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**Bring a guest to York, extend an invitation to join TCA and together we can double our membership numbers.**

**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 October York Meet because we think they'll like what they**

see and want to join TCA to continue attending the meet. Invite more than one guest because there is no limit on the number of guests you may bring. [Click here for the guest form.](#)

The BIG change is that York is a week later this fall than previous years. Hopefully this move increases attendance. 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 a BOD meeting on the grounds of the Hershey car show.) Perhaps a survey is in order)

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 or the NTTM site are not TCA sponsored. This version negates all previous versions. In my view, York is much more than a train-meet. It is about the gathering of families, friends and acquaintances. -Your TCA Family-

This Primer highlights the TCA Eastern Division York Train Meet; the TCA Museum, Library and Business Office Activities; member meetings and specified train group activities; non-TCA sponsored train events locally; local attractions; restaurants, tips on navigating the events and the locale. For the price of admission which includes free parking, this is the best deal for a 3 day train meet in the universe. My hope is that the Primer will help you enjoy the week as much as I do.

**"New info is presented in red."**

**The information in italics comes from the Eastern Division President/York Registration Chair:**

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*Eastern Division President John Zobel:*

*Well the snow has finally melted away up here in New York State and the Summer is going away just as fast. Here it is late August and our thoughts and work efforts have turned to getting things in order for the October York train show. Invitations were mailed in early July so for those folks who have not pre-registered now is the time. The deadline for receiving your advance registration is September 1st so **don't delay**.*

*Having attended our annual National Board of Directors meeting in June at the national convention I can pass on the fact that our membership is declining for whatever reasons. So it is important that those of us who are passionate about trains whether as collectors or operators spread the word and excitement for our great hobby. Encourage your fellow train hobbyists to join (or rejoin) our fabulous organization. If you are planning on attending York this Fall think about bringing a friend. A non-member is allowed to attend one York meet as a guest. **You can bring as many guests as you wish** and we will register them all.*

*Speaking about York, your Board of Directors has just completed a thorough accounting review of our Eastern Division financial reports. It is very clear that the expenses to run the York meet have increased each and every year covered by the review. Some expenses the Board can control but many others we cannot (i.e. fairground rental). As you know it has been several years since the last fee increases and since that time our costs have continued to rise. Based on this economic fact your Board has elected to moderately increase our registration fees starting with the April 2016 show. There will be no fee increases for this October but the new rates will be in effect at the October show for your advance registrations for April 2016. A complete list of the new fees will be published in October at the show.*

*The Eastern Division is the largest Division in the TCA and the York show is our jewel. I wish to thank all of those TCA members who take the time and incur the expense to attend our York shows. We strive to make this opportunity to buy and sell trains and to see old friends and make new ones as enjoyable as possible so the camaraderie of the TCA can be experienced and spread to so many others throughout the country and indeed internationally.*

*My sincerest regards,*

*John Zobel, President Eastern Division TCA*

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### ***York Meet Registrar's October 2015 Wrap Up***

*The April York Meet is behind us and work is progressing on the October 2015 Meet.*

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

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

*The October Meet Notice was mailed mid July. If you didn't receive yours by August 1st, please [Contact Us](#). Online registration is remains open until October 5th and the Eastern Call Center until October 14, 2015.*

*We again offered members the opportunity to register at the April show for the October 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 October.*

*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 mid July to those members attending the meet only. **Just a reminder:** if you're a table holder or dealer, your badge(s) will be mailed after September 28th, 2015. **If you pre-registered, you will still receive a meet notice for informational purposes only.** No need to submit a registration form and if you're not sure if you pre-registered - [Contact Us](#). The York Meet is open to TCA members, their families and guests.*

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

*but you would like to attend our meet and see for yourself what it's like to go to "Toy Train Heaven". With 3 dealers halls and 4 non-dealer halls loaded with trains, plus modular exhibits of operating toy train layouts, dealer seminars, buying, selling and*

*much more... you don't want to miss it. We have over 190,000 square feet of trains, trains and more trains.*

*Register on line*

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## YORK TRAIN MEET MADE EASY

### EASTERN DIVISION'S YORK TRAIN MEET.

York Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle Ave, York PA, 17404 (This is the GPS location)  
York Fairgrounds emergency phone # is 1-717.848.2596

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

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

### MUSEUM APPRECIATION DAY OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY OF YORK WEEK

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

## The National Toy Train Museum

### OPEN HOUSE Wednesday, October 21, 2015

- 10:00 AM Museum opens. Be sure to fill out your ticket for hourly drawings, 10-4, for a prize!
- 10:00 AM Selling the PRR and Reading cars & old Convention Cars. Also, pick up your specially priced Entenmann Hopper Car.
- 11 AM – 1 PM Roger Carp, book signing.
- 1:00 PM Jack Lynch from Bachmann.
- 2:00 PM Mike Wolf from MTH.
- 2:30 PM Ron Gibson from LGB.

