2015

October 22 - 24, 2015

April 14 - 16, 2016

October 20 - 22, 2016

April 27 - 29, 2017

October 19 - 21, 2017

Mark your calendar for these

The NEW Wyndham Garden, former Holiday Inn (by the Westmanchester Mall), has undergone an extensive renovation in 2014 to include:

- ~Brand New Crystal Ballroom~**
- ~Renovated Guest Rooms~**
- ~New Onsite Restaurant/Lounge~**
- ~Upgraded Business Center~**
- ~Addition of Elevator~**
- ~Renovated Fitness Center~**
- ~Updated Pool Courtyard~**

Steam into History

The York registration Package has the wrong date for the Steam into history special event. It is Saturday afternoon, not Thursday.

Join in the fun and Steam into History riding the rails that Abraham Lincoln rode to give his Gettysburg Address. Saturday afternoon you're invited to board the train in Glen Rock, PA for an excursion through the beautiful Pennsylvania countryside and visit Hanover Junction. Please call 717-942-2370 or [visit their website for more information and to sign up.](http://steamintohistory.com/home)

YORK TRAIN MEET MADE EASY

EASTERN DIVISION'S YORK MEET.

York Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle Ave, York PA, 17404 (This is the GPS location)

York Fairgrounds emergency phone # is 1-717.848.2596

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/York+Expo+Center/@39.9583672,-76.7548524,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x89c88c0b3c6bdd05:0x92728627075a6f87> is the fairgrounds map.

THE NATIONAL TOY TRAIN (TCA) MUSEUM/LIBRARY/BUSINESS OFFICE
300 Paradise Lane, Strasburg, PA

MUSEUM APPRECIATION DAY OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY OF YORK WEEK

The museum, library, and business office are open all week and are a must see. The Open House on Wednesday features a schedule of special events; refreshments and prizes, which are detailed further on the TCA web site. Please plan to attend and enjoy the Museum's special presentations and displays. For open house schedule, visit www.nttmuseum.org. Contact mrogers@traincollectors.org for more info.

*The York Train Meet is sponsored by the Eastern Division and it is open only to **members** (and family) of the Train Collectors Association and their guests. (To join TCA click here) Members are invited to bring their families and guests; however each person attending the Meet must be registered and receive a badge. Badges are required for entry to the buildings and must be visible at all times during the meet. Guests are required to show ID when picking up their badge at the door (see map).*

NOT a member of the Train Collectors Association but love trains and want to see what the York Meet is all about, then click here.

We offer several ways to register for the meet:

- 1. Online at <https://www.yorkregistration.org>*
- 2. Eastern Division Call Center - 1-814-928-0196*
- 3. Registration form located in the TCA Headquarters Newsletter (see Table of Contents for registration form page number)*

4. *By mail using the registration form located in the 2015 April York Meet Notice (registration form only)*
5. **At the Door**

Overview of the Eastern Division York Meet

NOTE: THE EASTERN DIVISION NEWSLETTER (YORK MEET NOTICE) IS THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FOR GUIDANCE REGARDING THE YORK TRAIN MEET. READ IT THOROUGHLY AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE MEET. LAST MINUTE CHANGES WILL BE NOTED ON CALENDAR OF EVENTS POSTERS AT YORK.

Meet notices are located on the Eastern Division web site:

<http://www.easterntca.com/>

or you can link from the TCA web site: <http://www.traincollectors.org/>

Or call 302-674-5797 for a copy of the meet notice.

MEET HOURS:

Dealer Halls- Orange (Utz), Brown (JS Smith Ctr.) & Purple (Heritage)

Set-up ONLY: Dealer Badge Required

Wed9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thurs.....9:00 AM - 12:00 noon

Fri/Sat...8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

OPEN to all attendees

Thurs 12:00 noon – 6:30 PM

Fri 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Sat 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Member Halls- White (Horticultural) (sometimes has layouts as well), Red (Old Main), Blue (Memorial West), & Silver (Memorial East)

Set-up Only: Table Holder Badge Required

Thurs 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon

Fri/Sat 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

OPEN to all attendees

Thurs..12:00 noon - 5:00 PM

Fri.... 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sat.... 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Black Hall (Pennsylvania Room): check Eastern Division website for info on layouts.

Registration Hours:

Wed.....3:00 PM-5:00 PM
Thurs/Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM
Sat.....8:30 AM-2:00 PM

Registration is now available for the next meet at the door. Table located in Silver Hall across from registration counter.

Kids Korner (Parents/guardian [Only one] must remain with child)

Thurs. . 12 Noon- 4:00 PM
Fri. . . 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM
Sat. . . 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

General Meet Rules include:

Badges must be worn at all times. Reprints are \$5 each. If you sleep on the fairgrounds must pay the \$40 RV fee. This is a York Expo Center liability requirement. RV's, campers, self-contained vehicles permitted on the grounds Wednesday 9 AM-Saturday 6 PM. See detail rules in Registration Packet.

Still Photography permitted in the Dealer halls and of the modular exhibits. No photos be permitted in the Blue, Silver, Red or White (Layout photos OK) halls or of copyrighted materials. Not sure? Ask!

Cell phones may be used in all the halls.

No buying, selling or trading permitted during setup.

No Alcohol allowed on the fairgrounds

No Strollers permitted in halls

No Smoking permitted in halls

No Vehicles in the halls.

No private golf carts permitted on the Fairgrounds without a certificate of insurance for one million dollars liability coverage on file with the Fairgrounds.

Pets are not permitted in the buildings except for licensed, service or medical animals.

For safety reasons no Handcarts/Dollies/Suitcases or large backpacks permitted in the halls during show hours.

Follow the Yellow Arrows on the hall floors.

GENERAL INFORMATION/AVAILABLE SERVICES/ACTIVITIES

1. The York meet is THREE wonderful days on the York Fairgrounds.
2. Pre-Register if you can. The money is nonrefundable but general admission is inexpensive and can eliminate any waiting in registration lines.
3. Guests can be registered in advance, but must show a picture ID and pick up their badges in person at the registration desk. Guest badges are NOT mailed.
4. Guests can attend York only once. Bring a train friend to York and sign 'em up for TCA. A guest can join TCA on the spot at York. No two-member signature required any more. The new member is probationary for a year, but that doesn't restrict them from attending any meets including this York's Meet.
5. The TCA National Business Office has several tables at/near the registration counter staffed to assist with membership issues. The Museum gift store booths are near the registration counter in the Silver Hall.
6. Bring your meet notice with you as reference. A map of the fairgrounds is in the notice. Note: 3 ATMs are located on the Fairgrounds.
7. Member halls close earlier than dealer halls to allow member table holders the opportunity to shop with our dealer members.
8. Hall floor plans will be available from Hall Captains and will be at the Registration Desk or online. **Red & White hall info tables are close to the hall captain's tables. Silver hall table with hall charts is across from Kids Korner, Blue Hall down by the food service. Dealer halls are online at the Eastern Division web site and each shows the location of the information table.**

9. YORK SHOW numbers (unofficial)

Here is the history:

York Statistics - Apr `07
Total Registrations 14,325

York Statistics - Apr `08
Total Registrations 14,567

York Statistics - Apr `09
Total Registrations 14,109

York Statistics - Apr `10
Total Registrations 13,769

York Statistics - Oct `10
Total Registrations 13,648

York Statistics - Apr `11
Total Registrations 13,521

York Statistics - Oct `11
Total Registrations 13,608

York Statistics - Apr `12
Total Registrations 13,403

York Statistics - Oct `12
Total Registrations 13,864

York Statistics - April '13
Total Registrations 12702
(First time below 13 K)

York Statistics - Oct '13
Total Registrations 13517 (Nice increase)

York Statistics - Apr 14
Total registrations 12,225
(699 registered at the door)
80 new members to TCA

York Statistics - Oct. '14
Total 12,355 (8011 members)
RV's 157

10. Volunteers are welcomed and needed. Wednesday at 1:00 PM there will be a briefing in the Blue Hall outside of the Blue Hall Cafeteria. Vol. lunch begins at noon. The York meet requires a huge number of members to make it happen. Contact our Volunteer Committee Chairman, John Zobel:

volunteer@easterntca.com

or (716) 662-7760 to volunteer.

11. The WB&A Chapter brings Kid's Korner @ York to the open space between the Blue and Silver Halls. Plan to visit, stay and play. Our Kids Korner managers are: Chuck & Pam Morkosky, Jennifer Skinner & Mitch Boyle and Martha Skinner. Be sure and stop by to chat and thank them for their interest and support for the next generation of TCAers. There are ride'em trains that circle the perimeter of the area, small train loops, a windup layout and lots of push-me trains for kids to play. Donations of play train toys are welcomed. Bring your kids (Age 0-110) and join in. There ain't no age or fun limit! There is a lot to do; track to assemble (probably plastic type), trains to push on the rug, windups to run, sharing concepts to learn, teaching to be done and fun for all. Door Prizes are awarded, as well as a Grand Prize. **A Parent/guardian must accompany the child. This is not day care.** I have found in my experiences, the adult who gets down flat with the kids and learns/watches/helps the play activity gets, by far, the most enjoyment. Photos may be taken in this area. We are seeking volunteers to help continue making this activity a success. Kid's Corner snacks are donated from the York County CVB. WB&A, a very active Chapter of Eastern Division, conducts two open meets per year in the Baltimore/Washington/Annapolis area, as well as two "members only" meets. <http://wbachapter.org/>

12. UPS has a booth in the Lobby entranceway to the Blue/Silver halls to accept, wrap and mail trains. It is Open Thurs 12-5 PM, Friday 9-5 PM and Saturday 9-2 PM. For incoming parcel receiving service, as well as outgoing service: store3038@theupsstore.com

Remember Uncle Clem's secret plan: Mail your expensive goodies to your office so that when you report to your significant other, you have no evidence of your wise investments.

13. **WHEELCHAIR/SCOOTER RENTALS: contact Dave Bubernack, D&R Mobility 570-274-3181 for reservations or questions. Dave will setup on the Fairgrounds next to the First Aid Building. I suggest you reserve early. Be courteous and drive carefully.**

14. **TCA GROUPS: MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES**
TUESDAY:

Eastern Division BOD Meeting: 12 Noon Orange Hall Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY:

TCA Museum open house 10: AM till 6: PM. See Wednesday Museum day activities on <http://nttmuseum.org/>

19th Semi-Annual DCS User Group Meeting-6 PM Wyndham Garden (formerly Holiday Inn Holidome) Address is 2000 Loucks Road. 6 PM dinner 7 PM Q&A. 8 PM MTH presentation
Barry Broskowitz:
broskowitz@computercompetency.com

The Toy Train Paper & Memorabilia Meet -
6 PM Liberty Fire Company, 160 E 8th Avenue, York. For more information contact Joe Mania at:
joe@jlmtrains.com or <http://www.ttpandm.com/>
Bring a favorite item to share.

TCA National Executive Committee Meeting. Orange Hall 7-10:30 PM

THURSDAY

Strategic Planning Meeting 7:30 am Orange Hall ticket booth.

Reliance Fire Hall opens 8 AM-1 PM

Standards Committee General Meeting-9:10 AM Orange Hall meeting room.

Wood Toy Train Collectors, 10:30-11:30 AM, Blue Hall Atrium. Stop by and see their display

MTH will be conducting seminars in their booth and the website address for details is:

<http://www.mthtrains.com> Advanced registration is required.

Atlas O Seminars: Stop by their Orange Hall Booth for times and details.

National Kids Club Committee -2 PM Orange Hall Meeting Room

Lionel Prewar O Gauge Train Study & Standard Gauge Seminar

Bruce Greenberg will photograph Lionel Prewar O Gauge locomotives, rolling stock and sets in the Orange Hall. To have your items photographed. Please go to Bruce's tables, Row O, Tables 1-3. He is interested in both unusual items as well as items in exceptional condition. Photography hours: Thursday 4-5, Friday 11-12, and Saturday 11-12. For more information please call Bruce at 703-461-6991. Bruce will present a seminar, "Lionel Prewar O Gauge 1915-16 -A new beginning." on Friday at 4 pm in the Orange Hall meeting room.

Reliance Fire Hall opens 5 PM-9 PM

Ives Train Society BOD Meeting -5:30 PM Orange Hall Meeting Room

Marx Show & Tell 7 P.M. Liberty Fire Company, 160 East 8th Ave., York. Bring a Marx trains, accessory or toy.

OGR Forum dinner and happy hour at Ruby Tuesday, 1401 Kenneth Road York, PA Thursday after 4 PM, 1411 Kenneth road, York, PA. Open to everyone. jimbarrett@ogaugerr.com

"Flyer Nut" Meeting 8:30 PM Reliance Fire Hall, 1341 W market St, York

FRIDAY:

York Legacy Users. 8 AM, Alexander's Restaurant. 840 Carlisle Ave, York

Reliance Fire Hall open 9 AM - 5 PM

"OO" Gauge Meeting - 10:-11 AM Orange Hall

Contact:

flyerlarry@yahoo.com

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Plasticville Collectors Assoc (PCA) 11 AM-Noon. Orange Hall (Utz) meeting room. John Niehaus johnln@netins.net
Ph. 515-771-6888 after 5 PM Central time.

Ives Train Society General Meeting NOON to 1:00 PM Orange Hall Meeting Room. Contact Don Lewis:
dorfan@comcast.net

New and unusual items will be photographed for use in the TCA Quarterly, Friday 1:00 PM-Blue Hall (near Men's room) Contact Ron Morris - Blue hall table G69.

National Convention Guidelines: 1:30-4 PM. Orange Hall meeting room

OGR Forum Meeting- 2 PM Fairgrounds Grandstand. Contact Ed Boyle
ed@ogaugerr.com

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FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL - 6:30 PM ORANGE HALL PROMENADE

SATURDAY:

Free Coffee and Maple Donuts - 7:30 AM Orange Hall Promenade

Eastern Division General Membership-
8-8:45 AM Orange Hall Meeting Room

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15. SHOPPING OPTIONS FROM THE YORK MEET

The shuttle bus #I to the local mall leaves from in front the Blue Hall every hour Thursday 12-4 PM. Friday every hour from 10 AM-4 PM. \$1.00 each way, exact change only. No reservations required. Shopping II - Bus trip to Lancaster area Outlet Mall Friday 10 AM-4 PM. Pick up in front of Blue Hall. Mark Reservation Box on Meet Registration Card. \$10 round trip paid in exact cash to the bus driver.

16. FAIRGROUNDS INFORMATION:

Emergency Phone Number during Meet

(717) 848-2596

GPS location is York Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle Ave, York PA, 17404

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/York+Expo+Center/@39.9583672,-76.7548524,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x89c88c0b3c6bdd05:0x92728627075a6f87>

First Aid Station—next to the Fire Station near the Brown Hall.

HAVE YOUR SIG OTHER PREPARE YOUR MEDS.

PUT THEM WHERE YOU CAN FIND THEM.

TAKE THEM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Fairgrounds flag area near the main entrance to the Orange Hall U.S. has an honorary brick purchase program sponsored by the York Fairgrounds. Contact Fairgrounds at (717) 848-2596.

Rest rooms open only during meet hours are inside the Blue, White, Black, and Brown halls, the inside lobby between the Blue and Silver Halls, east outside area of the Red Hall, next to the EMT (First Aid) building and the Orange Hall promenade area. Restrooms open 24/7 on the Fairgrounds: the west side Orange Hall promenade restrooms include coin-operated showers have an outside entrance for use after hours and the Firehouse.

