

Clem's York Primer

FALL 2020

~~October 15, 16, and 17~~

~~At the York Fairgrounds~~



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It helps when members **Think outside the Train Box!**

We all remain in unprecedented times.

We need to care for ourselves and take care of each other.

Get in touch, call or eMail, or send a Thinking Of You card.

While delivery has been slowed down the mail is still being delivered.

York Fairgrounds, and the state of Pennsylvania, have made the decision to close their operations. With that in mind October York has been cancelled.

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NEW for OCTOBER YORK, 2020

- ☞ **The Corona Virus-19 HAS ONCE AGAIN impacted being able to hold York. A decision has been made by Eastern Division that the October show is cancelled.**
- ☞ **Keep your address, email, and phone numbers current with Eastern Division and the [National Business Office](#) (Contact Info). You'll miss important info if you don't!**
- ☞ **April, 2021 will be a 3 day show, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, April 22 thru April 24.**
- ☞ **Registration for April 2021 York will begin on January 1, 2021.**
- ☞ **Visit www.easterntca.com/index.htm for more information.**
- ☞ **The April 2021 York Meet Notice is posted at <https://www.easterntca.com/member-notice.htm>**

**Future YORK Meet Dates:
April 22, 23-24, 2021**

October 21, 22-23, 2021

The Mission Statement of Clem's Primer:

Yeah, there is a reason for all this stuff! *Clem's Primer* started as a composite of the personal experiences and views of Clem Clement, TCA Past President, Eastern Division Past President, Past TCA Director on the Board of Directors, Past WB&A Chapter Vice President, Past WB&A Chapter Board Member, but most importantly a TCA member in good standing. Now added are personal experiences, shared information, and additions from Carol R. McGinnis, TCA Past President, WB&A Chapter Board Member, and TCA Heritage Member. Additional information is gathered from several sources.

The Primer is designed to enrich the **Eastern Division York Week Experience**. The Eastern Division, TCA, **York Meet Notice** is their official **bi-annual newsletter**.

The Primer is not sponsored by any organization; business or company, nor does it sell, endorse or promote a particular product.

If you have a question about an activity or event listed herein, please contact the listed sponsor.

Events off the York Fairgrounds/NTTM/NTTL sites are not TCA sponsored.

This version of the Primer negates all previous versions.

York is much more than a train-meet. It is about the gathering of families, friends and acquaintances.

This Primer highlights the **TCA Eastern Division York Train Meet**; the **National Toy Train Museum**, the **National Toy Train Library** and the **National Business Office** activities. It includes member meetings and train group activities; non-TCA locally sponsored train events; local attractions; restaurants, and tips on navigating the events and the locale.

There is free parking, so this is the best deal for a 3-day train meet in all the land. My hope is that the Primer will help you enjoy the week as much as I do.

- **Let me know what changes/edits/additions you would like to see, Carol** -



President's Message

October York, fall 2020, Cancelled

clem clement clem.clement@cox.net

To: Carol Redman McGinnis

Wed, Aug 12 at 7:47 AM

Dan Danielson, President of Eastern Division, has asked that I pass on the following information to you.

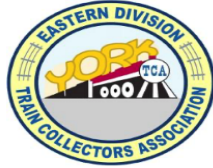
Due to the current rules of the State of Pennsylvania regarding social distancing and crowd size, the York fairgrounds cannot provide space to meet these rules nor the protections needed for safety and health of our members, therefore, we have no alternative than to cancel the October York Train Show for 2020.

Current plans for 2021 are to have a 3 day meet in April and October.

Clem Clement (for) Dan Danielson, President Eastern Division, TCA

Eastern Division Notice

October 2020 SHOW CANCELLATION QUESTIONS
LINK BELOW ANNOUNCEMENT



Eastern Division York Train Show

Attention all attendees of the York Train Show

Regretfully, the October 2020 York Train Show has been **cancelled** due to the COVID-19 virus.

The Eastern Division Board of Directors voted to extend the April 2021 Show to include Thursday, April 22nd beginning at noon. You will be receiving an April Meet Notice listing the show hours, **set up times** and any updated information.

Registration fees for the previous April 2020 Show and October 2020 Show will be forwarded to the April 22, 23, 24, 2021 York Show. If you registered for the April 2020 or the October 2020 Show **you do not need** to re-register for the April 2021 Show. If you received a badge for the April or October 2020 Show, you will use that badge for entry into the halls in April 2021.

For those members not pre-registered for the April and October 2020 Show, online registration for the April 22, 23, 24, 2021 York Train Show will begin the second week of January 2021. We will continue to accept registrations by mail, so please don't put off registering for the April 2021 Show.

If you have any questions, please call the Eastern Division Call Center at 814-928-0196.

