BREAKING NEWS: YORK DEALER HALLS (ORANGE AND PURPLE) WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN APRIL 2017.

SATURDAY DEALER HALL HOURS FOR ORANGE AND PURPLE HALLS ARE EXTENDED UNTIL 4PM PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND DONUTS & COFFEE.

And now, as of April, 2017, the Eastern Division York Meet will be open to John Q. Public. On Friday, April 28th, from 9 AM to 6:30 PM, and again on Saturday, April 29th, from 9 AM to 4 PM, the public will be able to enter the Dealer Halls (Orange Hall and Purple Hall) and watch the layouts in the Black Hall. There is an excellent article in the latest edition of Classic Toy Trains (CTT) by Lou Palumbo, #83-19823, that talks about the public participation and what it means. The article, “By Popular Demand” in its entirety is on the Eastern Division website at http://easterntca.com/. He wrote an earlier article for CTT “York the mother of all train shows” that highlights the trains and layouts at York. Well done, Lou.

John Zobel, President of Eastern Division, shared that there will be a reception on Thursday morning for the York County Visitors Bureau, that a local television station is expected, and that advertising will be in local papers.

ALEXANDERS RESTAURANT IS NOW MARCO’S PIAZZA

SPRING 2017 EDITION EDITED BY: SANDY CLEMENT AND CAROL MCGINNIS
Bring a guest to York, extend an invitation to join TCA and together we can double our membership numbers. Never drive to York without a guest with you

Thinking outside the train box! What are you doing to recruit new members to the Train Collectors Association? Did you know that inviting a guest to attend the York Meet is the fastest way to increase the association membership? Consider inviting a guest to the next York Meet because we think they’ll like what they see and want to join TCA to continue attending the meets. Invite more than one guest because there is no limit on the number of guests you may bring.

Click here for the guest form.

TRIAL MEMBERSHIPS

There is a NEW TCA MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY for new folks! Do you have friends who have been thinking about joining the TCA but can’t seem to take the plunge?

Our new "Trial Membership" option gives anyone over 18 the chance to join for six months at a reduced rate ($20.00). They will be able to attend TCA meets, receive our publications, and generally take a “test drive” of life as a TCA member. At the end of their non-renewable six-month trial period, they will have the option to join permanently. Application may be made at certain major events such as the York meet, or by contacting TCA Membership Coordinator, Amy Fry, at 717-687-8623 or email at: membership@traincollectors.org. Amy will provide information and will process your application. To apply at the York meets, stop by the TCA booth either in the Silver or Orange Halls.

Your trial membership application will be processed immediately and you will be eligible to enter all of the halls as a member to enjoy the full "York Experience".
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* NEW
NEW THIS YORK

- Saturday meet DEALER HALLS stay open until 4pm for additional shopping time.
- **New meet pricing structure.** For the very reasonable attendance charges, 3 days of playing trains and free parking, the Eastern Division York Meet is the best deal since sliced bread!
- Setup time for members Thursday morning moves to 9:30am
- **Single width strollers allowed.**
- Location map in the York Registration pamphlet is much improved. The badge pickup location is now clearly marked.
- **NO Shuttle bus service to the Mall and outlets**
- As always, York is a great place to meet and greet both new-to-you trainiacs and old friends.
- Also, members who bring their smartphones can try out the MTH WiFi DCS on the O Gauge layout. See the article (Museum Technology Takes a Leap Through The Air) that was in the Fall e*Train at [http://tcaetrain.org/2d-articles/operating/MuseumTechnology/index.shtml](http://tcaetrain.org/2d-articles/operating/MuseumTechnology/index.shtml) for details.
The Mission Statement of Clem’s Primer: Yeah, there really is a reason for all this stuff! Clem’s 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/NTTM site are not TCA sponsored. This version of the Primer 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 National Toy Train Museum, National Toy Train Library and National 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.

- Clem -

“New info, updated from the previous version, is presented in RED”

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Eastern Division Presidents Message: John Zobel:

I wish to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! We at the Eastern Division-TCA are looking forward with great anticipation to some new developments coming this year. The first change to the Division will be three new Board members as elected by our membership last Fall. I welcome Frank Nichols and Nicholas Tentzeras as new Directors-at-Large to the Board and Dave Eadie as the new WB&A Chapter Representative. Former WB&A Chapter Representative Dan Danielson was elected Vice President. Retiring from the Board are Sam Geiser, Lee Wood and Bill McCluskey who have served as Board members for several years and were an integral part of the success of the Eastern Division.

This new Board will be responsible for moving forward with the second new opportunity this year: opening the York show to the general public. For the first time the York show will be admitting the public into our Dealer halls, only, as allowed by Pennsylvania state tax law. Our Member halls will continue to be open to TCA members only. The public admittance will begin at 9:00 AM Friday and continue to 4:00 PM Saturday of York week. I encourage those TCA members attending the York show to bring family, friends and neighbors to enjoy all the benefits of our fantastic York show. Public attendees will be able to join TCA on the spot at TCA booths in the Silver and Orange halls to gain immediate admittance to all of the Member halls as well. Refer to our website: www.easterntca.com or call the Registration Help Desk: 1-814-928-0196 if you need any further information.
Eastern Division President’s Message (continued)

I am happy to report our TCA is alive and well and growing membership again after a few years of decline. Our National TCA organization has created new classes of membership to encourage more people to join as well as offering the opportunity for previous members to rejoin with no penalties. Please contact the National Business Office: 1-717-687-8623 for further information.

It is now up to all of us TCA members and toy train enthusiasts to spread the word and share the enjoyment that comes from participating in our hobby. Take the opportunity to attend local train shows in your area. Invite the younger generation to enjoy the fun and experiences that can be had in “playing with trains”.

In closing I wish all of our members the best in enjoying and sharing our good times with all.

John Zobel, Eastern Division President reports the following numbers for October, 2016:

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John Zobel, Eastern Division President

York Meet Registrar’s Message

A big “Thank you” to all the volunteers and staff that donate countless hours that put on a success Fall October 2016 meet. There were approximately 10,924 people in attendance, which included members, families and guests. Plenty of trains and camaraderie. Children of all ages enjoyed the amazing operating layouts displayed; thanks to Lower Susquehanna Valley Modular Train Club from Lancaster, PA, The National Capital Trackers, and the East Penn Traction club for sharing their handy work.
York Meet Registrar’s Notice (continued)

We had over 530 guests register at the October 2016 meet. We want to remind you to bring as many guests as you want as there is no limit in the number of “first time” guest you may bring. You’ll find the guest form on our website. (Guest Form). Register them early and get the advance discount pricing. Remember, guest may attend one time and then they are expected to join the TCA to continue attending the York Train Meet.

The April 2017 Meet Notice has been mailed. If you didn’t receive yours by now, please Contact Us. Online registration is available and don’t forget you can call the Eastern Division Call Center at 1-814-928-0196.

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 in mid 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 starting the beginning of April 2017. 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 - Contact Us. The York Meet is open to TCA members, their families and guests.

Beginning with the April 2017 York Meet, the Dealer Halls are opening to the Public on Friday and Saturday. The Dealer Halls will be open on Friday from 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Public will be able to register at the Ticket Booth in the Lobby of the Orange Hall. Cost for members of the public to attend is $14 per family for single day admission (Friday or Saturday). Want to attend both Friday and Saturday then the public admission fee will be $20.00 per family.

Look forward to seeing you in April. Any questions, let me know.

Sincerely, Nancy Tentzeras, Eastern Division TCA, York Meet Registrar
301.916.1507 (Telephone Monday thru Friday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Eastern Time)
301.515.9234 (FAX)
Here is the info on the trains clubs that are displaying at York In April 2017.

In The Black Hall which is open to the public:
Stillmeadow Crossing Modular Train Group from York, Pa
2 layouts - "O" & "HO" - using the whole Black Hall

In the Purple Hall which is open to the public:
Eagle Line Railroad from Ridgely, MD
10 x 28 "O" Gauge layout

In the White Hall - 2 train clubs (Only TCA members & their guests)
North Penn Modular "S" Gauge Train Club from Landsdale, PA
26 x 34 "S" Gauge layout

Washington & Old Dominion "S" Gauge Club from Washington DC area
26 x 40 "S" Gauge layout

Note: sizes of layouts are approximate.

Regards,
Mike Petronella
York Meet Chairman

??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 dealer’s 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.
For information on our Eastern Division Chapters and the Train Collectors Association click on the links above: **Eastern Division** is the sole sponsor of the York Train Meet. It is the largest division within the Train Collectors Association with over 5,500 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. Read more...

**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 and bus trips to the York Train Meet. Click on their logo for information on their upcoming bus trip.

**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 23,000 members worldwide 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 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 21st, 2015. 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](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 Museum (NTTM) / The National Toy Train Library (NTTL) / and the National Business Office (NBO)** are located at 300 Paradise Lane, Strasburg, PA 17579

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**YORK TRAIN MEET MADE EASY**

**EASTERN DIVISION’S YORK TRAIN MEET.**

WHERE TO GO: York Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle Ave, York PA, 17404 (This is the GPS location)

WHO TO CALL: York Fairgrounds emergency phone # is 1-717.848.2596

WHERE TO GO ON THE WEB: [https://www.google.com/maps/place/York+Expo+Center/@39.9583672,-76.7548524,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x89c88c0b3c6bdd05:0x92728627075a6f87](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 MUSEUM (NTTM) / THE NATIONAL TOY TRAIN Library (NTTL)/ and the NATIONAL BUSINESS OFFICE (NBO) are located at 300 Paradise Lane, Strasburg, PA 17579

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The NTTM, NTTL, and NBO 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 and in 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 NTTL is a very special library and is open to all visitors. It houses a unique collection of information on the history and characteristics of toy trains in the United States and elsewhere. We are a research library where information and resources are available for viewing and study. As such, we safeguard a cultural and commercial heritage of toy trains, and the industry that produced them. The NTTL is administered by a professional librarian aided and by dedicated volunteers. The library's collection has over 500,000 items.

**The National Toy Train Museum & National Toy Train Library**

**Wednesday, April 26, 2017 - Open House**

10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Free admission all day to the NTTM and the NTTL, de-accession tent sale, books and paper sale, toy train manufacturer presentations, door prizes, food vendor, free afternoon refreshments! All in one neat package

- **10:00 AM** – Welcome! Be sure to fill out a ticket for names to be drawn, hourly 10-4 for a for a Prize
- **10:00 AM** – De-accession Tent & Silent Auction Opens
- **1:00 PM** – In The Atrium - Mike Wolf from MTH Presentation
- **2:00 PM** – In The Atrium - Jack Lynch from Bachmann Presentation
- **3:00 PM** – In The Atrium - Atlas Presentation
- **4:00 PM** – In The Atrium - Lionel Presentation
- **5:00 PM** – Special door prize drawing for kids Under 15.
- **6:00 PM** – The National Toy Train Museum closes for the day

*Schedule is tentative and subject to change*

The York Train Meet is sponsored by the Eastern Division of TCA and it is currently open only to members (and family) of the Train Collectors Association and their guests. 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.

As of April, 2017 the Orange and Purple (Dealer Halls) will be open to the public Friday and Saturday of York Week.

NOT a member of the Train Collectors Association but love trains and want to see what the York Meet is all about? then [Contact Us](mailto:mrogers@traincollectors.org).
We offer several ways to register for the meet:

Online at [https://www.yorkregistration.org](https://www.yorkregistration.org)

1. Eastern Division Call Center - [1-814-928-0196/dealers@easterntca.com](1-814-928-0196/dealers@easterntca.com)
2. Registration form located in the TCA Headquarters Newsletter (see Table of Contents for registration form page number)
3. By mail using registration form located in the York Meet Notice (registration form only)
4. Member registration only 410-757-8845
5. **At the Door**
6. **Don’t forget: You can now register in advance for the next meet at a table in the Silver hall at the current meet. Hours will be posted, and announcements will be made periodically.**

(Badge pickup area is marked on the site map in the York Meet Notice on Page xx.)

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**Overview of the Eastern Division York Meet**

**THE MEMBER 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. SEE THE EASTERN DIVISION WEB SITE FOR UP TO DATE CHANGES.**

[HTTP://WWW.EASTERNTCA.COM/](HTTP://WWW.EASTERNTCA.COM/)

York Meet Notices are located on the Eastern Division web site: [http://www.easterntca.com/](http://www.easterntca.com/) or you can link from the TCA web site: [http://www.traincollectors.org/](http://www.traincollectors.org/) or call **302-674-5797** for a copy of the meet notice.

**MEET HOURS:**

**Dealer Halls-** Orange (Utz) & Purple (Heritage)

**Set-up ONLY: Dealer Badge Required**

Wed ....... 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thurs...... 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon
Fri/Sat... 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

**OPEN (DEALER HALLS)**

Thurs... 12:00 noon - 6:30 PM
Fri ..... 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Sat .... 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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

**Set-up Only: Table Holder Badge with Hall Name Required**

Thurs... 9:30 AM - 12:00 noon
Fri/Sat... 8:00 – 9:00am

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**Overview of the Eastern Division York Meet** (continued)

**Member Halls-** White Hall (Horticultural) (sometimes this one has layouts as well), Red Hall (Old Main), Blue Hall (Memorial West), & Silver Hall (Memorial East)
OPEN
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 in the Silver Hall:
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 during April and October meets for the next meet. Registration Table is located in the Silver Hall across from registration counter.

Kids Korner (One Parent/guardian must remain with your 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 visible at all times. Reprints are $5 each. If you sleep on the fairgrounds must pay the $50 RV fee ($51 online convenience 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 Meet Notice.
- Still Photography permitted in the Dealer halls and of the modular exhibits. No photography in the Blue, Silver, Red or White Halls or of copyrighted materials. Not sure? Ask! [White Hall layout may be photographed] No videos are allowed.
- Cell phones may be used in all the halls.
- No buying, selling or trading permitted during setup.
- No Alcohol allowed on the fairgrounds
- Single-width 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.
- Only empty boxes may be removed from the hall during setup
- Pets are not permitted in the buildings except for licensed, service or medical animals, but are allowed on the fairgrounds. Please be courteous and cleanup after your pets.
- 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.
- Allowing someone else to wear your badge is forbidden.

Lost and found/Stolen items: The registration counter has forms to report such. Point of Contact is Dave Eadie cell: 703-343-3879 or dbeadie@verizon.net or 703-451-4149 after the meet.
Shuttle bus: Service provided between all halls:

- Thurs.: 12:00-6:30 p.m.
- Fri.: 9:00-6:30 p.m.
- Sat: 9:00-4:00 p.m.

See reg. package for other rules.

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. Guest is defined as a person over 18 who is not a member or applicant.

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. The new member is probationary for a year, but that doesn’t restrict them from attending any meets including this York’s Meet. **A member can host multiple guests.**

GENERAL INFORMATION/AVAILABLE SERVICES/ACTIVITIES (continued)

5. The National Business Office (NBO) of TCA 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. **The TCA Library has a table in the Blue Hall G-70.** (Ron Morris, TCA Historian and Photographer is located at G-69). **NTTL reference Library has a table in the Orange Hall lobby.**

6. Bring your meet notice with you as reference. A map of the fairgrounds is in the notice, and on Page 95 of this Primer! 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)**

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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. Free Volunteer lunch begins at noon. The York meet requires a huge number of member volunteers to make it happen. Contact our Volunteer Committee Chairman, Hope Danielson, 703-743-2152 or at prewar@comcast.net. Flexible volunteer times are available.

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 with. **Donations of play trains and 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. There is an opportunity to join Kids Club. **A Parent/guardian must accompany the child as 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. For info go to [http://www.wba-tca-eastern.org/](http://www.wba-tca-eastern.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, storage, 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. Business address: 434 West Arch, Shamokin, PA, 17871

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14. **TCA NATIONAL CONVENTION TABLES:** Items and information will be available at tables in the usual place near the Registration counter in the **Silver Hall.** The [2017 Convention is in Pittsburgh](http://www.tcaconvention.org/), June 24-July 2, 2017. Join us for a fun filled week of special activities at the 63nd TCA National Convention. Sponsored by the Fort Pitt Division. The standard Gauge Module Association will have a huge layout. STOMPER will be in the house. Bring Your Caboose to Pittsburgh!

