

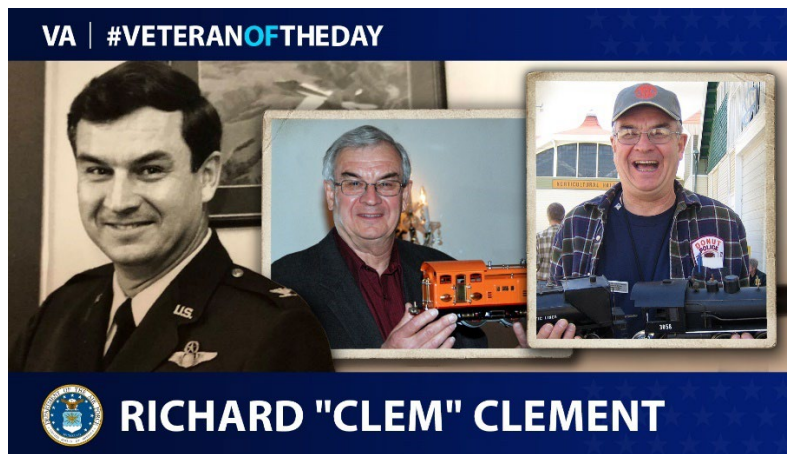


Clem's York Primer©

Fall 2025

October 20-25, 2025

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Introduction

Clem Clement, TCA Honor Roll #64-987, is the namesake of this well-read and well distributed TCA publication. He, and his wife Sandy, continue to add their expertise, wit, and by default his name to this publication. His knowledge and experiences add to the details and to the fun! Just ask him! He loves to ask the "hard" questions, bring up history and mention members by name, and he challenges each of us to increase our love and knowledge of trains and to increase TCA membership. Thanks Clem!

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YORK TRAIN FAIR: Monday – Saturday

Preshow: Open to Everyone, No Admission Cost

Located in the Purple Hall (Heritage Hall)

Monday 10/20- 10:00am - 4:00pm

Tuesday 10/21- 8:30am – 4:00pm

Wednesday 10/22- 8:30am – 1:00pm

TCA Eastern Division York Meet:

Thursday 10/23 TCA Members Only Orange, Purple,
and Black Halls **12:00pm-6:00pm**

Blue, Red, Silver White Halls open 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Friday 10/24 TCA Members and Public Welcome:
9:00am - 6:00pm Orange, Purple, and Black Halls.

9:00am -5:00pm TCA Members: Blue, Red, Silver, White Halls

Saturday 10/25 TCA Members and Public Welcome
9:00am – 3:00pm Orange, Purple, and Black Halls

9:00am-2:00pm TCA Members: Blue, Red, Silver, White Halls

Public Registration Available in Orange Hall Lobby
Adults \$10; under 18 free with an adult.

