

Clem's York Primer- SPRING 2009

The Primer is a composite of the personal experiences and views of several attendees and is designed to enrich Eastern Division, TCA's York Week

experience. It is not sponsored by any organization/ business/company nor does it sell or promote a particular product. 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 will highlight 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 included 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.

YORK TRAIN MEET MADE EASY

EASTERN DIVISION'S YORK MEET IS APRIL 23, 24 & 25, 2009. York Fairgrounds 334 Carlisle Ave, York PA, 17404

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

**MUSEUM APPRECIATION DAY OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY
APRIL 22, 2009.**

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 in the Primer and on the TCA web site. Please plan to attend and enjoy the Museum's special presentations and displays.

Overview of the Eastern Division York Meet

NOTE: THE EASTERN DIVISION MEET NOTICE IS THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FOR GUIDANCE REGARDING THE YORK TRAIN MEET. READ IT THOROUGHLY AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE MEET.

Meet notices are located on the Eastern Division web site:

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

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(Toyota),Brown(JS Smith Ctr.)& Purple(Heritage)}

Set-up ONLY: Dealer Badge Required

Wed ...9:00 am - 7:00 pm

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

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

OPEN to all attendees

Thurs 12:00 noon - 7:00 pm

Fri 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sat 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Member Halls- White(Horticultural), 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 - 5:30 pm

Fri....9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Sat....9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Black Hall(Pennsylvania Room): Running

Layouts during Member

Hall Open times.

Registration Hours:

Wed.....3:00P.M.-5P.M.

Thurs/Fri.8:30A.M.-5:30P.M.

Sat.....8:30A.M.-2:00P.M.

Sat.. Dealer Preregistration ONLY Orange Hall. Listen for announcements for times.

Kids Korner (Parents/guardian must remain with child)

Thurs. . 12 Noon-4:00 PM

Fri. . . 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

Sat. . . 9:00 A.M.-12 Noon

General Meet Rules include:

Badges must be worn at all times. Reprints are \$5 each.

If you sleep on the fairgrounds must pay the \$40 RV fee. This is a York Expo Center liability requirement.

RV's, campers, self -contained vehicles permitted on the grounds Wednesday 9 A.M.-- Saturday 6 PM. See detail rules in Registration Packet.

No buying selling or trading permitted

during setup.

No Alcohol allowed on the fairgrounds

No Strollers permitted in halls

No Smoking permitted in halls

No Photography permitted in halls

No Cell phone use permitted in halls. Step outside the hall to talk.

GENERAL INFORMATION/AVAILABLE

SERVICES/ACTIVITIES

1. The York meet is THREE wonderful days on the York Fairgrounds.

2. Pre-Register if you can. The money is nonrefundable but general admission is inexpensive and can eliminate any waiting in registration lines.

3. Guests can be registered in advance, but must show a picture ID and pick up their badges in person at the registration desk. Guest badges are NOT mailed.

4. Guests can attend York only once. Bring a train friend to York and sign 'em up for TCA. A guest can join TCA on the spot at York. Certainly one signature is the sponsor and the second signature can be obtained easily from a member friend. The new member is probationary for a year, but that doesn't restrict them from attending any meets including this York Meet.

5. The TCA National Business Office has several tables near the registration counter staffed to assist with membership issues. Operations Manager, John Luppino, Director of Development, Jane Boyce and other staff members are available to assist you. The museum gift store booths have been moved to

near the registration counter in the Silver Hall.

6. Bring your meet notice with you as reference. The map of the fairgrounds is on the back of the notice.

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. A large poster with a hall chart and list of table holders is scheduled to be at the entrance of each hall.

9. Dealers: Advanced registration for the next York will be available in the Orange Hall Saturday. Listen to announcements for the times.

10. Volunteers are welcomed and needed. Wednesday at 1:00 PM there will be a briefing in the Blue Hall outside of the Hall Restaurant. The York meet requires a huge number of members to make it happen. Contact our Volunteer Committee Chairman, John Zobel, jzobel@verizon.net or 716-662-7760 to volunteer.

11. KIDS KORNER @ TCA YORK—

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. Pete and Mary Jackson are managing Kids Korner. 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. We do ask that you not leave your kids unattended, this is not daycare. I have found in my experiences, that the adult that who gets down flat with the kids, 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 to continue making this activity a success.