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. $10 round trip paid in exact cash to the bus driver.**

**NOTE:** SEPTMBER, 2016  ...  Cancelled due to lack of attendance.
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!1s0x89c88c0b3c6b2d05:0x9278627075a6f87

First Aid Station–next to the Fire Station near the Brown Hall

HAVE YOUR SIGNIFICANT 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 ACCOMMODATIONS
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) or RV@easterntca.com

You are not allowed to put stakes thru the asphalt. Bring boards 1”x16”x16” under your jacks and hitch stands. 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 $50. 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 $50 electric fee and provide your own extension cord. (See the York Meet Notice for more details.)
18. **The PA Tax Office** can and does send their 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. The staff is most helpful. [www.yorkpa.org](http://www.yorkpa.org)

20. **TRAVEL DIRECTIONS**

**York Fairgrounds from the South**: travel to the Baltimore loop (Rt. 695) 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 York Fairgrounds from the South**: northbound on I-83 from Baltimore, as you near York, exit on Business 83N. (Exit 15 S. George St) 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 "S. 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.

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20a. **TRAVEL BUS TRIPS**

**Upstate New York Chapter Charter Bus Trip to York**: The chapter offers a bus trip to York show on October 20-21, cost $220 per person, $185 each, double occupancy, you get transportation to and from the show provided by Niagara Scenic tours on a 56 passenger Bus, 13 hours of shopping time at the show (Just enough time to see the whole show), Hotel room at a Comfort Inn including Breakfast. For more info contact the chapter. Contact them: [http://upstate-ny-tca.com/bus-trip/york-trip/](http://upstate-ny-tca.com/bus-trip/york-trip/) phone: 716-390-8216. Email: usnyc2015@gmail.com

**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 2 luxury buses. We had 82 riders last fall! The stops are still Commack, Medford, & Hicksville on Long Island along with the Bronx & Flushing NY and finally Woodbridge NJ. The cost has risen to $85 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.

(Hi Clem, yes we've held the cost at $85 and we're still using the luxury buses versus the standard charter bus. Our concern is the April ridership which dropped off last April; we'll keep our fingers crossed! Hope to see you at Alexander's in October. Lenny & Les September 6, 2016)

Pittsburgh 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 Demczak at 724-947-9000 or email him at info@antiquecoachexcursions.com. Sounds like a great way to do York. http://antiquecoachexcursions.com/ Cancelled

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)

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The city of York has various ongoing street repairs that change on a daily or weekly basis. The best source of information is The York Daily Record at 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. ACCOMMODATIONS/HOTELS/MOTELS

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

Update with the new hotels being the Home2 Suites by Hilton, 212 Pauline Dr, York, PA 17402 (717) 747-0360 for reservations. La Quinta Inn & Suites, 1405 Kenneth Rd, York, PA 17402 (717) 767-2400 for reservations.
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22. ACCOMMODATIONS/HOTELS/MOTELS (continued)
The Yorktowne Hotel closed as of end of day on November 6, 2016 to embark on an extensive renovation project that will make the hotel a premier destination in downtown. We are no longer taking requests for room or event reservations until our reopening is planned in 2018. If you have questions, please contact Bryan Reichelt directly at b.reichelt@yorktowne.com.

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.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/GiffordPinchot/index.htm

23. NON -TCA SPONSORED TRAIN SHOWS DURING YORK WEEK
There are four different train shows held on days prior to the TCA meet at the York Fairgrounds on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. These are:

1. The old Billy Budd is now DAYS INN. PH. (717) 845-5671. http://www.daysinn.com The Days Inn is located at the confluence of Route 30 and Interstate 83 (334 Arsenal Road.) Show Contact: Rich Dedufour (609-466-3933).
   a. Location: The Hotel at the confluence of Route 30 and I-83 is known as the Days Inn (formerly 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.
   b. 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.

2. Wyndham Garden (formally Holiday Inn) at West Manchester Mall north of Route 30 on Carlisle Road at (2000 Loucks Road.) Phone: (717) 846-9500. http://www.hiyork.com/ Christina Cross handles the outside space/table reservations. Janet Phillips kc97trainsmto@aol.com handles the inside reservations.

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a. The Wyndham Garden (Formerly the Holidome) can be reached 2 ways. After turning right at the Olive Garden on Kenneth Road, you should continue north and turn left at the next light onto Loucks Road. This will take you to the back of Wyndham Gardens.
b. 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 Wyndham Garden back driveway.
c. 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.
d. If you exit the Wyndham Garden, 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.

3. **Reliance Fire Hall** (West York FD) on 1341 West Market Street, York, PA. Contact Barry @ (717) 424-1308 or kingkodak@hotmail.com for tables. Listed at [http://trains.com/](http://trains.com/)
   a. The Reliance Fire Hall show is primarily for S gauge folks but sometimes has other kind of trains. The Reliance Fire Hall is at 1341 W. Market Street, York, PA. Ph. (717) 843-6305.
   b. 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.)

4. **Commonwealth Fire Hall**, 2045 North Sherman St., York PA 17402. Contact Barry @ (717) 424-1308 or kingkodak@hotmail.com for tables. Open Monday-Wednesday only. Listed at [http://trains.com/](http://trains.com/)

   Entrance to these meets is free and they are open to the public.

**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 I7356. 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/borough-history](http://www.redlionpa.org/history/borough-history)

**Vintage toys** 717-818-6660. Rt. 30 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...Tootsie toys to pedal cars. Building on next corner on right at 3988 Sheppard Lane
M-F 4-9 PM. Saturday 9-1PM

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Toy Trains Unlimited. “I will be closed on Monday and Tuesday of York week. I will open the shop at 1 pm on Wednesday for our open house then closed on Thursday and open up on Friday at 1 pm open Saturday please tell everyone about the open house on Wednesday, the 26th. Ron”

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. FOOD, DRINKS & PLENTY OF GOOD CONVERSATION 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.

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 Steam into History's Historical Train Ride the 1860's era replica steam train 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. http://steamintohistory.com .

25. 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 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

26. WIFI IS AVAILABLE. Contact York Expo to reserve at 717-848-2596. Fee charged.

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27. OPERATING TRAIN LAYOUTS.

See Eastern Division Web site for layout information or go to Page 9.

DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY: There is some activity at the Days Inn (Formerly Billy Budd)

MONDAY: Early Monday morning: Wyndham Garden (Formerly Holiday Inn and Conference Center) opens up, both inside and outside.
  9 AM - 5PM: Reliance and Commonwealth Fire Halls open 9-5 pm.
  7 PM – 9PM: Billy Budd is open 7-9 pm.

TUESDAY:
  7:30AM - 7:00 PM: Wyndham Garden ballroom will open. 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.

  8AM - 9 PM: Days Inn (Former Billy Budd,). The hotel rooms may be full of wondrous trains as well as the hall.

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

  12 Noon: Eastern Division BOD Meeting: Orange Hall Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY:
  7:30am~ 3:30PM: Wyndham Garden parking lot trading area opens around daylight. The inside opens around 7:30 AM.

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


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


NATIONAL TOY TRAIN (TCA) MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

The Museum is in nearby Strasburg, Pa, 300 Ronks Road. See directions. 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!

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 York meet Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (continued)
The National Toy Train Museum & National Toy Train Library

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 – Open House

10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Free admission all day to the NTTM and the NTTL, de-accession tent sale, books and paper sale, toy train manufacturer presentations, door prizes, food vendor, free afternoon refreshments! All in one neat package

10:00 AM     Welcome!   Be sure to fill out a ticket for names to be drawn, hourly 10-4 for a for a Prize
10:00 AM    De-accession Tent & Silent Auction Opens
1:00 PM  In The Atrium - Mike Wolf from MTH Presentation
2:00 PM      In The Atrium - Jack Lynch from Bachmann Presentation
3:00 PM      In The Atrium - Atlas Presentation
4:00 PM      In The Atrium - Lionel Presentation
5:00 PM      Special door prize drawing for kids Under 15.
6:00 PM     The National Toy Train Museum closes for the day

*Schedule is tentative and subject to change

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

We once again have our FIVE (5) parking lots---3 SHUTTLE STOPS at CHOO CHOO 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 when 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

New Volunteers Welcomed!
Contact Melody Rogers at NTTM (717)-687-8623
Melody Rogers mrogers@traincollectors.org

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.

OPEN ALL DAY — RIDE THE SHUTTLE VAN TO
CHOO-CHOO BARN, STRASBURG RR, AND
RR MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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WEDNESDAY (continued)

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

3PM – 5PM: York Registration in the Silver Hall is open.

6 PM: 23th Semi-Annual DCS User Group Meeting-6 PM Wyndham Garden (formerly Holiday Inn Holidome) Address is 2000 Loucks Road. 7 PM Dinner, 8 PM MTH presentation. Barry Broskowitz: broskowitz@computercompetency.com

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

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

THURSDAY:

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

8AM - 1 PM: Reliance Fire Hall opens: Also: 5 – 9PM

8:30AM - 5:00PM: York Registration opens

9:AM - noon: Load-in/unpacking for Table/Dealer badge holders: Orange/Brown/Purple Halls

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

9:30AM – 12 Noon: load in- Blue/Silver/Red/White Halls

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

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 6:30 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 too 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).
DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (continued)

THURSDAY: (continued)

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

White Hall, Red Hall, Silver and Blue Halls:

See Eastern Division Web site for layout information or go to Page 9.

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

NOTE: AS OF 2016 Cancelled due to low attendance

Food can be obtained on the fairgrounds in several locations.

What happened to the little restaurant beside the Purple Hall?  Gone with the wind. The owner of Sodl’s retired and the renovation costs of the facility were not feasible.

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.

MTH will be conducting seminars in their booth and the website address for details is: [http://www.mthtrains.com](http://www.mthtrains.com).  Advanced registration is required.

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

12-noon- 6:30PM Shuttle bus among halls is free.

2 PM: National Kids Club Committee - Orange Hall Meeting Room

4-5 PM: Bruce Greenberg will be photographing Lionel Prewar O Gauge locomotives and sets in an Orange Hall room across from the refreshment stand. He is interested in both unusual items as well as items in exceptional condition. For more information, please call Bruce at 703-461-6991 or send him an email at brucecggreenberg1@gmail.com. Bruce will be found at his tables in the Orange Hall (Row O, Tables 1-3).

5-9 PM: Reliance Fire Hall reopens

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

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

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

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7:45 AM: York Legacy users. Orange Hall


8:30AM-5:00 PM: Registration counter is open
8-9AM: Table/booth holders all halls: Loading/unpack
9AM – 5PM: YORK MEET ALL HALLS OPEN. Member halls close at 5:00 PM. Dealer Halls close at 6:30 PM

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9AM - Shuttle bus between halls is free. Runs 30 minutes after hall closure:
Friday: 9AM-6:30PM
Saturday: 9AM-4:00 PM

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10AM – 4PM: 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.

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

8 AM: York Legacy Users., Alexander’s Restaurant. 840 Carlisle Ave, York Cancelled due to low attendance

10-11 AM: “OO” Gauge Meeting –Orange Hall meeting room. Contact: flyerlarry@yahoo.com
11-12 noon: Plasticville Collectors Assoc (PCA). Orange Hall (Utz) meeting room. John Niehaus johnln@netins.net at Ph. 515-771-6888 after 5 PM CT. (There is a second meeting 5:30-6:30 PM today in the same room)

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FRIDAY: (continued)

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

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

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

2 PM: OGR Forum Meeting - Gold Hall. Contact Ed Boyle ed@ogaugerr.com

5:30-6:30 PM: Plasticville Collectors Assoc (PCA). Orange Hall (Utz) meeting room. John Niehaus johnln@netins.net at Ph. 515-771-6888 after 5 PM CT.

6:30: YOU ARE INVITED TO EASTERN DIVISION’S ICE CREAM SOCIAL 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.

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SATURDAY:

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

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

8:00-9:00 AM: LOADING/SET UP BOOTH/TABLE HOLDERS ONLY

8:30 AM-2:00 PM: Registration desk open.

YORK MEET OPEN 9:00 AM -2:00 PM (4:00 PM for dealer halls)

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2 PM Meet closed (4:00 PM for dealer Halls.). Be sure to collect all your stuff from around your tables, etc. and please have a safe trip home.

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HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT TIME AT YOUR EASTERN DIVISION, TCA, YORK MEET!
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October 19-21, 2017  
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York Primer Part II below has a Listing of Local interests or try the detailed listing of things to do in and around York by going 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

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**CLEM’S YORK PRIMER PART II:**

LOCAL INFORMATION/FOOD SERVICE/ACCOMMODATIONS/YORK REVIEWS

**TOP 6 FINE DINING RESTAURANTS IN THE YORK AREA:**

HTTP://WWW.YORKPA.ORG/RESTAURANTS/FINE-DINING/ F

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**Yorkin October 2016**

By Clem Clement

It was shorts weather at York. Wonderful weather and another fine York. It was so warm that the crickets and katydids were still chirping at night. Thanks so much for all the work the Eastern Division, TCA, staff and others did to make this a successful York. The Fairgrounds folk as well did a premiere job having the grounds and buildings ready for us. Marvelous; marvelous!!! Somehow the week zoomed by just like the snap of your fingers.

Another thrilling York week is in the books and our memories. Oh, such fine weather and the special gathering of friends from around the world each 6 months. It does seem like the two shortest weeks of the year are the York weeks. We need to add more “York Days” to the calendar. Next Spring we open the dealer halls to the public Friday and Saturday!!! More excitement for sure.

It is always a great please to see Donna and Randy Hayes again. Donna is the late Bob Tuft’s daughter and is carrying on the tradition of “Flyer Nut.” This time she asked if she could buy a Lionel rocket platform and would it upset her Dad?? I allowed as how he would be thrilled she is playing trains to the delight of his friends. We had dinner together at First Post Restaurant on east Market, near the Maple
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Donut Factory. www.thefirstpostyork.com 3691 E Market St, York, PA 17402, (717) 430-8115

Now there is a swell eatery. We all tried the appetizer “Scotch eggs.” Wonderful. Ya gots to try them.

I was asked by the National Capital Trackers to buy 4 dozen donuts for them during their modular layout setup time in the Black Hall. (I hope all saw that world class setup. Go to [http://www.nattrackers.org/archives/3638](http://www.nattrackers.org/archives/3638).) Tuesday evening after dinner Sandy and I went to the Maple Donut factory for the doooones. Golly big times at the DONUT FACTORY. I will now try and explain their secret pricing strategy. Seeing how as it is that Eastern Division buys 40 dozen each York for their special Coffee and Donuts Saturday morning at York, and that Maple Donuts are the Official Donuts of ED, the calculations began. If you buy one dozen, they make it a baker’s dozen. If you buy 2 dozen you get 3 extra. If you buy 4 dozen you get 6 more. If you are AARP you get 3 more. If you a military you get some more. Got it?? It took both Sandy and I to carry the heavy boxes of donuts into the Black Hall Wednesday morning. The layout was world class. I hope they did a video of it before it opened.

The layouts in the National Toy Train Museum were super fine for sure. I loved the Standard gauge and Lego activities. Golly the place is looking sharp! The Manufacturers talks were extra informative this year. Lots of exciting news. Everyone should take the time to visit our museum during York and throughout their open season.

During the meet, I visited a friend’s table that always has some kind if custom/interesting/special trains. This time it was double good. He had a car from the modern NYC Lionel gray passenger set. When asked, he said the rest of the train had been ruined during shipping. He also had an AF 4000 repainted in Orange with three 18 series Lionel passenger cars all gussied up in nearly matching orange. I liked the loco but took all as that seemed fitting and proper. Somehow my “uncomfortable light” or my “judgment low level light” came on… The next day he visited my table with some concerns. He felt I was not happy with the 3 cars and he felt that he was wrong in selling them. Turns out his Dad refinished the cars and they were a bit special and calling out to him. Quick as a wink they went back to him. We both knew that was the right thing to do. Why wouldn’t I?? I sold my German train collection this fall and upon seeing many of the pieces at York I also had some regrets in selling certain pieces… Maybe I’m cooked, but the memories about the situation involved, the people connected to the piece and the remembered thrill of ownership makes this hobby so special. (My first car resides in another man’s garage. What if he no longer wants it….) I can’t imagine life without some special items surrounding me.

