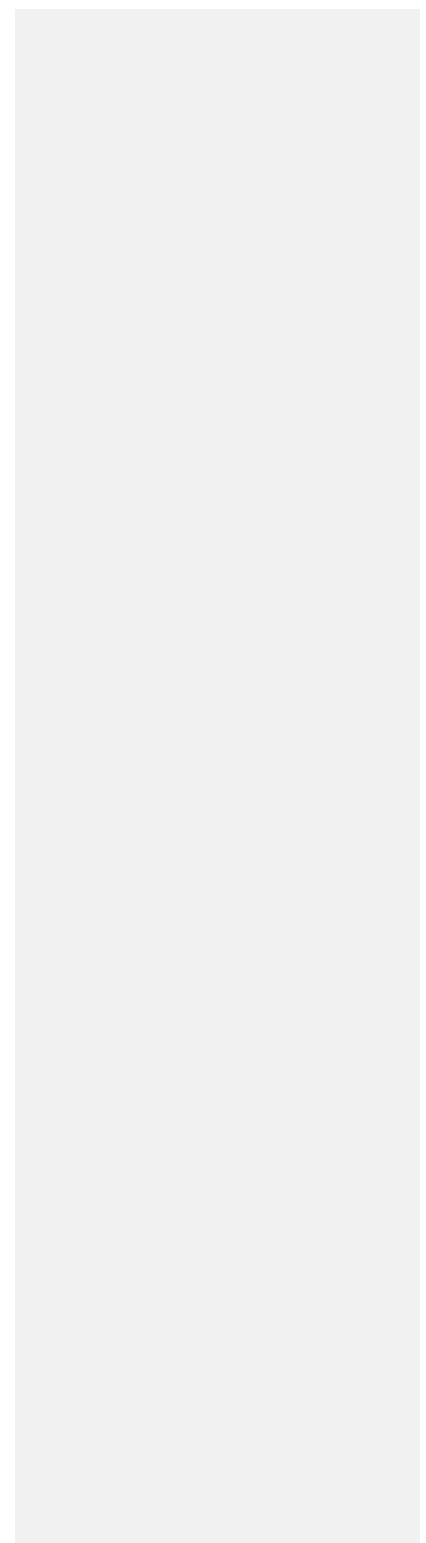


Clem's York Primer- Fall 2011

By Richard B. "Clem" Clement



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

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YORK TRAIN MEET MADE EASY

EASTERN DIVISION'S YORK MEET IS OCTOBER 13, 14,15,2011.
York Fairgrounds 334 Carlisle
Ave, York PA, 17404

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

<http://www.tcamembers.org/newsandevents/york.htm>

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 in the Primer and on the TCA web [site](#).

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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): Modular Operating Layout. Open during meet hours.

Registration Hours:

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

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

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

Sat.. Dealer Pre-registration ONLY Orange Hall. Listen for announcements for times.

Kids Korner (Parents/guardian must remain with child)

Thurs. . 12:00 Noon-4:00 PM

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

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

General Meet Rules include:

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

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.

No Vehicles in the halls.

No private golf carts permitted on the Fairgrounds without a certificate of proof of one million dollars liability insurance.