17. RV ACCOMODATIONS

Fairgrounds RV Accommodations Open 9:00 AM
Wednesday till Saturday 6:00 PM

Enter from the back side of the fairgrounds through Gate 6, Highland Ave. Dave Goodhart will help you park. (570-847-8017) RV@easterntca.com

You are not allowed to put stakes thru the asphalt. Bring pads for your jacks and wheels (see the registration package.) The Northwest corner of the Fairgrounds has a nice RV area which we encourage you to use. You need the permit if you intend to sleep on the grounds: camper, tent, sleeping bag or your car. Current fee is \$40. The Fairgrounds charges us per user, no matter what you use. Electricity: If you plug in to a receptacle (all electrical devices) you are required to pay the \$40 electric fee and provide your own extension cord.

18. The PA Tax Office can and does send people to visit the halls during York. Space holders in the Orange, Brown and Purple Halls are required to have PA Tax number. If you have a dealer license, be prepared to show it.

19. York County maintains a booth in the Silver Hall during the meet for your convenience. Contact them if you have accommodation issues or questions. They will have discount coupons for some restaurants and points of interest. The staff is most helpful.

www.yorkpa.org

20. TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

York area from the South: travel to the Baltimore loop and then go up 83 North. Direct from the Washington area to the York Fairgrounds, in York, take 83 Business (from George Street) right onto Market, left onto Duke and then left on Philadelphia St., then right on Carlisle St. to Fairground on the left.

Alternate, northbound on I-83 from Baltimore, as you near York, exit on Business 83N. Within a few blocks, you'll see a "FAIRGROUNDS" sign that will direct you to make a left turn on "Country Club Road". Stay on this road to right turn onto "Richland Ave." At Market St. make a left. The Fairgrounds is one block away on your right.

Alternate route from the Washington area: Route 15 North to Route 30 East to York, then Route 74 (Carlisle St.) south to Fairgrounds.

The Long Island/NYC/Jersey York Bus: "If you don't want to drive and hail from New York City, Long Island or New Jersey, there is a TCA Show luxury bus which will take you to York, gets you to breakfast locally (at your cost, but cheap) and brings you home. Included is an all you can eat buffet on the way home. Pick up points are located in shopping centers with all-day parking included. Sleep on the way down (bring your own pillow). Usually, on the return, there is a movie on board. They run train tapes.) You could bring your own favorites! Lot's of good camaraderie aboard. I've done it 3 or 4 times and it's great to not drive." (Chris Zizzo)

Bus Info from Lenny Joerg:

"Les and I are doing the buses again. Now we use luxury buses. We already have 80 riders so it should be a good turn out! The stops are still Commack, West Babylon, & Hicksville on Long Island along with the Bronx & Flushing NY and finally Woodbridge NJ. The cost has risen to \$80 but it still includes supper at the Old Country Buffet. We still stop at Alexander's for breakfast but it is not

included in the fare! For more info I can be reached at (631) 874-6834 or via email. Lenny Joerg
sljoerg@optonline.net or Lester Livingston (678) 398-9449.

Pittsburg and Washington County, Pa. bus trip to York

Antique Coach Excursions is located in Washington County, PA and is making plans to bring a bus full of eager toy train enthusiasts to the York Meet. For information, contact Alex Demtzak at 724.947.9000 or email him at info@antiquecoachesexcursions.com. Sounds like a great way to do York.

21.YORK TRAFFIC AND WEATHER INFORMATION:

WSBA--AM-910 radio regular traffic updates

WSOX--FM-96.1 the same

WGAL--Channel 8 TV traffic updates from 5 to 7 AM every 10 minutes

WROZ--FM-101.1 "The Rose" regular traffic updates.

Comments:

Pennsylvania has had rough winter weather wise. PENNDOT and county/city staffs are working very hard to clear and repair roads. Give them a brake and drive carefully. (Clem)

The city of York has various ongoing street repairs that change on a daily or weekly basis. The best source of information is <http://www.ydr.com/>

People traveling the Turnpike need to be aware of a heavy police presence in construction areas and that all fines are doubled for construction areas (true in constructions areas all over the state). Also be aware that Pennsylvania has numerous "add-ons" for violations that can actually be more than the fine for the violation. All of this is totaled before being doubled. Please drive safe. (Clem)

Pennsylvania Official Travel Information website is "511PA". Dial "511" or go to www.511PA.com to obtain the travel information.

Traffic at the Carlisle Gate of the York Fairgrounds can be horrendous. Please be careful. I recommend Gate 6 on Highlander Ave. - the Northwest end of the fairground opposite from the Blue Hall area or from the Blue Hall on past the

Orange Hall to the fence). That gate is always open and you can turn left or right easily. (Clem)

York weather info:

<http://weather.yahoo.com/forecast/USPA1834.html>

CWSU National TAF METAR maps - NOAA NWS

_Check this out for up to the minute weather info anywhere in the USA-really high tech stuff here.

22. ACCOMODATIONS

The York County Convention & Visitors Bureau (YCCVB) is the official tourism promotion agency for York County. The organization's website, www.Yorkpa.org or call (888) 858- 9675, or (717)-852-9675, www.yorkchamber.com

Nearby Lancaster County Visitor's Bureau can be reached at (800) 723-8824 or www.padutchcountry.com.

We have two new hotels in York. The Towne Place Suites by Marriott is located at 2789 Concord Road, York PA 17402. For reservations call 717-840-1180. The Hampton Inn & Suites York South is located at 2159 S Queen Street, York PA 17402. For reservations call 717-741-9900.

RV accommodations non-meet days.

Indian Rock Campground, just outside of town to the south and west. They run a reasonable rate a night, with electric and water; including decent shower facilities .Contact them at <http://www.indianrockcampground.com>

Ben Franklin Park in York, PA is approximately 5 minutes west of the York Fairgrounds. They are a mobile home park that is offering RV spaces with full hookups. They offer services as possible overflow or for those who might have special needs which they may be able to fulfill. (717) 792-9612
www.benfranklinRVPark.com

The best place to camp is the Gifford Pinchot State Park which is located on Rte. 74, about 12 miles from the York Fair Grounds. It has camp sites on a lake, has great showers/bath rooms and is very quiet. — (Bob Obara)

<http://www.bing.com/search?q=Gifford+Pinchot+State+Park&src=IE-TopResult&FORM=IETR02&conversationid=>

23. NON -TCA SPONSORED TRAIN SHOWS DURING YORK WEEK

There are five different train shows held on days prior to the TCA meet at the York Fairgrounds on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. These are:

The old Billy Budd is now DAYS INN. PH. (717) 845-5671.

<http://www.daysinn.com>

It is located at the confluence of Route 30 and Interstate 83 (334 Arsenal Road.) Show Contact: Rich Dedufour (609-466-3933).

Best Western Motel just north off of Route 30 (1415 Kenneth Road). (717) 767-6931

<http://www.bestwestern.com> Contact Gene Simbolt (718) 229-8927 nites or gms01@hotmail.com

Wynhdam Garden (formally Holiday Inn) at West Manchester Mall north of Route 30 on Carlisle Road (2000 Loucks Road.) Phone: (717) 846-9500).

<http://www.hiyork.com/> Christina Cross handles the outside space/table reservations. Charlie Phillips kc97trainsmto@aol.com handles the inside reservations.

The Reliance Fire Hall (West York FD) on 1341 West Market Street. Contact Barry @ (717) 424-1308 or kingkodak@hotmail.com for tables. Listed at <http://trains.com/>

Commonwealth Fire Hall, 2045 North Sherman St., York PA 17402. Contact Barry @ (717) 424-1308 or kingkodak@hotmail.com for tables. Listed at <http://trains.com>

Entrance to these meets is free and not restricted to TCA members.

Locations: The Hotel at the confluence of Route 30 and I-83 is known as the Days Inn (former Billy Budd) When you exit off of I-83 onto Route 30 going east, make a right at the next intersection (Arsenal Road) and the Days Inn is on your left. The train meet is held inside the main meeting room and sometimes outside in the parking lot. Many guests display their trains inside their rooms. From the Days Inn, if you go back West on Route 30, under I-83, you will pass several traffic lights and blocks of stores and restaurants and then come to a traffic light with an Olive Garden Restaurant on the left.

If you make a right turn at that light, you will come to the Best Western Motel within a half a block (1415 Kenneth Road). This property has a local train show outside in the parking lot (weather permitting). The Wyndham Garden (Formerly the Holidome) can be reached two ways. If you turned right at the Olive Garden to get to the Best Western, you should continue north and turn left at the next light onto Loucks Road. This will take you to the back of the Wynhdam Gardens. You can also reach the Wyndham Garden by continuing West on Route 30 and exiting right on Route 74 (Carlisle Rd.), turning right at the second light, and then left onto the Wynhdam Garden back driveway. The train meet is held in part of the parking lot that surrounds the Wyndham Garden and inside in the main banquet room, hall area and adjacent rooms.

The Reliance Fire Hall show is primarily for S gauge folks. The Reliance Fire Hall is at 1341 W. Market Street Ph. (717) 843-6305.) Its location is out the Market Street gate of the Fairgrounds turn right and go a couple of blocks. From there, if you go east thru town you come to a left on North Sherman St. Commonwealth Fire Hall, 2045 North Sherman St. York PA 17402 (It is east of I-83, so you could also get on Rte. 30E to I-83S to E Market St.)

If you exit the Wyndham Garden and turn left on Route 74 and travel towards York a mile or so, crossing under Route 30, you come to the York Fairgrounds on your right. This is where the action is Thursday afternoon, Friday and Saturday.

Red Lion Area Historical Society & Red Lion Train Station Model Railroaders are holding an Open House at the former Maryland and Penna. Railroad's Authentic and historic Red Lion Train Station. The "0" Gauge Model Railroad layout will be on view Wed., & Thurs., from 6PM-9PM each evening. The train station is located at 73 N. Main Street, Red Lion, PA 17356. Route 24, (block north of the town center square). For more information go to the Red Lion Area Historical Society's website at

<http://www.redlionpa.org/history.htm>

Vintage toys 717-818-6660

Rt30 north on Carlisle Rd (74) 4.1 miles right at light onto Palomino Rd. Over 800 vehicles on display, by various makers in die cast, plastic, steel, tin...Tootsietoys to pedal cars. Building on next corner on right at 3988 Sheppard Lane
M-F 4-9 PM. Saturday 9-1PM

Christmas Museum

3427 Lincoln highway (Route 30)

Paradise, PA

Ph (717) 442-7950

<http://www.nationalchristmascenter.com/>

TOY TRAINS UNLIMITED
38 YORK ST.
HANOVER PA. 17331
(25 minutes from York, PA FAIRGROUNDS)
1-717-637-4717
FOOD, DRINKS & PLENTY OF GOOD CONVERSATION

Toy Trains Unlimited, will be having an open house on Wednesday, This is the week of the York TCA, Meet.

This year's event will start at 2 PM., and will continue until everyone has left or has been thrown out, including myself (Ron). There will be food, drinks, and a large selection of American Flyer & Lionel trains and accessories. Hopefully there will be some very unusual and interesting Flyer items to show and tell about (please bring in your interesting Flyer items), and of course we will also have a large group of Flyer and Lionel operators and collectors visiting. Make plans to attend this yearly event and please tell your American Flyer & Lionel friends to come along. There is plenty of that stuff here to choose from.

DIRECTIONS:

From the York Fairgrounds, take Market St. to Carlisle Ave. until you get to Route 30 west. Follow Route 30 west (for approximately 8 miles) until you come to the intersection of Rt.116 & Route 30. Turn left onto Rt.116. From route 116 & 30 you will travel approximately 20 miles where Rt. 116 will become York St. in the town of Hanover. As you enter the town of Hanover, travel approximately 2 miles. The train shop will be on the right side of York St./116. Look for the Railroad Flag hanging from the front of the store.

POST & PRE-WAR LIONEL //// TRAINS & ACCESSORIES
AMERICAN FLYER //// NEW & USED TRAINS & ACCESSORIES
MTH //// S & O GAUGE TRAINS & ACCESSORIES
AMERICAN MODELS, S-HELPER, K-LINE, DISCOUNT TRAIN SETS
THERE IS NO RETAIL PRICES IN THIS STORE !

24. Steam into History

The Eastern Division is celebrating 46 years of train meets at the York Fairgrounds, York, PA and Steam into History's Historical Train Ride is the end of "Happy trails." Ride the 1860's era replica steam train Saturday afternoon April 24th) joining the fun of being whisked back into history as you ride the rails Abraham Lincoln rode on his way to give his famous Gettysburg Address. For information call 717-942-2370.

25. TCA National Convention items and information will be available at tables in the usual place near the Registration counter in the Silver Hall. 2015 Convention is near New York Metro area June 20-28, 2015. <http://metca.org/>

26. Economic impact [EEI] of the Eastern Division meets on York County.

Hi Clem and Jan,

Thank you for contacting us for the estimated economic impact [EEI] of the Eastern Division meets on York County.

We are fortunate that train collectors are almost as passionate about York as they are about their trains.

We conducted primary research in 2009 that yielded a spending figure for those attending meetings and conventions in our town. They spend an average of \$833/trip. With 27,000 train collectors coming to both meets, that is an annual estimated economic impact of \$22,491,000 million!

Hope this data is helpful to Eilene and her presentation to Rotary.

Diane Yocum, our business manager, is a member of the East York Rotary Club and I am a member of the downtown York Rotary Club. Hopefully, one of us will have the pleasure of hearing Eilene.

If we can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Thank you,
Anne Druck

Anne R. Druck

President

York County Convention and Visitors Bureau

The Official Tourism Promotion Agency for York County

155 W. Market St.

York, PA 17401

888-858-9675

"Factory Tour Capital of the World"

www.yorkpa.org

27. WiFi is available. Contact York Expo to reserve at 717-848-2596. Fee charged.

MONDAY:

The Wyndham Garden (Formerly Holiday Inn and Conference Center) opens up on Monday morning, both inside and outside.

The Reliance and Commonwealth Fire Halls open 9-5 pm. The Billy Budd is open 7-9 pm.

TUESDAY:

The **Wyndham Garden** ballroom will open 7:30 AM till 7:00 PM. Times are approximate. The correct times get posted on the main doors. The outside parking lot trading area opens early and gradually fills during the day. (Phone: (717) 846-9500.

At the Days Inn (Former Billy Budd,) the hotel rooms may be full of wondrous trains and some dealing is done as early as Sunday. Hours: 8 AM-9PM.

The Best Western (OUTSIDE ONLY) is in full swing 8 AM-7PM during the day.

The Reliance and Commonwealth Fire Halls Open 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY:

YORK MEET DEALER SET UP: Orange, Brown and Purple Halls 9:00 AM-6:00 PM. Dealer badges required. Registration in the Silver Hall is open from 3-5 PM

The Days Inn (Former Billy Budd) opens around 8 AM-5 PM.

The **Wyndham Garden** parking lot trading area opens around 7:00 AM till about 3:30 PM. The inside opens around 7:30 AM.

The Best Western Motel show open Wed. 7:00 AM till 5:00 PM.

The Reliance and Commonwealth Fire Halls open 9:00 AM-5 PM.

York Meet Volunteers Meeting Wednesday 1 PM in the Blue Hall lunch area.

NATIONAL TOY TRAIN (TCA) MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

The Museum is in nearby Strasburg, Pa. It is an excellent full day of special activities. See the TCA web site for current details. www.nttmuseum.org

THIS IS A MUST ATTEND EVENT!

The schedule for Wednesday Open House at the NTTM is not available at this time.