Writing of things special, the Lord continues to call some of us between York’s for His propose. We know they are in a better place but we so miss them here on Earth and at York. As Caroline said “There is a hole in my universe with Arno gone.” Jim Storer and others as well. Both men had life-changing effects on me. Others too. I trust we will all meet again in the great beyond’s train meets.

I thought prices were down some and the desire to buy was way down. I had some very nice stuff that drew no interest. (also, I had some tin junk that even Ron Morris did not want.) A bud had a masticated Lionel 384 tender. The builder used brute force engineering to redo it. A whistle was added which is ok, but not a big on/off switch on top.
Then two pickups were added to the bottom: one for power from the center rail and one for ground from apparently an added 4 or 5th rail. Apparently, the ground from the frame thru the wheels was not good enough. (Maybe the electrons were running the other way.com?) Turns out it is a fine design. The second pickup is for a separate ground rail added to the track near a station/crossing. When his train came by, the whistle was grounded by the couple os sections of 5 rail track and the whistle whistled automatically. Pretty smart, huh? Oh, the pickups were molly bolt sprung wings mounted on carved blocksc of wood. There is a wire coming out of the tin coal pile and a bracket for a backup light soldered in place on the rear hand rail. Not being as yet satisfied he trimmed the frame in silver paint, slopped on. I had to have it just to understand what he was thinking.

Also with it was a wondrous body frame combo built by the same engineer. It took me 5 minutes to figure out what happened so it followed me home as well. Seems the owner had an IVES 3241 Loco with a cast iron frame and an IVES 3236 with a steel frame. First thing he did was bust the end off the cast iron frame. Then I think the motor on the 3236 died. So, he cut the steel metal end off the 3236 frame and bolted it where the 3241 frame was busted off. Then he changed couplers to Lionel latch by soldering them on the mounted IVES couplers. Not being satisfied and having broken a head light off, he mounted a fixture off’n a finial where the headlight should have been. Then he slopped blue paint all over. (I’ve hidden this uncharming piece from Sandy).

Speaking of a blue Lionel #8 or 3236, an old timey story comes to mind concerning my learning about trains. Back in the day, a fellow in the Blue Hall proudly showed off the “rare Blue Lionel #8.” I looked at it and the blue looked nice and original. So, I studied up and found no evidence there ever was a blue #8. I did learn how to identify original colors with the help of the TCA “Standard of the World) color chart. I even joined the Standards Committee. Still I kept looking. 25 years passed and I’m at the fab Hershey car show and what to my wondering/wandering eye should I spy: a blue #8 Lionel loco sitting on the curb in front of a booth. Same shade of blue as before. Due to my enhanced “larnin,” I noted the inside of the cab was maroon. But I still bought it, repaired it and it resides happily here. Now I have 2 Lionel 8’s in Blue. Goodies come in3’s, so who has the third??

As I reported prior to the York meet, Alexander’s restaurant was closed. (Many thanks to Stu Rankin for sending this info to all TCA Division Presidents before the meet.) The family sold out a couple of years ago. The first thing the new owners did was to fire the old staff, except Nancy. The new staff tried but could not get it right. The current sign on the property indicates they have a buyer in the offing. I hope Alexander’s is backing good business by Spring York! (Post script: Alexander’s is now Marco’s Pizza.” I understand it is very good pizza).

Sandy and I did eat at the Quaker Steak and Lube again. Their wings are the bestest!

The SGMA group met Friday morning at the Reliance in their neato semi-closed porch. No need for heat this time. The thrill for Sandy and I was the unwrapping of a standard gauge N&W J-611 4-6-4 locomotive Jim Waterman had custom made for us. Whatta gem!! We are pickled tink. Everybody loved Jim’s workmanship. I wish Arno could have seen it. (He and Jim were co-owners of the left over old Lee castings.) Sandy and I hosted on the real NS J 611 and her consist for the last two years of her trips from Manassas, VA. Jim hosted in the train last summer as well. Jim modeled the consist including the
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numbered cars we were hosts in. The cars and loco are customized from the former Lee Company castings. We plan to bring the set to the TCA National Convention in Pittsburg, June 2017 and run it on the SGMA layout. (As a quiz, do you know where the bell is located on the real J?)

A friend brought a homey-did O gauge tender for me to see. I slobbered over its design…then he asked if I would like to buy it…can you guess the answer? I love the technology and workmanship or lack thereof, in homemade trains. The sheet steel tender was homemade including the trux. The wheels are IVES I think. Body joints were soldered adding some weight to the tender. Nice workmanship. A 44-magnum shell casing was the water intake. The axle bearings were nuts soldered to the truck sides. This means the axle runs on the nut’s threads, reducing friction. A sloppy paint job finished ‘er off sorta nice. (Since the show, I have stripped off the poor bad paint exposing the fine solder workmanship for all the see.)

I’m sure you heard that York will open its two dealer halls (Orange and Purple) to the public Friday and Saturday of spring York. You will be seeing details of this exciting maneuver throughout the winter. Get ready for increased crowds and surely more dealers. I hope to see minutes from the manufacturer’s meeting at this York.

Fall is such a special time of year. The summer heat is mostly gone, the trees are turning and the weather is clear with crisp mornings. What a swell time to hold a train meet. I tingle with excitement as we approach York on the way up and still on the way home https://www.facebook.com/DestinationDuluth/videos/969257556451228/. So special I hope we all work hard to keep this great event alive and well for many more years to come. Be there and be part of the ever-improving York experience.

Please let’s hear from all of you about your Yorkin experiences.

See you all in the spring at York,
Clem Clement

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York Restaurants

Sat Oct 15, 2016 6:09 pm (PDT) . Posted by: lhmathis
My suggestion is Eagles Nest Restaurant at 2519 Mt. Rose Ave (turn left going south toward Baltimore off rte 1-83). My daughter-in-law, who grew up in York, told us about this restaurant many years ago. We have never been disappointed in the menu, food or service in addition to reasonable prices. Les Mathis.
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< I have set up there the past 5 shows, and can tell you the crowd starts pretty early. The rules from Jenna, who manages the outside show, include set up times are from 7AM each day. All vendors must tear down and be gone from the lot by 7 PM. There is a registration table at the back lot from 7 - 10 each morning after that you register at the desk in the Motel. They have kept the same layout as previous show layout. There has been room each time we've been there, that more vendors could be added, but each show has had a nice number of vendors and the crowd does a good amount of buying. Food is available outside, the inside show in the ballroom and hallways is ran by a different employee, so I do not know much about that event. If you contact Jenna.Koslosky@WGYORKPA.COM she can answer additional questions and can probably take a reservation from you.
Wayne Spiegel >

Thu Oct 13, 2016 10:09 am (PDT) . Posted by: "Stuart Rankin" lionelllc
See the below update on York Restaurants.

Stu

Per Clem Clement's request, I am forwarding this information to all of you. Christie

Fellow TCAers,

The York County Convention and visitors Bureau, Tina Smith, notified us that one of our fav. restaurants near the York Fairgrounds, Alexander's, has closed. The TCA crowd at Alexander's is big in the mornings. Time is of the essence for them to find chow and get to the meet on time. The NYC bus is now going to the "Round to the clock" restaurant on R30 near R83. Near the old Alexander's on R74 there is the Westmanchester Diner (in the old McDonalds at the top of the rise. Small but good. Some of the former Alexander's staff work there). Bob Evans a little further north on Carlisle Ave. Denny's on R30 is open as well. (Back in the day Denny's was the only restaurant open north and east side of the Fairgrounds. They got huge crowds. I worked with their manager at the time,"Big Al" to expedite service. He responded by using hotter cooking surface, cooking potatoes and bacon ahead, welcome TCA sign out front and extra wait staff during York week. Every since I have had a warm spot for Denny's.) There is a Friendlies at 423 Loucks Rd, York, PA 17404( R30 near R83). Lyndon Diner of R30 at Kenneth is open as well.

The Ruby Tuesday on Kenneth & Hwy 30 is now closed.
This was part of their national reduction program.
There is still another location open in York.
FYI: Alexander's is now closed as well...
Pat Halpin
York Restaurants

ALEXANDERS/CENTRAL RESTAURANT

-----Original Message-----
From: clem clement
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 4:57 PM
To: Christina Smith
Subject: Re: Alexanders Restaurant

golly. I don't know Marco's Pizza but I'm sure it is good. So many of us train and hot rod folk considered Alexander's part of our extended family. We knew our fav. servers as well as her kids and family and of course we all knew Nancy. I wish them well.

Stay warm.

Clem

-----Original Message-----
From: Christina Smith
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 3:22 PM
To: clem clement
Subject: Alexanders

Hi Clem -
I just learned that the Alexanders building was sold and will become a Marco's Pizza.

See you soon!

~Tina

York Restaurants (was: Alexanders Resturant)

Thu Jan 26, 2017 4:19 am (PST) . Posted by:
"Edward Cognazzo"
EVERYONE, CHECK OUT THIS PLACE. IT IS OUTSTANDING.: 
Central Family Restaurant
400 N George St, York, PA 17401-1716
Location: York, Pennsylvania (PA), United States
Phone Number: +1 717-845-4478
Open Hours
Sunday 7:00 am - 9:00 pm
Monday 5:00 am - 10:00 pm
Tuesday 5:00 am - 10:00 pm
Wednesday 5:00 am - 10:00 pm
Thursday 5:00 am - 10:00 pm
Friday 5:00 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday 5:00 am - 10:00 pm

We were back in the York area today for the April TCA Meet and whenever we are here we go to Central Family Restaurant because of their good quality food and their fantastic service. Most of the waitstaff have been working there for a number of years and they are all very efficient, friendly and attentive. The owner, Carl, cares deeply about the quality of his restaurant and it shows.
Edward Cognazzo TCA# 99-49062
Hi All, Since I’ve been going to York (1976) there is a super UPSCALE place about 12 miles East of York, on the North side of Route 30, just west of the Susquehanna River Bridge, called the Accomac Inn. Do a Google Search for the Accomac Inn for specific directions and I guarantee you will NOT be disappointed with the food or service. The Food, Service, and Menu prices are about the same as those of the Roosevelt Tavern in downtown York. Everything is a la carte and it is NOT inexpensive. It overlooks the Susquehanna River. If the weather is nice (not too cold/chilly) they do have outside seating, which is wonderfully beautiful at sunset. They do not advertise much, as their local reputation is well known to the locals. Dinner for two w/o alcohol will be in the $60 - $80 range before Tax & Tip. On the weekends they generally have a small 3 piece jazz ensemble who play a wide variety of music including just about any requests you can name. If you wish to simply get away from the noise, hubbub, and distractions of the YORK FAIRGROUNDS, then this is the place to go. However, you WILL NEED A RESERVATION on the Weekend.

Another York Restaurant I haven't seen mentioned is the ROOSEVELT TAVERN on Philadelphia Street (the northern half of Market Street, one way west through downtown York) and Penn Street. It has a large Dining area and a good sized Bar area. Entrees range from about $ 15 to $ 25 and come as complete dinners. There is a parking lot on Penn Street, which fills up quickly on Friday nights. Reservations are a good idea for Friday night. Dinner for two w/o alcohol will be in the $ 40 - $60 range; tax and tip will raise it about 25%. We've never had a problem just walking in on a Wednesday or Thursday night lately. Years ago, however, that was not the case. This USED TO BE the place to go and be seen. Since ownership changed about 5 years ago, the food quality and menu (except the Crab Cakes) has gone down considerably, in my opinion. However, it is still pretty good compared to most other places still open in York.

North of York, closer to Harrisburg, about 20 minutes away is the Hillside Cafe in Etters, PA. It is Exit 35 on I-83 and for me, a seafood lover, they have the Best LUMP CRAB CAKES around. They are the size of 2 Hockey Pucks and come with a complete dinner, which I do not eat much of - we don't get FRESH LUMP CRAB in Phoenix, AZ! Oh yes, it is ALWAYS crowded, so it is best to have a reservation. However, if you have to wait, don't fret - it is worth the wait!!!! Their steaks are supposed to be their main ATTRACTION, but as I said, out here in Arizona, we don't get fresh Lump Crab meat and we have plenty of steak houses.

I guess anymore I come to York more for the lump crab cakes than for Toy Trains! C'est la vie???

Regards,
Gordon Wilson
Past President, Desert Division & National TCA
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York Restaurants
Fri Oct 14, 2016 7:38 am (PDT) . Posted by:
"louis niederlander" l_niederlander
Take Gordon seriously on his recommendations. Accomac Inn is absolutely one of the best. I've taken my wife there and she was delighted.
Louis N
76-10069

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Fri Oct 14, 2016 11:25 am (PDT) . Posted by:
"Hi Hocustom3"

Bully’s in Columbia is superb. Great food and all sorts of beers available, on tap and bottles. In a historic old building.

Dick Silber

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Yorking in the fall
Wed Oct 26, 2016 4:22 am (PDT) . Posted by:
"Leacock" leacocke
My york experience. More cars in the parking lot so the. Attendance must have improved, at the beginning at the bandit meets I saw more quality trains than I have seen I a long time. I watched those items and by the end of Saturday the vast amount of those pieces were not on the table. Ran across more first timers then I have seen in a long time, had extensive conversations with them, there seemed to be a number from New Jersey. For some reason. There seemed to be more interest in 2 rail 0 scale. I notice that Lionel is beginning to cater to this group. we'll this is my take away. I hope Clem this is the kind of info you are interested in.
Best Regard
Bill Pierson 74-7045

York in the Spring
Thu Oct 27, 2016 7:12 am (PDT) . Posted by:
"Alfred Galli" tcaprofile100
Given that the general public can get into York next April and the dealer halls will be open until 4 PM on Saturday I was wondering how many TCA members who can only go on Saturdays, but do not, will consider going in the Spring. You could do the member halls in the AM and the dealer halls in the PM and have a full day train show. If more members come on Saturday, the sellers will not be so quick to pack up.

Al

York in the Spring
Thu Oct 27, 2016 10:14 am (PDT) . Posted by:
jlechner2001
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Interesting question. April 2017 York dates are impossible for me due to work commitments, but if the same schedule applies in Fall 2017 I might consider it.
Joseph Lechner   Reply to sender . Reply to group . Reply via Web Post . All Messages (6) . Top ^

York in the Spring
Thu Oct 27, 2016 10:15 am (PDT) . Posted by:
"Edward Abbot" eabbotiii
The following is my opinion as a TCA member in their 40s out in the workforce with school aged kids. I realize there are a substantial number of members at later points in their lives who will have different opinions that are totally reasonable where they are in their lives.