**Allows access to Orange, Purple and Black Halls with
wristband (provided at registration).**

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New for October, 2025

- ‡ **SHOW DATES: Monday Oct. 20th, Tuesday Oct. 21st, Wednesday Oct. 22nd, Thursday Oct. 23rd, Friday Oct. 24th, and Saturday Oct. 25th.**
- ‡ **Our PRESHOW is inside the Purple Hall Monday to Wednesday October 20th, 21, 22!**
QUESTIONS: eMAIL JRYOUENS@VERIZON.NET, PRESHOW COORDINATOR - RUSSELL YOUENS
- The PRESHOW is open to all sellers and to the General Public. No Admission cost to shop!
 - To be a vendor you must have a Pennsylvania Tax License, easily provided online at no cost.
 - 8' Tables are \$50 each for all three days.
 - Checks payable to the EDTCA and mail to RUSSELL YOUENS, 110 Slash Drive, Ashland VA 23995
 - HOURS: Vendor Setup: Monday from 7:30am till 10am
 - **Show Hours: Monday 10:00am-4pm, Tuesday 8:30am-4pm, Wednesday 8:30am-1pm**
 - For TCA members, there will be an opportunity to stay in the Purple Hall for the entire week.
 - You may set up and participate for all or any part of the 3-day show. Inform us when you register.
- ‡ **Tuesday Night Welcome Party:** Tuesday Evening, 5:30 PM, Need Tickets - Call - 585.683.9333
- ‡ **Guests and General Public can access the whole show including member halls one time only! After that you must be a member of TCA. Whole show Registration for guests and General Public is available at the Silver Hall Registration Desk and Orange Hall Lobby Ticket Window**
- ‡ **The Standard Gauge Module Association (SGMA)** will be setting up their layout Weds to run from early Thursday through Saturday afternoon. In BLACK HALL. The amazing show and tell breakfast, showcasing many unique trains will be held Friday morning. Free COFFEE AND Donuts at 7:30 AM also in BLACK
- ‡ **Ice Cream Social, Fri 6:00 PM in ORANGE HALL**
- ‡ **COFFEE and Donuts Saturday Morning @ 7:30am in the Orange Hall Lobby**
Compliments of Eastern Division
- ‡ **Kids Korner is OPEN for October, 2025 in the Orange Hall Lobby!**
- EASTERN DIVISION CALL CENTER PHONE NUMBER 585-683-9333**
- ‡ The National Toy Train Museum & National Toy Train Library in Strasburg are open
- ‡ **National Toy Train Museum & National Toy Train Library Deaccession Tables are in Orange Hall Thursday, Friday, and Saturday during Show hours.**
- ‡ Keep your York Train Show notice (the Eastern Newsletter) handy. There's lots of info in there!
- ‡ Shuttle Bus Service Will Be available. Thursday 12:30pm-4:30pm, Friday 9:30am-4:30pm, Saturday 9:30am-12:30pm
- ‡ **Please watch the division website for updated information. ([Eastern Division Website](#))**

The Mission Statement of Clem's Primer:

Yeah, there is a reason for all this stuff! *Clem's Primer* © started many, many years ago as a composite of the personal experiences and views of Richard "Clem" Clement, TCA Past President, Eastern Division Past President, Past Director on the TCA Board of Directors, Past WB&A Chapter Vice President, Past WB&A Chapter Board Member, but most importantly a TCA member in good standing. Also included are personal experiences, shared information and additions from Carol R. McGinnis, TCA Past President, past WB&A Chapter Board Member, and TCA Heritage Member who authored The Primer through April 2024. Now authored by TCA Eastern Division Member Ryan Newman and through the gathering of additional information from various sources.

The Primer is designed to enrich the **Eastern Division York Week Experience**.

The **Eastern Division, TCA, York Train Show 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.

This version of the *Primer* negates all previous versions.

This *Primer* highlights the **TCA Eastern Division York Train Show**, the **National Toy Train Museum**, the **National Toy Train Library** and the **National Business Office** activities. It includes member meetings and train group activities; train events; local attractions; restaurants, and tips on navigating the events and the locale. The price of admission to York includes free parking, so this is the best deal for a 3-day train meet in all the land.

Eastern Division President's Message: Bob Buehler

This October will be the 55th York show!!! Wow!

What an accomplishment! This could not have been done without the help and support of all the volunteers and board members over these past 55 years. Thank you!! My major goal at the York Train Fair is to increase attendance and draw more people into the hobby. With the addition of the PRESHOW and the return of several manufacturers, the York Train Fair has seen increases in attendance. This October we will be having 6 different groups displaying beautiful train layouts, including one outside!!! Increasing the different model train gauges and adding educational activities during the York Train Fair Week is my goal for future York Shows to make it the "Best Train Show" you can attend. See you at October 2025 York!

BOB BUEHLER, Eastern Division President buehlster@aol.com

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[York Train Fair Operating Layouts for October, 2025](#)



Raritan Valley Hi-railers

The Raritan Valley Hi-railers will be displaying their beautifully scenced hi-rail O gauge layout in the **White Hall**. Check out a video of their layout here by York's Official Videographer: [Dakman Productions](#)



Eagle Line Railroad

The Eagle Line Railroad of Ridgely, MD is displaying their superb 10' x 30' and 5' x 12' O Gauge Layouts in the **Purple Hall**.



Lebanon Valley Railroad

Multigauge railroad club Lebanon Valley Rails will be displaying their Modular N scale Layout in the **Purple Hall**.

Kevin Davis, Kids Creek Railroad, METCA & LCCA



With support from METCA & LCCA, the Kids Creek Railroad from Gale Ferry, CT - 21 x 32 & 5 x 12 a kid-friendly and interactive modular O Gauge layout operating in the Orange Hall Concession Area (If you see Kevin Quinn hogging the remote remind him to let the kids have some fun as well!!!)