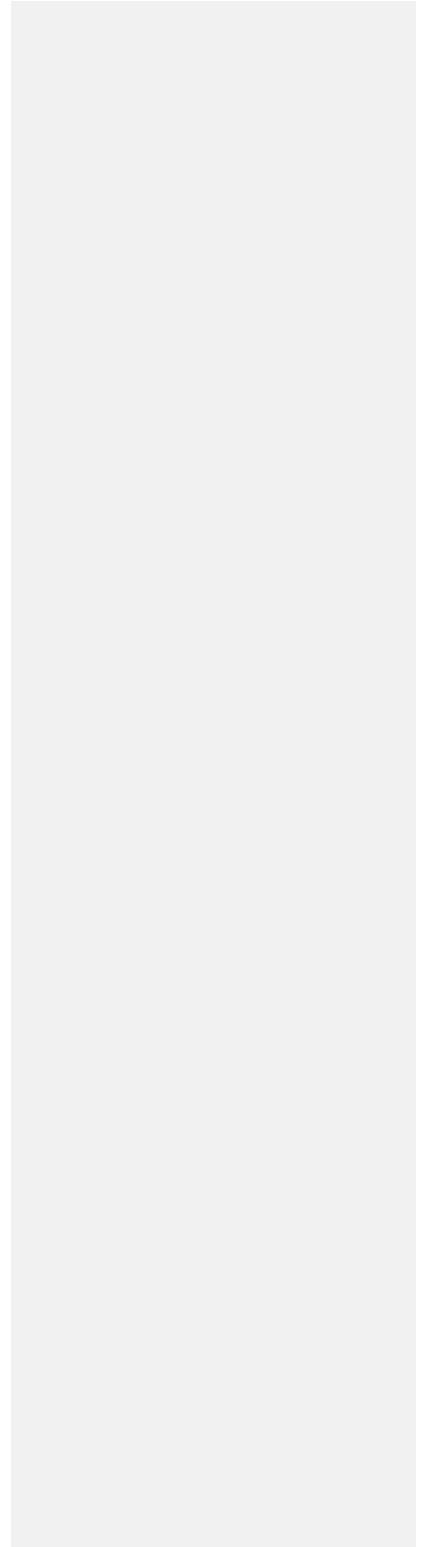
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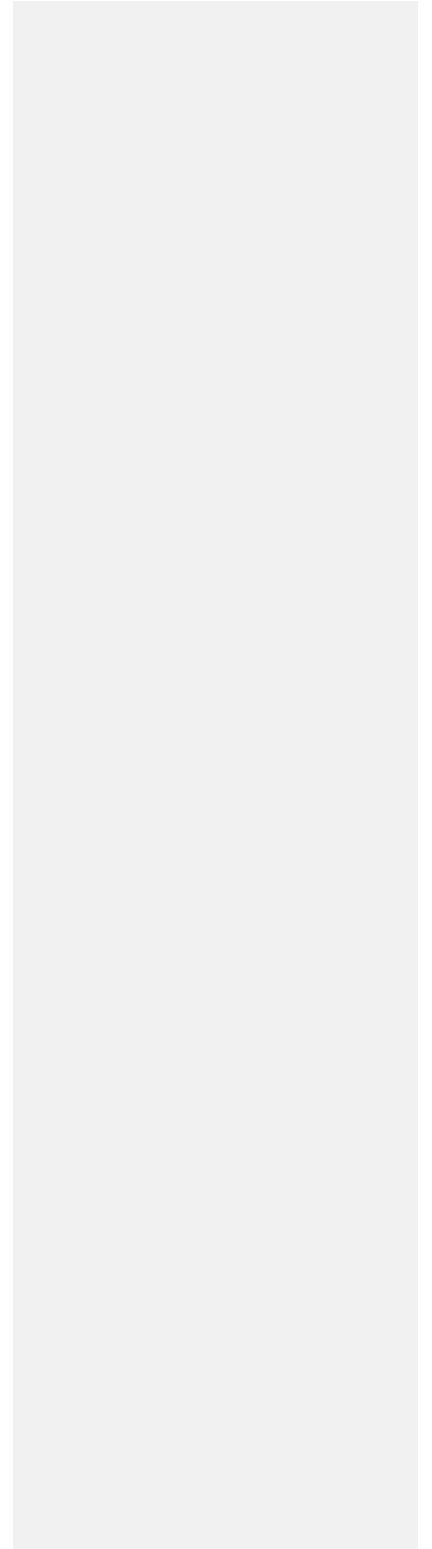




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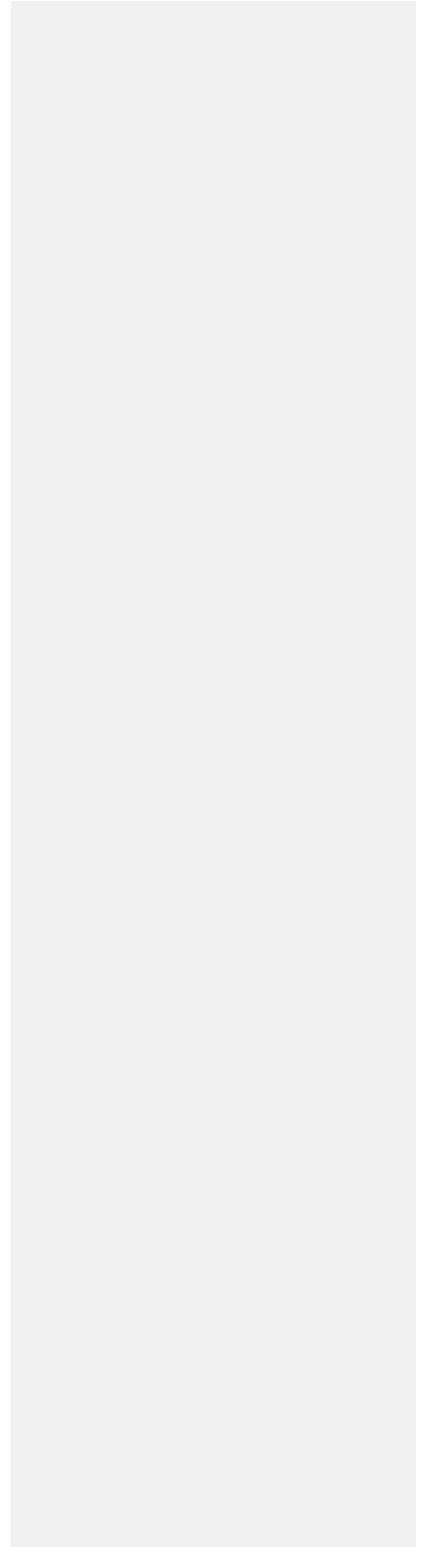
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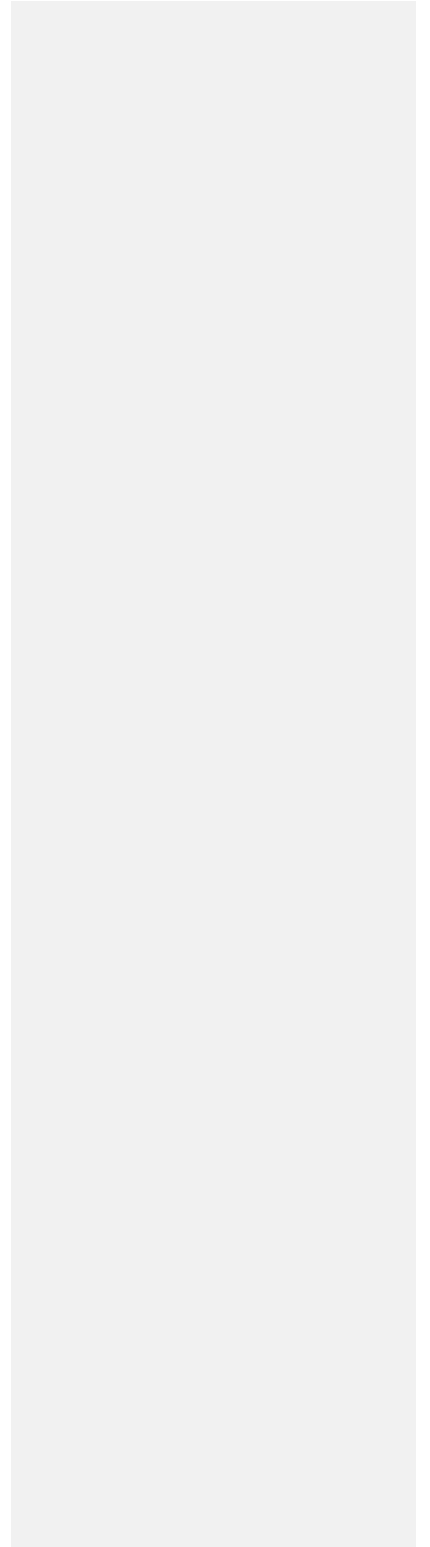