- 3:00 PM Refreshments.
- 3:30 PM Lone Star Division - 2016 Convention Preview.
- 4:00 PM Lionel Presentation.
- 5:00 PM Special door prize drawing for kids under 15. Must be present to win.
- 6:00 PM Museum closes.

**OPEN ALL DAY— RIDE THE SHUTTLE VAN TO  
Choo Choo Barn, STRASBURG RR, AND RR MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.**  
(Last Shuttle drop-off is at 5:30, at the Museum.) (Program details subject to change.)

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

**NOT a member of the Train Collectors Association but love trains and want to see what the York Meet is all about, then [Contact Us](#).**

We offer several ways to register for the meet:

1. Online at <https://www.yorkregistration.org>
2. Eastern Division Call Center - 1-814-928-0196
3. Registration form located in the TCA Headquarters Newsletter (see Table of Contents for registration form page number)
4. By mail using the registration form located in the 2015 York Meet Notice (registration form only)
5. **At the Door**

### Overview of the Eastern Division York Meet

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

**OF EVENTS POSTERS AT YORK. SEE THE EASTERN DIVISION WEB SITE FOR UP TO DATE CHANGES. <[HTTP://WWW.EASTERNTCA.COM/](http://www.easterntca.com/)>**

Meet notices are located on the Eastern Division web site:

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

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

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

**MEET HOURS:**

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

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

Wed .....9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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

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

**OPEN to all attendees**

Thurs 12:00 noon - 6:30 PM

Fri 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Sat 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

**Set-up Only: Table Holder Badge Required**

Thurs 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon

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

**OPEN to all attendees**

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

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

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

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

**Registration Hours:**

Wed.....3:00 PM-5:00 PM

Thurs/Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

Sat.....8:30 AM-2:00 PM

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

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

Thurs. . 12 Noon- 4:00 PM

Fri. . . 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Sat. . . 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

**General Meet Rules include:**

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

*Still Photography permitted in the Dealer halls and of the modular exhibits. No photography in the Blue, Silver, Red or White Halls or of copyrighted materials. Not sure? Ask! **[White Hall layout may be photographed]***

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.

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. POC is Dan Danielson 703-818-8250.

Shuttle bus: Service provided between all halls: Thurs: 12noon-7PM; Friday: 9 AM-7PM; Sat: 9-2:30PM.

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.**
5. The TCA National Business Office has several tables at/near the registration counter staffed to assist with membership issues. The Museum gift store booths are near the registration counter in the Silver Hall.
6. Bring your meet notice with you as reference. A map of the fairgrounds is in the notice. Note: 3 ATMs are located on the Fairgrounds.
7. Member halls close earlier than dealer halls to allow member table holders the opportunity to shop with our dealer members.
8. Hall floor plans will be available from Hall Captains and will be at the Registration Desk or online. Red & White hall info tables are close to the hall captain's tables. Silver hall table with hall charts is across from Kids Korner, Blue Hall down by the food service. Dealer halls are online at the Eastern Division web site and each shows the location of the information table.

## **9. YORK SHOW numbers (unofficial)**

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Here is the history:

York Statistics - Apr `07  
Total Registrations 14,325

York Statistics - Apr `08  
Total Registrations 14,567

York Statistics - Apr `09  
Total Registrations 14,109

York Statistics - Apr `10  
Total Registrations 13,769

York Statistics - Oct `10  
Total Registrations 13,648

York Statistics - Apr `11  
Total Registrations 13,521

York Statistics - Oct `11  
Total Registrations 13,608

York Statistics - Apr `12  
Total Registrations 13,403

York Statistics - Oct `12  
Total Registrations 13,864

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

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

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

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

**York Statistics - April '15:**

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 Vol. lunch begins at noon. The York meet requires a huge number of members to make it happen. Contact our Volunteer Committee Chairman, **Hope Danielson, 703-743-2152 or [prewar@comcast.com](mailto:prewar@comcast.com)**. **Flexible volunteer times are available.**