Gerald McClellan

Outside of the Blue Hall in the RV Area, Gerald will have a two track O gauge layout set up!!! Stop by and see his layout and say hello to him, and his 4-legged companions Miss Skye and Miss Blue!



Standard Gauge Module Association

The SGMA is assembling a 25' x 41' Standard Gauge modular layout in the **Black Hall**. This is a fun group to be around with big, loud, beautiful trains. Don't miss the amazing Friday morning show and tell at 7:30 AM where dozens of unique standard gauge trains will be displayed. SGMA provides free coffee and donuts.



CHOO CHOO BARN

The CHOO CHOO BARN will have their 4 Level Mobile Layout setup in the **Purple Hall**! Make sure to stop by and check this out. It may show up early for display during the Preshow!!!

YORK TRAIN SHOW MADE EASY

EASTERN DIVISION'S YORK TRAIN SHOW

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

WHO TO CALL: York Fairgrounds emergency phone # is 1-717-848-2596

WHERE TO GO ON THE WEB: click on the [fairgrounds map](#).

THE NATIONAL TOY TRAIN MUSEUM (NTTM) / the NATIONAL TOY TRAIN Library (NTTL) / and the NATIONAL BUSINESS OFFICE (NBO) are located at 300 Paradise Lane, Strasburg, PA 17579

National Toy Train Museum (NTTM) & National Toy Train Library (NTTL)

DEACCESSION TABLES

ORANGE HALL

THURSDAY Noon – 6:00 PM

FRIDAY 9 AM – 6:00 PM

SATURDAY 9 AM – 3 PM

There are loads of items deaccessioned from the collections. These items, gathered over the years, take up space, have been checked against existing inventory, are not needed for displays or files, so are available for purchase. What a great way to build your collection and support TCA! Money goes back to the museum and the library.

Also, The NTTM, NTTL, and NBO in Strasburg are **open all week** for TCA members and their families and are a must see in Strasburg, PA just 30 minutes down the road from the York Fairgrounds. TCA Members get in free! The NTTM and NTTL feature special displays which are detailed in the TCA web site. Hours of Operation: 10 AM - 5 PM. **Volunteers are welcome at the NTTM and the NTTL. Call 717-687-8623 for more info.**



York Show FAQ's

How many guests may I bring to the meet?

- TCA Members may bring as many guests as you like. As a reminder, guests are permitted to attend one meet and then they are required to join TCA if they wish to continue attending the York Meet. See your meet notice, for the guest registration form.

Where can I find information about registering for the meet?

- You'll find 99.9% of the answers to your questions in our meet notice. For members click [here](#). For dealers click [here](#).

Why didn't I receive a meet notice?

- Because you didn't register for at least 1 meet in the past year.
- You recently joined TCA.
- Postal delivery problems. (Incorrect address) Besides an incorrect address, forwarding has expired or torn mail.

Who should I contact if I can't find the answers to my question in the meet notice??

- Visit our [Contact Us](#) page.

What is the Eastern Division York Meet Official website address?

- <https://www.easterntca.com>

When does the meet start?

- Thursday 12 Noon, Friday 9 AM, Saturday 9AM
- Download the **Meet Notice** and you'll find the hours on page 2.

How many registered to attend the York Meet?

- Visit our **Wrap Up** page for meet numbers.

Where can I find information about hotels in the York County area?

- Visit the [York County Visitors Bureau](#) page for a list of hotels in the York area.

YORK REGISTRATION

There are several ways to register for the York Train Show:

1. Online at www.yorkregistration.org<https://www.yorkregistration.org/>
2. At the Eastern Division Call Center - **1-585-683-9333**
3. By mail using the registration form located in the **York Train Meet Notice** (registration form only) .
4. **At the Fairgrounds in Silver Hall**
5. Don't forget: Register in advance for the next Show at the table in Silver Hall during the Show. Hours will be posted, and announcements will be made throughout the Show.