My preference would be to go on Saturday. That way I would not have use limited vacation time for "selfish" reasons. The first time I attended York several years ago on a Saturday and have not gone that day ever since for two reasons: I found it was too big to cover prior to 2 PM and of equal importance a significant number of people were already starting to pack up around noon (even though this was
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supposedly against the rules). The additional 2 hours plus the sellers sticking around until closing would make it worthwhile for me.  -Ed

York in the Spring
Thu Oct 27, 2016 3:57 pm (PDT) . Posted by: lion3l
I believe there will be an advantage to the TCA having the two halls open to the public on Saturday. First I think buyers will stay for more of the Saturday show knowing the dealer shows will be open until 4:00. I for one, will be able to shop the dealer shows after I pack up my member table. I also believe the public getting into the fairgrounds will impress on non-members the vast amount of train related products and dealers this show amasses. I am willing and able to keep my table open and attractive to the buyers right up to the last moment, and I believe it will help us all.
Wayne Spiegel

York in the Spring
Thu Oct 27, 2016 4:02 pm (PDT) . Posted by: lyleleverich
And we wonder why we don't have more younger members! Here is one reason. When I had children at home, and living in CA, the only Yorks I attended were as part of business trips where I could have the Thursday & Friday free.
Lyle Leverich

< The following is my opinion as a TCA member in their 40s out in the workforce with school aged kids. I realize there are a substantial number of members at later points in their lives who will have different opinions that are totally reasonable where they are in their lives. My preference would be to go on Saturday. That way I would not have use limited vacation time for "selfish" reasons. The first time I attended York several years ago on a Saturday and have not gone that day ever since for two reasons: I found it was too big to cover prior to 2 PM and of equal importance a significant number of people were already starting to pack up around noon (even though this was supposedly against the rules). The additional 2 hours plus the sellers sticking around until closing would make it worthwhile for me. >-

York in the Spring
Thu Oct 27, 2016 4:02 pm (PDT) . Posted by: "Stuart Rankin" lionelllc
<< a TCA member in their 40s out in the workforce with school aged kids. >>

Hey Ed, I too am in that exact same group as you. Although I am lucky enough to sometimes be able to juggle work, kids, and York at the same time, that whole work/kids thing is *not* lost on me. I know *exactly* where you're coming from.
York In The Spring (April 2017) (continued)

If you ever can swing just 1 day off the clock, come to York on a Friday. I know this great bar right next to the fairgrounds and I'll buy you a beer.

Stu

Fall York 2016

Fall York 2016
Sat Oct 29, 2016 9:11 am (PDT) . Posted by:
"Dan Pfeffer" tcastation

Steven's tale of York was excellent so I will also contribute my thoughts. This was my 44th consecutive York meet and each one is as good as the last. I picked up my friend John (it was his 45th York as he introduced me to the TCA and signed my application) at 06:30 on Thursday morning and headed to York from NJ. The weather was great: warm and sunny. The speed limit is now 70 mph in Pennsylvania which helps the trip go a little faster. We lost less than 30 minutes from Philadelphia traffic which wasn't bad. We did our ritual stop for breakfast at Bob Evans for a leisurely breakfast and arrived at the fairgrounds at 11:30. We both are mainly interested in modern stuff so we did a quick check of some of the large vendors in Orange. We had separated and within a half hour I noticed John was frantically looking for me. Last York I had found a Lionel Berkshire that he was looking for, literally at closing time. I really liked the engine and this time he found one for me. I quickly followed him to the vendor. The price was right. I inspected it for a few minutes and the price got a little better (I am a tough negotiator-not..I just stand there and the price sometimes comes down without me saying a word.you got to love York). So I brought it out to the car and my York was already a hit. We then moved on the Purple hall. I have been interested in putting head lights and tail lights in my cars on my Bachman EZ Street track and found a vendor that sells LED light packages. Unfortunately I couldn't purchase them because I wasn't sure the voltage I have on the track (I like to run the cars slowly) would be sufficient for the LED's which he said required about 10 v. This will have to wait until the Spring York. We then did a quick run through White followed by Red. We then went to Silver and Blue. The preregistration table for the next York was not open yet so we came back after we finished both halls. Not sure who came up with the idea but it is excellent. It is very easy to preregister and pay for the next show. Finally time for a relatively quick lunch in the car. No time to dawdle. I guess 40 minutes isn't that quick but the relaxation was good. After lunch we spent the next 2.5 hours in the Orange Hall. There is never enough time. I purchased some Miller Engineering signs for the roofs of the buildings on my layout. These old style advertising signs really add something to the layout. I have an N scale train ride on the perimeter of the amusement park platform on my layout with O scale kids riding it. I am always looking for kids that have their legs in a way that I can position them in the gondolas on the N scale train. I had been using plastic people but I decided to try some pewter ones. I purchased two and I will see if the pewter is soft enough that I can bend their legs so they look right seated. John finally got a Legacy command set so he can use the new features with his Berkshire locomotive. Around closing the Lionel area was relatively empty so I caught one of the guys to ask some questions. I have wanted to run a Halloween train but Lionel doesn't make a command controlled engine. The discussions on this forum a couple of weeks ago
Fall York 2016 (continued)

about the LionChief engines got me thinking that I would be able to run the Halloween train on my command control layout. Lionel confirmed that this would work. I also asked him if at any time in the future they would come out with something that would allow me to run this engine using my Legacy remote. He told me I might be hearing about an add-on box in the coming months so a Halloween train might be in my future. We left the parking lot around 7 pm and headed back to New Jersey. I finally got home around 10:30. A long day but as usual a great trip to York. People at work get tired of my stories about York which start a week or two before and continue for another week after the meet. So why can't we do this every weekend?

Dan

October 2016 York Report

Sat Oct 29, 2016 9:11 am (PDT) . Posted by: "Paul J. Licata" railrunnin
Steve Serenska, that was one heck of a good read this morning. Thanks for sharing your fun.

Now what to do with this case of Lionel 419 Heliports I have stored downstairs...

Paul J. Licata

SPRING YORK 2016

Another super great York is in the books. Only the fond memories and the new-to-me trains to remind us during the long summer train-drought until fall York.

The weather was super. Just cool enough for us. It seems to Sandy and I that the folks were particularly super nice to each other this time. We got to talk to everyone. No folks rushing about pushing and shoving. Trading was brisk as well. The running layouts were stunning. Wow! Trainics have come a long way in their modular layout designs and workmanship.

Great weather for our train show. A little rain early Tuesday ending about 8 am in the morning. The open-air part of the Wyndham Gardens gathering was slowed some in set up. By afternoon it was dry and clear with increasing wind tossing things about.

The meet continues to lay soft on my mind. Folks were enjoying themselves and chatting with everyone around us. I strongly think that is what one of the magic keys of the TCA scene: our members and our friendships. At York, we continue sentences that we did not finish 6 months previously. It is such a big part of this enormous event we call York. Yes things must modernize and change, but please not the magic of the hobby between us all.

I attended three of my fav meetings at York: Strategic Planning and Standards Committee, and the IVES Society meeting. What a thrill all the gatherings are. Strat Planning’s goal is to provide recommendation to the BOD in the form of an annual Strat plan for guidance to Divisions and Chapters for the ensuing years. We have challenges as our hobby world changes and the committee is working hard to guide us. As the Thursday setup times for the Member halls was moved up this time to 9:30 am, the Standards meeting ended
CLEM’S YORK PRIMER PART II: (continued)

about 9:30 AM. A couple of quick items were covered by chair Joe Mania and the fakes and frauds session was
given by me showing some interesting workmanship, how to colorize pieces and a never-noticed before
design for steps on the Lionel #35 passenger car. (My portion is part of our reason for existence in educating
our members about production of the trains in our hobby. All are welcome to the Standards meeting series, of
course.) The IVES Society meeting consisted of show and tell of IVES products. Always something new to see
and study. All are invited to this exciting session each York.

Sandy and I heard of the reconditioned Road house into the First Post. We visited there Tuesday evening
for dinner. Hey: First Post is a winner. We will be back. Sandy had a steak and I a huge pork chop. Dinner
with drinks was about $50. Well worth it. The rebuilt dining area and frontier portion is first class. Service
was friendly and fine. LOVED it big time. We also went for lunch at the Quaker Steak and Lube. Now this
is a different place. We sat under the 80’s real Corvette bolted to the wall with a video in the car’s roof.
Sandy sez the best wings she ever had and I was most pleased with my special burger. Did I mention the
chilly willies??

Chaplain James has managed our Thursday nite gatherings for many years. He has decided his term is up.
Thanks so much Chaplain James. I guess Sandy and I will lead for a bit unless someone else wants the
job???

Late one night we had a hankering for ice cream so we trundled up Carlisle Ave to Dover and Bill Mack’s
Ice Cream store. It was crowded a bit because the ice cream is especially good there. We waddled home
agrinin.

Mike Vargus brought a ton of wet and still water-soaked standard gauge trains from the results of hurricane
Sandy. He blew them out including the water. Sad. Some lucky folks will have fun repainting and
refurbishing them train sets. I did not see any $50 dolla Blu Comets on the pile. Didja notice the huge pile
of train parts in the Silver hall. Thanks to whom ever brought them (Gary?) Folks were grabbing parts by
the sack full to do repairs on other trains. Goodo to the owner for sharing so other trains can come alive
again. There was a huger pile in the Purple Hall corralled by Rick. Don’t miss them in the spring.

Another who needs many many hands clapping is the George Tebolt family. They told us last fall that they
had served their friends with their booth at York for the last time. I believe they continue their parts
program at home. Golly they have been a staple at York for so many years. I wish we had an Honor Roll of
folks doing exemplarily service to the hobby and the York show. The Teabolt’s would be on the top of the
list. If you interact with them, please thank them for all they have given to us.

Happily we traded off some goodies this time. Ms. Sandy was so happy with me she allowed me to have a
piece of scrapple Saturday morning. Don’t tell my heart doc. Do you guys know what is in scrapple??
“everything but the squeal!”

What happened to the little restaurant beside the Purple Hall?  Gone with the wind. The owner of Sodl’s
retired and the renovation costs of the facility were not feasible.  I’m surprised the York team did not
inform us as many members plan their food service to include Sodl’s.

I’d be remiss if I didn’t mention how well the York fairgrounds are prepared to greet us and how thorough the
Fairgrounds staff and volunteers work to make our visit safe and pleasant. York and the fairgrounds are like a
second home to my family. Thanks also to Eastern Division folks for presenting the Spring 2016 York meet for
all of us.
CLEM’S YORK PRIMER PART II: (continued)

As you all know, I love the chase of homey-did standard gauge trains. Three interesting pieces found me. A long ago built monster powered crane followed me home. Crane cab is a widened Lionel 517 caboose body. The trucks are each two 200 series trucks soldered together making a neato 6 wheel -200 series-wheeled truck. They sorta look like state car trucks. The monster is done in black with yellow trim and hand rails. I haven’t figured out what the motor does as yet. A nice hand made wooden cattle car came along as well. Also a Flyer-based custom track cleaner is here now. Several friends pointed out a white O gauge trolley that I needed and they were right! Thanks all my finder-persons.

The body is a Lionel 607 mounted on a 253 frame with melted lead weights for more traction. Surprisingly the motor is an AF S gauge steamer unit. The trolley pole is homemade and very well designed and built. The paint on the loco body is thick yellow white and gives the appearance of real trolley stains from heavy use. She remains frightened of power but we will fix ‘er up. I did pass on a huge homemade steamer. Old workmanship but a little hefty in the price area. Pat Rolland had a 12 wheel wooden based crane that needed a home as well. Thanks Pat. I saw many more cast iron pieces than at other recent Yorks?? I like them but don’t know anything about them.

The roads I traveled upon were clear of repairs this time. The White Hall had many baskets of track and train parts. Other halls did as a well. I’m hoping the sold as spare parts are always good to have around. Back when I focused on the bottom end of train auctions, I would fix what I could and always had a box of bodies and parts available. I had customers just for these parts. Several just liked building and repairing trains and would enjoy doing the work and the passing on the refurbished trains to others. This is a good wintertime hobby. I love fixing old trains but don’t seem to get to it enough. It seems my old cars always cry for help as well.

Some how in my rush to be everywhere at once, me and my spectacles departed company? On Friday, I had them at the drinking fountain in the Orange Hall Promenade and not when I get back to the Blue Hall. Thankfully Saturday morning they found me through the Lost and Found system and Hope Danielson. Thanks mystery finder, York system and Hope. I was so blind I almost paid $50 bux for a Blu Comet!!

At the Saturday morning Eastern Division general meeting, it was announced that attendance for Spring York 2016 was expected to be 10,500. (Final tally for spring 2106 was 11395 registrants. cc) Spring York 2014 was 12,225. Spring York figures for 2015 were 10, 987.

I understand some folks had medical problems. I hope they were not serious. Please, please follow CLEM’S PRIMER GUIDANCE: BRING YOUR MEDS. TAKE THEM. (Your warm pocket is not ill.) Watch your water and food intake. There are plenty of benches to rest upon. Visit the first aid building on the fairground if you feel trouble coming on. You can contact any uniformed security person as they are in contact with the medical staff. York provides for your health and safety.
I trust all had a safe trip home.

See yas all in the fall at York,
Clem Clement
Past President, TCA and Eastern Division

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Eastern Division April 2016 York Train Meet - Tableholder Badges Mailed
Wed Mar 30, 2016 8:13 am (PDT) . Posted by: "clem clement" homemadetrain

This welcome note from Eastern Division, TCA. Come on out to the train meet.
Clem Clement

-----Original Message-----

Greetings Clem,
It is hard to believe that the April 2016 York Train Meet is just around the corner. We just wanted to let you know that all table holder registrations have been processed and badges were mailed on March 28th, 2016 and you should be receiving them shortly. If you don’t receive your badges by Wednesday, April 6th, please send us an email to tableholders@easterntca.com so we can check the status. There are still some tables available if anyone is interested in an extra table, please send us an email to tableholders@easterntca.com or give us a call at 301-916-1507 to check availability. Look forward to seeing you in three weeks and wishing you a successful York! Thanks,

-Nancy Tentzeras
York Meet Registrar

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York one week away
Tue Apr 5, 2016 10:01 am (PDT) . Posted by: "clem clement" homemadetrain

Golly McDolly: Next Tuesday we will be rolling for the Eastern Division's famous York adventure. I can’t wait.

Fer you non-easterners, it is cold here! The flowers are out and don’t know why. Bring coats and windbreakers. Cold weather means hot deals!!
Meet Chairman Mike Petronella told us recently that there will be 5 layouts at York this time. Ya gotta attend and see them all and talk/thank the hard workers who are bringing their super layouts to York. This will be very exciting.

Don’t travel to York alone: bring a friend /relative/neighbor with you to share the ride and the chat and play trains together. Guests are welcome.

There are many interesting and informative meets during the York Meet. Please join and participate.
A day at York is gooder X 4298592834756.7 than a day elsewhere!!! York is the place to catch up with every trains and all the news about your friends. Did I mention great food both on the Fairgrounds and in the surrounds.
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And of course there is the fab Wednesday program at the Museum and library. Their agenda is:

10:00 AM Open House begins! Be sure to fill out the Winning ticket for names to be drawn, hourly 10-4 for a prize.

10:00 AM De-accession Tent & Silent Auction Opens
2:00 PM Jack Lynch from Bachmann
3:00 PM Mike Wolf from MTH
3:30 PM Nationwide Representative Presentation
4:00 PM Lionel Presentation
5:00 PM Special Kid's prize for those under 15
6:00 PM The National Toy Train Museum closes for the day!

*Schedule is tentative and subject to change. Open all day. Ride the shuttle van to Choo-Choo Barn, the Strasburg Rail Road, and the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.
Se ya at York next week,
Clem Clement

York one week away

Wed Apr 6, 2016 6:22 am (PDT) . Posted by: "Chris Allen" cgallen@prodigy.net

<< Fer you non-easterners, it is cold here! The flowers are out and don’t know why. Bring coats and windbreakers. Cold weather means hot deals!! >>

I guess that means I should leave my shorts and comfortable Hawaiian Shirts at home and go to the store to buy one of them coat thingys you are talking about.

Chris "where it's 72º at 6 AM" Allen

BTW I go to York to see all my friends, not for any hot deals. At least that's the story I tell my wife...

York report?
Sun Apr 17, 2016 9:22 am (PDT) . Posted by: serenska

Would anyone who went to York be kind enough to give us a report?