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

12. UPS has a booth in the Lobby entranceway to the Blue/Silver halls to accept, wrap and mail trains. It is Open Thurs 12-5 PM, Friday 9-5 PM and Saturday 9-2

PM. For incoming parcel receiving service, storage, as well as outgoing service:  
[store3038@theupsstore.com](mailto: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, 178712**

**14. TCA NATIONAL CONVENTION ITEMS and information will be available at tables in the usual place near the Registration counter in the Silver Hall. 2016 Convention is in Houston, June 18-26, 2016. [www.tca2016.com](http://www.tca2016.com)**

**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.

**16. FAIRGROUNDS INFORMATION:**  
Emergency Phone Number during Meet  
(717) 848-2596

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

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

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

**HAVE YOUR SIG OTHER PREPARE YOUR MEDS.**

**PUT THEM WHERE YOU CAN FIND THEM.**

**TAKE THEM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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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.

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#### 17. RV ACCOMODATIONS

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

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

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

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

19. York County maintains a booth in the Silver Hall during the meet for your convenience. Contact them if you have accommodation issues or questions. The staff is most helpful.

[www.yorkpa.org](http://www.yorkpa.org)

#### 20. TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

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

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

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

### **Upstate New York Chapter Charter Bus Trip to York**

The Chapter offers a bus trip to York show on October 22 and 23, cost is \$220.00 per person, \$185.00 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, deadline to sign up is September 21. **Contact them at [www.upstate-ny-tca.com](http://www.upstate-ny-tca.com) or phone: 716-390-8216.**

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

Bus Info from Lenny Joerg:

"Les and I are doing the buses again. Now we use luxury buses. We already have 80 riders so it should be a good turn out! The stops are still Commack, **Medford**, & Hicksville on Long Island along with the Bronx & Flushing NY and finally Woodbridge NJ. The cost has risen to \$80 but it still includes supper at the Old Country Buffet. We still stop at Alexander's for breakfast but it is not included in the fare! For more info I can be reached at (631) 874-6834 or via email. Cost will go up to \$85 in the spring of 2016. Lenny Joerg [sljoerg@optonline.net](mailto:sljoerg@optonline.net) or Lester Livingston (678) 398-9449.

**Pittsburg and Washington County, Pa. bus trip to York.** Antique Coach Excursions is located in Washington County, PA and is making plans to bring a bus full of eager toy train enthusiasts to the York Meet. For information, contact

Alex Demtzak at 724.947.9000 or email him at [info@antiquecoachexcursions.com](mailto:info@antiquecoachexcursions.com). Sounds like a great way to do York.  
<http://antiquecoachexcursions.com/>

## 21. YORK TRAFFIC AND WEATHER INFORMATION:

WSBA--AM-910 radio regular traffic updates  
WSOX--FM-96.1 the same  
WGAL--Channel 8 TV traffic updates from 5 to 7 AM every 10 minutes  
WROZ--FM-101.1 "The Rose" regular traffic updates.

Comments:

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

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

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

Pennsylvania Official Travel Information website is "511PA". Dial "511" or go to [www.511PA.com](http://www.511PA.com) to obtain the travel information.

Traffic at the Carlisle Gate of the York Fairgrounds can be horrendous. Please be careful. I recommend Gate 6 on Highlander Ave. - the Northwest end of the fairground opposite from the Blue Hall area or from the Blue Hall on past the Orange Hall to the fence). That gate is always open and you can turn left or right easily. (Clem)

York weather info:

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

\_CWSU National TAF METAR maps - NOAA NWS\_

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

## 22. ACCOMODATIONS

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

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

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

RV accommodations non-meet days.

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

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

The best place to camp is the Gifford Pinchot State Park which is located on Rte. 74, about 12 miles from the York Fair Grounds. It has camp sites on a lake, has great showers/bath rooms and is very quiet. – (Bob Obara)  
<http://www.bing.com/search?q=Gifford+Pinchot+State+Park&src=IE-TopResult&FORM=IETR02&conversationid=>

## 23. NON -TCA SPONSORED TRAIN SHOWS DURING YORK WEEK

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



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

<http://www.daysinn.com>

It is located at the confluence of Route 30 and Interstate 83 (334 Arsenal Road.)

Show Contact: Rich Dedufour (609-466-3933).