Snack donators are: Glenda Heffner; Stauffer Biscuit Company; 375 South Belmont Street, York, PA 17403 and Willa Lau or Megan Wertz Snyder's of Hanover; 1250 York Street, Hanover, PA 17331)

WB&A, the very active Chapter of Eastern Division, conducts two open meets per year in the Baltimore/Washington area, as well as two "members only" mini meets.

<<http://www.wbachaptertca.org/index.html>>

12. UPS has a booth in the Lobby entranceway to the Blue/Silver halls to accept, wrap and mail trains. It is **Open Friday 12-4P.M.** and **Saturday 10-2P.M.** For incoming parcel receiving service, as well as outgoing service store3038@theupsstore.com. Remember Uncle Clem's secret plan: Mail your expensive goodies to your office so that when you report to your significant other,

you have no evidence of your wise investments.

13. WHEELCHAIR/SCOOTER RENTALS: contact Dave Bubernack, D&R Mobility - 570-648-7418 for reservations or questions. He will setup again on the Fairgrounds at the Fire Station. I suggest you reserve early.

14. TCA GROUPS: MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY:

Eastern Division BOD Meeting: 12 Noon
Orange Hall

WEDNESDAY:

TCA Museum open house 10:am till 6:pm. See Wednesday Day activities below.

The Toy Train Paper & Memorabilia Meet -
6 P.M. Liberty Fire Company, 160 E 8th
Avenue, York. For more information
contact Joe Mania at joe@jlmtrains.com

THURSDAY

Plasticville Collectors Breakfast (PCA)-7:30
A.M. Alexander's Restaurant, 840 Carlisle
St., York

Standards Committee Meeting-9 A.M. Orange
Hall. Bylaws Revision Committee information
meeting, 9am-11am, Orange Hall Conference
Room (In the promenade just inside the main
entrance doors from the outside. Actually
behind a ticket office)

Wood Toy Train Collectors, 1030-11:30 AM,
blue hall atrium

National Kids Club Committee -2 P.M.
Orange Hall

Ives Train Society BOD Meeting -5:30P.M.
Orange Hall

Marx Show & Tell 7 P.M. Liberty Fire

Company, 160 East 8th Ave York
"Flyer Nut" Meeting. 8:30 PM Reliance
Fire Hall, 1341 W market St, York

FRIDAY:

TTML Breakfast -7:30A.M. Fairgrounds
restaurant

Plasticville Collectors Assoc (PCA)-Noon
Fairgrounds Restaurant.

Ives Train Society General Meeting NOON to
1P.M. Orange Hall

National Convention Guidelines -2 P.M
Orange Hall

"0" Scale Meeting - 2 P.M. White Hall

"00" Gauge Meeting - 10:-12 noon Orange
Hall

FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL - 7-8 P.M. ORANGE
HALL

SATURDAY:

TTML Breakfast- 7:30A.M. Fairgrounds
Restaurant

Free Coffee and Maple Donuts - 7:30-
8:30A.M Orange Hall

Eastern Division General Membership-
8A.M.Orange Hall

15. SHOPPING OPTIONS FROM THE YORK MEET

The shuttle bus to the local mall leaves
from in front the Blue Hall every hour

Thursday 12-4PM. Friday every hour

from 10AM-4PM. \$1.00 each way, exact change
only.

Shopping II - Bus trip to Lancaster area

Outlet Mall Friday 10A.M. Returns 4P.M. Mark
Reservation Box on Meet Registration Card.

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

16. FAIRGROUNDS INFORMATION:

Emergency Phone Number during Meet 717-848-2596

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

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 707-848-2596.

Rest rooms open only during meet hours are inside the Blue, White, and Brown halls, the inside lobby between the Blue and Silver Halls, east outside area of the Red Hall, 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. (Note: The map on the reg package does not show the bathrooms between the Blue and Silver Halls or the huge rest room near the EMT (First Aid) building. Bruce)

17. RV ACCOMODATIONS

Fairgrounds RV Accommodations **Open 9:00 AM Wednesday till Saturday 6:00 P.M.**

Enter from the back side of the fairgrounds through Gate 6, Highland Ave.