I wasn't able to go this spring and would love to experience it vicariously through your comments. How was attendance? Vendors/dealers/sellers? Prices? Weather? Restaurants? What did you buy? What unusual items did you see? Thanks in advance. Steven "going through withdrawal" Serenska TCA : 78-13181

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Spring York

Sun Apr 17, 2016 9:23 am (PDT) . Posted by: "Chris Allen" cgallen@prodigy.net

Great fun to meet up with old friends and make a few new ones. Weather could not have been more Chamber of Commerce perfect. Blue skies and warm smiles abounded. Since it was spring we expected a lighter crowd and having it fall right on tax day sure didn't help some of my procrastinating friends. We visited all the halls found a few bargains and left a few others for someone else to pick up. The National Toy Train Museum Open House was very well organized and the de-accession tent was full of surplus TCA convention cars and a few other bargains. There were about a dozen or so rarer de-accessed items that were inside at a silent auction that ran for the day. Nice idea that I hope they repeat. In visiting the operating layouts I noticed a very clever idea that the Lower Susquehanna Valley Modular Railroaders had on their layout. One of the members made a bracket for an older but functional smartphone and installed it on a flatcar. He ran the phones camera in record mode and using two Odyssey engines was able to record a side view of the running gear and the full length of his consist down the long straight section of the track. The video he showed me was similar to what railfans try to achieve by chasing locomotives with their car. Very nicely down! I'll post pictures of the flat car later today. He also uses the cell phone to display video loops of their club logo and other shots much like the Lionel LCD Billboard but much higher def and quality. All in all a great week and I hope to see everyone in the fall!

Chris Allen

Spring York 2016

Mon Apr 18, 2016 12:18 pm (PDT) . Posted by: "clem clement" homemadetrain

Another super great York is in the books. Only the fond memories and the NTM trains to remind us during the long train-drought unto fall York.

Thanks so much ED for conducting the wonderful meet. And thanks to the York system of finding my glasses I lost. Golly I could not see much and nearly paid $50 bux for a Blu Comet...

The weather was super. Just cool enough for us. It seems to Sandy and I the folks were super nice to each other this time. We got to talk to everyone. No folk rushing about pushing and shoving. Trading was brisk as well. The running layouts were stunning. Wow! Trainics have come a long way in their modular layout designs and workmanship

At the Saturday morning ED general meeting, it was announced that attendance for Spring York 2016 was expected to be 10,500. Spring York 2014 was 12,225. Spring York figures for 2015 are not available.

Sandy and I tried two NTU food places. First Post( the former Roadhouse) has been completely redone and is mighty fine. Lots of ambiance and great food. http://www.thefirstpostyork.com/. Also we tried Quaker Steak and Lube. http://thelube.com/locations/pennsylvania/york/ We sat under a real Corvette hung on the wall above us. Neato, but I prefer tinplate myself. Did I mention the Yuengling supply and super wings??

Clem

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York report?
Mon Apr 18, 2016 4:23 am (PDT) . Posted by: "Alfred Galli" tcaprofile100

Steven
York was great as always. Attendance seemed a little soft but still quite good with a lot of buyers. I had my second best Thursday ever and also my second best Saturday. I believe that if Saturday were a full day we would get greater attendance since many people cannot get off during the week. Saturday I sold to a few kids who obviously have school during the week and cannot come to the show.

Al

York report?
Tue Apr 19, 2016 10:06 am (PDT) . Posted by: "Stuart Rankin" lionelllc

<< How was attendance? Vendors/dealers/sellers? Prices? Weather? Restaurants? What did you buy? What unusual items did you see? Steven "going through withdrawal" Serenska >>

I don't know how York could be anything other than great? OK, that's not the type of answer you were looking for.

I had the most fun at this York than I have for the past 3 years. However, a lot of that is due to my convention related responsibilities being over.

Although some people still think it's the 1980's with their prices, I think the message is getting through to others and they are starting to price their items at *current* market value. The weather was absolutely perfect, and I mean that. Cool Spring morning air requiring a light jacket evolved into warm Spring afternoons full of blue skied sunshine. I'm a regular at Bel Paese restaurant every April and October.

http://www.belpaeserestaurant.com/ This time I went there with a different crowd. I was hanging with the guys running the 2017 TCA National Convention (George Starz and crew). They're regulars there also, but they're much more "connected" than I am. The chef came to just 1 table in the restaurant ... our table ... and we talked about her trip to Italy. These guys also got their regular server. She was a blast. Shhh, don't tell anyone about this place. It'll be our little secret. From the outside, it's a non-descript place. However, the food is indescribable. Needless to say, our food and bar bill was more than I spent on trains.

Speaking of trains, I picked up 2 pieces of rolling stock.

I got a Lionel 6510 Union Pacific Crane Car. Usually about a $40 piece. Mr. Skinflint had set a $25 limit on himself. First hall on Thursday, Red Hall, I see one for $24. "Will you take $20". Answer came back "no, how about $22?". Done.

I also got a 7903 Rock Box Car. Usually a $10 car, it usually came without a box since it was a common car in MPC starter sets. However, it was also included in a rolling stock assortment where each item was individually boxed. I wanted one with a box and I also only wanted to pay $10. In the silver hall, a guy had a pile of boxed rolling stock. I already had everything in his pile except the boxed 7903. He had a sign that said "$15 each firm". Saw it on Thursday. I walked away. Went back on Friday and the pile was 1 or 2 cars smaller. However the 7903 was still there. I took it out of the pile and the box was damaged. Going back and forth with the guy was useless. He was FIRM at $15. Yada, yada, the car came home with me anyway.

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These are the types of purchases I now am making ... filling in a number in a series with a car that I don't have. People usually laugh when I answer their question "What are you looking for?" and I answer "Anything I don't have." That's a true statement. If I don't have it (MPC-wise) and the price is right, then I get it.

Overall, there were a handful of empty tables where there are normally none. Thursday crowd seemed light. Friday crowd seemed normal. Basically it seemed about the same as most April meets, albeit maybe a touch lighter on the crowd/vendor side. However, if I was wearing Clem's fun-o-meter, it'd be pegged out at max.

Although my $37 cash didn't make many vendors thrilled, for me York has become a social event. I know that's NOT why dealers are there, so by not spending I might be contributing to the decline in vendor participation.

Stu

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York report?
Tue Apr 19, 2016 3:26 pm (PDT) . Posted by: "ALAN JANETKA" alanjanetka@att.net

I think we are experiencing a decline in shows partially due to surfing the net and not having to drive to, pay for and walk through the shows !! SAD , because to me that's the fun of picking up a desired piece or seeing something unusual plus talking to a train person !!

Haven't been to York in years because of other commitments but now being retired will definitely attend in fall ! See ya there,
Al Janetka-70-3210

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York report?
Tue Apr 19, 2016 3:27 pm (PDT) . Posted by: "Jim" ivescollector

I had a great time at York. Weather Wednesday and Thursday was awesome. Saw a lot of old friends and made a few new ones. Found some unusual items at very reasonable prices. I agree that prices are heading down even for some high end pieces. Those sellers who wanted to move stuff were willing to bargain. I saw so many "good deals" that I wish I had more money.

One of the most unusual things I saw was a table in the Blue Hall with piles of wet, rusty standard gauge sets. Story was that the seller had picked them up from a flooded basement a week earlier for a bargain and was blowing them out for $75 per set. A guy next to me was lifting a car and water dripped out of it. I bought a 10c set with 332,339,341. I think it will clean up without a repaint and be a good runner. All the sets were gone in the first hour or two of Thursday.

Overall the pace seemed a little slower and aisles a little more pleasant to navigate due to the crowd size. Everything I saw was running smoothly and the organizers did another outstanding job. The layouts were great.

Jim Nicholson
Sheboygan Falls, WI
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York report?
Wed Apr 20, 2016 7:24 am (PDT) . Posted by: "Stuart Rankin" lionelllc

<< I think we are experiencing a decline in shows partially due to surfing the net and not having to drive to, pay for and walk through the shows !! SAD , because to me that's the fun of picking up a desired piece or seeing something unusual plus talking to a train person !! Al Janetka >>

Al,

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

You hit the nail on the head. Can I find trains cheaper than at York when factoring in all the related expenses, sure most of the time. However an online transaction isn't even close to the same as buying it in person, face to face with someone you can talk to. The interaction with my fellow train collectors is what I crave more than the almighty dollar.

In the fall, I'd love to take you to my favorite York dive bar and buy you a beer (try doing that online).

Stu

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York report?
Wed Apr 20, 2016 1:44 pm (PDT) . Posted by: "Carl" carl5blum
Hi Gang:

A good deal is nice, but what I find special about York is seeing rare items: 19th century toys, manufacturer's models, Japan tin, etc. Things I could never afford or only see through glass in some museum.

Carl.

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Thu Apr 21, 2016 4:25 am (PDT) . Posted by: "Doug Harris" hornbymeccano

Carl carl.blum@comcast.net [toytrains] wrote:
> Hi Gang:
> > A good deal is nice, but what I find special about York is seeing rare items: 19th century toys, manufacturer's models, Japan tin, etc. Things I could never afford or only see through glass in some museum. > >

SHAMELESS PLUG: Hi Carl Are you into Japanese pre and postwar tinplate? You may be interested in our Sakai and Seki (and any other) Toy Train Group:
https://beta.groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Sakai_SekiToyTrainGroup/info
Any other members, also.. (I'm moderator..) -- Cheers. Doug Harris Auckland, New Zealand

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York report
Thu Apr 21, 2016 8:25 am (PDT). Posted by: "Paul J. Licata" railrunnin

Well said Carl - you and Stu summarized the "value" of going to York.
Now about that bar Stu mentioned, I'll buy the second round.
Paul J. Licata

Lionel 18010
Thu Apr 21, 2016 10:18 am (PDT). Posted by: jayrr2

I can confirm that the box from the Lionel 6-18010 PRR turbine says Made in Korea. I believe the manufacturer was Samhongsa.
Jay Meyer
73-5080

York report
Thu Apr 21, 2016 3:27 pm (PDT). Posted by: "Robert Ryczak" tomswiftjr63

First time I attended the Thursday session. Three of us from Bel Air MD arrived late, around 2:30 PM, due to one of our RR buds having a senior computer class in the AM. Obviously, his priorities are addled at his age.

Since the member halls closed at 5 PM, we intended to start in them, but visits to some of our regular vendors resulted in us not getting out of the Orange Hall until after 4 PM. We visited 3 of the 5 layouts at the meet and really enjoyed them. Thanks to those who make the trip, set up, and ran the layouts. We especially enjoyed the Chesapeake VA group whose club purpose is to encourage the hobby by taking layouts to the public that kids can run. After the member halls closed, we went back to the Orange Hall to do our "aisle by aisle" tour. We noticed the absence of several of our regular stops - K&P Brick, and the American Flyer guy just inside the entrance to name a few. We also noticed several new vendors. The Lionel display layout is now just track on a table; great for putting their products through their hoops, but rather sterile compared to layouts of years ago.

Stopped by the MTH club table to inquire about my 2015 club car. Was reassured that I had not been forgotten, but that the manufacturer in China had held up shipment in order to fill a container completely. Was told it takes 6+ weeks once MTH gets notice that the container was shipped to get to Columbia. I was told the shipment is enroute and that I should see my 2015 car in May. Always love to stop by Sarge's Plasticville tables and greet that American patriot and his son. Picked up two of the new Woodland Scenics ready-built structures at Charles Ro -Dugan's Paint Store looks great -and checked on Mr. Ro's health, since we are both prostate cancer survivors.

One of my companion RR buds picked up two LionChief Plus sets for his two granddaughters (who are still babies - grandpa is getting a head start). I demo'd a Lionchief loco I had bought a couple of years ago at York to my RR buds and they loved it. So, two totally oblivious, but very lucky granddaughters will have a Polar Express and a Thomas LionChief set to play with when they get out of diapers.

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We returned for a full day on Friday. We started our day, as usual, at the Astoria Diner on Market Street at the west end of York for breakfast. We joined a few friends there and met a new young man in the hobby that just started working for MBKleins in Timonium. We joked about how he gets paid in toy train dollars, since he makes excellent use of his employee discount to equip his growing 0 gauge layout. We spend most of the day in the member halls, getting through all but one before they closed. I was looking for some specific post-war and modern era Lionel Santa Fe pax cars - silver with red stripes, and was a little surprised to see almost none offered in the member halls. We enjoyed our usual BBQ pork sandwiches with several sides and lemonade at the vendor outside the Silver Hall. We visited the remaining two layouts.

Great idea to put a layout in the White Hall to draw attendees to that distant part of the fairgrounds. We finished our day in the Orange Hall seeing if items we had attempted to buy Thursday were still there for further negotiation. All had been sold; but we weren't surprised. As I walked through the Orange Hall, I thought about Weaver and their displays of past shows and how that company is now gone. We had enjoyed several of the OGR arranged bus trips to Northumberland over the years, visiting the Weaver facility, Bob Weaver's layout below his wife's hair salon, and lunch at the re-purposed train station next to an active mainline. Always enjoy stopping by OGR's tables. Saw read-built Ameri-Town products for the first time, but always a constant was Jim Barrett holding court at the display.

We noticed a plethora of postwar Lionel auto-loader cars this time in the member halls, and more Flyer and HO tables then we recalled from past shows. Our impression of prices was that there was wide variability in the member halls for similar items in similar conditions. Some Yuengling box cars were on my York 'wish list', but I only found one table with Yuengling items in the member halls, and he had sold the items earlier that were on my wish list. Had my eye open for some KMT(Kusan) items from their Army atomic train and their space set form the '50s. Was especially looking for the KMT 2-rail track. No luck. One member was selling a well-used space set that was his Dad's. Wonder what my daughter will do with my toy train "stuff"? So far, she has forbidden me to get rid of any of it. We pooped out before the vendor halls closed; squeezed into our vehicle sharing space with our York "loot", stopped off at Rutter's at the I-83/Leader Heights interchange for some sandwiches, and then headed back to the barn in Maryland after another most enjoyable April York meet. Wish we were going to Houston for National this June - the program looks fantastic. Hope they dry out before the convention; Houston is really suffering with flooding now. Wonder if any basement layouts got flooded?

**York report**
Sun Apr 24, 2016 1:39 pm (PDT) . Posted by: "Hi Hocustom3"
Thanks Jerry! Richard Silber [Purple Hall vendor].

-----Original Message-----
From: cameras@ptd.net [toytrains]
To: toytrains
Sent: Fri, Apr 22, 2016 10:36 am
Subject: [toytrains] York report
Unless I missed it, you never mentioned the Purple Hall. Bummer for you. There are a lot of great vendors in that hall. Have A Blessed Day, Jerry Truax 04-57500

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And Dickinson and his bride are two of the friendliest and most helpful.
Ed "the Chicago Maven " Mazur

Including this guy selling in-train video cameras!. Right across from the guy selling Erector sets for $10/each.
Jim Waterman

Hi Clem
Again I want to thank you for your help. The York meet is a great time for me and our riders. We hope to continue for a long time.       Lenny

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Clem

Leonard and Clem,
Thank you for sharing feedback from your recent experience with Alexanders. I will let them know your group enjoyed the service and meal.
If there is anything I can do to assist in the future, please let me know.

Kind Regards,
~Tina

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From: clem clement [mailto:clem.clement@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 8:34 PM
To: LEONARD JOERG; Anne Druck
Cc: Christina Smith
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YORKING FALL 2015

So long we wait and soooo soon our Yorking week is over. Another wonderful friends and family week at York will be laying sweet in the back of our minds as winter envelops us. (Is it spring yet?)

Sandy and I rolled north on R15/R30 to York on Tuesday morning. Me, all a tingle, wanting to see friends and play trains. We stopped into the American Flyer “S” gauge show at the Reliance Fire hall to see the late Bob Tufts’ daughter Donna and her hubby Randy. So good to check in with them. They have fully evolved into American Flyer S gauge folks now and, while selling part of Bob’s collection, are buying on their own. Randy is doing repairs. Donna specialized in AF HO during her youth collecting wither Dad. The “nut” doesn’t fall very far from the tree. Donna relishes every moment of memory when she would ride with her Father to a train meet and when he would make a great find. I feel the same way about the trips with my kids to York.

The Reliance Meet displays a bazillion AF pieces all in one place. What a great opportunity to study Flyer and grab what you are missing.

Then we rushed over to the Wyndham Gardens to see what was cooking. I did a high speed scan while Ms. Sandy checked us in to our usual room. We have been in the same room for 20+pus years. I passed a funny looking piece off as junk, but on the third round I thought to pick it up. Glad I did. It holds custom work to an IVES passenger car base. Strange piece. The builder removed the car body and soldered tie down pegs to the underside of the car. The IVES trucks are mounted by soldered in split pins, but not in the location IVES had them. The short IVES couplings have been extended in length. Extra holes in the base were filled in. We surmise that the need was for a flat car that was built to hold a precious load strapped down by rubber bands to the short stakes pointed down. The surface paint on the car shows no damage, making us think the load was soft like a doll or maybe a wooden log. Clearly something special was to be given a ride.