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

<http://www.bestwestern.com>

Not going to happen unless more dealers request it to reopen. Contact Gene Simbolt (718) 229-8927 nites or [gms01@hotmail.com](mailto:gms01@hotmail.com)

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

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

The Reliance Fire Hall (West York FD) on 1341 West Market Street. Contact Barry @ (717) 424-1308 or [kingkodak@hotmail.com](mailto:kingkodak@hotmail.com) for tables. Listed at

<http://trains.com/>

Commonwealth Fire Hall, 2045 North Sherman St., York PA 17402. Contact Barry @ (717) 424-1308 or [kingkodak@hotmail.com](mailto:kingkodak@hotmail.com) for tables. Open Monday-

Wednesday only. Listed at <http://trains.com>

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

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

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

the second light, and then left onto the Wynhdam Garden back driveway. The train meet is held in part of the parking lot that surrounds the Wyndham Garden and inside in the main banquet room, hall area and adjacent rooms.

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

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

Red Lion Area Historical Society & Red Lion Train Station Model Railroaders are holding an Open House at the former Maryland and Penna. Railroad's Authentic and historic Red Lion Train Station. The "0" Gauge Model Railroad layout will be on view Wed., & Thurs., from 6PM-9PM each evening. The train station is located at 73 N. Main Street, Red Lion, PA 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.htm>

Vintage toys 717-818-6660

Rt30 north on Carlisle Rd (74) 4.1 miles right at light onto Palomino Rd. Over 800 vehicles on display, by various makers in die cast, plastic, steel, tin...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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Christmas Museum

3427 Lincoln highway (Route 30)

Paradise, PA

Ph (717) 442-7950

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

TOY TRAINS UNLIMITED

38 YORK ST.

HANOVER PA. 17331

( 25 minutes from York, PA FAIRGROUNDS )

1-717-637-4717

FOOD, DRINKS & PLENTY OF GOOD CONVERSATION

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

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

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 !

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## 24. STEAM INTO HISTORY

The Eastern Division is celebrating 46 years of train meets at the York Fairgrounds, York, PA and Steam into History's Historical Train Ride is the end of "Happy trails." Ride the 1860's era replica steam train 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. Halloween rides Oct 23-24. 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 Druck

Anne R. Druck  
President  
York County Convention and Visitors Bureau  
The Official Tourism Promotion Agency for York County  
155 W. Market St.  
York, PA 17401  
888-858-9675  
"Factory Tour Capital of the World"  
[www.yorkpa.org](http://www.yorkpa.org)

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

27. EUROPEAN VINTAGE MODEL TRAINS. Other than ETS, there will be a booth under "European Vintage Model Trains" that will be showing a working layout of Darstaed, ACE Trains, ETS and Atlas O Scale trains, coaches, advertising vans, brake vans, and accessories, I will be taking orders for the A4s Locomotives, 8-wheel & 6-wheel coaches, starter coaches sets of (6) Coaches and the last of the Single & Double door Engine Sheds. Hornby design. This month's newsletter is an announcement that the new Engine Sheds will be of the Fieldstone design and Keystone design of which I will be taking pre-Orders. Please have all your tinplate enthusiasts stop by. I have bought a lot of hard to get items made by Darstaed & ACE Trains so do not miss a once in a lifetime experience.

Playing Trains European Style,  
US Darstaed Authorized Distributor  
Edward & Jeanne Cognazzo  
European Vintage Model Trains  
Home Phone: (301) 737-6226  
Cell Phone: (240) 298-3650

## 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.

~~The Best Western (OUTSIDE ONLY) is in full swing 8 AM-7PM during the day.~~  
Not going to happen unless more dealers request it to re-open. Contact Gene Simbolt (718) 229-8927 nites or [gms01@hotmail.com](mailto:gms01@hotmail.com)

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

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

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

10AM - 5PM: TCA Museum open house. See Wednesday Museum day activities on <http://nttmuseum.org/>

### NATIONAL TOY TRAIN (TCA) MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

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

**THIS IS A MUST ATTEND EVENT!**

#### **The National Toy Train Museum**

#### **OPEN HOUSE Wednesday, October 21, 2015**

- 10:00 AM Museum opens. Be sure to fill out your ticket for hourly drawings, 10-4, for a prize!
- 10:00 AM Selling the PRR and Reading cars & old Convention Cars. Also, pick up your specially priced Entenmann Hopper Car.
- 11 AM – 1 PM Roger Carp, book signing.
- 1:00 PM Jack Lynch from Bachmann.
- 2:00 PM Mike Wolf from MTH.
- 2:30 PM Ron Gibson from LGB.
- 3:00 PM Refreshments.
- 3:30 PM Lone Star Division - 2016 Convention Preview.
- 4:00 PM Lionel Presentation.
- 5:00 PM Special door prize drawing for kids under 15. Must be present to win.
- 6:00 PM Museum closes.