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GENERAL INFORMATION/AVAILABLE
SERVICES/ACTIVITIES

1. Note the announcement rules have changed. Now the meet Chairman or Registrar must approve every announcement over the PA system. Thus no more announcements such as: "Clem, return to your table. You have a customer for that \$238,954,192,846.48 Marx loco." Or "Smitty", meet us at the bar." Very few calls are allowed. Plan ahead and collect cell phone #. Callers/receivers in the halls should set their phones to vibrate and then hustle outside to take the call or use Blackberries.

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

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

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. The TCA National Business Office has several tables at/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 are near the registration counter in the Silver Hall.

The latest 2012 TCA Calendar which make such great gifts for train lovers.....only \$14.95 each.

7. Bring your meet notice with you as reference. The map of the fairgrounds **is in the notice.**

8. Member halls close earlier than dealer halls to allow member table holders the opportunity to shop with our dealer members.

9. Hall floor plans will be available from Hall Captains and will be at the Registration Desk or online.

A large poster with a hall chart and list of table holders will be at the entrance of each hall. Hall plans are available on the Eastern Division web site as well.

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

(scroll down to the Hall Charts for October 2011 York Meet for Purple, Orange and Brown Halls)

10. Signed Book Opportunity

Classic Toy Trains Senior Editor Roger Carp will join us to sign "Lionel's Showroom Layouts", a special publication published by Classic Toy Trains and priced at \$9.95. Roger will join us for our Fall Open House on Wednesday, October 12th from 12:00PM-2:00PM at the National Toy Train Museum, Strasburg, PA. At that time, he will be happy to sign your copy or dedicate and sign it as a gift from you to a favorite train buff.

Every boy in the world dreamed of going to Lionel's showroom in New York City and seeing the large and small layouts built there between the 1920s and 1960s. Now,

thanks to the newly written articles and dozens of full-color and black-and-white photos (many never published before) contained in this special publication from Classic Toy Trains, you can relive that unforgettable experience. Every hobbyist will enjoy and learn from what is the first truly comprehensive look at all of those timeless "O" and Standard gauge displays that includes track plans of all five of the large layouts in the center of the showroom, plus another of the most significant demonstration layouts on the periphery.

Can't be with us in October? Don't fret, you can order your book and have it signed by Roger by filling out the order form and sending it in.

We must receive your order by Friday, September 30 to reserve your book and have it signed. We'll ship the books the week of October 17th.

11. Volunteers are welcomed and needed. Wednesday at 1:00 PM there will be a briefing in the Blue Hall outside of the Blue Hall Cafeteria. **Vol. lunch begins at noon.** The York meet requires a huge number of members to make it happen. Contact our Volunteer Committee Chairman, John Zobel, jzobel7@verizon.net Or (716) 662-7760 to volunteer.

12. 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. We have new folks managing Kids Korner. 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. **Parent/guardian must accompany the child. This is not day care.** 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/**Annapolis** area, as well as two "members only" mini meets.