Dave Goodhart will help you park. 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.

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 during the meet for your convenience. Contact them if you have accommodation issues or questions. The staff is most helpful.

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

From the North/Northeast:

"New York via the New Jersey Turnpike, south
to Exit 6, the PA Turnpike extension
(276) which becomes the PA Pike, (76).

The exit is #21, Route 222, which takes you
south and west to Route 30. Continue West on
R30. You can pick up Clem's directions from
there." (Chris Zizzo)

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 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. We
already have 50 riders so it should be a
good turn out! The stops are still Commack,
West Babylon, & Hicksville on Long Island
along with the Bronx & Flushing NY and
finally Woodbridge NJ. The cost has risen
to \$75 but it still includes supper at the

Old Country Buffet. We still stop at Alexanders for breakfast but it is not included in the fare! For more info I can be reached at 631 874 6834 or via email. Lenny Joerg [sljoerg@optonline.net]

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:

AVOID the traffic on Wednesday, come to NTTM in Strasburg. Loads of free parking on 5 lots, free shuttle bus ride. Jim Lyle Watch your speed, roads are heavily patrolled. Remember Pennsy's law - Lights on in all ACTIVE construction zones. Fines are doubled in construction zones. PENNDOT is fast-tracking rebuilding Rt 30 from Rt 24-Mt Zion Rd to Rt 83. Plans were already in the pipeline, accelerated by "Stimulus Package". Not sure if will be an issue next month, WILL be in October. Jim Lyle

Traffic at the Carlisle Gate 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.

York weather

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

22. ACCOMODATIONS

The York County Convention & Visitors Bureau (YCCVB) is the official tourism promotion agency for York County. The organization's website, www.Yorkpa.org or call 1-888-858-9675, or 717-852-9675, <www.yorkchamber.com> Nearby Lancaster County Visitor's Bureau can be reached at 1-800-723-8824 or

www.padutchcountry.com.

RV accommodations non-meet days.

Indian Rock Campground, just outside of town to the south and west. They run a reasonable rate a night, with electric and water; including decent shower facilities. Contact them at indianroc@aol.com.

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

717) 792-9612. <www.benfranklinRVPark.com>

The best place to camp is the Gifford Pinchot State Park Which is located on Rt 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

23. NON TCA SPONSORED TRAIN SHOWS DURING

YORK WEEK

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

The old Billy Budd is now The Studio Lodge. (It is rumored to become a Ramada on April 1, 2009.) PH. 717-845-5671. It is located at the confluence of Route 30 and Interstate 83 (334 Arsenal Road.) (The cute little homes across the street have been torn down.) Contact Rich Dedufour or Kenny Post for table info.

Best Western Motel just off of Route 30 (1415 Kenneth Road). (717) 7676931

<http://www.bestwestern.com>

Holiday Inn Holidome at West Manchester Mall north of Route 30 on Carlisle Road (1400 Loucks Road.) Phone: 717-846-9500).

The Reliance Fire Hall (West York FD) on 1341 West Market Street. Contact Fred @ 888-494-5821 or Barry @ 717-424-1308 for tables. Springettsbury Fire Co., 3013 E Market St., York. Contact Fred @ 888-494-5821 or Barry @ 717-424-1308 for tables.

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

The Hotel at the confluence of Route 30 and I-83 is known as the Studio Lodge (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 Studio Lodge 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 Studio Lodge, if you go back West on

Route 30, under I83, 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 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 Holidome. You can also reach the Holidome 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 Holiday Inn back driveway. The train meet is held in part of the parking lot that surrounds the Holidome 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 Springettsbury Fire Hall, 3013 E Market St., York. (It is east of I83, so you could also get on R30E to I83S to E Market St.) I hear it is nearly sold out and has Lionel parts available.

If you exit the Holidome 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 all 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. Railroads Authentic and historic Red Lion Train Station. The "0" Gauge Model Railroad layout will be on view Tues., Wed., & Thurs., April 21, 22, 23, 2009 from 6PM-9PM

each evening. The train station is located at 73 N. Main Street, Red Lion, PA I 7356 PA Route 24, (½ 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>>

DAY BY DAY SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES:

MONDAY:

The Studio Lodge (Former Billy Budd) opens on Monday The Holidome sets up on Monday.