#### **OPEN ALL DAY— RIDE THE SHUTTLE VAN TO**

**Choo Choo Barn, STRASBURG RR, AND RR MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.**

**(Last Shuttle drop-off is at 5:30, at the Museum.) (Program details subject to change.)**

**Email [mrogers@traincollectors.org](mailto: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.

Directions to the National Toy Train Museum from York Expo Fairgrounds

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

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

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

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

**New Volunteers Welcomed!**

Contact Melody Rogers at NTTM (717)687-8623

Melody Rogers [mrogers@traincollectors.org](mailto:mrogers@traincollectors.org)

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

3PM - 5PM: York Registration in the Silver Hall is open from 3-5 PM

6 PM: 20th Semi-Annual DCS User Group Meeting-6 PM Wyndham Garden (formerly Holiday Inn Holidome) Address is 2000 Loucks Road.

6 PM dinner 7 PM Q&A. 8 PM MTH presentation

Barry Broskowitz:

[broskowitz@computercompetency.com](mailto:broskowitz@computercompetency.com)

6 PM: The Toy Train Paper & Memorabilia Meet. Liberty Fire Company, 160 E 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, York. For more information contact Joe Mania at:

[joe@jlmtrains.com](mailto: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 Orange Hall ticket booth.

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

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

9AM - noon: Load-in/unpacking for Table/Dealer badge holders:  
Orange/Brown/Purple Halls 9 AM -12 Noon

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

10AM - 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 6:00 PM.**

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

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



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

White Hall, Red Hall, Silver and Blue Halls:  
Individual TCA Hobbyists. [White Hall may have layouts. Photos of the layout allowed.]

Orange, Brown and Purple Halls: are TCA member dealers. Orange Hall may have a layout.

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

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.

Food can be obtained on the fairgrounds in several locations.

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

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

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

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

Bruce Greenberg will be presenting:

## **New Discoveries in Lionel Prewar O Gauge**

Friday 4 PM, October 23, 2015  
Orange Hall Meeting Room

**Thurs 4 – 5PM:** 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. Bruce particularly wants to photograph No. 254 locomotives with strap headlights with their original sets. In the new book, Bruce will provide an in depth analysis of Paul Wasserman's 703 prototype. Photography hours: Thursday 4-5, Friday 11-12, Saturday 11-12. For more information, please call Bruce at 703-461-6991 or send him an email at

[brucegreenberg1@gmail.com](mailto:brucegreenberg1@gmail.com). Bruce will be found at his tables in the Orange Hall (Row C, Tables 1-3).

After 4PM: OGR Forum dinner and happy hour at the Quaker Steak and Lube, 1411 Kenneth Rd., York, PA Thursday after 4 PM, PA. Open to everyone.  
[jim@ogaugerr.com](mailto:jim@ogaugerr.com)<[jim@ogaugerr.com](mailto:jim@ogaugerr.com)>

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

FRIDAY:

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

8:30AM-5:00 PM: Registration counter is open from

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:

Thursday: 12 noon -7 PM

Friday: 9AM-7PM

Saturday: 9AM-2:30 PM

9AM - 5PM: Reliance Fire Hall opens

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

10-11 AM: "OO" Gauge Meeting -Orange Hall meeting room. Contact: [flyerlarry@yahoo.com](mailto:flyerlarry@yahoo.com)

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

Food can be obtained on the fairgrounds in several locations.

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12 NOON to 1PM: Ives Train Society General Meeting Orange Hall Meeting Room.

A special Presentation is planned. Be There. Contact Don Lewis: [dorfan@comcast.net](mailto:dorfan@comcast.net)

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

1PM New and unusual items will be photographed for use in the TCA Quarterly, Friday -Blue Hall (near Men’s room) Contact Ron Morris – Blue hall table 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](mailto:ed@ogaugerr.com)

**4PM:** Bruce Greenberg will be presenting:

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Orange Hall Meeting Room

**7 - 8PM: 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.

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/TABLEHOLDERS ONLY

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

**YORK MEET OPEN 9:00 AM -2:00 PM**

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HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT TIME AT YOUR EASTERN DIVISION, TCA,  
YORK MEET!