PAST EDITIONS OF CLEM'S PRIMER

You can find several past issues of Clem's Primer at [Clem's primer - Train Collectors Association \(tcatrains.org\)](http://Clem's primer - Train Collectors Association (tcatrains.org))

Overview of the York Train Show

THE [York Show Notice](#) IS THE OFFICIAL EASTERN DIVISION **NEWSLETTER** FOR GUIDANCE REGARDING THE YORK SHOW. READ IT THOROUGHLY AND **BRING IT WITH YOU.**

A map of the fairgrounds is in the notice AND IN this *Primer!* Maps are available at the Reg Desk in Silver Hall.

LAST MINUTE CHANGES WILL BE NOTED ON THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS POSTERS THROUGHOUT THE FAIRGROUNDS.

SEE THE EASTERN DIVISION WEBSITE FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES.

WWW.EASTERNTCA.COM/

You can (and should) Pre-Register for the next show. Pre-Registration is located in Silver Hall near or at the registration counter. **Get your badge for April, 2026.**

Kids Korner: Kids Korner is OPEN for October, 2025 in the Orange Hall Lobby Next to the TCA National Booth

Thursday 12PM - 4PM

Friday 9AM - 4PM

Saturday 9AM - 12PM

Volunteers always needed!!!

We can always use additional volunteers to help with staffing and are always happy for any donations of train-related items we can give away to the kiddos, especially any complete train sets which act as good advertisements for the donating vendor.

Attendance at Kids Korner in fall 2024 was the highest it has been since pre-COVID! Lets make Fall 2025 a record breaker!

Thanks again,
Rob Newman
99-49679
Eastern TCA B.O.D.

LOST – FOUND - STOLEN items: All Found Items should be turned into the Registration Desk in Silver Hall. The registration counter **in Silver Hall** has report forms to fill in for Lost items. The Lost and Found coordinator is Bob Heine. Call Bob at 301-585-1280 or email Robert.j.heine@gmail.com.

SHUTTLE BUS: A bus with Free Service will be available between all halls:

Thursday from noon to 4:30pm: Friday from 9:30am to 4:30pm: Saturday from 9:30am to 12:30p

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ✚ **Guests** can be registered in advance by a TCA Member, they **show a picture ID** and **pick up their badges in person at the registration desk**. Guest badges are not mailed.
 - A Guest is a person over 18, who is not a member or applicant
 - A Guest can attend York once.
 - Guests can sign up for **TCA membership**, joining TCA on the spot.
 - **As a member you can host multiple guests.**
- ✚ **4 ATMs** are located on the Fairgrounds and **are shown on the map**.
 - **Inside Orange Hall (2)**
 - **Inside Blue Hall in the Lobby**
 - **Outside Red Hall (north of the hall towards White Hall)**
- ✚ **Member halls close earlier than dealer halls** to allow member table holders the opportunity to shop with our dealers.
- ✚ **HALL FLOOR PLANS:** Hall Captains have and are also at the Registration Desk or online.
 - **Red & White** Halls info tables are close to the hall captain's tables
 - **Silver Hall** table with hall charts **is in the eatery area**
 - **Blue Hall** charts are down by the food service **START HERE.....**
 - **Orange** and **Purple** Dealer halls table charts are online at Eastern Division web site [Here](#)
- ✚ **Volunteers Welcome for York Show:**

This year, as in the past, volunteers are again needed to help with the April and October York, PA train shows, to help them run more efficiently.

Listed below are the areas where we need volunteers:

- Set up of various halls - tables/chairs, etc.
- Registration – This starts on Monday of show week and goes through Saturday. The biggest need is Thursday and Friday of show week.
- Ticket booth - in the Orange Hall for registering the general public for the show. Friday through Saturday
- RV assistance – John Seresky needs help setting up for the RV's that come to the show – 80 -100 units
- Security – Frank Malone – sets up signage for Handicap and parking at the show.
- Preshow set up – Monday AM through Wednesday of show week.
- Kid's Korner – Orange Hall – Wednesday through Saturday - set up, maintain, take down for the show.

Initially we will offer all volunteers free admission to the show and free lunch on Wednesday. Lunch begins at 12 noon in the cafeteria located in the Blue Hall.