The Reliance and Springettsbury Fire Halls open 9-6pm. I dunno about the Best Western.

TUESDAY:

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

At the Studio Lodge (Former Billy Budd,) the hotel rooms may be full of wondrous trains and some dealing is done as early as Sunday. Police issue tickets if you park dumb.

Hours: 7-5ish

The Best Western (OUTSIDE ONLY) is in full swing during the day.

The Reliance and Springettsbury Fire Halls Open 9-6 P.M.

WEDNESDAY:

YORK MEET DEALER SET UP: Orange, Brown and Purple Halls 9:00 AM-7:00 PM. Dealer badges required. Registration is open from 3-5P.M. The Studio Lodge (Former Billy Budd) opens around 7:00 AM.,

The Holiday parking lot trading area opens around 7:00 AM till? The inside opens around 7:30 AM.

The Best Western Motel shows open Wed. 8:00 AM till?

The Reliance and Springettsbury Fire Halls are open 9-6 pm.

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

**NATIONAL TOY TRAIN (TCA) MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE
10 A.M.-6 P.M.**

The Museum is in nearby Strasburg, Pa. It is an excellent full day of special activities. See the recent HQ TCA

Newsletter; York Meet Notice, or the TCA web site for current details.

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

THIS IS A MUST SEE EVENT!

10:00 a.m. Museum Opens ~ WELCOME!

Sale of deaccession items, excess train boxes, well-used rolling stock - at very reasonable prices!

10:00 a.m.-2.00 p.m. Signings also by John Holtmann (Digital Archives CD's and Ralph Ofchinick (his repair book). John W. Schmid and Robert J. Osterhoff.

11:00 a.m. Children's Door Prize Drawing

12:00 Noon Manufacturer's Fair with **Atlas-O, Weaver, ROSS Custom Switches, Bachman/Williams, S-Helper.**

2:00 p.m. Mike Wolf from **MTH** will present new products

3:00 p.m. Refreshments

4:00 p.m. **Lionel** will present new products

5:00 p.m. Special Door Prize Drawing for kids under age 15 - Must be present to win

6:00 p.m. Museum Closes ~ Thanks for stopping by!

SCHEDULE TENTATIVE

For latest Open House Schedule, visit www.nttmuseum.org

Door Prize Drawings throughout the day.

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.

Shuttle Service to and from satellite parking at the Strasburg Railroad, Choo Choo Barn and Railroad

Museum of PA(East Lot) runs approximately every 15 minutes. Parking also available at Red Caboose Motel Main Lot. NO PARKING at cabooses. Breakfast available at Red Caboose, lunch available at ChooChoo Barn (Isaac's), Strasburg Railroad (Dining Car Restaurant) and the Red Caboose. Parking Crew will be on site at Red Caboose and NTTM. Signs will be posted at all locations. 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 Welcome!

Charlie Hirschmann-Chairman, Education & Museum

Committee, NTTM (717) 299-4245

chirschmannpr@paonline.com

(I have eaten at TBurkes twice and loved it. It is not far from the TCA museum and Library. On route 340 in Smoketown. So Wednesday, enjoy the NTTM and ease over to TBurkes for some good evening eatin. Clem)

York Registration open 3:PM-5:PM

THURSDAY:

EASTERN DIVISION YORK MEET OPENS AT NOON ON

THE FAIRGROUNDS. MEMBER HALLS 12 NOON TIL

5:30PM. DEALER HALLS 12 NOON TILL 7:00PM.

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 (See the map on the back of your York Meet Notice)

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

Orange, Brown and Purple Halls: are TCA member dealers

Black Hall: Independent Hirailers Layouts

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

Lunch 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.

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

Orange/Brown/Purple Halls 9 AM-12 Noon

Blue/Silver/Red/White Halls 10:00 AM-12:00

Noon.

Registration open 8:30AM-5:30PM

TCA NATIONAL BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEE

INFORMATION MEETING THURSDAY 9-11 AM, ORANGE

HALL CONFERENCE ROOM CONTACT BOB HAZLETT

RCHAZLETT@HUGES.NET OR 304-242-4262. This is

a "Town Meeting" for members to ask questions/offer comments about the draft new Bylaws. Don't miss this opportunity.