FUTURE YORK MEET DATES

October 22 - 24, 2015

April 14 - 16, 2016

October 20 - 22, 2016

April 27 - 29, 2017

October 19 - 21, 2017

York Primer Part II below has a Listing of Local interests or try the detailed listing of things to do in and around York 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

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

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 move into the Billy Budd with Rich Dufour. 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 - <http://www.yorkpa.org/restaurants/>. The First Post <http://www.thefirstpostyork.com/> and 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 (ed. added the web sites in blu)

### SPRING YORK 2015

This Yorking 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.

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 shinning 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 neat 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.

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 beeeeg 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)

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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 Bob'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

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 neat 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 advertently 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 caboose 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!!!

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.yorkp.org](http://www.yorkp.org).

Thank you,

Sam

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

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

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

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

Thanks,

***Carol R. McGinnis***

TCA Immediate Past President

6293 Lightpoint Place

Columbia, MD 21045

Cell #410-336-8522

Hi folks,

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

Just let me know if you ( and whoever else might be with you ) will be coming by April 15th and I'll get in touch with the Roosevelt Tavern to have them set aside a table or area big enough to accommodate however many of us there are. I am leaving for the East Coast on the 16th of April (Phillies baseball, Hockey, Opera, Symphony, etc) as I like to make a mini vacation out of going to York.

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

a motel, watching TV all night. I told Christie to find a way back to the hotel after the meeting.

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

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; I would like to request that the Orange hall meeting room be reserved from 11:00AM until Noon on the Friday of the future York

meets for our Association's meeting. York is the only meet throughout the year where members are able to get together.

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

Thanks

John L Niehaus, Secretary/Treasurer

Plasticville Collectors Association

PCA #01-03

TCA #04-57460

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

Please ignore any attachment below this line of text

Hi Clem,

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

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

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

See you in October!

Sam

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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](http://www.padutchcountry.com) a link called Lodging that will lead people to places to stay.

### [National Toy Train Museum](#)

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

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

Tuesday evening came early as the rain and wind storm closed the Holidrome outside meet so smoothie me promised Ms. Sandy a romantic dinner experience. Off we go to try the Moonlight café in Dover. The cafe is in Dover on R74, just north of Mac's Ice Cream Parlor. (R74 is Carlisle Avenue that goes past the York fairgrounds and the Holidrome). The restaurant is on the left between the 2 traffic lights in Dover. The small café is set back off the road. Ms. Sandy thought it was a used car dealer's shack and opined about the potential of non-romanticness. I pressed on in and the place is lovely. 38 seats and very friendly inside. Sandy quaffed two huge carb cakes (sharing a little bit of the huge chunks of meat, but not much of it.) The cakes contain Gouda cheese and apples as well as bread crumbs and crab meat. I had soup and chicken pasta. Best meal we have had in a long time. They open at 11am until 10ish. They are crowded Friday and Saturdays. Cash only. Come early. Did I mention great service? Two cooks labored over the same 4 burner gas stove right in the room with us and the several wait staff made sure the prepared plate never stopped until it was in the proper place in front of its customer. There was not chance of us having desert: too stuffed.

Clem

Moonlight Café  
4010 Carlisle Rd  
Dover, PA 17315

(717) 292-5643

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

[www.yorkpa.org](http://www.yorkpa.org).

[http://www.yorkpa.org/index.asp?act=page&sct\\_id=10](http://www.yorkpa.org/index.asp?act=page&sct_id=10)

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

[www.bluemoonfresh.com](http://www.bluemoonfresh.com)

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

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

*Samantha Schrum Longworth*

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[sam@yorkpa.org](mailto:sam@yorkpa.org)     [www.yorkpa.org](http://www.yorkpa.org)

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

**From:** [Samantha Schrum](#)

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

**To:** [clem.clement@cox.net](mailto: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](http://yorkpa.org/index.asp?act=page&sct_id=10)

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

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

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

[http://yorkpa.org/index.asp?act=page&pag\\_id=16](http://yorkpa.org/index.asp?act=page&pag_id=16)

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

[http://yorkpa.org/index.asp?act=page&pag\\_id=45](http://yorkpa.org/index.asp?act=page&pag_id=45)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 to 15 minutes North of Rte.30 on Rte.74 is Dover Dinner, a new 24 hr. restaurant and going a bit farther up the road, Three Fountains is under new



management. This group has gotten it right, good food at reasonable prices. Ask for their Hag Maw if you wish to sample a local Pennsylvania Dutch gastronomic delight.