Stay Safe & Healthy,
Mike Petronella
Meet Chairman

FAQ QUESTIONS

CLICK **HERE** FOR ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ABOUT THE APRIL, 2021 YORK MEET

TCA Convention(s)

The complete details and registration information for each convention may be found on our standard convention website tcaconvention.org. Details about the 2021 convention will be posted in January, 2021.



2021	Irvine, CA	Western Div.	June 19 – June 27, 2021
2022	Nashville, TN	Dixie Division	June 25 – July 3, 2022
2023	Burlington, VT	NETCA Division	June 24 – July 2, 2023

Wandering Through York County - Blog by Jamie Kensley

Check out this amazing blog at <https://yorkblog.com/wandering/train-meet-2018/>



Display your Modular Train Layout at York

If you know a Modular Train Club that's interesting in attending the York Show, have them contact Mike at meetchair@easterntca.com

Bruce Greenberg's Train Study October 2019 Report

York Photography, October 2019:
Lionel No. 1700, 1700E and 1816 Diesels, and Outfits 236 and 1195W.
by Bruce Greenberg

Four Versions of One Locomotive!

Lionel's smallest streamline diesel locomotive from the 1930s was offered in a delightful range of finishes and three different catalogue numbers, Nos. 1700, 1700E and 1816. Bill Faust brought four versions of the locomotive, each with their outfits, to be photographed at York.



No. 1700E fluted chrome body; front and frame painted red, Outfit No. 1065E.



Box end label, Outfit 1065E which included 1700E, described above. The outfit included two matching passenger cars.



No. 1700E, Outfit No. 6202E. Body and front painted aluminum, frame painted red..



Outfit 6202E, partial box end label. The outfit included 1700E, described above and two matching passenger cars.



No. 1700 with body and front painted Hiawatha orange, frame painted gray, Outfit No. 5213.



Box end label, Outfit No. 5213. The outfit included No. 1700, described above. The outfit also included two matching passenger cars.



No. 1816 windup locomotive, Outfit 1535; fluted chromed body, front and frame painted orange. Lionel describes the outfit as a mechanical train. See box below.



Outfit 1535 box end label. The outfit included 1816 locomotive, described above, and two matching passenger cars.

Click [here](#) for the remaining report.

Make plans to join Bruce for his seminar on **Lionel Streamliners 1934 - 1936 ~ "New Designs and New Techology"** and click [here](#) to see what's coming to the **April 2021 Show**. Plan to attend and bring your Lionel boxed sets from the 1930's to be photographed.

National Toy Train Museum (NTTM) and National Toy Train Library (NTTL) are OPEN

Weekends 300 Paradise Lane, Strasburg, PA 17579

The NTTM and the NTTL are open **every weekend on Friday, Saturday and Sunday**. Please plan to come and enjoy the Museum's special presentations and displays.

Bob Lubonski bklubonski@gmail.com To: Carol Redman McGinnis Sun, Aug 2 at 4:06 PM

Hi All,

We have about one more day of tuning things up and the museum will be ready to open. We are shooting for Friday 8/14. It was decided by the National BOD to only open from Friday through Sunday for now to see what traffic looks like. Yesterday we were able to get the Live Steam Locomotive that was donated to us on display after a lot of cleaning, painting of the trestle that it sits on and reconfiguring what used to be the Hardware Store. See attached pictures.

Thanks, Bob Lubonski ***

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

PAST EDITIONS OF CLEM'S PRIMER

*You can find several past issues of Clem's Primer at e*Train.*

<http://www.tcaetrain.org/2d-articles/tca/index.shtml>

York Meet Notices are located on the Eastern Division web site: <http://easterntca.com/member-notice.htm> or you can link from the TCA web site or call **301-916-1507** for a copy of the meet notice.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. YORK SHOW numbers (unOFFICIAL NUMBERS)

Here is the history:

<u>York Statistics - Apr `07</u>	Total Registrations 14,325
<u>York Statistics - Apr `08</u>	Total Registrations 14,567
<u>York Statistics - Apr `09</u>	Total Registrations 14,109
<u>York Statistics - Apr `10</u>	Total Registrations 13,769
<u>York Statistics - Oct `10</u>	Total Registrations 13,648
<u>York Statistics - Apr `11</u>	Total Registrations 13,521