TCA Standards Committee Meeting: 9:00 AM

Orange Hall

Thursday evening "Flyernut" gathering. 8:30 PM

at the Reliance fire hall, 1341 W market St, York.

FRIDAY:

YORK MEET **ALL HALLS OPEN AT 9 AM.** Member halls close at 5:30P.M. Dealer Halls close at 7P.M.

Table/booth holders all halls: Loadin/unpack 8-9A.M.

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

The TCA Internet discussion Group (TTML) meets for breakfast on the fairgrounds at 7:30AM - 9A.M. Fairgrounds restaurant. Sign up for breakfast:

http://www.toytrains.info/york_signup

YORK HALLS: Map on the back of Registration package

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

Orange, Brown and Purple Halls: TCA member dealers

Black Hall: Independent Hirailers layouts
Lunch can be obtained on the fairgrounds in several locations.

The SGMA will have its spring meeting April 24th at 1100 am in the restaurant between the Black and Red Halls on the York Fairgrounds. All are welcome, you do not

have to be a member of the TCA to attend this meeting. We hope to have a surprise guest with a fabulous new never-before-seen Standard Gauge accessory!

Kirk Lindvig [kirklindvig@mac.com]

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

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

SATURDAY:

Free Coffee and Maple Donuts 7:30-8:30A.M. Orange Hall promenade.

The Eastern Division General Membership Meeting is at 8AM in the Orange Hall Promenade.

LOADIN/SET UP 8-9A.M. BOOTH/TABLEHOLDERS ONLY
Registration desk open 8:30A.M.-2P.M.

YORK MEET OPEN 9:00-2:00 PM

Dealer's preregistration for the next meet Orange Hall. Listen for announcements.

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

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

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

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:

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.

Contact the York County Convention & Visitors Bureau for Bed & Breakfast referrals or any accommodation issues. Call 1-888- 858-YORK or <http://www.yorkkpa.org/> For Lancaster County. Dialing 1-800-PADUTCH (1-800-723-8824) will connect to a "Lodging Hotline" or the visitor's Bureau website, www.padutchcountry.com a link called Lodging that will lead people to places to stay.

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

The York County VB has an excellent list of restaurants.

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

"Chapps on the Hill has been around for several years. It's located on Queen Street (Rt 74) - heading from the city south on 74 you pass several doctor's offices and a ski shop and Chapps will be on your left hand side - it sort of sits on a little hill.

717-846-5265. A group really enjoys its annual trek to the Railroad House Inn in Marietta. The building is now a bed and breakfast with a wonderful sense of history attached. The food is quite excellent, and the ambiance is wonderful. 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. Tuesday night tradition...soft shell crabs at the Paddock Bar." (Paul Wassermann MD)

An all you can eat place called Aroma opened in East York next to Sam's Club. (The old York Mall) its Americanized oriental food that's very good. Isaac's has great sandwiches. 2159 White Street. Ste A101.

Ph.717 854-2292 or www.isaacsdeli.com.

Comb's has a great prime rib and is always full of TCAers(Ph.717-854-8146). 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/>

A Memphis Blues went in at Commerce Center, (Rt.74 at the light at Blockbuster.)

10 to 15 minutes North of Rt.30 on Rt.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 also opened late last year. They're an upscale Irish-American pub and restaurant. (Tina Smith)

"The Desert Division members who attend YORK have many of the restaurants "scoped" out. We have a regular routine we follow. On Tuesday night we go to The Paddock, a local tavern with some of the best Soft Shell Crabs you will ever taste. It is on Market Street, just east of Route 24 or Mt. Zion Road.

Thursday Night is very often to the East of the Susquehanna River in Marietta. The place is called the Railroad House and it is also a wonderful Bed & Breakfast. It dates back to Colonial Times when it was a Stage Coach stop on the road between Philly and Harrisburg. Everything on the menu is great and the service is equally good. It is, however, a little pricey, but the quality of the food is well worth it. 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 Studio Lodge 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 it's ingredients. 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 run specials. 1063 N George St.
<http://www.yorkchef.com/> 717 846-5000.