Email mrogers@traincollectors.org for the latest on improvements/changes to the museum and the York week schedule. Or use the TCA Museum website <http://nttmuseum.org/>

Thanks for your support and enjoy the Eastern Division meet Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Directions to the National Toy Train Museum from York Expo Fairgrounds

Follow Route 30 East approximately 42 miles. Turn right onto Route 896 (just past Rockvale Outlets). At second traffic light (in center of Strasburg), turn left onto Route 741 East. Follow Route 741 East, passing Strasburg Railroad and the Railroad Museum of PA. Turn left at traffic light onto Paradise Lane. Pass Red Caboose Motel. Turn right into Museum Parking lot. After dropping off your passengers, please park in one of the outlying parking lots.

We once again have our FIVE (5) parking lots--- 3 SHUTTLE STOPS at CHOOCHOO BARN, STRASBURG RR, & RRMPA. I hope you will use one of them and ride in on the SHUTTLE. We also have limited parking at the NTTM. We require more dedicated spaces than ever at NTTM due to more presenters, PLUS Handicap Parking may actually be easier at a Shuttle location, if needed. Each Pick-Up Point will be signed. SHUTTLE runs from 9 AM til 6 PM, approx 15 minute headway.

However you arrive, where-ever you park, ENJOY a DAY at NTTM on Wednesday, of York week. The Parking Crew will gladly assist anyway they can and the E & M Committee have a GREAT day planned for YOU. Jim Lyle

Volunteers - Be sure to thank our Museum Volunteers who devote so much time and talent to make The National Toy Train Museum the very special place it is.

New Volunteers Welcomed!

Contact Melody Rogers at NTTM (717)687-8623

Melody Rogers mrogers@traincollectors.org

York Registration opens 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

THURSDAY:

Strategic Planning Meeting 7:30 AM Orange Hall ticket booth.

Reliance Fire Hall opens 8 AM-1 PM

Registration opens 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

Load-in/unpacking for Table/Dealer badge holders:

Orange/Brown/Purple Halls 9 AM -12 Noon

TCA Standards Committee Meeting: 9:10 AM Orange Hall Meeting Room

Blue/Silver/Red/White Halls 10 AM -12 Noon.

EASTERN DIVISION YORK MEET OPENS AT NOON ON THE FAIRGROUNDS WITH THE PLAYING OF OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM. STAND TALL AND BE PROUD. MEMBER HALLS 12 NOON TIL 5:00 PM. DEALER HALLS 12 NOON **TILL 6:00 PM.**

Parking is free but arrive early if you want to park near a building. Parking guides will assist you. Huge crowd! The pre-meet buzz around the outside of the halls is toooo much to miss. Plan a restroom stop prior to opening time. Food is available on the grounds.

If you don't have a registration badge you may register at the meet. The registration badge lets you get in all buildings. If you are a TCA member, you don't need a member to sponsor you in. Bring your TCA membership card! There is a shuttle bus around the fairgrounds, but it is quicker to walk (Wear comfortable layered clothes and shoes).

YORK HALLS (Map of York Fairgrounds in your York Meet Notice)

White Hall, Red Hall, Silver and Blue Halls:
Individual TCA Hobbyists

Orange, Brown and Purple Halls: are TCA member dealers

Black Hall: Check Eastern Division Website for info on train layouts.

The shopping I shuttle bus to the local shopping mall leaves just outside the Blue Hall Thursday every hour from 12:00 noon -4:00 PM. \$1.00 each way, exact change only.

Downtown and Galleria.

Food can be obtained on the fairgrounds in several locations.

There is so much to see and do at the York Fairgrounds, that it is tough to do it justice in one day. Although there are thousands of tables to view, a lot of us just enjoy the opportunity to socialize with the membership.

National Kids Club Committee -2 PM Orange Hall Meeting Room

Lionel Prewar O Gauge Train Study & Standard Gauge Seminar

Bruce Greenberg will photograph Lionel Prewar O Gauge locomotives, rolling stock and sets in the Orange Hall. To have your items photographed. Please go to Bruce's tables, Row O, Tables 1-3. He is interested in both unusual items as well as items in exceptional condition. Photography hours: Thursday 4-5, Friday 11-12, and Saturday 11-12. For more information please call Bruce at 703-461-6991. Bruce will present a seminar, "Lionel Prewar O Gauge 1915-16 -A new beginning." on Friday at 4 pm in the Orange Hall meeting room.

Reliance Fire Hall opens 5-9 PM

Thursday evening "Flyernut" gathering. 8:30 PM at the Reliance fire hall, 1341 W market St, York.

FRIDAY:

Registration counter is open from 8:30 A.M.-5:00 PM.

YORK MEET ALL HALLS OPEN AT 9 AM. Member halls close at 5:00 PM.

Dealer Halls close at 6:30 PM

Table/booth holders all halls: Loading/unpack 8-9 AM

YORK HALLS: Map of Fairgrounds in Registration Package

White Hall, Red Hall, Silver and Blue Halls:
Individual Collectors.

Orange, Brown and Purple Halls: TCA member Dealers

Black Hall **check Eastern Division website for info on train layouts**

Reliance Fire Hall opens 9 AM-5 PM

The shopping #I shuttle bus to the local shopping mall leaves just outside the Blue Hall Friday every hour from 10:00 noon -4:00 PM. \$1.00 each way, exact change only.

Shopping bus #II round trip to Lancaster area outlet mall. Bus trip 10: AM- 4 PM. \$10 round trip. Pay exact change. Pickup is in front of the Blue Hall.

Shuttle bus between halls is free. Runs 30minutes after hall closure:

Thursday: 1200 noon -7 PM

Friday: 9AM-7 PM

Saturday: 9:AM-2:30 PM

Food can be obtained on the fairgrounds in several locations.

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PHOTOGRAPHS - New & Unusual Items will be photographed for use in the TCA *Quarterly* Friday, 1:00 PM, Blue Hall (near Men's restroom.) Contact Ron Morris - Blue Hall- G69

Special meetings also occur on Friday. Check your Meet Notice for details.

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You are invited to Eastern Division's Ice Cream Social 7-8 PM in the promenade area of the Orange Hall. This is a good chance to meet and chat with fellow collectors. Come one come all and enjoy the fun.

SATURDAY:

Free Coffee and Maple Donuts 7:30 AM Orange Hall promenade.

The Eastern Division General Membership Meeting is at 8-8:45 AM in the Orange Hall Meeting room. Eastern Division members please attend as we need a quorum to do official business.

LOADING/SET UP 8-9 AM BOOTH/TABLEHOLDERS ONLY

Registration desk open 8:30 AM-2 PM.

YORK MEET OPEN 9 AM -2 PM

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Hope you have a great time at your EASTERN DIVISION, TCA, YORK MEET!

FUTURE YORK MEET DATES

April 23 - 25, 2015
October 22 - 24, 2015
April 14 - 16, 2016
October 20 - 22, 2016
April 27 - 29, 2017
October 19 - 21, 2017

York Primer Part II below has a Listing of Local interests or try the detailed listing of things to do in and around York go to Toytrains.info.com at:

<http://www.toytrains.info/get.asp?mod=subject&subject=%28%22family+activities+%25+york%22+%22family+fun+%25+york%22+%22York%2C+PA+and+the+steam+locomotive%22%29+-was>

Remember: trains are about people, so meet some new friends and greet some old ones-for sure. Thank any volunteers you see, as they work very hard for your meet.

See ya at York,
Clem Clement

YORK PRIMER PART II: LOCAL INFORMATION/ ACCOMODATIONS/YORK REVIEWS

YORK REVIEWS

YORK WEEK IS HERE: FINALLY!!

Mon Oct 13, 2014 2:52 pm (PDT) . Posted by:

"clem clement" homemadetrain

YES I'M SHOUTING AS I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT YORK THIS WEEK. It will be gooder'n a 60 dolla Blu Comet.

THINK YORK, Clem Clement

YORK WEEK IS HERE: FINALLY!!

Tue Oct 14, 2014 5:32 am (PDT) . Posted by:
ron190sl

Clem,

Did you give up finding the \$50 Blu Comets and now looking for the \$60 variety?
No, I ain't singing this year - AGAIN! Ron M

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THINK YORK, Clem Clement

K. It will be gooder'n a 60 dolla Blu Comet.

THINK YORK,

Clem Clement

Tue Oct 14, 2014 6:46 am (PDT) . Posted by:

"Don Conard" ddclacrosse

I see inflation has finally caught up to that \$50 Blue Comet! Don Conard

YORK WEEK IS HERE: FINALLY!!

Tue Oct 14, 2014 6:47 am (PDT). Posted by:

"Carl" carl5blum

Hello Clem:

I'll miss you at York, I'm taking toy trains to a Folk Festival for the kids to play with!

www.theleaf.com <http://www.theleaf.com>

Good luck, Carl.

October 17 in toy train history: TCA

Fri Oct 17, 2014 8:02 am (PDT) . Posted by:

jlechner2001

Sixty years ago today, a meeting of train collectors at Alexander's Train Museum in Yardley PA resulted in the formation of the Train Collectors Association.

How appropriate that the 60th anniversary should coincide with a York meet.

Happy birthday, TCA. Joseph Lechner

October 17 in toy train history: TCA

Sat Oct 18, 2014 6:12 pm (PDT) . Posted by:
carol.mcginnis74@verizon.net

As always, Dr. Joe shows such a grasp of the obvious. Thanks.
Returned home from York this afternoon. Got a pizza for dinner, and am now relaxing. Got to see many good friends, and made a few new ones. Weather was great, Wednesday aside. Good times.
See you in April.

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Back from York

Sun Oct 19, 2014 8:22 pm (PDT) . Posted by:
"Chris Allen" cgallen@prodigy.net

Back home after another great York. Added two things to my collection. One was the K Line BN 25th Anniversary tractor, container and spine trailer from the 1995 TCA National Convention. My thanks to Gordon Wilson who spotted it amongst other items in the Orange Hall. This is a very hard to find item from that year and it completes the 1995 TCA suite that I needed. The second and more precious was over dinner Thursday evening when Clem Clement gifted me with a special home brew (no pun intended) tank car custom made out of glass beer bottles. I cannot begin to say how special that car is to me and my collection. Very unique piece that made it through security with nary a scratch or a question.

I can buy trains anywhere and those that go to York and claim it looks like an AARP convention are missing the reason many of us go and spend a week with 100's of our closest friends. Sure it is fun looking for trains, but the friendships renewed every six months make up for all the treasures we never find. Many people stay in TCA for that single reason, York.

If you have never been, plan a trip in the spring. I'll see you there.

Chris Allen

Yorkin October 2014

Sun Oct 19, 2014 8:25 pm (PDT) . Posted by:
"clem clement" homemadetrain

Eastern Division's Fall York 2014 was again a wonderful show. They preregistered 11, 000 plus and had 1100 at the door. That is a fine number in this tough financial environment. All other shows I have attended this fall, either car or train, have been way down in attendance.

We arrived Tuesday about noon and I jumped from the moving car to get in the middle of it all. Good to see so many old friends. sadly we had to note some of those usual's who now attend from above and some who are not as chipper in stride and appearance as they were once. The Holidrome lot was about 1/2 full

and so much fun to peruse all the options. Ms. Sandy wanted lunch right away so we did, but My mind was not there...Tuesday evening we ate at Isaacs. That evening we heard that our son Eric was flying in from Detroit to have dinner with us Wednesday evening. What a thrilling surprise. Wednesday seemed to drag time-wise.

Plus it rained so train business was restricted the the inside activities. Our time with Eric was precious as we caught up on his trip to London and elsewhere. For some reason he did not take his Mommy to London with him??

Thursday morning was meeting time for me: TCA Strategic Planning and Standards committees were in session. Eastern Division kindly provides meeting rooms for our National gatherings. The meet opened Tuesday at hi noon with the playing of our National Anthem. I still tingle at the sound and history behind that powerful song. I'm so proud to hold a tight salute during its playing.

The afternoon went by in a rush of seeing trains and chatting with fellow TCAers.

Thursday evening was our gang's dinner time. Good fellowship for sure.

Friday began with the SGMA meeting at the Reliance. We love meeting on their "deck" with the heater fired up. That meeting as all are open to all.

Then trains and running all today. By 5 pm we were numb so it was off to the Reliance for shrimp and tilapia and horizontal by 7 pm.

Saturday I cleaned up a few deals and we rolled home late afternoon.

some one in authority asked what are the bennies of joining TCA:

Yorokin experiences and other great meets.

Seeing so many old friends and making new ones.

Talking to humans rather than 2-D social media tracks.

Joining in the many many meetings and session about trains. No where else other than TCA can this be done

Visiting so many dealers in one place to talk/compare/shop about trains

Having the natural high of train fever wash all over you.

Seeing so many great layouts

Looking at a bazillion trains in one place

Getting ideas about what your chapter/division can do for future activities

On and on and on.

This is my 50th year in TCA and it is as great and exciting as my first year in Sacramento, CA back in 1964. I was stunned at that time to realize 986 folks

ahead of me loved trains as I did!

Love it

I hope all have as much fun in TCA as I'm having,

I can't wait for spring Yorkin,
Clem

York Observations

Tue Oct 21, 2014 3:04 pm (PDT) . Posted by:
cmtarkus

After reading all of the YORK posts for the last couple of days, thought I would add my two cents!

My October York experience was different I didn't find out till 10 days before that I would be able to go. Too late to get a table so I waited till I arrived. Drove in from Chicago. Thursday morning was told none were available that it was sold out. Well it appears the Blue and Silver Hall's had wider aisles, eliminated a row of tables maybe? Got on the waiting list walked around Silver and Blue Hall's and noticed that there were a number of empty tables, went to see the hall captain was told that the tables could not be assigned until Friday after 10:00 as table holders are not required to be there on Thursday? So many tables went unused on Thursday. Was assigned a table at 10:30 on Friday morning but got the usual warning of having to stay until 2:00 on Saturday. Kind of innocuous rules, do not have to show on Thursday but must stay until 2:00 on Saturday. Assigned to Blue Hall, in my estimation at least 40% of the tables were vacated by Noon on Saturday. In my opinion these rules need to be updated. Traffic in the Blue Hall was very light on Saturday. Have been going to York for the last twenty years, but this experience has left me wondering if I wish to continue.

Cris Matuszak

Yorkin October 2014

Tue Oct 21, 2014 4:28 am (PDT) . Posted by:
"Alfred Galli" tcaprofile100
Ski

What would you think of the idea to hold the meet Friday, Saturday and Sunday? Seems to me there are a lot of guys who can't get off work during the week and don't bother to come Saturday due to the short hours and perhaps a long drive.

Al Galli

Mon Oct 20, 2014 7:29 am (PDT) . Posted by: "John Warren" lionelskistrains
mailto:lionelskistrains@yahoo.com?subject=Re%3A%20Yorkin%20October%202014

<< I left work early on Friday and did the 255 mile drive, with some traffic, in 5 and a quarter hours. Got to the Fairgrounds at about 5:30 and, even with the new early closing (does any York veteran read the pamphlet? I didn't and was surprised here), I was able to run through that hall before it's closing.>>

John ('Ski) Warren

Yorkin October 2014

Tue Oct 21, 2014 8:51 am (PDT) . Posted by:

"John Warren" lionelskistrains

I think that would be a good idea, probably better would be to cut Thursday (WHAT is with the noon opening anyway??) and make Saturday all day - regular halls to 5:30, dealer halls to 7:00. In any case, will soon be a moot point for me as I plan on retiring in March. Another thought. I find that, at local shows without floor arrows, that if I go around one way, and then the other way the 2nd time, I see stuff I didn't the first time. If not too confusing for some, how about York being follow the arrows one day and go against the arrows the 2nd day?