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Tuesday evening we went to go to our fav restaurant, Moonlight Cafe for Crab cakes. It is on R74 in Dover. Meaning go north on R74 out of the Wynhdam a few miles. It is on the left in a tiny building. Donna and Randy Hayes joined us for a glorious time of chat and reminiscing.

Wednesday is TCA Museum and Library day. Don’t miss all the planned events!! This year I donated the Blue Comet episode of “the little rascals”. View it. I’m showing the Museum schedule of events here because they put on a great day in talks and events. Next York, don’t miss this chance to hear from the principals about our industry:

The National Toy Train Museum  OPEN HOUSE/FALL of 2015  -
Wednesday, October 21, 2015

10:00 AM  Welcome!  Museum open!! Be sure to fill out the Winning ticket for names to be drawn, hourly 10-4 for a Prize!
10:00 AM  Selling the PRR and Reading cars & Old Convention Cars
1:00 PM    In The Atrium - Jack Lynch from Bachmann
2:00 PM    In The Atrium - Mike Wolf from MTH
2:30 PM    In The Atrium - Ron Gibson from LGB
3:00 PM    Refreshments
4:00 PM    In The Atrium — Lionel Presentation
5:00 PM    Special door prize drawing for kids under 15. Must be present to Win!
6:00 PM    The National Toy Train Museum closes!

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

Thursday at noon, with the playing of our National Anthem, THE YORK MEET OPENS. I tingle all over as we stand and are enveloped by the sweet sounds and patriotic words of our National Anthem. Thursday, Friday and Saturday till 2pm, we get to enjoy trains and the many friends he have associated with this world class hobby.

STOMPER was in the house showing off his new specialty verdant sensor car for the first time.

So about 2 pm Thursday, I break away from my table for a relief run. And I need to hurry. Just outside the WC in the back of the blue Hall I spy this interesting set. I look it over quickly, but my teeth are floating ...I even say I need a quick visit very soon. I’m holding one car and staring at it when in the peripheral of my vision I can see a few folks are watching me. I start to put it down and I can see movement along the onlookers. Mind you no eye contact. I get the message: Hang in. The owner mentions a price and in my plastic bags it goes! A dark red Lionel #8E and two matching cars!! I have never seen this color on an 8 set.

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What do I have here?

✓ journal ends are not bulged
✓ paint looks good inside.
✓ Triangle clips are almost tight. The metal around them shows no abuses.
✓ Dark red paint on the under side of the roof is fine
✓ the body sides have drip lines
✓ the vestibules look good
✓ no other color shows around the chipped edges
✓ Top attachment screw is very clean
✓ Lettering markings are sharp
✓ On all the pieces the colors match
✓ Motor is not tampered with
✓ bottom label looks like it sinks in the paint underneath it
✓ Bodies are straight

It sure seems to be the real deal

- The Wyndham Gardens was full up Wednesday and Thursday evening. 50% trainics and 50% leaf peekers. After trains week the area plays host to a huge crowd of families and guests to enjoy the fall foliage, crisp weather and all the exciting fall activities in the counties.

- It seemed like more booths on the Orange Hall contain running layouts or at least operating loops of trains this time. This surely helps in marketing their products.

- I had heard the Brown hall was closed but that was wrong info. It was a ½ full. I’m told by one of the dealers it will be closed next spring and those booths moved to the Purple hall.

- Since the York meet was conducted a week later that normal, I can certainly say the trip back home was stunning with all the leaves in full color. WOW!!!. Traffic towards DC did not seem as heavy. We did literally run into the fall festival in the square in New Oxford. We bailed off the road for lunch until the road cleared.

THE LEAVES DO WHAT WE CAN’T

Our maple leaves brought us the joy of spring time as they grew from those winter bud’s protection. The first day they could twiggale in the wind was notable to us. Then it was full leaf and the comforting sounds of the wind in them
Then came the production of energy from the sun’s light and the building of oxygen for our CO2, which we can’t do. (Where will we be after we have cut all the trees down??)
Summer it was to slow the stiff winds of the thunderstorms and hid the birds from predators, which we can’t do.
YORKING FALL 2015 (CONTINUED)

Fall is so gorgeous as the chlorophyll goes and the leaf’s true color is exposed, which we can’t do.
Fall is a fav season as all are to us.
If the leaves are allowed to stay long enough to get stiff, then they sing another song in the wind: that of rattling and chattering, which we can’t do.
Then only then comes the final day: The flight.

Each leaf is different: scale, airfoil, curvature at time of maturation, results of damage from the rough summer of storms and insects, tired from hiding the critters from their preyers, the individual leaf is cut loose from its thankful branch.
One last flight, one more chance to make happy:
  Spiral decent
  Straight down plummet
  Stops to visit friends on the way down
  Erratic and speed changes their shape;
  Usually right side up;
  Tumbling
Avery few get to fall upward or stay the winter in the tree
Until plunk in with all the others and the recycle process of the dust-to-dust.
And last but not least, Fallen leaves make such a fun sound when walked thru or skipped in.
Plus what fun pile of leaves creates.
See youse atoms in a few years back in some other earthly form.

-George Tebolt tells me that this was his last York with a part booth. He will continue to do his mail order business from his home. Golly he and his family have done such a great service to us trainics over the year. We could not have done without them.

-John DeSantis gave a most informative talk about the end of IVES and the factory inventory at the time of demise. The accompanying train displays were of 1928 IVES products. The talk was recorded for future use. John spoke of IVES financial condition in 1927. MR. Johnson took over the company assuring investors that IVES is OK. There was an infusion of new money and IVES invested in new tooling for O gauge sets, circus train and the standard gauge 1134 loco. For Christmas 1928 delivery, IVES had $245 K in orders. IVES spent $360 K for parts and materials and therefore had no reserve, no cash flow and could not pay creditors. Orders were to be paid for in October 1929 and January 1929. The building, machinery, and even their finished products were heavily mortgaged. There was a huge inventory of finished products like track, empty boxes. No 3243s. July 7, 1928 was the public sale of IVES Mr. Frankel of Lionel bidding $75K. Thus endith IVES. What followed was a scramble to build product for Christmas of 1928 resulting in the “IVES Transition” products.

-Lots of fine trains everywhere. Golly the week went quickly.
-Lots of visible road improvements in the area.
-I made 2 omissions of purchase and 23059032709.5 commissions.
-Ron Morris did not sing, again.
-STOMPER debuted has trailer car, the only known standard gauge verdant detector.

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As reported in Clem’s Primer, Alexander's Restaurant is under new management and mostly new staff. GREAT NEWS: Server Nancy is still on scene working super hard and loved by all trainics.

-I haven’t heard anything about attendance at this fall York, as yet.

-The automated layout from Texas stunned all. Ya gotta see it at the next TCA National Convention in Houston. BE there!!

-Yorking was another wonderful experience for us. Friends everywhere and good times happening with them. I wanna do it again this week.

-As I’m sure you noticed, York this time was scheduled a week later that in the past years. I’m wondered how it affected everyone?

-Beautiful time of the year in old PA!

-Our staffer, Melody Rogers, NTTM Museum Administrative Assistant, has resigned her position and moved on to new challenges and better times. She had been with us since she was 14 and will continue to vol for us, time permitting. She has been Ms. everything at the NTTM and will be sorely missed. On the very bright side a new employer will greatly benefit from her work ethic, cheerfulness and style.

God speed and go for it Melody. ( Update: Lucky for us she returned in 2016! cc)

Folks it is time again for me to update Clem’s Primer for the spring Eastern Division York Train meet. Any suggestions, new information to be included, changes, or Yorkin stories are most appreciated (Truthfulness is not required: I remember the York that I paid $50 bux for 3, count ‘em three blu comets, except one was green...). Over this summer, I had heard many compliments about the help The Primer provides. I’m most encouraged by this and will do my best on the next edition.

-The BIG change is that York is a week later this fall than previous years. It remains to be seen if this move increases attendance or not. Many TCAers attend the Giant Hershey antique car show the second week of October and then stay over for the York meet. One York we held an Eastern Division BOD meeting on the grounds of the Hershey car show. I’ve heard comments both pro and con.

-Start now planning for attending all or part of the next York event (or any train event you might be attending.) Don’t drive by yourself: bring a neighbor, friend, relative as your guest. The excited chat on the way and the stories on the way home are special. This is a world class event that should not be missed. Encourage everyone that it is time to go Yorking. Newbie’s and regulars and those who have missed for a few time, attend now and enjoy the trains, great York chow and most importantly the camaraderie and friendship so famous for Eastern Division’s York Meet. Remember free ice cream and fellowship Friday evening and free coffee and Maple donuts Saturday morning.

-Below is a draft list of needs of train people to have filled by TCA activities. This was prepared by me for discussion in the National Strategic Planning Meeting at this York:

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TRAIN PEOPLE AND NON-TRAIN PEOPLE “NEEDS” by Clem

Fellowship within TCA is strong. In today’s world social media helps us with fellowship. We can reach friends instantly rather than wait for a train meet. We need to offer seminars, help sessions that can’t be done on line “Ya just gotta be there.” I can’t imagine why the world continues turn outside of York. Promulgate “York Week”; “national convention week.” “Local meets.”

Birds of a feather flock together at train meets which include many tech sessions and help discussions.

Stop using the word “Meet.” Kids in particular don’t like to attend meetings. We are not way more than a meet with running layouts, seminars, videos, play areas, etc. We are more of a show or an event.

Some non-train people don’t know they need us. We must reach them. Do grocery stores have for sale bulletin boards? For years I bought and sold trains thru this simple device.

TCA promotion is a 24/7 job requiring: Materials like electronic flyers and video games.

Why not have a train videogame section?
Business cards
Email blasts

Sticky notes: At Hershey car show the sponsor, AACA, had packs of sticky notes made. The front attention getter side suggested the reader join AACA. The backside was the actions needed, form and addresses. Slick!! Where did the post these packets:
IN THE BLUE CUBES EVERYWHERE!!!!
All the visitor had to do was tear one sheet off and fill it in later. Simple!
Personal calls and business contacts (What do I do with these old trains I have from my youth? Why no invite them to join TCA?)

Have something new to look forward to at each event and advertise what it is well ahead of the show. (It does not good as a recruiting piece to the person who is already present.)

Clem’s Primer in my mind is a useful tool for recruiting

Better information needs to be out there.

Present activities that interest millennials. At the Hot Rod show at York in June, there was a section were plastic car kits we available and kids could sit and build the cars. Teachers were there and contests were held. Next to it were several artists showing how to pinstripe and decorate your car.

Free toys (kids love to fist bump; not shake hands). I buy used clean hot wheels, etc. wholesale and offer then @ $1dollar each, the first one being free. While the kid is selecting his treasure, I recruit on the parents/guardian. Little tykes have trouble saying thank you to an adult, but they sure love to fist bump!

Ask the kids club folks/kids what they want?

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How about flyers in every hotel near a train meet? York County sends welcome e-flyers to all local hotels to post on their board. I saw that idea in action at the Big E and passed the idea to York County.

Are we using Social media to its fullest? Nothing has come to me about York next week…I nearly forgot about it…

More hands-on activities. Lego pile? Watch the train pile in Kid’s Korner @York get a work out!

Promotional events like the Packard National Club having a tour to the NTTM (in 2016 the Early V-8 Club has its Eastern National Meet at Gettysburg… Road trip tour?)

Displays at the Nixon Library and the Lancaster train station work well. During the Christmas season, we should be flooding public areas with displays and promotions. I am part of the group, the National Christmas Tree Railroad, which runs 12 loops of Large Scale trains around the National Christmas tree behind the White House on Presidents Park. When President Obama lights the tree this December, our trains are running beneath it. At an event like this, having flyers out results in paper everywhere. We have tried it and watched kids grab several flyers and dump them in the nearest trash can(where I rescued them). With the NCTRR we take names and make further contact. At National Capital Tracker (NCT) events we tried flyers and it became too costly. We recruit one-on-one.

Our super NTTL Librarian, Jan Athey, has plenty of old TCQ’s. We hand them out at open shows. To do the job right, I should put a TCA sticker on each magazine indicating it was a gift from TCA.

At the below addresses, I’m showing a collection of opinions on a thread I started on the internet site “Fordbarn.” I attend the Hershey car show since the early 80’s and have slept in my van in my booth spot since about 1990. I peddle car parts and trains and give out free advice. Really I’m there to buy trains and see friends. The thread talks about traditions. They advertise as getting 200,000 attendees from all over the world. My guess this year it is that there were significantly less attendees. My Orange Field leader said he had 90 open spaces. For years the available grounds were all sold out. Do we have traditions in TCA? Can we tout them in our advertising and promotional materials e.g. “Attend York and hear Ron Morris sing?” Please see: Ford Barn Hershey Tradition Report.

Clem’s Primer: After spring York I was ready to retire from updating Clem’s Primer. At the great METCA convention several folks, mostly spouses, thanked me for the Primer. To a person, they liked section III which covers museums and things to do in the York/Lancaster areas. This past summer I was host on three train excursions behind the Norfolk and Western J Class 611. Again folk asked if I was the Clem of Clem’s primer so I continue to release it. Do other TCA events publish a “How to do it” document/video.

Today I received my 50 year pin form TCA. Thanks TCA for almost 52 years of a thrilling ride. I will wear it proudly.

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Recently on facebook, I have been getting daily offers to join small buy and sell trains groups. So far all are post war O Gauge Lionel. I joined a couple and get almost daily offers. What is this phenom all about and can we make use of it?

We all know that on the internet, info flow is either push or pull. I’m not seeing much push to me about the glories of TCA.

I hope some of these ideas and suggestions help our recruiting efforts.

Clem

See ya at York in the spring,

Clem Clement

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GREAT FINDS/ TALL TALES/ and TRUTHS ABOUT YORK

Thu Nov 12, 2015 8:42 am (PST) . Posted by:  serenska

<Any more comments, stories about great finds, tall tales or truths, suggestions for improvements about our wonderful fall York week 2015? I personally had a great time. I’m working on my write-up now, having just unpacked my notes and papers. >

Clem,

I'm happy to oblige. The below is a 21-gun salute adapted from emails I sent to a few friends. Upon arrival mid-Thursday afternoon, I was pleasantly surprised by the fullness of both the parking lot and the halls. Although it's an anecdotal observation, it seemed like lots of attendees. As a bonus, I got a killer parking spot from someone who was just leaving as I arrived. I am building a large layout and I've committed to including at least one operating example of every Lionel Postwar accessory. There are a few exceptions, but what's important to a discussion about York is what I saw in the way of some of the more obscure ones ... such as a #353 Block Signal http://www.tandem-associates.com/lionel/lionel_trains_353_acc.htm. More follows. I started in the Red and White halls and almost right off the bat, there was a seller who had two #89 flagpoles marked at $2 each. These are also on my list. I love no-haggle pricing -- what was I going to do, whip out my Good Humor Man click-click-click coin belt and say, "Wouldja take $1.65?" Both items were missing at least one of the cheesey little faux bushes made out of green sponge. I said to him, "I literally just got here, so I'll walk around the rest of the hall and I'll come back."

I of course forgot to go back.
It somehow didn't occur to me that I should have paid the guy $4 for both, moved the sponges so that one was complete and handed him back the other to sell for $1 to some other guy who doesn't care about sponges. The longer I walked the halls on Thursday -- and the more flagpoles with no bushes I saw offered for $20 -- the harder I kept kicking myself. I just repeated "There's always tomorrow" like a mantra. Later in Red, I managed to get a good deal on some tubular O track (O54s) and a fair price for a 253 Control Signal (i.e., another one of those late 50s/early 1960s signals that I somehow didn't own). At the end of Red (or White, I can't remember), I thought I saw the elusive #353 block signal. I had never seen one before this York (I also wasn't looking before this York), and I began to learn that the bloody thing is not marked in any way (e.g., there is no catalog no. molded into its base like every other signal). In other words, you need the box to know definitively that you have one, or just the realization that what you're holding can't be anything else. One guy had one in a #253 box. I pointed out to him that was incorrect and I told him I'd be back if I determined his was truly a 353. He was asking $20. I had a pleasant chat with Todd Wagner who told me that he can't believe that interesting and obscure paper items still pop up at his annual paper pre-show meeting.