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

13. 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 9-2PM. 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.

14. WHEELCHAIR/SCOOTER RENTALS: contact Dave Bubernack, D&R Mobility - (570) 648-7418 for reservations or

questions. He will setup on the Fairgrounds **next to the First Aid Building**. I suggest you reserve early.

15. TCA GROUPS: MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY:

Eastern Division BOD Meeting: 12 Noon Orange Hall



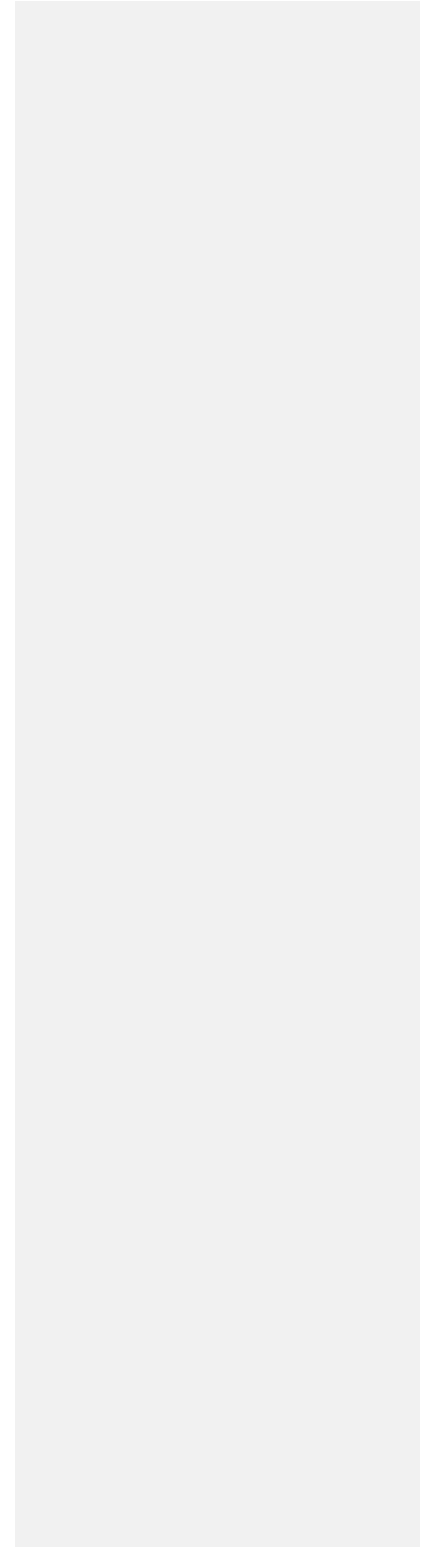
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WEDNESDAY:



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TCA Museum open house 10:AM till 6:PM. See Wednesday Day activities below and on various web pages.





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6 pm 11th York DCS users.

White Rose Restaurant on the York Fairgrounds New DCS User Group Meeting Location. I've arranged with Altland House, who has the exclusive concession contract for the White Rose Hall and have arranged for us to use the White Rose Hall for our DCS User Group meeting. Altland House has agreed to cater our meeting pretty much the same way that they do lunch on Thursday, Friday and (I believe) Saturday during the TCA York Train Meet. They'll open the hall at 6:00 pm for us to do DCS upgrades, open the cafeteria lines from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, and we would end the meeting by around 9:30 pm. There will not be a charge for the use of the hall itself.

The meeting agenda is as follows;

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm DCS upgrades

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner and Q&A with the DCS Beta Testers

8:00 pm - 9:30 pm MTH presentation

9:30 pm Adjourn

Barry Broskowitz

Computer Competency Group

broskowitz@computercompetency.com

The Toy Train Paper & Memorabilia Meet -
6 pm Liberty Fire Company, 160 E 8th Avenue, York. For
more information contact Joe Mania at joe@jlmtrains.com
or www.ttpandm.com
[http://www.ttpandm.com/Downloads/2011%20October%20TTP&M%
20Flyer.pdf](http://www.ttpandm.com/Downloads/2011%20October%20TTP&M%20Flyer.pdf)

THURSDAY

Standards Committee Meeting-9 A.M. Orange Hall meeting
room.

Wood Toy Train Collectors, 10:30-11:30 AM, Blue Hall
Atrium

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

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

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(White
Rose.)

7th York Legacy Users. 8 AM, Alexander's Restaurant

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

Contact flyerlarry@yahoo.com

Plasticville Collectors Assoc (PCA)-Noon
Fairgrounds Restaurant (White Rose.) John Niehaus
johnln@netins.net Ph. 515-964-0562

Ives Train Society General Meeting NOON to **1 PM** Orange
Hall Meeting Room. Contact dorfan@comcast.net

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

"0" Scale Meeting - 2 PM White Hall

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

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

SATURDAY:

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



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Free Coffee and Maple Donuts - 7:30-8:30AM Orange Hall

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting 7:30AM Orange Hall
small meeting room Blue hall-side of main entrance to
Orange Hall

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

16. 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. **No reservations required.** Shopping II - Bus trip to Lancaster area Outlet Mall Friday 10AM-4PM. Mark Reservation Box on Meet Registration Card. \$10 round trip paid in exact cash to the bus driver.