Volunteers can e-mail me, Ben Swann, at bswannrr@yahoo.com or call me at 804.677.8545

✚ FAIRGROUNDS INFORMATION:

- Emergency Phone Number during York Show (717) 848-2596
- GPS location is York Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle Ave, York PA, 17404
- [FAIRGROUNDS MAP](#) can be accessed by clicking on this link.
- ✚ The **Fairgrounds flag** area near the main entrance to the **Orange Hall** has an honorary brick purchase program sponsored by the York Fairgrounds. Contact Fairgrounds at (717) 848-2596 for more details
- ✚ **The PA Sales Tax Office** can and does send their people to visit the halls. **Table holders in the Orange, Purple, and Black Halls are required to have PA Tax number.** If you have a dealer license, be prepared to show it.

GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

✚ YORK TRAIN SHOW (unOFFICIAL NUMBERS) Here is the history:

York Statistics - Apr `07	Total Registrations 14,325
York Statistics - Apr `08	Total Registrations 14,567
York Statistics - Apr `09	Total Registrations 14,109
York Statistics - Apr `10	Total Registrations 13,769
York Statistics - Oct `10	Total Registrations 13,648
York Statistics - Apr `11	Total Registrations 13,521
York Statistics - Oct `11	Total Registrations 13,608
York Statistics - Apr `12	Total Registrations 13,403
York Statistics - Oct `12	Total Registrations 13,713
York Statistics - Apr '13	Total Registrations 12,703
York Statistics - Oct '13	Total Registrations 13,523 <i>(Nice increase)</i>
York Statistics - Apr '14	Total Registrations 12,225 <i>(699 at the door, 80 new to TCA)</i>
York Statistics - Oct '14	Total 12,355 (8011 members), RV's 157
York Statistics - Apr '15	Total Registrations: 10,987
York Statistics - Oct '15	Total Registration: Advance 11,066 + Door 1007 = 12,073
York Statistics - Apr '16	Total Registrations: 11,319
York Statistics - Oct '16	Total Registrations: 10,924
York Statistics - Apr '17	Total Registrations: 10,086 <i>(Public about 600 attendees)</i>
York Statistics - Oct '17	Total Registrations: 10,187 <i>Public: about 400 attendees and families</i>
York Statistics - Apr '18	Total TCA: 10,144 <i>Public: 389</i>
York Statistics - Oct '18	Total TCA Registrations: 10,195 <i>Public: 418 Total = 10,613</i>
York Statistics - Apr '19	Total = 8,779 <i>TCA Registrations = 8,447 Public Admissions = 332</i>
York Statistics - Oct '19	Total Registrations = 9,207
Apr 2020, Oct 2020, Apr 2021	Closed, Closed, Closed
October 2021	Total Registrations - 9864
April 2022	Total Registrations - 7500
October 2022	Total Registrations - 7,450
April, 2023	Total Registrations - 7,200: <i>98 new members, 11 renewed, <u>109 total</u></i>
October, 2023	Total Registrations - 7,370
April, 2024	Total Registrations - 8,626
October, 2024	Total Registrations - 8,568
April, 2025	Total Registrations - 7,550
October, 2025	Will we see you there???

YORK TRAFFIC & 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.

York weather info: www.yahoo.com/news/weather/united-states/york/york-2524847

Comments: **PENNDOT and York County/ York city staffs are continuing to work very hard to repair roads. Give them a brake and drive carefully. (Clem)**

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

Pennsylvania Official Travel Information website is "511PA". Dial "511" or go to www.511PA.com to obtain the travel information. Traffic at the Carlisle Gate of the York Fairgrounds can be horrendous. Please be careful. I recommend Gate 6 on Highlander Ave. - the Northwest end of the fairground opposite from the **Blue Hall** area or from the **Blue Hall** on past the **Orange Hall** to the fence). That gate is always open and you can turn left or right easily. (Clem) **Carol's Note: This interactive map is a great asset to avoid major traffic backups!**

CWSU National TAF METAR maps - NOAA NWS Check this out for up to the minute weather info anywhere in the USA-really high-tech stuff here.