John ('Ski) Warren

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Tue Oct 21, 2014 8:53 am (PDT) . Posted by:

"Edward Abbot" eabbotiii

This is something that should be thought about or at the very least having it open all day on Saturday. The first time I attended York was on a Saturday. This left a lot of ground to cover, plus people were already packing up their booths by 11 nor were their vendor sponsored events. Since then I take a vacation day to go on Friday. I would like to spend more time at the show, but taking off four (or more) days a year from work to support my hobby would not go over well with either my family or my work situation.

I joined TCA a couple years ago and enjoy the camaraderie for what could be an isolating hobby. I am one of the "youngsters" in my early 40s with a wife and two young kids. While my family respects my hobby. they don't have a real interest in it. A "family vacation" to York twice a year isn't going to cut it. ;-)
Additionally, it is extremely difficult for me to get away from the office during the work week. People make observations referring to York as an "AARP convention" (which I can understand by viewing the attendees), but that may also be at least partially attributed to not making the event conducive to people of working age with young families. I understand that people may see me as naive and I may be kicking over a hornets nest making this comment. Just trying to make a point. -Ed Abbot

Yorkin October 2014

Tue Oct 21, 2014 8:54 am (PDT) . Posted by:

"Clint Jefferies" jefferycorrck

< What would you think of the idea to hold the meet Friday, Saturday and Sunday? Seems to me there are a lot of guys who can't get off work during the week and don't bother to come Saturday due to the short hours and perhaps a long drive. >

I couldn't agree more. As I still hold down a 9-5, it's hard to take the time off to make it to York. The current schedule is great for retirees, but if we're serious about getting younger blood into the organization, I sure think it would make sense to have a York schedule that works for folks who are still wage-slaves.

Best,

Jeffery Corrick (aka Clint Jefferies)

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<http://clintjefferies.com/trains.html> <http://clintjefferies.com/trains.html> (Toy Trains)

Yorkin October 2014

Tue Oct 21, 2014 8:55 am (PDT) . Posted by:

"Chuck Campbell" rupert.campbell

Al,

Speaking of a long drive, Maybe those who come from 'afar' would take exception to this suggestion.

It would be interesting to see just how many table holders come from great distances.

I know many table holders from southern Virginia, NC, SC, GA, TN, AL, MO, IN and even TEXAS who make the pilgrimage twice a year.

Some leave Pennsylvania Saturday evening, stop along the way and finally get home late Sunday.

Making these faithful stay another day would possibly diminish the number of tables for sure.

I also know of those who ship offerings and fly in from the west coast. Some even arrive by REAL trains.

To make it worth while, many arrive the weekend before, set up at the early events and enjoy the time

meeting old friends and possibly sell a few items. So you see, for some, it's an eight or nine day affair already.

They've used a weeks vacation and maybe can't afford to take another Monday.

The proposed added attendance dollars could possibly never add up to the dollars in lost table rentals.

How would you balance more people looking at fewer trains?

Consider more buyers, even less sellers and watch the dollars flow from your wallet for the higher prices.

Talk about 'Lookie Looos' and 'Bebacks' and pretty soon no one shows up on Sunday anyway.

Not to mention those Eastern Division workers who have put in long hours and REALLY need Sunday as a 'day of rest'.

I spoke with Sam Gieser, Friday morning, and he commented that registration and attendance was up from the spring and had surpassed 11,000.

It's the big picture, the York Management focuses on and I'm glad they do.

Us folk in the hinder land can't survive on the small, occasional shows that we have back home.

We need our "York Fix" to survive in our train world.

Opposing opinions are welcome.

Regards, Rupert Campbell Huntsville, ALABAMA

PS. I filled up with gas at Sheetz, across from the Billy Bud, and arrived at home 772 miles later.

Total for the week; 1,755 miles.

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Tue Oct 21, 2014 9:26 am (PDT) . Posted by:

lyleleverich

Living on the West Coast since 1975, I have only made it to two York meets, but at one in the early '90's there were plenty of folks there on the week days who clearly were below retirement age, including me. If the majority now seem to be AARPers, it's not because of the schedule, it's just the aging demographic of the hobby!

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Tue Oct 21, 2014 11:57 am (PDT). Posted by:

"Ken Sr" oldtrack47

Ed. I think you make a good point. A very common concern is that younger people are not coming into the hobby. If that's a valid observation, then it makes sense for the "old guard" to do what ever we can to accommodate folks like you. We would like to see this interest grow, or so we say. Yet, at the same time, some of the old traditions/rules make it difficult at best. That is very interesting to me, since 25 years ago, I was you! And I'm reasonably certain that many others of my generation can relate to your situation. In any event, I share your hopes and interest. And the best of luck to you as you move towards the inevitable invitation to join AARP!

Ken Deardorff

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Tue Oct 21, 2014 11:58 am (PDT) . Posted by:

"Clint Jefferies" jefferycorrck

< probably better would be to cut Thursday (WHAT is with the noon opening anyway??) and make Saturday all day - regular halls to 5:30, dealer halls to 7:00.

Yep. Like that idea too. Jeff

Jeffery Corrck (aka Clint Jefferies)

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Tue Oct 21, 2014 1:01 pm (PDT) . Posted by:

"Hi Hocustom3"

I agree. My biggest sales day was Thursday even with the 12:00 start. York has always been a vacation for me and the wife. If the show ran all day Sunday, we would not get home until Monday. Leave it alone. Dick Silber

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York Successes

Thu Oct 23, 2014 4:26 am (PDT) . Posted by:
"Carl" carl5blum
Hello Ken:

One of the best things about York may seem odd to most people:

The attendants in all the restrooms! I just returned from a folk festival with 4K people, with terrible restrooms and porta-johns. Having some one on top of keeping the facilities clean is well worth the tips. And you had over 12K!

Thank you so much.Carl.

Re: Yorkin October 2014

Thu Oct 23, 2014 4:30 am (PDT) . Posted by:
trainman1963

I know nothing will happen with the schedule because as it was explained earlier, this meet is designed around the older retired members. I have been attending this meet since the early 90's and even then I was one of the youngest in attendance. I am in my early 50's now but back then I was in my late 20's. I am fortunate enough to be able to take a few days off a year and attend one or two York shows each year. However, I know of many members that live a few hours from York but don't attend because they can't get off on Friday and know as well as most members that going Saturday is not productive.

It amazes me that when I take my boys someone always says, isn't it good to see children at the meet. Fortunately, my boys do real well in school so taking them out a day or two a year isn't a problem. Everyone knows in order to see all the halls you really need a full day. Want to know why there are not more younger attendees. School is in session on Thursdays and Fridays. Surprise!

Even years ago when the meet was only two days long many of the dealers complained by Friday that they weren't selling anything. Many of the members arrived a day or two early and were buying in the parking lots of motels and such. Stretching the meet out more days doesn't mean anyone will sell more. At any given time there is only so much disposable income available for toy trains no matter how adamant you are about collecting.

The funny thing is my 15 year old said to me at the show he thinks the amount of dealers in the halls has decreased over the past few years. Remember, he is only 15 and hasn't been going for years as I have. At his age he can remember the Gold Hall, Green Hall and was it Black Hall that all used to be filled. In addition, the isles in the White and Purple Halls are wider than they used to be. Both he

and I can remember the days when you could barely walk the isles without bumping into someone including the table holders. I know one of the reasons is the addition of the Orange and Silver Halls but did extending the show to Thursday hurt that sellers? I have gotten a table at this show in the past just trying to get rid of a few items and wouldn't want to have to commit to being there Thursday, Friday and Saturday. I think the last time I had a table at York I sold less than \$200 worth of items. I wouldn't want to commit to a 3 day show to only sell \$200 worth of stuff. Just a few opinions

York schedule--another thought(s)

Fri Oct 24, 2014 10:18 am (PDT) . Posted by:
traindavid

I find it interesting that the club does not want to run the meet into Sunday, so dealers can get home for Monday---but wait, it starts on Thursday, so what is the importance of being home on Monday?? You've already been gone during weekdays. If the meet is to be three days, why not Fri, Sat, Sun? What's so "holy" about Monday? Yes, Sunday will probably be dead, but then Saturday would be a full day for shoppers! The bargain hunters still get Friday to "beat out" the "younger crowd stuck at work."

Of course, this does ignore that for many, Sunday is a holy day--but then Saturday is too for some believers--I doubt one could ever satisfy everyone!
David "two rails" Dewey

York schedule--more thoughts

Sat Oct 25, 2014 3:06 pm (PDT) . Posted by:
franktrainman

I worked in heavy industry for 35 years. My employer wanted employees to take vacation in full week blocks. They didn't want employees to be absent on parts of two weeks rather than gone for a whole week. It just made it easier to schedule replacements assuming your job was important enough to require a replacement. There's a railcar organization named the Railroad Passenger Car Alliance (RPCA). If you take a fall color tour you will probably ride in cars owned by members of this organization. A lot of private cars have RPCA reporting marks. The RPCA annual convention is held each year over the Martin L King weekend. This gives most attendees Monday to return home.

I am not suggesting that York be held MLK weekend. The weather at that time is most likely to be very cold. I attended one of these conventions the was held in Buffalo, NY. That was probably the coldest I have been in my life, The Saginaw, MI convention was no picnic either. My favorite convention was hosted by RBB&B in Florida. I left cold and ice in Michigan for sunny Florida. Among other attractions we visited RBB&B's railroad shops. It was a first class operation. I was impressed.

Best regards,
Frank Corley, TCA 97-46165

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Sun Oct 26, 2014 11:58 am (PDT) . Posted by:
"Charles Brumbelow" mrb37211

Is there still a large amount of buying and selling in motel rooms and parking lots in the days prior to the official meet opening time? Charles

< Why couldn't the people who travel long distances come out a day or two later so that the total days away from home are the same or less. I would think that if you drive a long way maximizing sales is a good goal and I believe that with Friday through Sunday there would be greater attendance. Am I missing something? >

Yorkin October 2014

Sun Oct 26, 2014 1:01 pm (PDT) . Posted by:
"Charter" ivescollector

I was there from Sunday onward, and I spent half my budget before Thursday. The hotels have definitely shrunk from the past, but there were five different preshow venues. The days of the antique dealers showing up early to dump their trains are over, but there are still many trains to buy Monday through Wednesday. It is also a good time to socialize.

Jim Nicholson

Sheboygan Falls WI

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York Table Owner ID

Sun Oct 26, 2014 4:09 pm (PDT) . Posted by:

I would like to contact a table owner I met at York.

Is there a chart available to us where we could identify who owned which tables? I would like to contact the couple who set up in one corner of the Blue Hall opposite the registration desk. The couple is from Florida, have appeared in Classis Toy Trains and the man always wears a hat.
Thanks, Frank Anderson

York Table Owner ID

Mon Oct 27, 2014 7:47 am (PDT) . Posted by:

"Roy Aydelotte" royaidlot

You can always contact Debbie Geiser or Jess Steele (dealer registration). Their emails are on the Eastern Div. TCA site. But you need either the table location (hall, aisle, #) or business name. Roy Aydelotte

York Table Owner ID

Mon Oct 27, 2014 7:47 am (PDT) . Posted by:

trainphreak

I believe that the person you are looking for is Clark Vegazo.

He wears a straw hat that says "I buy toy trains"

His email is:

tigermk2@aol.com

I actually met him on the AutoTrain traveling back to Floriduh on the Sunday after York, as well as another TCA member.

Not everyone on this sold out train were snow birds. bob mintz

York Table Owner ID

Mon Oct 27, 2014 11:16 am (PDT) . Posted by:

wfttrains

Frank:

Bob is correct as Clark is the member you are asking about. However his table was in the SILVER Hall, not the Blue Hall.

For future reference, the Eastern Division prints charts showing the tables with rows, table numbers and table holder names for at least the Blue Hall and Silver Hall among the MEMBER'S halls. I picked up copies of each at the announcer's desk in each of those halls on Friday of York week. I would think they have them for the Red and White Halls as well.

I'm not sure the table charts for any of the Member's halls are posted on the Eastern Division's website ahead of time like they do for the dealer halls. So next York when you walk past the announcers table in each hall, take a table chart from the stack on the table in case you need to identify a table holder either during the meet or like in this case after the meet is over. HTH, Bill Trappen

York schedule--another thought(s)

Tue Oct 28, 2014 5:28 am (PDT) . Posted by:

Iner2512

David, York is not alone. The O Scale West meet in California changed to a Friday/Saturday format years ago to accommodate dealers, who insisted on the change. Cheers, Scott Maze

Clem,

Here are our updates:

Workers House and Yorktowne Golf Club are closed.

Our Downtown Visitor Center has moved to Central Market. Central Market is located at 34 W Philadelphia Street, York, PA 17401. The visitor center is just inside the Philadelphia Street doors. The Downtown Visitor Center is open Tuesday through Sunday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

We have several new businesses including several new restaurants so make sure to visit www.yorkpa.org.

Thank you,

Sam

Samantha Longworth

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SPRING 2014 YORKIN REPORT: MOST OF THIS IS TRUE...

Another great York week has come and gone. Where did the time go?? I'm so tired I can't remember what I bought or what I paid for the fitty dolla Blu comet. Everything was a highlight!

Photos are now allowed in the Dealer and Black halls. THANKS Eastern for the change! Show hours will change in the fall. Look for the new times. Thursday and Friday nights the member halls close at 5:00 pm and the dealer halls at 6:30 pm.

Tuesday brought some rain and hi winds damaged some booth covers at the Holidrome. The Holidrome has redone some of its function rooms: the dining room became a conference room, fixed up the bar including a fire place, and moved the food service there. Their food handling was outsourced to Aultlands. The place had several meetings going on and was booked full for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nites (Not all trainics)

Tuesday evening came early as the rain and wind storm closed the Holidrome outside meet so smoothy me promised Ms. Sandy a romantic dinner experience.

Off we go to try the Moonlight Café in Dover. Of course we drive right by it as we were looking at the S---creamery across the street. The Moonlight Cafe is between the two traffic lights in Dover on R74, just north of Mac's Ice Cream Parlor. We came back and found the small Café set back off the road. Ms. Sandy thought it was a used car dealer's shack and opined about the potential of non-romanticnesses. We pressed on in and the place is lovely. 38 seats and very friendly inside. Sandy quaffed two huge carb cakes (sharing a little bit of the huge chunks of meat, but not much of it. The cakes contain Gouda cheese and apples as well as bread crumbs and crab meat. I had soup and chicken and pasta. Bestest meal we have had in a long time. They open at 11am until 10 pmish. They are crowded Friday and Saturdays. Cash only. Did I mention great service? Two cooks labored over the same 4 burner gas stove right in the room with us and the several wait staff made sure that a prepared plate never stopped until in the proper place in front of its customer. There was not chance of us having desert: too stuffed. Moonlight Café, 4010 Carlisle Rd Dover, PA 17315 (717) 292-5643.

Tuesday evening after dinner I hiked around the Holidrome parking lot, which is my want to do to get some exercise. The lot was very clean. This is a change as we all tend to leave trash for the next guy to clean up. Actually the new staff did a fine job of cleanup. So did the strong winds and plenty of paper and boxes were in the woods. I search for the right size boxes to pack the stuff I buy at the outside meets. One big box did not move in the wind. Why: it had tossed out train parts in it. Track for my train day play area, sockets for my tools and screws for my work area, etc.

Wednesday had winds but no rain. The Springettsbury Show has moved to a new location.

The National Toy Train Museum was in full splendor with fresh paint inside and new custom carpets. Just follow the rails! The place looks great! The staff and the committees worked very hard during the off season to get things ready for their April opening of the 2014 season. Congrats to all involved. The presentations by some of our supporting manufacturers were excellent. I hope all got to attend this excellent day at our museum and library.

There were 3 layouts this time; one each in the Black, White and Orange halls. They were all wonderful and a must see for all attendees.