17. 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 (**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.

18. 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**) **lindave@dejazzd.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.

19. 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.

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

www.yorkpa.org/docs/general2011.pdf

21. 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 Rt. 30. You can pick up Clem's directions from there." (Chris Zizzo)



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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:



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"Les and I are doing the buses again. Now we use luxury buses. We already have 80 riders so it should be a good turn out! The stops are still Commack, West Babylon, & Hicksville on Long Island along with the Bronx & Flushing NY and finally Woodbridge NJ. The cost has risen to \$75 but it still includes supper at the Old Country Buffet. We still stop at Alexander's for breakfast but it is not included in the fare! For more info I can be reached at (631) 874-6834 or via email.

Lenny Joerg

sljoerg@optonline.net or Lester Livingston (678) 398-9449.

Bus from Ronkonkoma Railroad Station
Central Operating Lines, Ltd.

BUS TRIP to YORK, PA

Depart Friday, October 14th, 2011 at 4:30am SHARP!

Ronkonkoma Railroad Station, north side,
by Dunkin Donuts - plenty of FREE parking!

Direct, non-stop, round-trip service from the Ronkonkoma Railroad Station to the York Fairgrounds. Ride in comfort on our luxury tour bus to the world's largest train show at the York Fairgrounds in York, PA.

We leave the York Fairgrounds at 5:00pm SHARP!

\$40.00 NON-REFUNDABLE advance payment required.

Contact Al Schick at (631) 924-8319 or online at als45@optonline.net for additional information and to make your reservations.

Your advance payment will guarantee your reservation on a first-come, first-served basis to join us on this trip.

22.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 Rte. 30 at some location.-- Jim Lyle

There is road construction on Route 30 in two places.

One is the bridge over the Susquehanna River. Lanes are restricted in both directions. Eastbound there are "Local" and "Express" lanes. They are clearly marked but narrow. This project will be ongoing until the end of 2012.

Two is a resurfacing job on Route 30 in both directions from North Hills Road to George Street. The top coat has been removed and will be replaced. As the bridges are already finished there are some significant changes in road height marked by "Uneven Lanes" signs. Tied to this project is the installation of curb cuts with handicap ramps and new curbing. I was through this area several times over the past weekend and it does not look as though this will be finished by the time the Meet opens.

There is a resurfacing job on North Beaver Street between North Street and Philadelphia Street. That should be finished by the time the Meet opens. (John Luppino)

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. (Clem Clement)

York weather
info:

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

[_CWSU National TAF METAR maps - NOAA NWS_](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/zoa/mwmap3.php?map=usa)
(<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/zoa/mwmap3.php?map=usa>) Check
this out for up to the minute weather info anywhere in
the USA-really high tech stuff here

23. ACCOMODATIONS

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

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

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 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

24. NON TCA SPONSORED TRAIN SHOWS DURING YORK WEEK

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

The old Billy Budd is now DAYS INN. PH. (717) 845-5671. 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.) Show Contact Rich Dedufour (609-466-3933).

Best Western Motel just off of Route 30 (1415 Kenneth Road). (717) 767-6931
<http://www.bestwestern.com>

Holiday Inn Conference Center of York (old Holidome) at West Manchester Mall north of Route 30 on Carlisle Road (2000 Loucks Road.) Phone: (717) 846-9500). Christine Cross handles the outside space/table reservations.

The Reliance Fire Hall (West York FD) on 1341 West Market Street. Contact Barry @ (717) 424-1308 for tables.

Springettsbury Fire Co., 3013 E Market St., York. Contact 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 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 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 Rte. 30E to I83S to E Market St.)

RELIANCE Fire Hall meet will go on as before, unfortunately without Fred Jester.

kingkodak@hotmail.com (mailto:kingkodak@hotmail.com) is the contact, Fred's partner in the shows, Barry King & Fred's daughter Amanda will have his booth open. Amanda has traveled with Fred for years; he also has other friends who would be helping out. I understand they will NOT be setting up at the Fairgrounds, BUT, that may have changed. I am sure there are a lot of decisions to be made in their unfortunate situation

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., from 6PM-9PM each evening. The train station is located at 73 N. Main Street, Red Lion, PA I 7356 PA 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. Building on next corner on right at 3988 Sheppard Lane
M-F 4-9 pm.

Christmas Museum
3427 Lincoln highway (Route 30)
Paradise, PA
Ph (717) 442-7950
ncc@nationalchristmascenter.com

25. Concours D'Elegance Contest

Competition Open to All TCA Members.

A great show and contest for Restored Trains and Accessories. Sponsored by the Standards Committee and hosted by Eastern Division.