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

Friday night will take many of us to the Roosevelt Tavern in downtown YORK, at the corner of Roosevelt and Philadelphia (Rte. 462 W) Streets. On Friday night you WILL need a reservation. We also have a favorite breakfast haunt and that is the Around The Clock Diner, catty-cornered across the street from the Days Inn on Route 30. If you are NOT from Philly and have never tasted SCRAPPLE, here is your chance. You haven't lived until you have eaten Scrapple. Then again, you may not live long after it either. Just don't ask about its ingredients (Everything but the squeal. ed by Clem). One member of the Desert Division simply cannot start his YORK experience without first getting his FIX of SCRAPPLE. More power to him. Hope this helps and can be a culinary addition to your Primer. Don't you think that pretty soon you should apply for a copyright on this "bible?" Looking forward to my 59th YORK MEET since joining the TCA in 1976.--Happy Training and Best Regards, Gordon Wilson, "KING" of the Maple Donut Lovers Club

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

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

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

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

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

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant\\_Review-g53573-d627868-Reviews-Jennie\\_s\\_Diner-Ronks\\_Lancaster\\_County\\_Pennsylvania.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g53573-d627868-Reviews-Jennie_s_Diner-Ronks_Lancaster_County_Pennsylvania.html)laughren

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](http://www.altlandhouse.com)

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

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

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

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

### **York Chow**

Fri Nov 1, 2013 11:34 am (PDT) . Posted by:

"P. J. Heck" [heckinohio@att.net](mailto:heckinohio@att.net)

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

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

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

PJHeck, 73-5817

### **York Chow**

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

"John Warren" lionelskistrains

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

John ('Ski) Warren

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

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

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

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

Pennsylvania countryside excursions. The website for general information is [www.nps.gov/steam](http://www.nps.gov/steam)

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

Andy Dubill  
[adubill@aol.com](mailto:adubill@aol.com)

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

1. The Train Collectors Association is not in charge of "York".
2. "York" is the semiannual swap meet of TCA's Eastern Division.
3. TCA's Eastern Division (organized 1954) comprises most of upstate New York; portions of northeastern and south central Pennsylvania; the District of Columbia; the states of Delaware and Maryland; and portions of Virginia and New Jersey.
4. For most of Eastern Division's history that I know about, their swap meets have been held either in Lancaster PA or York PA. It so happens that both of those cities lie within the territory of TCA's Keystone Division, but those places still seem to be convenient for a majority of Eastern's members.
5. Eastern Division swap meets have become very large and very successful. In recent years, they have attracted most of the major toy train manufacturers and publishers, plus lots of smaller manufacturers and lots of dealers. Because of its size and variety, "York" attracts lots of TCA members from all over the United States and indeed from many other countries. "York" has become so well-attended that several other toy train clubs, including LOTS, have been known to hold their business meetings on the York fairgrounds, simply because a majority of their officers attend the Eastern Division meets.
6. Because of Eastern's great success, many people come to York from far outside the boundaries of TCA's Eastern Division. As outlined in (7) below, they're welcome to attend; however, they may end up spending far more for transportation and lodging than do members who reside within Eastern's geographical region. It's a free country; each person decides for himself whether he can afford a trip to York and whether it's worth the cost. Personally, for me a York trip involves two nights' motel stay and 800+ miles of driving, and I would

LOVE to go if my work schedule would permit it.

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

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

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

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

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

Joseph Lechner

From: Michael and Linda Marmer <[mlmarmer@verizon.net](mailto: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 an independent team with many ex- major leaguers. This is a spring York option.

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

years, has HO but really loves AF over Lionel.

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

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

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

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

Map shows you where New Freedom is.

Mike Marmer

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Clem Clement

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### Clem's York Primer Part III

Family Fun at York:

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**(I recommend you confirm times and details as these are frequently changing.  
Please let me know of any changes you find .Clem)**

A comprehensive listing is archived at [www.Toytrains.info.com](http://www.Toytrains.info.com)

### VISITORS CENTER

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

### YORK COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST (YCHT)

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

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

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

Website: [www.yorkcity.org/visitors/walkingtour/index](http://www.yorkcity.org/visitors/walkingtour/index)

THE MURALS OF YORK

Website: [www.yorkcity.org/econ/murals/index.htm](http://www.yorkcity.org/econ/murals/index.htm)