We had such good times seeing so many friends which to me is the key feature of York week. Sadly some of our friends are no longer with us.

Rain and chilly were two of the phenomena describing Spring York 2014. Spring had barely arrived at York when we all showed up. It rained and stormed Tuesday afternoon and again on Friday evening. Chilly all week.

The outside off-fairgrounds meets that I attended were fun but slow, both in dealers and customers. Still goodies flowed. There is a great story about the huge pile of trains on the Predneville tables at the Holidrome. Ed bought a 3-trailers load of trains from Texas. There were many great trains as well as a huge load of bottom-dwelling stuff. As Doug and Ed struggled with what to do about their high storage costs, Allentown show came up last month. They took a truck full of the "junque" and piled it on their Allentown tables to the discomfort of the Meet's leadership) Never mind they were selling from the truck enroute to the hall and until they got it back in the truck to return home. A high percent sold sez Ed. At the Holidrome there was a 2.367 feet high pile still full of goodies. Of course I dived in!

The Best Western was smaller than usually but the hardy were offering and customers were shopping. At the Billy Budd, Rich said that Tuesday evening it was good and all day Wednesday there was some action. He displayed a neat double helix of unknown, but commercial build. I did not get to the other shows.

(I must comment that the Reliance Fire Hall show was open during the York meet.

Still photos now can be taken in the Dealer and Black Halls. This is great news!!! NO videos (As they don't wanna see Clem whizzing by seeking the famous Fitty dolla Blu comet). Still no photos in the member halls.

The opening of the York meet is so special. Members and guests form all over the world stand and honor our great flag and nation. A wonderful way to start a Meet!

I'm happy to report that some homey-did trains found me.

I ran into the Osisek brothers at their booth in the Blue hall. They and their dad (Harry was the grandfather) are building standard gauge rail tank with two cars. One car carries bullets and the other is an operating rail gun. I asked Trip Riley about it and he is aware of their work. He said their tank is much simpler in construction than his. Both the tank and the rail gun shoot wooden bullets. A thumb tack on the back of the silver bullet connects with a magnet in the gun for loading. It is spring fired.

York attendance 12,0xx folks registered. 700 registered at the door.

It was sooo good to see so many friendly faces after such a cold and miserable winter. That was the biggest common topic of conversation. Sadly, recently we lost Fran Audie and Tony Hay was reported in the hospital.

The National Capital Trackers setup up a high tech stunning over-and-under layout in the Black Hall. They were up and running by 12 noon on setup day. What a record setting presentation. Photos at <http://www.nattrackers.org/archives/category/shows/york-2014>

I had a nice chat with Mike Wolf at the TCA museum. He was looking for some info on Marklin's Leipzig Station that he is going to repro. That should be stunning!

The York County Convention and Visitors Bureau folks are pleased to have TCA/Eastern Division as a member of the YCCVB.

There were more rare pieces than I had seen in a long time. LOTS and I mean lots of standard gauge IVES. For instance there is a transition tanker in bright yellow. It is not as rare as hen's teeth but more rare than the chance of me telling the truth. There were 4 at York this time. Plenty of IVES Gauge 1 trains as well. I think I was in heaven (which I was).

We found a great new place for our Thursday night dinner with our friends. Sam and Tony's had superb food and atmosphere and the prices were far less than we have been paying previously. Great time had by all. We eat early after a hard afternoon of playing trains and finish early making the evening free (For us this time we went back to the hotel and crashed. No more boozing till midnight for us oldsters.). This started when my boys were young and needed chow as soon as meet was over.

When Sandy and I pack to come home, we tight-pack to save space and we safe-pack to protect the treasures I have acquired. Then when I get home and unpack, it is like Christmas all over as I forgets what I acquired. Also I usually put small pieces in safe packing places so they won't get lost: Well they is now lost. It takes months for finds stuff. Christmas again.

Saturday morning I was making a final sweep to continue to invest my heir's future inheritance in. As I was chatting with a fellow about the 6 wheel Lionel # 33 he had which his dad had restored (I saw more 6 wheelers and trolleys than I had ever seen this time.) I noted a nice toy Bronco and trailer in Chessie yellow and picked it up just to be looking at something. By golly, it was a homey-converted toy to a track maintenance vehicle in standard gauge. The truck was a Nylint Corp. with some kind of motor in it and the trailer was home made with some kind of electrical junction cover for the load. For my final buy, that was a

winner. Thanks to the seller and his Dad. It found a new home and will join my fleet.

Clem, ready for Fall Yorkin

From: Carol Redman McGinnis
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2014 5:50 PM
To: Clem Clement
Subject: Primer updates

I have been enjoying a local Bed and Breakfast for the last 4 years. It is just down the road in Red Lion, PA, and not far from the Red Lion Train Station where their open house is held each year. The B&B is just over 10 miles south of town off of Rt. 74.

Your hosts are George and Danielle, and they welcome TCA in October, in April, and at any time of the year. And it's a great place to stay for York week. Danielle owns a bakery in town and she and George create a great breakfast each day.

Address is: 101 S Franklin St, Red Lion, PA 17356 Phone # (717) 244-4739

Thanks,

Carol R. McGinnis
TCA Immediate Past President
6293 Lightpoint Place
Columbia, MD 21045
Cell #410-336-8522

Hi folks,

Christie and I are heading to the Roosevelt Tavern for dinner at around 6:30 or so on Thursday evening, April 24. I think I sent everyone one of the money off coupons we received from the Roosevelt Tavern's web site. Although 10% isn't a whole lot, it will at least cover the Sales Tax part of any of our tabs. One nice thing about this new owner is that he allows for separate checks if and when we all congregate together in one area. I'd be happy to make reservations for as many as may wish to get together and break bread together on that Thursday night.

Just let me know if you (and whoever else might be with you) will be coming by April 15th and I'll get in touch with the Roosevelt Tavern to have them set

aside a table or area big enough to accommodate however many of us there are. I am leaving for the East Coast on the 16th of April (Phillies baseball, Hockey, Opera, Symphony, etc) as I like to make a mini vacation out of going to York.

For those of you who are NOT on the EX COMM and will be in YORK on Wednesday night, April 23rd, did you know that YORK has a Minor League Baseball team called the Revolution? There is a really nice Minor League park on North George Street, right by the Railroad tracks and on the 23rd, they have a game. After I drop Christie off for her EX COMM meeting, I am going to that baseball game. Minor League baseball is not at all like the Majors - it is FUN. Lots of activities for the fans between innings; ticket prices are affordable, and SO IS FOOD. Furthermore, it is usually quite good and varied. It surely beats staying in a motel, watching TV all night. I told Christie to find a way back to the hotel after the meeting.

Speaking of hotels - did you know that there is a new MARRIOTT PROPERTY in YORK, as of last November? The TOWN PLACE SUITES by Marriott is just off Mt Zion Road (Route 24) in East York. We use them all the time as we travel around the USA. They have a Great, HOT & FREE BREAKFAST, plus all rooms have full kitchens and living areas. The rate at this place is \$ 127 per night, all year round, not just for YORK. A week ago they still had rooms available. Go to www.marriott.com and check it out if you haven't booked a room yet. As I said, we use Town Place Suites all the time.

Hope to see a lot of you on Thursday night at the Roosevelt Tavern for dinner. If you haven't eaten here since it reopened with these new owners, the food is still fantastic - I love the LUMP CRAB CAKES. They are the size of two hockey pucks! We don't get Crab cakes like that in Arizona!

Regards,
Gordon

Tue Apr 29, 2014 4:28 am (PDT) . Posted by:

"Tom Weaver" tdw6974

Well another York under my belt! Arrived for Thursday set up in white hall. Thursday turned into best sales day, followed by half the amount on Friday and Saturday nothing very light traffic. Did see a lot of Guest passes which I would think is good! Switched from Hampton inn to Red roof to a Motel 6 decent room saved almost \$300.00 on room cost and was closer to fairgrounds. A little tricky getting in and out but got the hang of it after a while. Always enjoy visiting with the table holders around us! Got to see the layouts in white hall very nice! Hope to continue to be able to attend. Tom Weaver 66-1559 playing with trains since 1968

It was a pleasure meeting you at April York. I was also fortunate to meet Mr Clem Clement in the Blue hall while wandering through there on Saturday.

I wish to again thank you for being able to find a meeting room for the Plasticville Collectors Association on a very short notice. This was probably the best assembly of members we have ever had at a York meet. We were able to discuss issues and concerns as well as pass around items brought by various members without the noise associated with meeting in the cafeteria. It was a refreshing change, to say the least and the attendees expressed their wishes to continue meeting here.

With that said; I would like to request that the Orange hall meeting room be reserved from 11:00AM until Noon on the Friday of the future York meets for our Association's meeting. York is the only meet throughout the year where members are able to get together.

Please let me know if 11:00AM until Noon on Friday of the upcoming York meets is available or any alternate times if 11:00 until Noon is unavailable.

Thanks

John L Niehaus, Secretary/Treasurer
Plasticville Collectors Association
PCA #01-03
TCA #04-57460

Join the only organization dedicated to study and collecting of plastic village buildings. Visit our web page at <http://www.plasticvilleusa.org> or send me an email request for an application.

Please ignore any attachment below this line of text

Hi Clem,

We are excited to have TCA as a member of the CVB.

There is a little one on the way and she will be here in July. I will be sure to bring some pictures along to TCA in October to show you.

Altland House is handling all catering and events at the Holidome. I am glad you like all of their renovations and will be sure to pass it along to their staff.

See you in October!

Sam

Samantha Longworth
Special Events Coordinator
York County Convention & Visitors Bureau
York County's Official Tourist Promotion Agency
155 West Market Street

York, PA 17401

Hotels are tough to find space in during the York week. Plan early. Sometimes you can find rooms at the last minute north of Harrisburg. (It has been easier in the last few years to find rooms, but don't wait.)

Contact the York County Convention & Visitors Bureau for Bed & Breakfast referrals or any accommodation issues. Call (888) 858-YORK or <http://www.yorkpa.org/>

For Lancaster County. Dialing (800)-PADUTCH (800-723-8824) will connect to a "Lodging Hotline" or the visitor's Bureau website, www.padutchcountry.com a link called Lodging that will lead people to places to stay.

[National Toy Train Museum](#)

Each year our tourist bureau, The PA Dutch Convention & Visitors Bureau, publishes a 'Map & Overnight Getaway Guide.' This year on page 5 is an article called "Old Friends and Hidden Gems." Under 'Take the Train' you will find us listed as the "Hidden Gem." Below is a link that will allow you to order one of these Guides to see just how much there is to see and do in the area around us. <http://www.padutchcountry.com/travel-tools/order-travel-guide.asp>

RESTAURANTS: Various comments from members Follow (These may not be current so check first.):

Tuesday evening came early as the rain and wind storm closed the Holidrome outside meet so smoothie me promised Ms. Sandy a romantic dinner experience. Off we go to try the Moonlight café in Dover. The cafe is in Dover on R74, just north of Mac's Ice Cream Parlor. (R74 is Carlisle Avenue that goes past the York fairgrounds and the Holidrome). The restaurant is on the left between the 2 traffic lights in Dover. The small café is set back off the road. Ms. Sandy thought it was a used car dealer's shack and opined about the potential of non-romanticness. I pressed on in and the place is lovely. 38 seats and very friendly inside. Sandy quaffed two huge carb cakes (sharing a little bit of the huge chunks of meat, but not much of it.) The cakes contain Gouda cheese and apples as well as bread crumbs and crab meat. I had soup and chicken pasta. Best meal we have had in a long time. They open at 11am until 10ish. They are crowded Friday and Saturdays. Cash only. Come early. Did I mention great service? Two cooks labored over the same 4 burner gas stove right in the room with us and the

several wait staff made sure the prepared plate never stopped until it was in the properly place in front of its customer. There was not chance of us having desert: too stuffed.

Clem

Moonlight Café
4010 Carlisle Rd
Dover, PA 17315
(717) 292-5643

The York County VB has an excellent list of restaurants. We have several new businesses including several new restaurants so make sure to visit

www.yorkpa.org.

http://www.yorkpa.org/index.asp?act=page&sct_id=10

The Blue Heron Restaurant has relocated to 3320 E Market Street, York PA 17402.

www.bluemoonfresh.com

(717) 854-6664 361 W Market St. York, PA 17401

I recommend making a reservation as it is not a large restaurant and quite popular. Also right beside the York Blue Moon is the York Emporium which is a great place for book enthusiast.

Samantha Schrum Longworth

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I hear the Buffet at Shady Maple restaurant in East Earl is excellent. May be too far away?? <http://www.shady-maple.com/smorgasbord>

From: Samantha Schrum

Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 11:38 AM

To: clem.clement@cox.net

Subject: Udpates to webpage

Hi Clem!

I hope you are excited to be heading back to York. October will be here before we know it! I wanted to give you some updates as things have changed a little since this information was provided.

You also list Isaac's Restaurant in East York and I wanted to let you know that there is also an Isaac's in West York. Carlisle Commerce Center 2159 White Street York, PA 17404 Phone: (717) 854-2292. <http://www.isaacsdeli.com/york.asp>

If you are interested in expanding the list that Tina provided this link will take you to a list of restaurants in York.

http://yorkpa.org/index.asp?act=page&sct_id=10

Here is an updated list of York County Parks as we have added a few:

<http://www.yorkcountyparks.org/>

Here is an updated list of public golf courses as some have closed on your list:

http://yorkpa.org/index.asp?act=page&pag_id=16

Here is an updated list of theaters in the surrounding area:

http://yorkpa.org/index.asp?act=page&pag_id=45

Here is an updated list of Factory Tours as they have grown quite a bit in the last few years: http://yorkpa.org/index.asp?act=page&pag_id=5

Please let me know if you have any questions. I just wanted to make sure you had up to date information from us.

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My favorite York place remains the Round the Clock Diner. 24 hours of good cheap food in huge portions. Best restaurant I know of that has a train meet across the street. (Paul Wassermann MD)

Roosevelt's new ordering concept

We had dinner at Roosevelt's Thursday. A wonderful culinary experience. They reopened after being closed for 6 months in order to change ownership. The dinners were mostly TCAers enjoying the fine food. The wait staff was back and so glad to see us. We met the new owner, Byron Kehr, Jr, chefbvk@comcast.com

Roosevelt's is www.roosevltavern.com He said that we could order ahead a few days for the meals we wanted that were not on the menu!!! We need to clarify this great option. We were asking about Veal Chesapeake or Mock Turtle soup which the sometimes have on their menu. I believe he said they plan to change menus once a month. What a neat concept if we could email a week out or so and ask for our special choice of food. This idea is a winner!! Food and service were excellent. Clem

An all you can eat place called Aroma opened in East York next to Sam's Club. (The old York Mall) It's Americanized oriental food that's very good.

Comb's in York has a great prime rib and is always full of TCA-ers (Ph. (717) 854-8146).

According to the York Newspapers, the father & son owners of the "Clock" Diner are leased the space to Sheetz for a gas store & also a new restaurant called Cheddars is moving in beside the gas guys. 1340 Toronita St., York. The owners say there should be no competition between the two restaurants, as each has its own "style". Jim Lyle. (Sandy and I had lunch at Cheddars. Seemed very nice. Plenty of wait staff, excellent menu and great decor. It is located across the mud from the Billy Budd. At 1:30 PM there was a large crowd of diners.)

On Market Street just west of the Fairgrounds is Latuca's pizza- excellent and reasonable.