Restoration Concours de Elegance Contest
Rules and Guide

1. The contest is open to all TCA members and TCA Kids Club members.
2. Members can enter more than one item.
3. Any questions, email Joe Mania (jlmtrains@aol.com) or call him at 732-303-8299.
4. Members must deliver their entries to the York Orange Hall from 2 to 4 PM Thursday.
5. Judging will be held Friday at 3:00 PM.
6. Prize categories will include Pre War, Post War, Amateur, Custom Professional, and Kids Club. Prizes also will be awarded for Best Display, Best Lionel, Best Non-Lionel, and Best Restoration by Youngest Contestant.
7. Judging is based on 400 point perfect score with points deducted in the opinion of the judges for flaws, defects, non-original techniques, etc. Entrants should be familiar with the judging score card and the TCA grading standards for restored items. All restored items and replacement parts must be properly marked.
8. Decision of the Judges is final.

Some of the prize winners will be asked for the loan of the item for a special display at the TCA NTTM during the 2011 season.

For details, go to the TCA members' website for contest entry forms, general information, rules, judging info, etc.

For additional information contact Joe Mania at jlmtrains@aol.com. Ph 732-303-8299

26. Atlanta 2012 Convention items and information will be available at tables in the usual place near the Registration counter in the Silver Hall.

27. Order Your Convention Cars at the Early Bird Price!

Get your 5% Discount by ordering before October 31st.
A fine selection of cars is available.

Don't put it off!

For more information or to place your order, [go here](#).

<http://www.tcamembers.org/offers/conventioncars/index.htm>

28. April 2011 York Meet Wrap Up
Posted by: "debbie_geiser@verizon.net"
debbie_geiser@verizon.net
Thu May 5, 2011 9:52 am (PDT)

Hi All:

The April York Meet is now a fond memory and the October show is already on the horizon. Thank you for attending and your continued support of Eastern Division's York Meet. We continue to draw members from all over the world - Germany, England, Canada, Brazil, France, Puerto Rico, Mexico and the Czech Republic.

A BIG thank you to Ed Boyle for inviting me to share some facts regarding the York Meet at the OGR Forum Grandstands Meeting. It seems there is some misinformation floating around within the TCA Community and I'd like to respond to some of the questions and comments I've read on the public forums.

The Eastern Division is a division of the Train Collectors Association; however we are a separate entity and the Train Collectors Association is not associated with putting on the York Meet. Eastern Division's Board

of Directors and its membership set the rules and regulations for the meet.

Eastern is the largest division with over 6466 plus members.

The York Meet is the largest members only meet within the organization and the number one recruiter for all of TCA. In the last five years we have recruited 1,160 new members.

We maintain a web presence at www.easterntca.org and we update it frequently to keep you informed about what's happening within the Division.

Twice a year, approximately 12 weeks prior to the start of the meet, we mail a Standard Class meet notice to all TCA members that have attended a meet within the past year, new TCA members and all Eastern Division members. We also post the meet notice on our website in a pdf format for downloading. If you are expecting a meet notice and it hasn't arrived 8 weeks prior to the meet, please contact me or download it from our website. We encourage everyone to register early by mail or online. If you are uncomfortable using a credit card online, you may call RedClick Marketing at 1-800-733-1478 and they will be happy to run the charge for you. Prices vary according to what you are registering for and there is a nominal processing fee. The site is very user friendly and I encourage you to try it, you'll like it.

<http://www.easterntca.org>

We work hard to make it easy for you to register and bring guests. You may bring as many guests as you wish. You do not need to escort your guest to pick up their badge; however we do require the guest present ID when picking up the badge. We have a Badge Pick up table just inside the entrance to the Silver Hall so you don't have to wait in the long registration lines.

Some activities and services available at the York Meet include:

The Black Hall which is filled with operating layouts provided by volunteer modular layout clubs. If you or your club is interested in showing off your layout to our members, please contact Mike Petronella, our York Meet Chairman at mg72mikepet426@verizon.net The Lower Susquehanna Valley Modular Railroad Club provided the operating layout and Nick Ciancios from North Carolina brought his one of a kind train races. We want to thank these members for providing us this enjoyment.

Do you have a Standards question? If so, please see the Hall Captain as we now post the Standards Committee members name, location and specialty at the hall captains' table/booth.

Calendar of Events - meetings, their location and time is posted in the meet notice and on the entrance to the Orange and Silver Hall glass doors.

Dealer Charts are posted on our website approximately 2 weeks prior to the meet. You can always refer to the website to see the previous meets charts.

The WB&A Chapter of the Eastern Division sponsors the Kids Korner. This is open to small children to play with their fellow engineers under parental supervision. This is located between the Silver and Blue Halls.

NOW WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR - THE NUMBERS

The total attendance for the April Meet - 13,521

At the door registrations - 1205

Members attending - 8693

Spouses - 3308

Children - 986

Guests with family members - 521

RV's - 168

Our numbers have remained stable with October 2010 attendance at 13,648 and April 2010 at 13,769. Thank you!

In regards to the comments and suggestions I've seen on the public forums -

Opening to the public - there are a number of reasons we will not be opening to the public in the future, but let it suffice to say that changing the membership requirement to attend York would result in a decrease not an increase in TCA membership.