HALL CAPTAINS

Be sure to thank your Hall Captains:

- **Blue Hall – Bob Grebas**
- **Red Hall – Barbara Reed**
- **Silver Hall – Bill Faust**
- **White Hall – “Buddy” Oberender**
- **Orange Hall – Jack Rash & Rick Neely**
- **Purple Hall – Ryan Newman**

New For October 2025! **Seminars and York Youtube Panel**

TMCC/LEGACY/ BASE 3 SIGNAL OVERVIEW

A Seminar by Marty Eibeck

Friday October 24th @ 9:00 am in the Verandah Room

Marty is great asset to the world of Legacy and using it to operate our trains! If Marty can't answer a question or issue with Legacy for you, he knows someone who can!!! He has helped me with my legacy Cab 2 in the past. Marty is a wonderful guy and a Youtuber!!! See Marty's Channel [here](#)

Youtube Q&A Panel

Friday October 24th @ 10:30 am in the Verandah Room


The Youtube Q&A Panel is back again! Come and meet Youtube train personalities. Participants to be announced closer to York. Check EDTCA website and York Train Fair on Facebook.

Blunami presentation by Sid from Sid's Trains

Friday October 24th @ 1:30pm in the Verandah Room

That's right you've been hearing about it, now come and learn about this revolutionary command control option available in the train market. If it's got an electric motor and a power source Blunami can probably power, it!!! Sid from Sid's trains will be talking all about this Bluetooth control system.

Check out Sid's video on Blunami and his Youtube Channel [here](#)

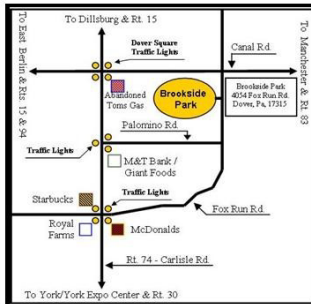


TCA Open House -York Week October 2025

Mon. Oct. 20, Tues. 21, Wed. 22


Free Admission From 6pm to 9pm all days

Stillmeadow Crossing & Pap's Modular Railroad



Brookside Park
4054 Fox Run Rd
Dover Pa 17315

Roughly 8 Miles
from the York
Fairgrounds just
off of Rt 74



Handicapped Accessible

**Inside
The
Carousel
Building**

(Non-TCA) TRAIN ACTIVITIES

These Activities and Open Houses are held on days prior to the Eastern Division York Show.

Choo Choo Barn: Strasburg, PA (<https://choochoobarn.com/history/>)

In 2023, the reins of the Choo Choo Barn and the Strasburg Train Shop were handed over to Gary Russell. Being a life-long train collector and with extensive knowledge in electronics and automation, Gary has the same focus as Tom, and has committed to carrying the Choo Choo Barn legacy forward. We look forward to what the future holds! We are sure you will also.

- * **Hours: Monday:** 10am-5pm **Tuesday:** 10am-5pm **Wednesday:** 10am-5pm
- * **Thursday:** 10am-5pm **Friday:** 10am-5pm **Saturday:** 10am-5pm **Sunday:** 10am-5pm

- * **Four Points Sheraton Train Meet, 1650 Toronita St, York, PA 17402 (Formerly the "BILLY BUDD")** Behind the Round The Clock Diner. Up to 80 tables. Free admission. **Meet opens Monday, 8 AM – 5 PM. Tuesday, 8 AM – 5 PM. Wednesday, 8 AM – 2 PM.** Contact: Rich deDufour (609-466-3933)
- * **Wyndham Garden Train Meet: Wyndham Garden** at West Manchester Mall north of Route 30 on Carlisle Road at 2000 Loucks Road, York PA (717) 846-9500 **Meet days are Mon (10 AM-6PM), Tues (8AM-6PM) and Wed (8AM – 5PM)** Held outside in the parking lot, inside in the banquet room, hall area and adjacent rooms. Tables are available by phone at 716-390-8216 or chuckstrainroom.com. **Free Admission.**
- * **Reliance Fire Hall/WEST YORK FIRE HALL MEET:** 1341 West Market St, York, PA Listed at trains.com. The meet is a mix of gauges from S, to HO, to O. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday opening at 9:00 a.m. and closing at 5:00 p.m. **The FlyerNut meeting is Thursday at 7:30 PM.** Free admission, parking, and handicapped accessible.
DIRECTIONS: RT 30 TO RT 74 SOUTH. RT 74 SOUTH TO NORTH HIGHLAND AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO NORTH HIGHLAND AVE HEADING SOUTH TO W. MARKET ST. LEFT ON WEST MARKET ST. and go 1/10 OF A MILE. TURN LEFT INTO PARKING LOT OF FIRE COMPANY. LOCATED LESS THAT 1 MILE FROM RT 30.
- * **RED LION Area Historical Society & Red Lion Train Station Model Railroaders** hold an Open House at the former Maryland and Penna. Railroad's Authentic and historic Red Lion Train Station. The "0" Gauge Model Railroad layout will be open Wed & Thurs from **6PM- 9PM**. The train station is located at 73 N. Main Street, Red Lion, PA 17356. Route 24, (1 block north of the town center square). For more information go to the Red Lion Area Historical Society's website at www.redlionpa.org/history/borough-history.
- * **CHRISTMAS MUSEUM (now located at Stone Gables Estate)**
1 Hollinger Lane, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 717-902-9791 David Abel, the man who led the reconstruction of the Star Barn and the Stone Gable outbuildings purchased the contents of the National Christmas Center and intends to set them up in the Belmont Barn. stonegablesestate.com/event-calendar/ **Stone Gables Estate Info** info@stonegablesestate.com Good Morning! There is a train display in the interim building. The final location, The Barns of Belmont, will definitely restore and add to a functional layout. stonegablesestate.com/blog/2020/07/30/the-barns-of-Belmont/. Kaitlin Dixon, Executive Director of Sales and Marketing.