The Left Bank, downtown York, has mighty fine gourmet sandwiches and other goodies (717) 843-8010 <http://www.leftbankyork.com>

10 to 15 minutes North of Rte.30 on Rte.74 is Dover Dinner, a new 24 hr. restaurant and going a bit farther up the road, Three Fountains is under new management. This group has gotten it right, good food at reasonable prices. Ask for their Hag Maw if you wish to sample a local Pennsylvania Dutch gastronomic delight.

At 110 N. George St. The Harp & Fiddle (Now called Maeynyn's) also opened late last year. They're an upscale Irish-American pub and restaurant. (Tina Smith)

Friday night will take many of us to the Roosevelt Tavern in downtown YORK, at the corner of Roosevelt and Philadelphia (Rte. 462 W) Streets. On Friday night you WILL need a reservation. We also have a favorite breakfast haunt and that is the Around The Clock Diner, catty-cornered across the street from the Days Inn on Route 30. If you are NOT from Philly and have never tasted SCRAPPLE, here is your chance. You haven't lived until you have eaten Scrapple. Then again, you may not live long after it either. Just don't ask about its ingredients (Everything but the squeal. ed by Clem). One member of the Desert Division simply cannot start his YORK experience without first getting his FIX of SCRAPPLE. More power to him. Hope this helps and can be a culinary addition to your Primer. Don't you think that pretty soon you should apply for a copyright on this "bible?" Looking forward to my 59th YORK MEET since

joining the TCA in 1976.--Happy Training and Best Regards, Gordon Wilson,
"KING" of the Maple Donut Lovers Club

The Culinary Arts Center Restaurant of York sometimes runs specials. 1063 N
George St. <http://www.yorkchef.com/> (717) 846-5000.

Mack's Ice Cream Shoppes are super. One is located on Route 74 nearly 4 miles
north of the Holidrome in Dover, PA. Mac's has a new location on Route 74
(Road going north past the Holidrome.). Killer good ice cream!!

<http://www.macksicecream.com/>

Worth the trip for a cone of French vanilla or whatever is your favorite. Here
are the addresses for the 5 Mack's Ice Cream Shoppes in the area:

1. 5745 Lincoln Hwy EAST York PA 17402
2. 3890 Carlisle Road Dover, PA 17315
3. 2595 S. Queen Street York PA 17403
4. 1305 Mount Rose Ave. York PA 17403

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g53573-d627868-Reviews-Jennie_s_Diner-Ronks_Lancaster_County_Pennsylvania.htmllaughren

Jennie's is good old fashioned Diner with great chow. It is on R30 a couple of
miles from the TCA Museum.

Accomac Inn <http://www.accomacinn.com/restaurant/>

Altland House Abbottstown www.altlandhouse.com

Moonlight Cafe. 717 292-5643. 4140 South Main St. Dover. Go up Rt.74 'bout a
mile past Mack's ice cream. It's on the same side as Macks. It's small and easy to
miss. It's sandwiched between an RV dealer and a used car dealer. Be prepared,
it only seats about 35 and the locals fill it up at peak times. If the lot looks full,
park at one of the two dealers if they're closed. Also, cash only, no checks or
credit cards. If there's something you have a hankering for that's not on the
menu, ask. If it's Italian, chances are Vito can make it. Oh, one last thing. Take
your appetite with you, you'll need it. — Scott

Hinkle's Pharmacy 261 Locust Street Columbia, PA 17512
<http://www.hinklespharmacy.com/index.htm> 717-684-2888.

York Chow

Thu Oct 31, 2013 9:53 am (PDT) . Posted by:

"clem clement" homemadetrain
I'm hearing good things about Sam and Tony's in Downtown York. Comments?
Clem

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York Chow

Thu Oct 31, 2013 11:05 am (PDT) . Posted by:
"John Warren" lionelskistrains

Hi Clem,

I was there in April.

Gotta say, from a kid from Queens, NY with an Italian mother and wife, they have the best Italian food in PA.

Service is good too.

John ('Ski) Warren

Visit: www.WarrenvilleRailroad.com <http://www.WarrenvilleRailroad.com>

York Chow

<< YORK CHOW! Before we all forgets, please let me know what discoveries and information you have collected about York eating spots this fall. With the recession some of our favorites ain't no more. I did learn of a nice Italian place near the Holidrome. >>

York Chow

Thu Oct 31, 2013 12:41 pm (PDT) . Posted by:
"Scott Petty"
Two of my favorite restaurants at York:
Roosevelt Tavern
Ironwoods at Heritage Hills

Scott Petty

Lancaster Brewing in Harrisburg
Only trouble was my wife had to drive after I had a couple glasses. Good stuff.

<http://www.lbcharrisburg.com/>

Clem:

A large group of us went to Sam and Tony's Thursday night. The good was good, reasonably priced; service was friendly
Lew Strauss

York Chow

Fri Nov 1, 2013 7:50 am (PDT) . Posted by:
gordon.wilson5344

The NEW best Philly Cheese Steak place is back where Thomas Industries (Trains) started back in the late 1940's & early 1950's - Wenonah, NJ, on the Glassboro-Woodbury Road, just to the north of the Exit off Route 55 South as it goes through Wenonah, NJ. Sorry YORK goes, this is not close to YORK, but if you are from Philly or South Jersey, it is now listed as THE BEST OF PHILLY for CHEESE STEAKS. Sorry, I know this is for Train Talk, but don't train collectors like to eat too? This place is worth a stop - it is called STEAK OUT. Wenonah was made famous by Thomas Industries Trains - they are the ones who more or less forced Lionel, Flyer, and Marx into making the General 4- 4- 0 style locomotives in 1959. Their final resting place was in Shawnee, Oklahoma, site of a devastating Tornado this past spring. Shawnee has an incredible BNSF Depot which looks like an English Medieval Castle. It's just east of OK City and worth a stop if you like trains!!!!

Enjoy,
Gordon Wilson

York Chow

Fri Nov 1, 2013 11:34 am (PDT) . Posted by:
"P. J. Heck" heckinohio@att.net

York Chow.....I have told this story before but seems it should be retold here.....

Brother & I stood in a double line outside registration before opening time in 1980 or so. In the edge of the parking lot, a vending trailer was just opening up. He had the usual breakfast items listed & another sign that said 'Maryland Crab Cakes'. As soon as I saw that I went to negotiate. Not often two misplaced to Ohio guys from Maryland get such a treat!!!! I had to talk the vendor into it but we both got several crab cake sandwiches one after the other.....maybe as many as 4 each.....seems like we spent about \$40 (what were 1980 prices?) or more for our standing-in-line 'breakfast & would gladly do it again. When we came back

that way for lunch, he was out of crab cakes....

No matter what you guys did, it could never have been as good as this!

PJHeck, 73-5817

York Chow

Fri Nov 1, 2013 11:38 am (PDT) . Posted by:

"John Warren" lionelskistrains

Let us also not forget the Pumpkin Funnel cakes at the fairgrounds for lunch. A twice a year treat - yum!

John ('Ski) Warren

Bob Drake:" Was there in April with a TCA group. Best Italian I've had in a long time."

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Hi Clem,

Thanks for your e-mail. I look forward to your post-TCA e-mail each year because you share some of the neat things you experienced.

I also appreciate the feedback about the accommodations and wanted to let you know we'll discuss your comments at the November general manager's meeting. If you have any additional examples, please do share.

Kind Regards,
~Tina

West Manchester Diner (Former Mickey D's) Ken - comments on the excellent eggs benedict

York April 2013

From: [clem clement](#)

Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2013 5:36 PM

To: [Ttml](#)

Subject: Yorkin

Another wonderful Yorking experience is in the books and our minds. Such a good time we had. And nobody tole lies and faked trains or got wet or nuthin...

York and TCA are really about friends. If you attend just for the tin and plastic, check in the mirror. It is so great to see fellow members every 6 months. Even if it is just for hug and a howdy. Those encounters are so comforting and powerful to us all. We don't say "Goodbye," we say "See ya in 6 months." Whatta great hobby and super group of people!!

So many sincere thanks go to Eastern Division, TCA for shouldering the responsibility to put on such a wonderful event. Having some knowledge of how hard this task is, my extra big congrats on another job well done!!

We all stood so tall and proud as our National Anthem was heard throughout the halls and outside, signifying our love for America and the opening of Spring 2013's edition of Yorking with Eastern Division.

I had a long roof for several years. I brought it to York and learned that it was an original Boucher Blue Comet roof. It is made from sheet copper, as are the car bodies! I did not know this. Sheet copper is very soft and easily bent. It is easy to shape but does not survive rough handling.

In the Orange Hall several big shiny homemade cars, standard or Gauge I cars were spotted. Did anyone see them and could they describe them please? I believe they were on "C" row.

My group had dinner at Roosevelt's as always. With the new chef, the yumminess went up significantly. What a lovely place to have a nice group diner, although a bit pricy.

I found a rusty homey-did passenger car with an option that I have never seen before. All whom I showed it to were pleasantly surprised. The passenger door hinge rods protruded thru the car's roof and were bent over (The roof was not removable). A child could open or close the door by turning the hinge rod lever. What a neat idea. The Lionel sprung doors stay closed, but if a kid gives his marble or frog a ride, the door closes behind the item (Or on his fingers). The car was signed by W. S. Robinson in 1919. It did have a bathroom and seats inside.

The Standard Gauge Module Association (SGMA) met for breakfast on the porch at the Reliance Restaurant. What a fun place. The porch is open to the elements and was nice and bright on that sunny Friday morning. As I got up to give a sterling speech, the beer truck pulled up outside and drowned me out. Happiness is...

During the IVES society meeting I gave a special talk and demo on ringing bell accessories. I had two members hold up a towel and I knelt down behind the

towel with my accessories (Several were afraid I was going to flash my IVES undies). Actually I had a transformer and powered up each accessory behind the towel so all the attendees heard was the noise, but could not see the piece. I had several manufacturers' units to use. Funny we think we know our stuff, but by the sound of the ringing bell, it is very hard to identify who made them. Pure fun. I'm thrilled to say the 4 members came up to me afterward and said they would go home and wire-up their own ringers. Message received.

Doug, that was NOT me you seen dumpster diving. That was my long lost second couzin twice removed (and shoulda been thrice removed Richie.) Plus the boxes were wet and I couldn't use them...

We did get a downpour as the Ice cream social was winding down. And some drizzle off and on during the meet.

For the St Louis National Convention I have agreed to conduct one of the seminars. It will be on train fakes and reproductions. This is another for-sure reason to attend the upcoming convention!!! Register at <http://www.tca59.org/index.html> (ed.: I gave the talk to 50+ of the convention's attendees. I think it went well and I hope I'm asked for the next convention.)

If I promised to do sumthin for somebody please remind me as I already forgots. Who was it he said they had a \$50 dolla Blu Comet for me? I neva got it. Don did bring me a full box of 5 wooden homey-did freight cars. Polished oak in construction. Lovely. Thanks very much Don. Keep 'em coming.

I'm hearing the TCA auction at the Museum Wednesday went very well. Note there are two more auction planned for this spring. Be ready to bid. I understand the dates for the next TCA auctions might change. Stay tuned.

I'm happy to reports that Ron Morris again did not sing at the York. How so lucky can we be??

Three members asked me who sells Restorsit now? Terry Trickel handles the home-made product.

Any information or changes that we should include in Clem's Primer for next fall's Yorkin? Please let me know

STOMPER SAVES TRAIN COLLECTOR FAMILY RELATIONS WORLD WIDE
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Read it here:http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/09/17/russian-diamonds-siberian-meteorite-crater-carats_n_1891691.html

STOMPER discovers huge cash of trillions of diamonds and tells Russians. World diamond values may drop. Luckily trains collectors have invested in trains rather than diamonds. Spouses thrilled at their wizenesses... Film @ 1:31 am yesterday. STOMPER is back home and safe.

As I unpack my new treasures, I find an extra STG motor and blu Comet in my boxes. I hate it when that happens...

Again, thanks all for the wonderful times at York

See you all in the fall at York,

Clem Clement

York October 2012

The turnout of TCA members, their families, and guests was greater than in April. Virtually our members bought out all the tables for this meet sponsored by Eastern Division, TCA. Two rows of tables were added in the White Hall to meet the needs of our members. President Kronz reported that there had also been a rise in the number of applicants for membership in TCA this fall.

At the opening of ED's Board meeting Vice President Brian Reilly presented Clem Clement with a professionally printed copy of the 2012 edition of "Clem's Primer," as a memento for his outstanding and dedicated service as President of TCA National and his years of serving as President of Eastern Division. The "primer" was first written and compiled in the 1990's and by the early 2000's had developed into a guide to the York Meet.

Woody Kriner, the representative of the new Upstate New York Chapter, was welcomed to Eastern's Board of Directors. Woody previously served as an at-large ED Board member

Minutes of the Board's April 2012 meeting were approved. The Division's financial situation is reportedly sound as we approach the October Meet and the end of the calendar year.

Two bylaw changes, introduced in April, will be presented for ratification in the November election of officers and board members for 2013-14. President Kronz invited eligible members who were interested in running for an office or the board were welcome to do so by submitting their applications to Sam Geiser, immediate past president. Ballots will be mailed to all Eastern members in November.

Oral and written reports by the secretary, treasurer, and committee chairs for registration, meet chairman, and nine other standing committees were approved. There will be no layouts running in the Black Hall for this meet.

Board Member Dan Danielson reported that membership in the WB&A Chapter had reached 285 thus far in 2012 and Chapter finances are in excellent condition

as 2012 comes to a close. Meets are scheduled at Kena Temple, in Fairfax, VA, December 8, and the Annapolis, MD, Armory, March 9, 2013.

Board Member Woody Kriner reported for our new Upstate New York Chapter. He announced that their membership has reached 210. Woody noted that the Chapter will host a meet in Rochester, NY; early in 2013 and that a couple of mini-meets are planned. Lee Wood, Eastern Division's Treasurer, volunteered to assist the new chapter in "setting up" their treasury.

A motion was made and accepted that the Division's "paid-for services" will be contracted beginning in 2013. ED's Parliamentarian Jim Williams will assist in drafting the appropriate language.

President Kronz announced that Vice President Brian Reilly would be leaving the board in January. He thanked him for his 11 years of service to Eastern Division. Dan Danielson recounted highlights of Brian's service to Eastern and his years working for and with the WB&A Chapter.

Respectfully submitted, Brian Reilly, TCA 75-8427, VTC 85-434

Yorkin

Paul Herr & I crossed the Great Susquehanna River this AM, our intent to view all York had to offer on a Tuesday. Best Western must have been the place to sleep in, two guys were in the process of setting up, not much else going on a 0830. On to Holidome, EASY to park there now, most of the tables in the Banquet Hal were occupied, if not open. On the last aisle, met the McCurdy Crew, both North & South Divisions, they mentioned the Feeding Frenzy that occurred at Reliance the day before in the area known as Jester's. Seems Fred's daughter, Amanda, had brought a trailer load up and it mostly disappeared in a flash. MORE was brought up for today, less of a frenzy, but, lots of activity. ALL kinds of stuff, mostly very reasonable in CASH price. The real fun there will be Thursday & Friday from 0800 to 2000 hours both days Bring Cash. There is an unconfirmed rumor that if & when they actually empty all the places Fred had goodies stashed, Chester may rise another foot above sea level. ONLY time will tell. On to Dilly Dudd (now Days Inn, referred to less than kindly by one train collector resident). Ironically, we found our best deals there, WAIT til you see the pics of the Diesels we bought. You will not believe what we plan to do with them.