I also chatted with fellow Rhode Islander Bob O'Bara and a good half-dozen others. I had exchanged emails with TCAQ Editor Mark Boyd and headed over to Silver to his table to see him, but he was busy with Ron Hollander, so I didn't butt in. I made a point to return on Friday. I think Mark B does a great job with the TCAQ and I simply wanted to introduce myself. While leaving Silver, I saw that a dive bar we used to frequent, formerly named "JR's", has been renamed as "The Gate 4 Tavern". Since it's right outside Gate 4 of the Fairgrounds, I noted that there's nothing better than a first rate application of the K.I.S.S. principle when it comes to naming your tavern. When we went later, the beer was cold, PBR's were $2.25 for a tall boy can, and all was good. But I digress; back to trains. I did see numerous examples of "I want to carry this back home" pricing ... which is preposterous at this late date in our communal collecting experience. I had a nice conversation with some guy I didn't know on this subject while we both marveled at some seller who had several 252 crossing gates ... you know, the standard, vanilla plastic solenoid crossing gate without the crossbuck and signal ... of which every kid had two. They were marked at $75 each! Those items are as common as dirt and, IMHO, should be marked for $5 or just given to small children as a reward for good behavior. I hope the seller had a safe trip while carrying them all back home.

As I went along on Thursday, I marked down quite a few items on which I planned to go back to make some "aggressive" offers early on Saturday morning before leaving. At least these sellers had the right order of magnitude with respect to their asking prices, so I had hope. On Friday morning before the show, I hooked up with a nice seller who had purchased an estate collection that I was selling on behalf of a Historical Society in my town of Bristol, RI. Paul Cirillo, a friend of mine from town, offered to drive them down to York since I took Amtrak to and from York. We successfully made the 3-way swap and I ended up buying a shopping bag full of items from the seller (from Virginia). He also gave me a junker caboose frame that I'm going to turn into a rolling voltmeter ... after I attach a $5 large LED voltmeter device that I bought on eBay to the center rail pickups.
As soon as the 9am bell opened, I high-tailed it over to Red to see if the guy with the $2 #89 flagpoles still had them but I couldn't find him. I turned toward Silver and Blue and resumed kicking myself.

I took my time doing Silver and Blue on Friday and simply marveled at what an abundance York is. A few of us discussed it after hours and agreed that, unlike local/regional shows where you can take the time to explore every nook, cranny, item, part, piece, screw, washer, etc. both above and below the tables, at York, you have to become a master of the fast scan. There's simply too much there for it all to be taken in. You walk around feeling like "Jeez, it's all right here in front of my eyes, but I still feel like I'm missing something."

I did note a 118 Whistling Newsstand in Silver. I chatted with the guy, learned he was from Staten Island and he learned that I'm from Rhode Island. He was asking a little above where I wanted to pay, so I made a mental appointment to return on Saturday morning.

I bought a bundle of ten 40" tubular straights and did my best to avoid doing an impression of those Three Stooges episodes where they're carrying a ladder perpendicularly across their shoulders ... in a crowd ... turning left, then right, then back again and clobbering everyone in sight with the ladder. My Bristol friend Paul Cirillo saw me at a distance, took pity, and said, "You aren't carrying those on Amtrak. Let's meet tomorrow and I'll carry them home for you in the car." God, it's nice to have friends.

I saw some of the rarer items on my accessories list, but most were out of my price range. In fact, I saw precisely two #419 Lionel Heliports at the entire show. One was in Blue marked "For Display Only" (i.e., the guy was just showing it off) and the other had a tag of $650 on it. Some of these one-year-only 1960's accessories may kill me.

I ran into my friend Paul who was carrying my stuff home for me and he showed me a nice in-the-box 397 Coal Loader with the rarer yellow engine cover and the #70 yard light intact. It had a red bin that was a little beaten up, but he told me he saw another good one for $50 and was going to go back and buy it and make the swap to end up with one really nice one for use on his fantastic layout. We parted ways and I turned the next corner and there was a guy with a 397 with a snapped rubber conveyor belt but a good red bin with a price tag of $25. I confess I walked as quickly as I could the wrong way against the arrows to tell him about it and was glad he got it for $20.

At about 3pm on Friday, it hit me right between the eyes: The seller with the $2 #89 flagpoles wasn't in Red, he was in White! I had gone back to the wrong hall! I stopped mid-aisle in the Blue Hall and walked at a trot across the parking lots back to White. I found the guy exactly where I remembered him and he had one left for $3. I joked with him and said with mock outrage, "Hey, wait a minute, you had this for $2 yesterday!" He said, "Believe it or not, some guy bought one of them about 30 minutes ago, so I figured I could raise the price on the other." I took it, and then looked over his wares more closely and ended up walking away with 3 items that I needed. It was worth the trip back, if not for the purchase, but just to do business with a nice guy.
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I decided to take another quick pass through White as long as I was in there and, sure enough, a guy just a few tables down from the dreamer with the $75 plastic crossing gates had a 163 single target signal ... and the elusive #353 block signal. He had an $8 tag on both of them, I offered $15 for the two, and both he and I were happy campers. He was a young guy -- maybe early 30's -- and I told him that it was good to see that his prices seemed more in line with the actual laws of supply and demand than many others. He said, "My philosophy is: Look to the left and look to the right. All you see are trains. What makes mine any different than anyone else's?"

As I left the hall, the Schaad security guard at the door volunteered to me, "Boy, you look like a happy guy" and I replied, "There is NO downside to York, other than sore feet" to which he replied "Amen."

I headed back to Blue, finished it and then went to Orange. I had a very nice, long chat with Derek of Notch 6 and his Dad. We discussed his forthcoming book on Madison Hardware and I got excited just hearing about it. Our hobby is lucky to have a young, energetic guy like this dreaming up new things to enrich our experience.

I rounded out my trip to Orange to chat with good friends at the Kalmbach booth, the Snyders and their display racks, Don Kane and his custom hopper loads, and many, many others. What a great experience it all is.

On Saturday, I made some surgical hits on my "follow up offers" list and did pretty well on more tubular track. I went back to the guy from Staten Island and bought that 118 Whistling Newsstand. When I made my low-ball offer, he said "I'm not even going to argue with you." I said, "Well, if I knew you weren't going to argue, I would have said $10." He replied deadpan, in that lightning-fast way New Yorkers do, "For $10, I would have argued."

I thanked him and said, "Good luck to your team this weekend, is it the Jets or Giants?". He said, "It's the Jets, and good luck to your Patriots". I said, "You've got a pretty good memory", and he said, "Rhode Island, right?" Amazing. So, another York is in the books. I've already told you about seeing the guy with Hornby trains and thinking of Graeme Eldred, but I've also left out 100 things like going out for a few beers and dinner with professional artists and Colorado ranchers and Stu Rankin, having an enjoyable chat/visit with Ted Walton about MPC prices, etc.. I've already written way too much.

Suffice to say there is nothing else like York.

But I'm preaching to the choir on that one.

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Sun Apr 26, 2015 11:42 am (PDT). Posted by: "clem clement" homemadetrain

I hope all made good use of Clem’s Primer 2015.

I do want to apologize for an error I found. The outside meet at the Best Western did not occur. I found Gene at the Billy Budd, setup, and asked him. I advertise for him and shoulda known. He said it was his bad. Last fall he moved to the Billy Budd but others set up at the Best Western anyway. This spring he had materials that would not fare well in wind and rain so he moves into the Billy Budd with Rich Dudefour. Gene promised to inform us if he changes back to the Best Western but he sounded like he was not going to move back.

Also I only found out during York week that there were 3 layouts at York. One in the back area of the Orange Hall near the loading dock and two in the White Hall. I hope you found and enjoyed all three layouts. They were fab!!

I try my best to have Clem’s Primer current and correct.

Hey Clem!
Summer has been wonderful and I’m not ready to let go just yet. ☺

The item that definitely stands out as needing removed is the sentence about us having coupons at the welcome table. We carry brochures, however no longer have a coupon sheet as in the past.

Quaker Steak and Lube (http://thelube.com/locations/pennsylvania/york/) continues to be a popular location though I haven’t been successful in signing them up as a member YET! Take a look at our dining page we have a few new partners at http://www.yorkpa.org/restaurants/. The First Post http://www.thefirstpostyork.com/ and the Great American Saloon http://www.greatamericansaloon.com/ are new to our list, for sure.

If there is anything I can assist with, please let me know. ~Tina

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SPRING YORK 2015 BY CLEM

This Yorkin experience was something extra special for Sandy and me. We are rejuvenated and happier people because of it. Long live the York Meet.

Many of you remember the late Bob Tufts and his love of “S” gauge American Flyer trains. He studied their construction, company’s business, productions, source of materials and all things AF S gauge. (And HO for his loving daughter Donna. Donna continues to collect American Flyer HO.) The Lord called him way too early and the family has been struggling with what to do about his massive collection and the finishing of the next edition of this book.

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After several tries at finding suitable auction arrangements, Donna and her Hubby Randy chose to join TCA and bring out the trains. They started near their home in SC with the help of several AFers including Barry Berson and Clay Buckage and others.

Bob’s two daughters kept the trains they personally wanted.

Last week Donna and Randy brought way more than trains to York. They brought the remembrance of Mr. Bob: His style, his love for our hobby and his passions. I could see and hear him in daughter Donna’s voice, appearance and actions. Randy has learned to repair and assemble trains and is a big part of this love effort. Donna speaks American Flyer like a true champion. And the many American Flyer followers amassed around their tables to talk BOB-stories and Bobisms was very special. It was an amazing event to see and be apart of. They came in honor of the Master and friend, BOB Tufts. Many customers just wanted a piece from Bob’s collection. All want to tell Donna and Randy Bob-stories.

To a thrill of my life time, Donna adopted me by asking me to be her additional father. I hope I can be 1/0000005th of Dad Bob. Of course I hadda immediately tell her to be home early and don’t be smoking & boozin and the such...

What we saw this York is the shining example of what we TCAers are about: the love of Fellow trainics and the support of each other during these trying times our Nation faces.

I hope all went through the cleaned and freshly painted National Toy Train Museum and Toy Train Reference Library. Saw the new mansard roof and asphalt parking lot as well. The trains on shelves were removed and cleaned. The walls and shelves are all white now making the Museum much brighter and cheerier inside. Some wiring was updated as well. Wow there was a ton of work completed by a very few dedicated folks. Jan the Librarian was there showing off the new files and arrangements in the Library. We are so lucky to have her on staff serving the worldwide community about toy trains. I hope all visited or will visit soonest. We have a super-duper train museum and train-related library.

As you know I’m working hard on finding neato homey-did standard gauge trains. I have been honored by the TCA in having 36 of my finest displayed in the TCA Museum. I hope you got to see them during the open house on Wednesday. I received several compliments about the collection as well as some “how do?” questions. Love it.

A fellow has some wonderful custom trains made originally by Robert (something). The new owner had a couple of pieces on display in the Blue Hall.) I was able to get Mark Boyd together with him in planning for TCQ articles. Golly those trains were super fine. Built in the 50’s he had photos of Louis Hertz, etc. I showed the photo album to Al Grieme and he was stunned to see his name under a photo. These were from a 1958 meet someplace. He also noted his name was crossed out as the photo was not of him.
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We were honored by having 3 layouts this time. Two beauts in the White Hall and one in the back area of the Orange Hall near the loading dock. I hope you found and enjoyed all three layouts. They were fab!!

I had a beeeg swap-off with Arno. He wanted and I wanted so we exchanged trains and tasks. I got a $50 Dolla Blu Comet and he got a Lackawanna wannbe and a tough task. Who won?

When Bert visited our home sometime back, he was struck by a huge Bing water tower I had. Well, I was perusing the eye candy at York and one even bigger jumped on me. Then Bert saw it and of course it is his. He will recondition it and it will fit perfectly on his great STG layout in the City. (There is only one CITY in the World)

I hope all made good use of Clem’s Primer Spring of 2015. I do want to comment an error. The outside meet at the Best Western did not occur. I found Gene at the Billy Budd, setup, and asked him. I advertise for him and shoulda known. He said it was his bad. Last fall he moved to the Billy Budd but others set up at the Best Western anyway. This spring he had materials that would not fare well in wind and rain so he moved into the Billy Budd with Rich Dudefour. Gene promised to inform us if he changes back to the Best Western but he sounded like he was not going to move back. I have tried my best to have Clem’s Primer current and correct.

Congrats to Eastern for trying to increase attendance. They posted signs on the Fairground’s fence announcing that anyone was welcome to enter the meet. Any non-member who had not been to York before could pay the entrance fee and attend York one time. They took attendee's info and will send a card inviting them to join TCA and attend fall 2015 York. Guesting is still one time only. I wonder how many locals took up this opportunity. I’m hoping many, many.

Rudy and John’s booth at the Wynhdam is always fun to visit. Them two are there for the fun and glee in the outside train’s fleas market. I come away laughing and feeling so much better after a visit with them. And they have great trains as well. Including a 3.5 gauge monster. I loved it but felt they were having too much fun with it. Fun is hard to find these days.

Did I mention how perfect the weather was on Tuesday? A little wind but true Penna. spring day. I wished it would never end. For Chow Tuesday night we traveled to the famous Moonlight Dinner in Dover. Crab cakes are super big and delish there. Recipe includes gorgonzola cheese and apple. We split a fresh salad and Ms. Sandy offered me one entsy-bitty morsel- not two- of her crab cakes. Soooooooo Good! If you go, go early as by 6pm there is a waiting line for the 36 seats available. BYOB
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There certainly was a ton of German trains at this Yorking. I loved them all. We lived in Germany for 3 years and went to many train auctions. Also visiting homes. Marklin and the other German Manufacturers surely build some fine toys!

BIG NEWS: Ed Prendeville has acquired the records of the IVES factory inventory after the closing. Everything including 14 rolls of toilet paper. John DeSantis and others will get a copy of the inventory and brief us all at the IVES Society meeting and Friday noon of fall York. All aughta plan to attend. 2 biggies:
A neato donkey pulling and coal cart with an IVES plate was displayed. The inventory noted that had 1000 in stock! I’m guessing they went in the scrap heap.
There were 2 candidate sets made! One for the east coast and one for out west.

STOMPER has just uploaded a 5D printer system into his innards. The usual 3D height, width and length stuff plus two more dimensions: time and gravity. He can recreate anything that ever was with his back-in-time function. He called back Helen of Troy. Golly she was a stunner!! However for the 20 years she was held in captivity, she was unfaithful to her husband and had a mess of kids and chubbed up a bit.
The gravity control function allows STOMPER to change gravity where ever he goes. His plan is to find a nice clean space object with water and good quality barley and then increase the gravity to the perfect level of bubble flo to brew astro-beer.
STOMPER is working on the 6D printer. The 6th feature is an aroma restorer. On his first test, he inadvertently brought back Taranasouras Rex who immediately pharted and blew the 6D circuits...
More when I see him next.

I am building an IVES work train caboose and need a chimney for the crew compartment. I chased everywhere looking for one. Then I remembered that I had bought a covey of those mighty fine New Bright cabeese from Ronnie. I’ll slice one off of the 5 crummies I have. Or I’ll build one from a coat hanger and soup can lip (A little short piece of a Campbell’s soup can top edge curls just like IVES did on their #195 cabooses.)