GENERAL INFORMATION: (continued) York Show numbers

<u>York Statistics - Oct `11</u>	Total Registrations 13,608
<u>York Statistics - Apr `12</u>	Total Registrations 13,403
<u>York Statistics - Oct `12</u>	Total Registrations 13,713
<u>York Statistics - Apr `13</u>	Total Registrations 12,703 (<i>First time below 13 K</i>)
<u>York Statistics - Oct `13</u>	Total Registrations 13,523 (<i>Nice increase</i>)
<u>York Statistics - Apr 14</u>	Total Registrations 12,225 (699 at door, 80 new TCA members)
<u>York Statistics - Oct. '14</u>	Total 12,355 (8011 members), RV's 157
<u>York Statistics - Apr '15:</u>	Total Registrations: 10,987
<u>York Statistics - Oct '15</u>	Total Registration: Advance 11,066 + Door 1007 = 12,073
<u>York Statistics - Apr '16:</u>	Total Registrations: 11,319
<u>York Statistics - Oct. '16</u>	Total Registrations: 10,924
<u>York Statistics - Apr '17</u>	Total Registrations: 10,086 (Public about 600 attendees and families.)
<u>York Statistics - Oct. '17</u>	Total Registrations: 10,187 Public: about 400 attendees and families
<u>York Statistics - Apr. '18</u>	Total TCA Registrations: 10,144 Public: 389 Total = 343 public, 10 joined TCA, 6 Jr members, 30 Trial members.
<u>York Statistics - Oct. '18</u>	Total TCA Registrations: 10,195 Public: 418 Total = 10,613
<u>York Statistics - Apr. '19</u>	TCA Registrations = 8,447 Public = 332 Total = 8,779
<u>York Statistics - Oct. '19</u>	Total - 9,207
<u>York Statistics - Apr. '20</u>	Cancelled due to Corona-19 Virus
<u>York Statistics - Oct. '20</u>	Cancelled due to Corona-19 Virus

ECONOMIC IMPACT [EEI] OF EASTERN DIVISION MEETS ON YORK COUNTY

Bryan Blair <bryan@yorkstatefair.org>

To: Carol McGinnis

Mon, Aug 24 2020 at 6:21 AM

Hello Carol, We have been hit pretty hard by the shutdown. Since mid-March we have had more than 40 events, including the York State Fair, cancel. This has resulted in a loss of \$1.8 million in revenue. While we haven't been able to completely offset the loss, we have laid off 70% of the staff, including all part time staff and several full time staff as well. We are currently operating with 7 employees and those of us left took a 20% pay cut in late June. Fortunately we received a large allocation of CARES act funding from our County Commissioners and we learn more today how those funds can be utilized.

As far as opening, we are going to start permitting promoters who have a PA Retail Business License to operate at 50% capacity this fall.

We were very fortunate that most of our concerts for the Fair rescheduled to 2021.

To sign up for a TCA Membership contact TCA Membership Coordinator,
Amy Fry, 717 687-8623 or email membership@traincollectors.org

TCA STANDARD MEMBERSHIP

A traditional regular membership is always available to anyone 18 years of age and up who collects toy trains, operates toy trains, collects any item(s) related to tinplate trains, or who professes a serious interest therein.

Regular memberships are currently \$50 a year. Go to <http://www.tcamembers.org/membership/>

TCA HERITAGE MEMBERSHIP

This membership is open to all regular members who are **in good standing**, at least **60 years of age**, who have at least **20 consecutive years in TCA**, and who make a **one-time payment of \$1,000**. **Heritage Members** carry all the privileges of regular membership, no annual dues are required, and the letters **HE** will appear before the TCA Number.

Go to membership@traincollectors.org.

TCA TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

There is a TCA MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY for new folks! Our "**Trial Membership**" option gives anyone, over 18, the chance to **join for six months** at a reduced rate (right now it costs \$20.00). They can attend TCA meets, receive publications, and generally take a "test drive" of life as a TCA member.

At the end of their non-renewable six-month trial period, they will have the option to join permanently.

Application can be made at many major events (such as the York meet). To apply at the York meet, stop by the TCA booth either in the Silver or Orange Halls. Your trial membership application will be processed immediately and you may enter all of the halls as a member to enjoy the full "York Experience".

TCA Junior Membership

This is for kids under the age of 18. Yearly dues are half the regular dues (thus \$25 per year). Junior members **may participate in TCA events and will receive publications**. (They are not able to vote, hold office, participate in selling or purchasing at TCA events, holding tables, or listing items in the Interchange or the Buysell site.) Junior members become Regular members at age 18 and will continue to pay yearly dues of 50% of the Regular Member rate, until the year they attain their 24th birthday. [Use this form](#), have parent/guardian sign, mail it to Membership, TCA, PO Box 248, Strasburg, PA 17579. Or email a signed PDF of the form to membership@traincollectors.org or FAX to 717-687-0742.

TCA Kids Club Membership (Ages Birth - age 12)

The TCA Kids Club is a great way to learn about toy trains and how the hobby works. Membership in the Club is free to all children up to age 13 with approval by a parent or guardian. At age 13, Kids Club members convert to TCA Teens membership. For more information about the Club, visit our special [Kids Club section](#).

TCA Teens Club Membership (Ages 13 - 18)

The TCA Teens Club is a way to find out how trains work, pick up technical skills, and have fun with peers. Integrate with Wifi, computers, and build your own layout. Membership is free to all children ages 13 to age 18. At age 18, Teens Club members can convert to a full TCA membership, paying only half the regular member TCA dues (which currently is \$25 per year) until age 24. For more information about the Club, visit our special [Teens Club section](#).