Last York Stop was Springettsbury Fire Co hall, presided over by Barry King, American Flyer parts manufacturer, distributor, arranger of the Jester Sale, etc. On to DALLEE to pick up goodies for Wednesday's NTTM presentation (Wardie Jay goodies were here, obviously). For those of you who have NOT seen the Choo Choo Barn layout, you'll want to view the NetVision pics I'll have tomorrow from the presentation at NTTM, of one portion of the CCB layout. Once again the genius of Tom Groff using the products designed & made by DALLEE, I've seen them in action; you get to see phenomenal pictures. Paul & I will be at NTTM at 0645 tomorrow setting cones in preparation for our last turn

on the Parking Lot.

Paul, Mike Packi & I have been doing this since 2000, my knees are gone, Mike has mobility issues, Paul is the "Energizer Bunny" we're wearing out.

Come on down to NTTM on Wed, join the fun, meet some new people, try the donuts (not bad, BTW) OOOPS, I'm not supposed to know that.

Jim Lyle

Paul Herr & I met on the NTTM lot at 0645 to set cones, etc to prepare for the day. Our days started much earlier to get our trucks loaded with signs, radios etc. we then met the rest of the "crew" at Dienner's Rest for breakfast, camaraderie, discussion of the plan, etc.

Onto the lot we went, where we were from 0830 til 1745, with NO rain, NO hail, NO snow, NO gale force winds, ALL of which we have had at one time or another.

The DALLEE & Wardie-Jay presentations went well, brief & to the point, I had some great pics DALLEE took several months ago of the circus tents on the Choo Choo Barn layout that Tom Groff lit using DALLEE LED lighting boards and his skill. Effect is amazing, you HAVE to see it in person to really understand & enjoy it. ALSO had a little DALLEE product that will make installers lives MUCH easier, wait & see.

The Parking Crew did their usual fine job, a GREAT bunch of guys who have volunteered under all sorts of weather, dodged hail & rain, hot & cold, etc. Mike Packi, Paul Herr & I have finished our careers in parking; I am guessing volunteers would be welcomed.

On to York on Thursday, ORANGE HALL, N-11, drop by and say HI, my "crew" or I will be there to greet you, show you the TRACK WACKER & TinPlate Ties and maybe a very special set of SHS diesels, LONG sought after and LONG out of production.

Jim "leavin' the Keystone Main for York" Lyle

Thursday in YORK, the great Reunion continues. It IS nice to see old friends, make new ones, LOTS of Vets are now wearing affiliation hats, LOVE that one, need to get one. Most people recognized the Flag this time in Orange Hall, anyway. Heard a few singing the Star Spangled Banner.

Maybe a very special set of SHS diesels, LONG sought after and LONG out of production. The diesels ARE on table N-11, they ARE SANTA FE "S" GAUGE A-B-B-A, made by SHS, they are Chrome Plated, in the boxes; I have not removed them since

I got them many years ago.

Jim Lyle

Had a great time at York for the third time since I have been a member of TCA!! Met and talked to lots of nice folks, saw some fascinating trains, sold a bunch of stuff and bought even more. Thanks to all the volunteers and to the Eastern Division for inviting their brothers and sisters to join in the fun.

Now for a very serious report. I was walking around the Blue Hall on day 1 when I stumbled upon Clem Clement's table. He was not at the table but his beautiful and patient wife Sandy was in charge in Clem's absence. As I scanned the piles of scrap metal - - - I mean treasures that Clem had hauled to York to foist on the unsuspecting and sightless---what did my eyes land on but STOMPER!!!!!! Stomper was out of his corral and on display at Clem's table. I look down below Stomper and I see a price tag for \$135.12. Not a bad price for a piece of history. So I say to Sandy--"I will take it" and she says that is the price for the bridge it is sitting on--not for STOMPER--Clem would never sell STOMPER!!!!

So I immediately went to the hall captain and asked him if there was a rule against just having an item on your table for show?? After all the meet has a rule for almost everything else--but we could not find one that would force Clem to sell it to me. So STOMPER remains in Clem's possession and can be seen tomorrow at his table in the blue Hall--do not miss it if you are at York. I think everyone has a price. I personally think Clem is holding out for a higher price so I will now ask him publicly--"Is STOMPER for sale and what would it take to move him (or her) out of your collection and back to the Midwest where he belongs?

Andy Dubill
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Oh, Andy, Andy, what a war you have started. STOMPER is so angry Clem is afraid he'll rip apart the bridge he is sitting on and just come right after you for thinking he would ever want to leave Clem. He loves Clem, and you have really made him furious by trying to buy him from Miss Sandy. You had better go make amends before STOMPER destroys the entire fairgrounds and makes it impossible to have another York.

I'm sure glad I'm out here in California so STOMPER won't affect our power grid. Hope you have a flashlight, Andy.
Barb Jones

That must have been why the clouds moved in early and the lightning was

flashing this evening. The wrath of Stomper is unfolding!
Katie Elgar

Barb - Don't count on Stomper's rage not affecting your electricity reliability. California gets a lot of its electricity from Arizona which is tied in with the mid-western states and the east. When my lights dim here in Michigan I know Stomper is on a mad tear.
Best regards,
Frank Corley

Just got home from another wonderful York. Saw lots of old friends and made some new ones. Missed a few of the regulars. I heard that Nancy Swann passed away in early September. She was at every York and TCA Nationals right up until this year. The little lady with the red hair and lately a walker. She was an ardent supporter of TCA, TTOS, LOTS as well as other toy train groups. Always a pleasure to talk to and very very knowledgeable on trains. I remember her best for organizing the banquet room at the old Howard Johnson's on Toronita St. as a Barracks, if you will, for guys attending York and left without a room because of a problem (I don't remember what it was) that reduced the number of rooms available considerably. I will miss her. In regard to the current meet: What's going on with transformers? I never saw more large and medium transformers (ZW, VW, Z, V, KW, TW LW, 1033's) for sale in all my life. Everybody had one for sale. ZW's no longer bring \$275. even the Buck and quarter ones weren't moving. One guy had a box of 10 misfits for \$150 for them all. Two KWs, two TWs, a LW and and a mess of 1033's. O f course all needed some TLC but nothing significant. No one even looked at them. Hmm. Oh yeah lots and lots of 671s with 2671W tenders. I saw one boxed Excellent for \$150. I would think the guy asking \$335 for his probably took it home. The \$9K boxed girls set, reduced to \$7.5K sat out the meet but the \$4800 boxed 1950 773 went out suite at a reduced price. A great meet thanks to the folks at Eastern. Kudos to them all for their hard work.

Les Mathis

Sorry for not reporting Friday evening. Had NO electricity to run the ,puter. Tornado touched down about 1000 linear feet from house, dropped a park pavilion on 15 people (prox) our volunteers got them out quickly, no major injuries reported so far. Lots of property damage in a very long, as in miles, narrow path. At least one of our own (PVMR & occasionally NTTM guy, Jeff Leeking) has major damage to yard & he reportedly had trees on his home. Those of you who saw the circus train on the NTTM "S" layout, it belongs to Jeff, on loan for season.
Will find out more tomorrow.

York continues to be a great reunion, plus new friends to make, stuff to see. Still one of the "younger" ones there at 66. Scary.

Jim Lyle

Andy, I met with serious county officials during York. I'm pleased to announce that for the paltry sum of \$2500, the County will expunge their blotter and commence cleanup in a certain location that was a parking lot before a ruckus visit from a Kansas bunch.

When can we expect the check?

Clem

For those lucky enough to pass by my tables, they saw STOMPER and JUNKS face-to-face on Climbing Bridge. There was great fear that, even with their engines at still, the world would suffer. Climbing bridge is wood, as no metal can hold the pair. I had placed the exostonic non-square surgo caditonator between the seething locos to maintain control much as Kryptonite does to superman. The only reports from NORAD were that 3 loose rocks from the back side of the moon were sucked into a garbage can near the Orange hall (Since we can't ever see the back side of the moon, this event was considered non-sig.) 3 Higgs-Bosom particles were seen loose in the area without York badges on.

More after The Calming occurs...

Clem

However there was a terrific tornado in Paradise, PA, a short distance from York on Friday night about 8:00 PM.

Chester Zmijewski

That was a tornado? When left York we encountered heavy rains and wind on the bridge over the Susquehanna, (I think that is how it is spelled), river. We were in a pizza place in Strasburg and everything went dark. When we went back to our motel it was eerie to see no lights on at the Strasburg Railroad, Choo-choo Barn, the Penn. state railroad museum, red caboose motel and the toy train museum. Luckily we were staying up on route 30 and there was power at our motel.

Rich Giannino

Another super great Yorkin. So good seeing all. Home safe about 6 pm. Gorgeous colors on the way thru Maryland. Virginia leaves are starting to turn as well. Fall is here on the east coast. Clem

Good to meet with you at York, Clem. Thank you for your advice and for looking at the large metal bridge in the Silver Hall. The majority of the standards

committee had questions about its origin, however all felt it was very well engineered, and a nice piece for any layout. I am still uncertain about how it came to be. My purpose was to expose the bridge to knowledgeable people and to not misrepresent the piece. Arno Baars says hello, and I bid you farewell until next Fall... or maybe St. Louis.

Dave Rodgers

I'm working on Clem's Primer for the next meet. Any change you know of/corrections/ improvements/etc.? Please send them to me or post on the ttml. I do my best to keep things current.

Eastern Division presented me with a published copy of Clem's Primer. I'm greatly honored. 2 copies were sent to the TCA Library. ED BOD each has a copy as well. I am greatly honored and was speechless at the presentation ceremony done by Boxcar Reilly. Really all of you who have contributed to this effort deserve credit as well. I continue to get compliments and requests for the Primer. I'm truly happy it is helping folk enjoy Yorking experience better.

I did ask if this meant that I was finished and someone else would take it over, and the answer was not as long as I'm on the green side of the grass. I teared up.
Clem

STOMPER's blood challenge from JUNKS

To help answer the many Qs about when the blood challenge will occur: Currently the universe as we know it is not set. The powers that be are not and the surf is not up on the North Shore. Clem

YORK SHOW - how was yours?

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Tue Apr 24, 2012 3:55 am (PDT)

For me, York is always more about the people than the trains. I view it as the greatest social event in the hobby. All the trains I want can be purchased online easily enough and in a more timely manner, so the things I may find at York are kind of the frosting on the cake. I no longer even take a list of things I might be looking for. Still, I did manage to find some nice things at the meet, and at good prices.

I wasn't able to attend the previous three York Meets, but did attend this

most recent one. Regardless of what the registration numbers may show (those reflect those who registered, not those who actually attend), nobody will ever convince me that the number of participants, both sellers and buyers, is not going down. Having missed a couple of meets or shows really brings this fact home.

Friday definitely was the most busy and active day. Thursday was great for anyone who wanted to freely browse around because the traffic was light in every respect. You might as well sleep in late on Saturday; eat a hearty breakfast; and then take a leisurely drive home because that day--as has long been the case--is absolutely dead. Too bad, too, because having a robust Saturday event would certainly make things easier for those who have to work during the week and/or those who can budget only a night or two of hotel stays.

Allan Miller

York Meet

**Posted by: "NobelLugo@AOL.Com" NobelLugo@AOL.Com
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There were 5 of us that went to the York Meet. We could only be there from Wednesday until Friday so we left late on Tuesday evening. Traveling from Indianapolis is a 10 hour trip. We arrived at the fairgrounds; just to get the lay of the land and then went to the Billy Budd, the Holidome, Days Inn and another one close by Route 30. We ate at the Silver Diner on Rte. 30 and went back to the fairgrounds. Attended the MTH presentations and had a great time listening to problems and resolutions, future of DCS and new Proto 3 that would be compatible with initial engines. Back to the Silver Diner and desert and our rooms. We finally got to our rooms in Lancaster and it seems we all were a little tired. But what a first day.

Thursday we went to the PRR Museum in Strasburg...what a place. Lots of pictures and another great time. However, we had to get to the Fairgrounds for the opening of the Meet. Did not get a chance to see the Toy Train Museum nor ride the Strasburg steam & passenger cars. Once we arrived, at York, it was scour the halls, find we came for and the help each other with bargains in the halls. We stayed until the halls closed and found out we had a little problem with the room - too many purchases and "Bargains". On the way back to Lancaster we stopped at Columbia, PA and went to Hinkle's Pharmacy - it was just like to old Woolworth Drug Stores...the food was great -- crab cakes for all...and at a reasonable price. ANOTHER great day at York.

Finally, on Friday we left our rooms for York for our last day. Yes, "all" the halls were visited, bargains were still there and I guess those things we passed the day before were now rising to our "need" list. The initial plan was to leave around 1:00 PM...But we stayed until 4:00 PM so another long ride back home.

What I saw at this York were many collectors looking for their list and finding much more. However, in the years past, 2007/2008, Thursday usually had all of the parking space full or filling until 1:00 PM. So the lots were filled to the outer fences. We were still 4 or 5 rows short. The traffic within the halls was not crowded as they were in 2007; but there were still a lot of people in the halls.

I attribute this to 2 things -- the economy - it is still not that great - and those that attend are getting older - but we have yet to realize a growth in our TCA numbers. The leadership of all Divisions and Chapters need to look at ways to make being a TCA member easier or just plain betting the bushes for a younger population. But those are problems we already realize. One thing I heard at the MTH presentation was the use of APPs and other gadgets to bring on the younger crowds -- at least MTH is looking ahead. Why shouldn't National and Div/Chap do the same thing?

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Wondering around York

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Tue Apr 17, 2012 6:51 pm (PDT)

Tuesday AM found four of the PVMR crew, Paul Herr, Dave Pierce, Rich Glass & myself "Yorkward" bound. We arrived at the "Holidome" around 0830, most of the interior tables were at least set up & covered, not so many in the parking lot anymore. Paul found an MTH car to add to his railroad.

Maybe 100 shoppers in the time we were there, leaving around 0945.

Headed to Reliance Fire Hall, the domain of all things "S". Got some A/F parts from Amanda Jester, spent some time with Bobby Persing, he has just released a Post Office Flag in P-Ville repo parts, looks great; most of us dealers will

have them soon. Looks like 5 bucks per???? Headed on eastward to the former Billy Budd, crowd about the same as last year, stalwarts to say the least. Dave found two PUTT Birney trollies (before I did, BTW). He was planning to make them DCC on the way back. Moved on east to "Springettsberry Fire Hall", talked to Barry King about the pending sale of Fred Jester's

inventory in October. Rich found a tunnel for a grandkids project, PVMR got another MRC power pack (one made in USA, remember that??). We stopped

at DALLEE on the way back to pick up some display items for NTTM Open House tomorrow (DALLEE, WARDIE JAY & a book signer in the museum, Bachmann,

Weaver, Mike's & Lionel in the Atrium) OPENS at 10 AM. Our buds from Smokey Roberts will have the vids on YouTube miraculously quickly.

PVMR's Glenn Ritter will have pics to post tomorrow evening. I'll send the link.

Paul Herr & I will be on the NTTM lot at 0645 Wednesday "setting cones", apparently in the rain, before our semi-annual planning breakfast with the rest of the Parking Crew and then back to the lot 'til around 1750.

If you are traveling west thru Gap to York, FUEL UP in GAP. Gas in York was 14 cents a gallon, on average, higher today than in Gap. On the way home Saturday, I'd suggest the Ham & Oyster Supper (we're in the country, folks) at the Gap Fire Hall, a block off of Rte. 30. From 2 PM until out of goodies.

Tomorrows report will be from NTTM, hopefully a DRY NTTM.