WEIGHT LIFTING HALL OF FAME

Website: [www.yorkbarbell.com/hallfame/hall00.html](http://www.yorkbarbell.com/hallfame/hall00.html)

POLICE HERITAGE MUSEUM, INC

Website: [www.policeheritagemuseum.com](http://www.policeheritagemuseum.com)

INDIAN STEPS MUSEUM

Website:

[www.pplweb.com/holtwood/things+to+do/indian+steps+museum.htm](http://www.pplweb.com/holtwood/things+to+do/indian+steps+museum.htm)

WATCH AND CLOCK MUSEUM

Website: [www.nawcc.org/museum/museum.htm](http://www.nawcc.org/museum/museum.htm)

HANOVER FIRE MUSEUM

Website:

[www.visitpa.com/visitpa/visitDetails.do?name=Hanover+Fire+Museum](http://www.visitpa.com/visitpa/visitDetails.do?name=Hanover+Fire+Museum)

Address: 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA 17331

Phone: (717)-637-6674

WIRT PARK FIRE STATION MUSEUM

Website: [www.borough.hanover.pa.us/images/hanover/hbfiremuseum.html](http://www.borough.hanover.pa.us/images/hanover/hbfiremuseum.html)

HANOVER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

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

NEAS HOUSE MUSEUM

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

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

STATE PARKS:

Samuel S. Lewis

Website:

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

Gifford Pinchot

Website:

[www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/giffordpinchot.aspx](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/giffordpinchot.aspx)

Codorus

Website: [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/codorus.aspx](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/codorus.aspx)

YORK COUNTY PARKS:

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

YORK COUNTY HERITAGE RAIL TRAIL Note: New  
Web Address

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

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

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

#### PUBLIC GOLF COURSES IN YORK COUNTY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### PERFORMING ARTS CENTERS

Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center

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

Dream Wrights Youth & Family Theatre

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

Eichelberger Performing Arts Center

Website: [www.goepac.com](http://www.goepac.com)

#### FACTORY TOURS

FAMILY HEIR-LOOM WEAVERS

Website: [www.familyheirloomweavers.com/](http://www.familyheirloomweavers.com/)

HARLEY DAVIDSON, Inc.

Website:

[http://www.harleydavidson.com/wcm/Content/Pages/Company/company.jsp?locale=en\\_US](http://www.harleydavidson.com/wcm/Content/Pages/Company/company.jsp?locale=en_US)

NAYLOR WINE CELLARS

Website: [www.naylorwine.com](http://www.naylorwine.com)

PERRYDELL FARM DAIRY

Address: 90 Indian Rock Dam Rd. York, PA

For details, call (717) 741-3485 and ask for Diane.

SEVEN VALLEYS VINEYARD AND WINERY

Website: [www.sevenvalleys.com](http://www.sevenvalleys.com)

NEW: For more on York, virtual tours, architectural styles tutorial, history, area information, visitor information, local links, prints, and more. Check out Virtual York at: <http://www.yorklinks.net/>

## 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.

Family Heir-Loom Weavers Inc. Factory Tour & Outlet  
775 Meadowview Drive, Red Lion  
Telephone: (717) 246-2431  
Website: [www.familyheirloomweavers.com](http://www.familyheirloomweavers.com)

Naylor Wine Cellars Inc.  
4069 Vineyard Road, Stewartstown, PA  
Telephone: (800) 292-3370  
Website: [www.naylorwine.com](http://www.naylorwine.com)

Perrydell Farm Dairy Outlet  
90 Indian Rock Dam Road, York  
Telephone: (717) 741-3485

Pewtarex Factory Outlet Store  
722 West Market Street, York  
Telephone: (800) 358-3997  
Website: [www.pewtarex.com](http://www.pewtarex.com)

Snyder's of Hanover Factory Outlet  
1350 York Street (Route 116), Hanover  
Telephone: (800) 233-7125  
Website: [www.snydersofhanover.com](http://www.snydersofhanover.com)

Stauffer's Cookie Outlet  
Belmont and Sixth Avenue, York  
Telephone: (800) 673-2473  
Website: [www.stauffercookie.com](http://www.stauffercookie.com)

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

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

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

York Wallcoverings Home Design Center  
201 Carlisle Avenue, York  
Telephone: (717) 854-4285  
Website: [www.yorkwall.com](http://www.yorkwall.com)  
NOTE: York Wallcoverings carries train related wall paper.

To find the detailed listing go to Toytrains.info.com at:

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



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