Cell phones and photography - the Eastern Division membership voted to keep this rule in place. Most members respect this rule and step outside to talk on their cell phones and I say 'thank you'.

Strollers are not permitted in the halls and is a safety issue. Our aisles are narrow and the volume of people would make it hazardous to the children in strollers.

That being said - It was great seeing each one of you and I want to thank Bob Thompson, Ted Bertiger, Ed Goldman, David Manchester, Uwe Heintze, Don Speidel, Norma Taffee, Colleen Hall, Ed Martin, Howard Holden, Mike Taylor and others that showered us with funnel cakes, bagels & cream cheese, coffee, sodas, homemade cookies, pies, candy and more goodies to keep us going throughout the meet. Thank you for being so wonderful and thoughtful to your York Registration Staff. The kindness and generosity of members like you prove what a great family we have at York.

A BIG thank you to every member of the York Team! The York Meet could not function without the many volunteers that have dedicated countless hours to make this meet the Crown Jewel of TCA. Many of you stopped by the Registration Desk and told us you recognized the efforts put into this meet.

THANK YOU!

For those of you who want to get a jump-start on the October 2011 Meet, we will be up and running with online

registration by mid May. Please register early and get in on the Advance Registration price. After Sept. 2nd, if you register by mail, the registration fee will be \$20.00 and if you register online, the registration fee is \$23.00. So please, do not put off registering until the last minute. If you attempt to register online and your number is not recognized, please call RedClick Marketing at 1-800-733-1478 (M-F, 8AM-8PM) and they will run a credit card charge for you.

If you aren't already on my email list, please send me your updated email address, as I will be sending email reminders over the next 3-4 months. If you know someone interested in joining TCA have them contact me for assistance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at debbie_geiser@verizon.net. Just a reminder, if you are a table holder in the Silver/Blue/Red or White Halls and have questions about your table registration, please contact Nancy Tentzeras, Assistant Registrar at nancy@tentzeras.com If you are a dealer, contact me. Table holder and Dealer badges will be mailed approximately 2-3 weeks after the Sept. 2nd date.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the October Meet. Have a safe summer and I will see you in 160 days.

Sincerely, Debbie Geiser
York Meet Registrar

29. At the MTH booth in the Orange Hall, seminars are designed to connect users with MTH products in informal but informative sessions with seasoned experts who possess real world knowledge of the products. Our DCS sessions are divided into introduction and advanced segments, each conducted by Barry Broskowitz, author of the DCS Companion and a long time online contributor on various internet forums. As an MTH DCS beta tester, Barry is well versed in DCS and is a great resource for those with little knowledge of DCS to those with considerable experience who desire more assistance.

The MTH ScaleTrax sessions are conducted by Dave Hikel, a renowned model railroad designer who has incorporated ScaleTrax on a wide variety of custom layouts he has designed and constructed for clients of Hikel O Gauge. Dave brings his own real world layout design and construction experience to bear as he details the flexibility and functionality of ScaleTrax

MONDAY:

The 7pm-9pm. The Holidome opens up on Monday.

I hear there is activity in some rooms of the Ramada, across Rte 30 from The Days Inn. Please confirm.

The Reliance and Springettsbury Fire Halls open 9-6 pm. I dunno about the Best Western. **The Billy Budd is open 7-9 pm.**

TUESDAY:

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

At the Days Inn (Former Billy Budd,) the hotel rooms may be full of wondrous trains and some dealing is done as early as Sunday. Police issue tickets if you park dumb. Hours: 8am-**9pm**

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

The Reliance and Springettsbury Fire Halls Open 8:30-**6:00** 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 3-5 PM

The Days Inn (Former Billy Budd) opens around 8 AM-9 PM.

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

The Best Western Motel shows open Wed. 8:00 AM till about 3 PM.

The Reliance and Springettsbury Fire Halls are open 8:30-6 PM.

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

NATIONAL TOY TRAIN (TCA) MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

The Museum is in nearby Strasburg, Pa. It is an excellent full day of special activities. See the recent HQ TCA Newsletter; York Meet Notice, or the TCA web site for current details.

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



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THIS IS A MUST ATTEND EVENT!

**The National Toy Train Museum
OPEN HOUSE & TOY TRAIN FAIR
Wednesday, October 12, 2011**

**10:00 AM Museum opens. WELCOME!
Sale of De-accessioned items and rolling stock**

**10:00-4:00 Member Appreciation! Door prizes every hour!
Chinese Auction-A nice amount of items to choose from.
Tickets 5 for \$5.00 of 15 for \$10.00**

**12:00 Noon- 2:00 PM Toy Train Fair with Dallee
Electronics and WARDIE-JAY. Also, Classic Toy Trains
Senior Editor Roger Carp will join us to sign "Lionel's**

Showroom Layouts", a special publication published by Classic Toy Trains priced at \$9.95

2:00P Bachmann Industries, Inc. will present new product.

2:30 PM Refreshments will be served

3:00 PM Weaver Quality Craft Models will present new product

3:30 PM MTH will present new product

4:00 PM Lionel will present new product

5:00 PM Special door prize drawing for kids. Must be present to win.