York Report (Kinda)

**Posted by: "WJJIM@aol.com" WJJIM@aol.com wjjim2001
Fri Apr 20, 2012 4:56 pm (PDT)**

The sun did not shine on Strasburg on Wednesday, not outside anyway. One of those days, IF you didn't like the forecast, you'd change the channel, BUT, ultimately they ALL blew it. The late AM rain arrived at 0600, I understand it poured for a while in York, we had rain or drizzle or spotty showers or "normal York Wednesday" weather as the Parking Crew has come to know it. Mr. Herr & I "set cones" starting at 0645, wet then, went to breakfast meeting, wetter, off and on all day. At least three of the "Crew" are standing down after the October meet, all three of us have done this over 20 times in twelve years, Mike Packi and Paul Herr will have 24 & 23 respectively. I will have my 25th. Parking Crew IS Hiring, contact me.

Smaller crowd than "usual" it seemed at NTTM, presenters were good, well prepared, knew their stuff. "Smokey's Crew" will have vids out soonest, great outfit to work with.

Thursday, many dealers reported doing well or better than they expected, heard some buyers talking about something or other they were able to find to enjoy. Classic Toy Trains has ended their long running button

program. BEAUTIFUL WEATHER, BTW.

Friday, more of the same. BEAUTIFUL WEATHER, may be changing for Saturday, MORE of the change the channel forecasts. Attended my first Plasticville Collectors Meeting at noon today, another of those groups with a "twenty-four hour man", John Niehaus.

Gas is STILL cheaper in Gap than anywhere west of there, thru York. My South Jersey buddies (Hank Worrell & Tom Burns, Mike Packi left a day earlier due to illness) were hoping to "get across the bridge" today before they had to fill up. Interesting point, those THREE of the six Parking Crew on Wednesday paid for their own rooms, their own gas and their own food to come to Pennsylvania (from Jersey) and park cars for their fellow members, in the rain. PVMR guys Paul Herr & Howard Taylor round out the Crew, obviously they did the same.

Jim "back on the Keystone Main" Lyle

Many of you traveling to York may travel close to Scranton, Pennsylvania. Scranton is located in Northeastern Pennsylvania and was the center of the industrial boom during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The downtown area of the city has been recently revitalized and there are a number of attractions that family members on their trip to York may enjoy.

They include: The Electric City Trolley Station and Museum, the Anthracite Heritage Museum and Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour and the Steamtown National Historic Site. Steamtown is part of the National Park Service and is located on 52 acres of historic rail yard in downtown Scranton. Visitors start in the Visitor center on the main level where railroad artifacts are displayed. The movie "Steel and Steam" lasts 18 minutes and can be viewed every half hour in the movie theatre on the second floor. The movie is very nostalgic and reminds the viewers both of the important role steam trains played in the building of America and how railroading still has a place in the heart of all Americans.

The tour continues into the history museum where the history of railroading unfolds as you walk along. There is a "Life on the Railroad" exhibit where

various jobs from the railroading era are explained as well as an exhibit on railroad stations. The tour continues into the Roundhouse where there are a number of exhibits-both static and active maintenance projects unfolding before your eyes. The exhibits detail how the trains operated - both mechanically and service wise. Steamtown has over two dozen steam locomotives and 70 old freight cars. Some are restored, others undergoing restoration and others in line for work. The park has steam train excursions throughout the year. A schedule is available for the "Short Excursion" and "Cab Ride" as well as longer Pennsylvania countryside excursions. The website for general information is www.nps.gov/steam

Located very close to these attractions is The Mall at Steamtown and several restaurants. Kids (and adults) will enjoy a wiener place called The Coney Island Lunch at 515 Lackawanna not far from Steamtown. The restaurant is filled with old baseball and other local memorabilia and is a fun place to eat.

Andy Dubill
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Before we get too deep into our semi-annual discussion about what's right and what's wrong with "York", please permit me to point out nine facts.

1. The Train Collectors Association is not in charge of "York".
2. "York" is the semiannual swap meet of TCA's Eastern Division.
3. TCA's Eastern Division (organized 1954) comprises most of upstate New York; portions of northeastern and south central Pennsylvania; the District of Columbia; the states of Delaware and Maryland; and portions of Virginia and New Jersey.
4. For most of Eastern Division's history that I know about, their swap meets have been held either in Lancaster PA or York PA. It so happens that both of those cities lie within the territory of TCA's Keystone Division, but those places still seem to be convenient for a majority of Eastern's members.
5. Eastern Division swap meets have become very large and very successful. In recent years, they have attracted most of the major toy train manufacturers and publishers, plus lots of smaller manufacturers and lots of dealers. Because of its size and variety, "York" attracts lots of TCA members from all over the United States and indeed from many other countries. "York" has become so well-attended that several other toy train clubs, including LOTS, have been known to hold their business meetings on the York fairgrounds, simply because a majority of their officers attend the Eastern Division meets.

6. Because of Eastern's great success, many people come to York from far outside the boundaries of TCA's Eastern Division. As outlined in (7) below, they're welcome to attend; however, they may end up spending far more for transportation and lodging than do members who reside within Eastern's geographical region. It's a free country; each person decides for himself whether he can afford a trip to York and whether it's worth the cost. Personally, for me a York trip involves two nights' motel stay and 800+ miles of driving, and I would LOVE to go if my work schedule would permit it.

7. Every TCA division and chapter honors national TCA membership cards. Any TCA member with a valid membership card can be admitted to any division's or chapter's meet.

8. Each division or chapter of TCA is free to set its own policies, including whether attendees can use cameras and cell phones (Eastern says no; but most other divisions don't prohibit), and whether a portion of the meet will be open to the public (again Eastern says no; but some other divisions do allow it).

9. TCA and its Eastern Division enjoy a healthy symbiosis. Without doubt, TCA benefits from "York" because York motivates new members to join the club. Without doubt, Eastern Division benefits from the rest of TCA because so many York participants come from other divisions, and because TCA's national headquarters are only a 35-mile drive from the fairgrounds. Open house at National Toy Train Museum has become a major attraction of "York week".

All TTMLers are welcome to share their experiences and reflections on "York". As you do, please keep in mind that:

- (a) Eastern Division is the host; all others are guests.
- (b) York is Eastern Division's meet, not a TCA national event. Suggestions for improvement should really be directed to ED's president, Sam Geiser.
- (c) This is a hobby, and the men and women who worked hard to make "York" happen were volunteers who did what they did for love of the hobby.

Joseph Lechner

From: Michael and Linda Marmer <mlmarmer@verizon.net>

For those who never been to the baseball stadium at York or Lancaster too, I highly recommend it, the ballpark is better then most minor league

stadiums, great food, as York is a independent team with many ex- major leaguers. This is a spring York option.

Also, take a walk on the York Rail Trail, wonderful. Also in New Freedom PA is a wonderful train museum in a RR station run normally by 81 yr old Mr. Neal and his wife. Mr. Neal loves trains; he worked with CSX for 43 years, has HO but really loves AF over Lionel.

There is no train layout just a small but nice museum in a train station. New Freedom is south of York, down I-83, as it is on the York Rail Trail. There is no train layout just a small but nice museum in a train station. You can not miss the station as it is so small, the town. Once you cross over some RR tracks, there is public parking and the station is right there. You can not miss it.

here are two cabooses, use to be three, a neat painted mural on a produce canning plant, a very old closed down hotel/restaurant from 1903 or so, and some train cars in ruins.

Have a bike? Bring, as the ride is wonderful on the trail.

<http://www.yorkcountyparks.org/parkpages/railtrail.htm>

Map shows you where New Freedom is.

Mike Marmer

Clem Clement

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Clem's York Primer Part III

Family Fun at York:

This listing, up-dated as of
March 12, 2006 from Scott Arber

toytrain@yahoo.com.

(I recommend you confirm times and details as these are frequently changing.
Clem)

A comprehensive listing is archived at

VISITORS CENTER

The Downtown York Visitors Center is located at 149 W. Market Street in downtown York. The center is open seven days a week from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and extended hours during downtown events.

YORK COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST (YCHT)

(YCHT) The Trust has a group of Museums throughout York. All sites within the Trust cost: Adults \$15.00, Senior Citizens, College Students & Children over 12 years old \$7.00, Children 12 and younger, FREE.

Website: <http://www.yorkheritage.org/>

The Museums are:(YCHT) HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM(YCHT) THE GATES HOUSE, PLOUGH TAVERN, BOBB LOG HOUSE, and THE COLONIAL COURTHOUSE COMPLEX (YCHT) BONHAM HOUSE (YCHT) AGRICULTURAL and INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM (YCHT) THE FIRE MUSEUM OF YORK COUNTY WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC YORK

Website: www.yorkcity.org/visitors/walkingtour/index

THE MURALS OF YORK

Website: www.yorkcity.org/econ/murals/index.htm

WEIGHT LIFTING HALL OF FAME

Website: www.yorkbarbell.com/hallfame/hall00.html

POLICE HERITAGE MUSEUM, INC

Website: www.policeheritagemuseum.com

INDIAN STEPS MUSEUM

Website:

www.pplweb.com/holtwood/things+to+do/indian+steps+museum.htm

WATCH AND CLOCK MUSEUM

Website: www.nawcc.org/museum/museum.htm

HANOVER FIRE MUSEUM

Website:

www.visitpa.com/visitpa/visitDetails.do?name=Hanover+Fire+Museum

Address: 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA 17331

Phone: (717)-637-6674

WIRT PARK FIRE STATION MUSEUM

Website: www.borough.hanover.pa.us/images/hanover/hbfiremuseum.html

HANOVER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

<http://www.visitpa.com/visitpa/visitDetails.do?name=Hanover+Area+Historical+Society>

Address: 105 High St., Hanover. Phone: (717) 632-3207.

NEAS HOUSE MUSEUM

<http://www.visitpa.com/visitpa/visitDetails.do?name=Neas+House+Museum>

Address: 113 W. Chestnut St. Hanover. Phone: (717) 632-3207

STATE PARKS:

Samuel S. Lewis

Website:

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/samuelslewis.aspx>

Gifford Pinchot

Website:

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/giffordpinchot.aspx

Codorus

Website: www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/codorus.aspx

YORK COUNTY PARKS:

Rocky Ridge -- From Route 30 bypass, take Mount Zion Road exit. Follow Route 24 North (Mount Zion Road). At top of hill turn right on Deininger Road. Follow road back to park.

William H. Kain Park -- From York, follow South George Street (extended) to Jacobus. For Lake Redman area, turn left on Church Street and go 0.6 miles to main parking area. For Lake Williams area, turn right on Water Street and go 0.5 miles to main parking area.

Richard M. Nixon Park -- From York, follow South George Street (extended) through Jacobus to Valley Road. Turn right. Follow road 0.8 miles to bottom of hill. Turn right at park sign. At stop sign, turn left and follow road into park.

John Rudy Park -- From Route 30, follow Sherman Street north three miles to Mundis Race Road. Turn left. Park is 0.6 miles on the right.

Apollo -- From Route 74 south of Red Lion, take Burkholder Road east to New Bridgeville. Take Route 425 east. Turn left at Boyd Road. Parking lot is at the end of the road.

Spring Valley Park -- Follow Interstate 83 to Glen Rock exit. Turn left on Route 216. Go 0.1 mile and turn right at Potosi Road. Travel another 2.1 miles to Crest Road and to the entrance of the park's Animal Activity Center. To find the Fish for Fun pond, stay on Potosi Road going past Crest Road until Line Road then turn right. To enter the park from its' northern access, continue from Glen Rock exit on Route 216. Go 2.9 miles and turn right on Line Road.

P. Joseph Raab Park -- From Route 30, take Route 616 east through York New Salem, continue toward Seven Valleys. Turn right onto Green Valley Road. Continue for 2.5 miles. Turn right onto Hoff Road. Travel 0.6 miles to park entrance on the left.

YORK COUNTY HERITAGE RAIL TRAIL Note: New
Web Address

<http://ycwebserver.yorkcounty.org/Parks/RailTrail.htm>
<http://www.yorkcounty.org/gov/Parks/RailTrail.htm>

The trail has two distinct styles of milepost markers:

Large white posts with black lettering are historical markers used by the Northern Central Railroad, and more numerous green posts with white lettering. These posts indicate actual mileage from the origin of the Northern Central Railroad, the Baltimore, MD station. Trail Distances from the Maryland Line. The park is open year round, 8 am until dusk, and is patrolled by York County Parks Rangers. Park regulations are posted at each parking lot. The Museums are open May thru October.

Three additional historic structures are on the trail:

Hanover Junction, New Freedom train stations and Howard Tunnel, oldest continuously operated railroad tunnel in nation. The new web address listed above has links to the structures, directions to the various parking lots, maps, and regulations. Please check it out.

PUBLIC GOLF COURSES IN YORK COUNTY

Briarwood and Briarwood West Golf Club --
4775 W. Market St., York; 792-9776 or 792-5016.

Capital Region Golf -- 2700 Mt. Rose Ave., York; 840-4815

Cool Creek Golf Club -- 300 Cool Creek Road, Wrightsville; 252-3691

Grandview Golf Club -- 2779 Carlisle Ave., York, 764-2674.

Heritage Hills Golf Resort -- 2700 Mount Rose Ave., York, 755-4653

Hickory Heights Golf Course -- RD 1 Lehman Road, Spring Grove, 225-4247

Honey Run Golf Course and Country Club --3131 S. Salem Church Road, York,
792-9771

Little Creek Golf Course -- Spring Grove RD 1,225-1702.

Midlantic Eagleview Golf Club - 2531 Municipal Road, Dover; 292-9727

Pleasant Valley Golf Club -- Stewartstown RD 1,993-2184

Range End Country Club -- 303 Golf Club Ave.,Dillsburg; 432-4213

Rolling Acres Golf Course -- 490 Windsor Road, 755-1406

Valley Green Golf Club -- 1227 Valley Green Road, Etters; 938-4200.

Yorktowne Golf Club -- 1605 Loucks Rd. York; 764-2224

PERFORMING ARTS CENTERS

Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center
Website: <http://www.strandcapitol.org/>

Dream Wrights Youth & Family Theatre
Website: <http://www.dreamwrights.org/>

Eichelberger Performing Arts Center
Website: www.goepac.com

FACTORY TOURS

FAMILY HEIR-LOOM WEAVERS

Website: www.familyheirloomweavers.com/

HARLEY DAVIDSON, Inc.

Website:

http://www.harleydavidson.com/wcm/Content/Pages/Company/company.jsp?locale=en_US

NAYLOR WINE CELLARS

Website: www.naylorwine.com

PERRYDELL FARM DAIRY

Address: 90 Indian Rock Dam Rd. York, PA
For details, call (717) 741-3485 and ask for Diane.

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Website: www.familyheirloomweavers.com

Naylor Wine Cellars Inc.

4069 Vineyard Road, Stewartstown, PA
Telephone: (800) 292-3370
Website: www.naylorwine.com

Perrydell Farm Dairy Outlet

90 Indian Rock Dam Road, York
Telephone: (717) 741-3485

Pewtarex Factory Outlet Store

722 West Market Street, York
Telephone: (800) 358-3997
Website: www.pewtarex.com

Snyder's of Hanover Factory Outlet

1350 York Street (Route 116), Hanover
Telephone: (800) 233-7125
Website: www.snydersofhanover.com

Stauffer's Cookie Outlet

Belmont and Sixth Avenue, York
Telephone: (800) 673-2473

Website: www.stauffercookie.com

Susquehanna Glass Factory Outlet
731 Avenue H, Columbia, PA
Telephone: (800) 592-3646
Website: www.theglassfactory.com

Utz Quality Foods Factory Store
861 Carlisle Street, Hanover
Telephone: (717) 637-6644
Website: www.utzsnacks.com

Wolfgang Candy - Outlet
50 East Fourth Avenue, York
Telephone: (800) 248-4273
Website: www.wolfgangcandy.com
for "Chocolate experience tours"

York Wallcoverings Home Design Center
201 Carlisle Avenue, York
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Website: www.yorkwall.com
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