Bill Mack's Ice Cream Shoppes are super. Located on Route 74 nearly 4 miles north of the Holidrome in Dover, PA. Worth the trip for a cone of French vanilla or what ever 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. 731 S. Queen Street
York PA 17403

4.1305 Mount Rose Ave.
York PA 17403

5. 1938 W. Market Street
York PA 17404 (Go right out of the gate)

Late restaurant info:

Accomac Inn www.accomacinn.com

Altland House Abbottstown

www.altlandhouse.com

Serenity-Station at Seven Valleys Restaurant
& Day Spa www.serenity-station.com

The Blue Moon ph.717-854-6664

<http://bluemoonfresh.com>

The Commonwealth Room - AAA 4 Diamond
Restaurant www.yorktowne.com

Windows Restaurant at Heritage Hills Golf
Resort www.hhgr.com

~Tina

Moonlight Cafe. 717 292-5643. 4140 South
Main St.,Dover.

Go up Rt.74 'bout a mile past Macks 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

I have eaten at TBurkes twice and loved it.
It is not far from the TCA museum and
Library. On route 340 in Smoketown. So
Wednesday, enjoy the NTTM and ease over to
TBurkes for some good evening eatin. Clem

Clem Clement
clem.clement@cox.net

Clem's York Primer Part III

Family Fun at York:

This listing, up-dated as of
March 12,2006 From Scott Arber
toytrain@yahoo.com. (I recommend you confirm
times and details as these are frequently
changing. Clem)

This is again a "Cliff Notes" edition.

- A comprehensive listing is archived at
Toytrains.info.com.

I deleted any extraneous information and
included
their website instead. For those who did not
have a
website or those URL's that didn't work,
(I.E. York
county Parks), I left addresses and
telephone numbers.

There have been changes to Website
Addresses, Golf
Courses and Factory Tours. Most notably, the
deletion
of the Pfaltzgraff Pottery Factory Tour With
the sale
of the brand name its Thomasville factory
has been
closed.

NEW TO THIS EDITION is Authentic Shopping
Outlets

These are outlets owned and run by the

factories. Not "Outlets" that owned by a third party that licenses the name. Most are located at the factories themselves.

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 \$6.00,

Senior Citizens, College Students & Children over 12

years old \$5.00, 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.htm

THE MURALS OF YORK

Website:

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

WORKER'S HOUSE MUSEUM

Address: 470 E. Market St.

Phone: 717-852-7007.

WEIGHT LIFTING HALL OF FAME

Website:

www.yorkbarbell.com/hallfame/hall100.html

POLICE HERITAGE MUSEUM, INC

Website: www.policeheritagemuseum.com

INDIAN STEPS MUSEUM

Website:

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

WATCH AND CLOCK MUSEUM

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

HANOVER FIRE MUSEUM

Website:

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

Address: 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA
17331

Phone: 717-637-6674

WIRT PARK FIRE STATION MUSEUM

Website:

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

HANOVER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Address: 105 High St., Hanover

Phone: (717) 632-3207.

NEAS HOUSE MUSEUM

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

Address: 113 W. Chestnut St. Hanover

Phone: (717) 632-3207

STATE PARKS:

Samuel S. Lewis

Website:

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

Gifford Pinchot

Website:

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

Codorus

Website:

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

YORK COUNTY PARKS:

Rocky Ridge -- From Route 30 bypass, take Mount Zion

Road exit. Follow Route 24 North (Mount Zion Road). At

top of hill turn right on Deininger Road.

Follow road

back to park.

William H. Kain Park -- From York, follow South George

Street (extended) to Jacobus. For Lake Redman area,

turn left on Church Street and go 0.6 miles to main

parking area. For Lake Williams area, turn right on

Water Street and go 0.5 miles to main parking area.

Richard M. Nixon Park -- From York, follow South

George Street (extended) through Jacobus to

Valley

Road. Turn right. Follow road 0.8 miles to bottom of hill. Turn right at park sign. At stop sign, turn left and follow road into park.

John Rudy Park -- From Route 30, follow Sherman Street

North three miles to Mundis Race Road. Turn left. Park is 0.6 miles on the right.

Apollo -- From Route 74 south of Red Lion, take

Burkholder Road east to New Bridgeville.

Take Route

425 east. Turn left at Boyd Road. Parking lot is at the end of the road.