6:00 PM The National Toy Train Museum closes for the night. Thanks for your support and enjoy the Eastern Division meet Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Shuttle service to from satellite parking at the Strasburg Railroad, and the Choo Choo Barn runs approximately every 15 minutes. Restaurants available at those sites.

SCHEDULE TENTATIVE

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

Door Prize Drawings throughout the day.

Contact Melody Rodgers <mrogers@traincollectors.org>

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 Choo Choo 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!

Contact Melody Sanchez, Education & Museum Committee,
NTTM (717)687-8623
Melody Rogers <mrogers@traincollectors.org>

We once again have our FIVE (5) lots--- 3 SHUTTLE STOPS at CHOO CHOO BARN, STRASBURG RR, & RRMPA. I hope you will use one of them and ride in on the SHUTTLE. We also have limited parking at RED CABOOSE & NTTM. We require more dedicated spaces than ever at NTTM due to more presenters from 10 AM til 2 PM, 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

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 (Map of York Fairgrounds in your York Meet Notice)

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

Orange, Brown and Purple Halls: are TCA
member dealers

Black Hall: operating Layouts

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

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 AM-12 Noon.

Registration open 8:30AM-5:30PM

TCA Standards Committee Meeting: 9 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: Loading/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.asp>

YORK HALLS: **Map of Fairgrounds in Registration Package**

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

Orange, Brown and Purple Halls: TCA member
Dealers

Black Hall: Operating layouts

The shopping #1 shuttle bus to the local shopping mall
leaves just outside the Blue Hall Friday every hour from
10:00 noon -4:00 PM. \$1.00 each way, exact change only.

Shopping bus #2 round trip to Lancaster area outlet
mall. Bus trip 10:AM- 4 PM. \$10 round trip. Pay exact
change.

Shuttle bus between halls is free. Runs during meet
hours.

Lunch can be obtained on the fairgrounds in
several locations.

PHOTOGRAPHS - New & Unusual Items will be photographed
for use in the TCA *Quarterly* Friday, 1:00 pm, Blue Hall
(near Men's restroom.) Contact Ron Morris - Blue - G -
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Special meetings also occur on Friday. Check your Meet
Notice for details.

**You are invited to Eastern Division's Ice Cream & Cake
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 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.asp>

The Eastern Division General Membership Meeting is at **8-8:45 AM** in the Orange Hall Meeting room.

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

Registration desk open 8:30 AM-2 PM.

YORK MEET OPEN 9 AM -2 PM

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+-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:

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 (888) 858-YORK or <http://www.yorkpa.org/>

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

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

According to the York Newspapers, the father & son owners of the "Clock" Diner, are leasing the space to Sheetz for a gas store & also a new restaurant is moving in beside the gas guys. The owners say there should be no competition between the two restaurants, as each has it's own "style". Jim Lyle

From: [Samantha Schrum](#)
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 11:38 AM
To: clem.clement@cox.net
Cc: [Christina Smith](#)
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 noticed your website:

<http://www.tcaetrain.org/articles/tca/york0411/part2.htm>

that gives local information on York. I wanted to give you some updates as things have changed a little since this information was provided. For your listing about the restaurant Crimson and in the directions you site passing a ski shop. This ski shop is no longer. 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

The Harp and Fiddle is now called Maewyn's. The Holidome is now the Holiday Inn Conference Center of York. Serenity Station is no longer. Heritage Hills no longer has Windows Restaurant but does have Knickers Pub and Ironwoods Restaurant. If you are interested in expanding the list that Tina provided this link will take you to a list of restaurants in York.

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

Here is an updated list of York County Parks as we have added a few: <http://www.yorkcountyparks.org/>

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

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

Here is an updated list of theaters in the surrounding area: http://yorkpa.org/index.asp?act=page&pag_id=45

Here is an updated list of Factory Tours as they have grown quite a bit in the last few years:

http://yorkpa.org/index.asp?act=page&pag_id=5

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

Samantha Schrum Longworth

Bureau Services Assistant

York County Convention & Visitors Bureau

155 West Market Street | York, PA 17401

Phone: 717-852-9675, ext. 111

Fax: 717-854-5095

"Chapps on the Hill" has been rebuilt as the Crimson American Grill

It's located on Queen Street

(Rte. 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 handside - it sort of sits on a little hill.

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) It's 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, (Rte. 74 at the light at Blockbuster.)

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)

"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 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. 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 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. 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

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 **Heritage Hills no longer has Windows Restaurant
but does have Knickers Pub and Ironwoods Restaurant.**
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

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

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

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

www.nps.gov/steam

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

Andy Dubill
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 they 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 a doubt, TCA benefits from "York" because York motivates new members to join the club. Without a 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

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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. 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 miss the station as it is so small. Once you cross over some RR tracks, there is public parking and the station is right there. 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's York Primer Part III

Family Fun at York:
This listing, up-dated as of
March 12,2006 From Scott Arber
toytrain@yahoo.com.

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

A comprehensive listing is archived at
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 \$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

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.yorkcountygov.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](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 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>