I forget something so back to the Orange hall I goes. Of course I just gotta wander around a bit. I come across my bud that always has a fine selection of gauge eastern European trains, but not Shell tanker cars for me this time. Then I notice a box of swamp treasure on the floor for sale. It is hard to find quality rust formation any more but he had some wondrous iron oxide. He said he had left it in his storage area years ago and forgot about it. Plus it was shot when he brought it in. He wanted fair prices for the stuff so I started to move away. Just to be social, I sez “$50 Dolla for the junk box.” SOLD sez he but I needs to keep the crate. So I went for a smokestack and returned was a fitty dolla junk box which I hadda burying in my car because Ms. Sandy said we were done buyin fo sure!!!
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At home I have a nice set of 3 repainted 1600 cars in two-tone blue which are seeking a head end. In this wondrous $50 box were a 1688 and 1689 in mega-tired condition. I’m thinking a double head deal here painted in two-tone blue as I can’t decide which to use. I needa make coupler rig for the behind loco.

Also there were 3 terribly rusted 100 series cars. The good thing is that the rust matched. Like I said “It is hard to find quality rust formation any more.” Earlier in the meet a thoroughly oxidized Lionel 380 in Mohave came into view. Ah HA; I have the cars for that baby. The interesting feature of the 380 is that the brush plate retaining screw was lost years ago. The plate shifted and the brushes fell out. Thus the sad loco was dispatched to the wet tool shed to wait for me to find it. It is early with the big gears and the motor turns over very easily. I shall re-brush it and fire her up…

There were more treasures in the fitty dolla box but I don’t want to cause my readers more jealousies than they now have developed…

A wonderful time Yorking in one of my favorite towns.

See ya at York in the fall.

Clem Clement

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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,
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I have been enjoying a local Bed and Breakfast for the last 4 years. It is just down the road in Red Lion, PA. It’s not far from the Red Lion Train Station where their open house is held each year during York Week on Wednesday and Thursday from 6-9 PM. 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. (http://www.redlionbandb.com/)

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

Thanks,
Carol R. McGinnis
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Columbia, MD 21045
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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
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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

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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

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Hi Clem,

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;

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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.

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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
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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.

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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.


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 it 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.

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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.

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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

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From: Samantha Schrum
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 11:38 AM
To: clem.clement@cox.net
Subject: Updates 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:
Here is an updated list of theaters in the surrounding area:
Here is an updated list of Factory Tours as they have grown quite a bit in the last few years:
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Please let me know if you have any questions. I just wanted to make sure you had up to date information from us.

*Samantha Schrum Longworth
Bureau Services Assistant
York County Convention & Visitors Bureau
155 West Market Street | York, PA 17401
Phone: 717-852-9675, ext. 111 Fax: 717-854-5095

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)

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](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 **Marilyn’s**) also opened late last year. They’re an upscale Irish-American pub and restaurant. (Tina Smith)

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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.  

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!! 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

Jennies Diner (NOW the Rt. 30 Diner.) 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. New ownership

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

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Hinkle's Pharmacy 261 Locust Street Columbia, PA 17512

Lancaster Brewing in Harrisburg
Only trouble was my wife had to drive after I had a couple glasses. Good stuff.
http://www.lbcharrisburg.com/

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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

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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

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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

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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 https://www.nps.gov/stea/index.htm
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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
adubill@aol.com

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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.
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7. Every TCA division and chapter honors national TCA membership cards. Any TCA member with a valid membership card can be admitted to any divisions 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. (as of April, 29016 it is John Zobel)
(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

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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 than 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
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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

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Family Fun at York – 2017

This listing, up-dated as of February 16, 2017 from Scott Arber toyrail@outlook.com. Thanks very much Scott.

YORK COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

The place to go to find up to date information about York County: travel tools, things to do, events, factory tours, hotels & lodging, restaurants, ect.

Web Site: http://www.yorkpa.org/
Or call for information: 1-888-858-9675 from 8:30 am – 5 pm Or visit one of their VISITOR INFORMATION CENTERS at:

Harley-Davidson
Rt. 30 & Eden Rd
York, Pa. 17402
717-852-6006
Open Daily 9:30 am – 5 pm.
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**Downtown at Central Market** 34 W.
Philadelphia St.
York, Pa. 17401
717-852-9675
Open Tuesday – Sunday 7:30 am – 2 pm

**I-83 North State Welcome Center**
I-83 Northbound
Just above the PA/MD line
717-235-6076
Open Daily 7 am – 7 pm

**Hanover Visitor Info Center at Guthrie Memorial Library** 301 Carlisle St. Hanover, Pa.
717-632-5183
Call for Seasonal Hours

**YORK COUNTY HISTORY CENTER**
The History Center has a group of 5 Museums throughout York.
YCHT main website: [http://www.yorkheritage.org/](http://www.yorkheritage.org/)

York Historical Society Museum 250 East Market St.
York, Pa. 17403
717 848-1587

Agricultural & Industrial Museum 217 West Princess St.
York, Pa. 17401
717 848-1587

Bonham House
152 East Market St.
York, Pa. 17401
717 848-1587
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Fire Museum of York County  757 West Market St.  
York, Pa. 17401  
717 845-5665  

Colonial Complex  157 West Market St.  
York, Pa. 17401  
Includes the Golden Plough Tavern (c.1741) The General Gates House (c.1751)  
The Barnett Bobb Log House (c.1830) and a reconstruction of the Colonial Court House where the Continental Congress met when in York between Sept. 1777 and June 1778.  
717 848-1587  

One regular admission pass provides entry to ALL 5 York County History Center museums and sites on the day of your visit.

Individual pass rates are

Adults $15.00, Students 6-18 $7.00, Children 5 and under are Free.

A $2.00 discount id offered to Senior Citizens, Veterans and Active Military, AAA Members, College students with I.D., and Time Travelers participants.

Group rates and guided and self-guided tours are available, find out more here:  
http://www.yorkhistorycenter.org/york-pamuseums/museum-hours-rates

Other Museums in the York area

HANOVER FIRE MUSEUM  
241 North Franklin St. Hanover, Pa.  
17331  
http://mainstreethanover.org/explore/details/hanover-fire-museum  
717 637-6671
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Indian Steps Museum
205 Indian Steps Rd Airville, PA
17302 www.indiansteps.org
717-862-3948
Home to more than 10,000 Indian artifacts which all tell stories of Indian inhabitants.

National Watch & Clock Museum 514 Poplar St, Columbia, PA 17512
www.museumoftime.org
717-684-8261

NEAS HOUSE MUSEUM
103 West Chestnut St. Hanover, Pa.
17331 http://www.hahs.us/neas.html
717 632-3207

Weight Lifting Hall of Fame
York Barbell Company
3300 Board Rd, York, PA 17406
717-767-6481

WEREHIME-MYERS MANSION
305 Baltimore St. Hanover, Pa.
17331 http://hahs.us/mansion/
717 632-3207

STATE PARKS:

Samuel S. Lewis
6000 Mt. Pisgah Road York, Pa.
17406
http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/samuelslewis/index.htm
717 252-1134
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Gifford Pinchot
2200 Rosstown Rd. Lewisberry, Pa.
17339
http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/giffordpinchot/index.htm
717 423-5011

Codorus State Park 2600 Smith
Station Rd. Hanover, Pa. 17331
http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/codorus/index.htm
717 637-2816

York County PARKS:

Highpoint Scenic Vista
1199 Hilts Rd, Wrightsville, PA 17368

John C. Rudy County Park
400 Mundis Race Rd, York, PA 17406

Richard M. Nixon County Park
5922 Nixon Dr, York, PA 17403

Rocky Ridge County Park
3699 Deininger Rd, York, PA 17406

Spring Valley County Park
9777 Crest Rd, Glen Rock, PA 17327

Wallace-Cross Mill
15759 Cross Mill Rd, Felton, PA 17322

William H. Kain County Park
274 Hess Farm Rd, York, PA 17403
Part of the York County park system, the Rail Trail presently has over 21 miles of trails extending thru scenic areas of southern York County. Railroad tracks adjoining the trail are active as Steam Into History is using them. Expect to see a train at anytime while on the trail.

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.

Four railroad bridges as well as 3 additional historic structures are on the trail:
Hanover Junction, a museum restored to the 1863 era, and New Freedom Train Station, another museum restored to the 1940 era as well as the Howard Tunnel, the oldest continuously operated railroad tunnel in the nation.

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 Trail and restrooms are ADA accessible. Its Museums are open May thru October.

A brochure can be found here:
http://www.yorkcountytrails.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=mJwmaOlTsxl%3d&tabid=60

Also on the Rail Trail:

Steam Into History 2 West
Main St.
New Freedom, Pa. 17349 www.steamintohistory.com
717 942-2370
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**YORK COUNTY PUBLIC GOLF COURSES**

Briarwood Golf Clubs  4775 West Market St. York, Pa. 17408  
[www.briarwoodgolfclubs.com](http://www.briarwoodgolfclubs.com)  
717-792-9776

Cool Creek Golf Club  300 Cool Creek Rd.  
717 252-3691

Grandview Golf Club  2779 Carlisle Ave. York, Pa. 17408  
717 764-2674.

Heritage Hills Golf Resort & Conference Center  
2700 Mount Rose Ave. York, Pa. 17402  
[www.heritagehillsresort.com](http://www.heritagehillsresort.com)  
717-755-0123

Hickory Heights Golf Course  5158 Lehman Rd.  
Spring Grove, Pa. 17362  
717 225-4247

Honey Run Golf Course & Country Club  3131 South Salem Church Rd. York, Pa. 17408  
717 792-9771
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Little Creek Golf Course
1657 Route 116
Spring Grove, PA 17369

Pleasant Valley Golf Club
8467 Pleasant Valley Road Stewartstown, Pa.
17363 http://www.playpleasantvalley.com/
717 993-2184

Range End Country Club 303 Golf Club Ave. Dillsburg, Pa. 17019
http://www.rangeendgolfclub.com/
717 432-4213

Royal Manchester Golf Links
5700 Board Rd  Mount Wolf, Pa.
17347
www.royalmanchestergolflinks.com
717 268-0490

Springwood Golf Club
601 Chestnut Hill Rd, York, PA 17402  www.golfspringwood.com
717 747-9663

Valley Green Golf Club
1227 Valley Green Road Etters, Pa.
17319
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PERFORMING ARTS CENTERS

Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center 50
North George St. York, Pa. 17401
http://www.strandcapitol.org/
717 846-1111

Dream Wrights Youth & Family Theatre 100
Carlisle Ave. York, Pa. 17401
http://www.dreamwrights.org/
717 848-2166

Eichelberger Performing Arts Center 195 Stock St.
Suite #203
Hanover, Pa 17331 http://www.theeich.org/
717 637-7086

FACTORY TOURS

IMPORTANT: Always call the business before going to take the factory tour. The data is up-to-date as of 2-16-2017 but you should always check first.

Bluett Bros. Violins 122 Hill St, York,
PA 17403 Tours are by appointment only.
Call: 717-854-9064
www.bluettbros-violins.com

Family Heir-Loom Weavers
775 Meadowview Drive
Red Lion, PA  17356
Factory tours are available by appointment only.
Monday – Friday, Minimum age 8 years, reservations required.
Call David Kline at least two days in advance
717-246-2431 https://www.familyheirloomweavers.com/
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Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Vehicle Operations
1425 Eden Rd
York, PA 17402 717-852-6590
http://www.harley-davidson.com/content/h-d/en_US/home/events/factorytours/yorkpa.html

Martin’s Potato Chips Inc.
5847 Lincoln Hwy W
Thomasville, PA 17364
Tours available on Tuesdays at 9am, 10am, and 11am. You must have reservations. Call: 717-792-3565
www.martinschips.com

Naylor Wine Cellars Inc.
4069 Vineyard Rd
Stewartstown, PA 17363
Tours available on Mon.-Sat. 11am-6pm; Sun. 12-5pm
717-993-2431
http://www.naylorwine.com/tours.asp

Perrydell Farm
90 Indian Rock Dam Rd
York, PA 17403
You can pet calves, see them feed calves, milk cows, and bottle milk. Tour times vary depending on what you wish to see, check website.
717-741-3485
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Revonah Pretzel LLC  
507 Baltimore St, rear  
Hanover, PA 17331  
Tour hours: Tues., Wed., and Thurs. 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Reservations are required. 717-630-2883  

Snyder’s of Hanover Factory Store  
1350 York St (Rte 116)  
Hanover, PA 17331  
Tours are available Tues.-Thurs. 10am; 11am; 1pm. Reservations are required at least 24 hours in advance.  
To schedule a tour, please call 1-800-233-7125 Ext.28592  
Mon. through Fri. from 9am-5pm  
717-632-4477  
www.snydersofhanover.com

Sunrise Soap Company  
29 N Beaver St  
York, PA 17401  
Walk-in tours are available during shop hours, however it’s recommended you call ahead to find out the days schedule.  
717-843-7627  
www.sunrisesoapco.com

Sweet Willows Creamery, Inc.  
2812 E Prospect Rd  
York, PA 17402  
Tours are available for groups of 10 or more who reserve in advance.  
717-718-9219  
www.sweetwillows.com
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Utz Quality Foods
900 High St
Hanover, PA 17331
800-367-7629
Tour Availability: Monday - Thursday 9:30 am-4pm http://www.utzsnacks.com/utz-factory.html

York City Pretzel Company
39 W Market St
York, PA 17401
Call ahead for information regarding tours.
717-467-3556
http://www.yorkcitypretzelcompany.com/

York Time Institute 312 West Market St.
York, PA. 17401 Call ahead for details
http://www.yorktimeinstitute.com/
717 848-3152

**AUTHENTIC SHOPPING OUTLETS**

These are outlets owned and run by the factories. Not owned by a third party that licenses the name. Most are located at the factories themselves.

Perrydell Farm Dairy Outlet
90 Indian Rock Dam Road, York
https://perrydellfarm.com/index.php/store
717 741-3485

Ode County Reproductions 722 West Market Street, York
http://www.oldecountryreproductions.pewtarex.com/outlet.html
1-800-358-3997
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Snyder’s of Hanover Factory Outlet 1350 York Street (Route 116), Hanover
http://www.snyders.testing.tri-media.com/history/factory-store/
1-800-233-7125

Stauffer's Cookie Outlet 375 South Belmont St. York, Pa. 17403
www.stauffercookie.com
717 848-6630

Utz Quality Foods Factory Store 861 Carlisle Street, Hanover www.utzsnacks.com
717 637-1759 ext. 123

York Wallcoverings Home Design Center 201 Carlisle Ave. York, Pa. 17404
http://www.yorkwallstore.com/store/
717 854-4285

Antique Shops

Black Rose Antiques and Collectibles North Hanover Center 1100 Eichelberger St.
Hanover, Pa. 17331
http://blackroseantiques.com/
717 632-0589

Burning Bridge Antique Market 304 Walnut St.
Columbia, Pa. 17512
http://www.burningbridgeantiques.com/
717 684-7900
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Dover antique mall
5010 Carlisle Rd.
Dover, Pa. 17315 http://www.doverantiquemall.com/
717 292-2629

Greybeards of Jacobus 51 N
Main St.
Jacobus, Pa. 17407
717 428-9316

Partners & Friends 403 North
3rd St.
Columbia, Pa. 17512
717 684-5364

Yesteryear Antique Center of Hanover
441 Pine Street
Hanover, PA 17331
http://www.yesteryearantiqueshanover.com/
717) 637-1612

For additional information visit the areas on-line travel guides

Explore York: http://www.yorkpa.org/travel-tools/vistor-information-centers/ to print or download a pdf of their Travel Guide.

City of York Visitors Information: http://www.yorkcity.org/visitor/visitor-information/

Main Street Hanover:
http://mainstreethanover.org/ Factory Tours
USA:
http://www.factorytoursusa.com/state/pennsylvania/
Map of the York Meet

Here is the map of the York Fairgrounds. Keeping it handy makes getting from hall to hall easier. You can print this page and bring it with you.

York Meet Hall Name  (York Fairgrounds Hall Name)

Orange Hall  (UTZ Hall)
Purple Hall  (Heritage Hall)
Silver Hall  (Memorial Hall ~ East)
Blue Hall  (Memorial Hall ~ West)
White Hall  (Horticulture Hall)
Red Hall  (Old Main Hall)
Black Hall  (Banquet & Conference Center)