Spring Valley Park -- Follow Interstate 83 to Glen

Rock exit. Turn left on Route 216. Go 0.1 mile and

turn right at Potosi Road. Travel another 2.1 miles to

Crest Road and to the entrance of the park's Animal

Activity Center. To find the Fish for Fun pond, stay

on Potosi Road going past Crest Road until Line Road

then turn right. To enter the park from its northern

access, continue from Glen Rock exit on Route 216. Go

2.9 miles and turn right on Line Road.

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

YORK COUNTY HERITAGE RAIL TRAIL Note: New Web Address <http://ycwebserver.yorkcounty.org/Parks/RailTrail.htm>
<<http://www.yorkcounty.org/gov/Parks/RailTrail.htm>>

The trail has two distinct styles of milepost markers:

large white posts with black lettering are historical

markers used by the Northern Central Railroad, and

more numerous green posts with white lettering. These

posts indicate actual mileage from the origin of the

Northern Central Railroad, the Baltimore, MD station.

Trail Distances from the Maryland Line. The park is

open year round, 8 am until dusk, and is patrolled by

York County Parks Rangers. Park regulations are posted

at each parking lot. The Museums are open May thru

October.

Three additional historic structures are on the trail:

Hanover Junction, New Freedom train stations and

Howard Tunnel, oldest continuously operated railroad

tunnel in nation.

The new web address listed above has links to the

structures, directions to the various parking lots,

maps, and regulations. Please check it out.

PUBLIC GOLF COURSES IN YORK COUNTY

Briarwood and Briarwood West Golf Club -- 4775 W.

Market St., York; 792-9776 or 792-5016.

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

840-4815

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

Grandview Golf Club -- 2779 Carlisle Ave., York;

764-2674.

Heritage Hills Golf Resort -- 2700 Mount Rose Ave.,

York, 755-4653.

Hickory Heights Golf Course -- RD 1 Lehman Road,

Spring Grove, 225-4247.

Honey Run Golf Course and Country Club -- 3131 S.

Salem Church Road, York, 792-9771.

Little Creek Golf Course -- Spring Grove RD 1,

225-1702.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eichelberger Performing Arts Center
Website: www.goepac.com

FACTORY TOURS

FAMILY HEIR-LOOM WEAVERS

Website: www.familyheirloomweavers.com/

HARLEY DAVIDSON, Inc.

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

< HOPE ACRES FULLY ROBOTIC DAIRY FARM

Website: www.hopeacres.com

NAYLOR WINE CELLARS

Website: www.naylorwine.com

PERRYDELL FARM DAIRY

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

SEVEN VALLEYS VINEYARD AND WINERY

Website: www.sevenvalleys.com

SNYDERS OF HANOVER

Website:

www.snydersofhanover.com/Pages/Other/facstore-hanover.html

UTZ SNACKS

861 Carlisle Street

Hanover, PA

717-637-6644

A self guided tour: Monday - Thursday 9am-4pm

Website: www.utzsnacks.com

WOLFGANG CANDY COMPANY

Website: www.wolfgangcandy.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 "Outlets" that 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

Naylor Wine Cellars Inc.
4069 Vineyard Road, Stewartstown, PA
Telephone: 800-292-3370

Website: www.naylorwine.com

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

Pewtarex Factory Outlet Store
722 West Market Street, York
Telephone: 800-358-3997

Website: www.pewtarex.com

Snyder's of Hanover Factory Outlet
1350 York Street (Route 116), Hanover
Telephone: 800-233-7125

Website: www.snydersofhanover.com

Stauffer's Cookie Outlet
Belmont and Sixth Avenue, York
Telephone: 800-673-2473

Website: www.stauffercookie.com

Susquehanna Glass Factory Outlet
731 Avenue H, Columbia, PA
Telephone: 800-592-3646

Website: www.theglassfactory.com

Utz Quality Foods Factory Store
861 Carlisle Street, Hanover
Telephone: 717-637-6644

Website: www.utzsnacks.com

Wolfgang Candy - Outlet
50 East Fourth Avenue, York
Telephone: 800-248-4273

Website: www.wolfgangcandy.com

York Wallcoverings Home Design Center
201 Carlisle Avenue, York
Telephone: 717-854-4285

Website: 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>