TRAIN ACTIVITIES (NON-TCA SPONSORED continued)

NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILWAY: Steam into History's Historical Train Ride the 1860's era replica steam train joining the fun of being whisked back into history as you ride the rails Abraham Lincoln rode on his way to give his famous Gettysburg Address. For information call 717-942-2370.

www.northerncentralrailway.com/?tribe-bar-date=2021-10

TOY TRAINS UNLIMITED: 38 YORK ST., HANOVER, PA. 17331 (25 minutes from York, PA) 717-637-4717
Contact Ron at rborsella4790@comcast.net

Toy Trains Unlimited hosts an **Open House** on **Wed, at 2 pm**. The Open House will continue until everyone has left or has been thrown out, including myself. There will be food, drinks, and a large selection of American Flyer & Lionel & more. We have a large group of Flyer and Lionel operators and collectors who visit. Make plans to attend this bi-yearly event and please tell your American Flyer & Lionel's friends to come along. There is plenty of stuff here to choose from. - Closed on Mon & Tues of York Week

- Closed on Thursday
- Open on Friday at 1pm
- Open Saturday.

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Pittsburgh Independent Hi-Railers' York Week Adventures Curated by Andy Hummel

I've grouped them into trips and have included some commentary that I think is appropriate. All of these trips took place after morning runs through the Purple Hall Pre-Show and non-TCA shows. I do have to stress that hours of operation should be confirmed through web sites, Google or FaceBook pages (I have included some hours of operation as of this writing) to properly plan before going,.

First up is what we call the "York Week Wednesday Grand Tour." In this trip, we start at White Rose Hobbies, just outside of York. They are set up at York, so they may not have a lot of O gauge in-store, but they do have a lot of hobby supplies and a lot of other items that may be of interest. From there we head to Toy Trains Unlimited in Hanover for their open house (detailed in the non-TCA Train Activities section of Clem's Primer), and from there on to Iron Horse Trains inside the Yesteryear Antique Center. Iron Horse also sets up at York, but they still have a good inventory in their store area, and the antique center itself often has other vendors selling train-related items, books, and toys and other items that can be re-purposed for a layout. Up to this point, the total driving time is around 45 minutes. From the antique center, we then head to Red Lion to attend the Red Lion Train Station Model Railroaders open house (also detailed in the non-TCA Train Activities section of Clem's Primer). Red Lion is about an hour drive from the antique center, so depending on the amount of time spent at the previous stops, there may be some time to kill before the open house starts; fortunately, Red Lion is an interesting town to explore, and there are plenty of places to get dinner or have a few beverages.

Here are the details:

White Rose Hobbies

<https://www.whiterosehobbies.com/>
4401 W Market St, York, PA 17408

Toy Trains Unlimited (closed Mondays & Tuesdays)
717-637-4717
38 York Street, Hanover, PA 17331

Iron Horse Trains (inside Yesteryear Antique Center)
<https://ironhorsetrains.biz/>
441 Pine Street, Hanover, PA 17331

Red Lion Train Station Model Railroaders open house
<https://redlionareahistoricalociety.org/red-lion-model-railroaders/>
73 N. Main Street, Red Lion, PA 17356

Next up is Strasburg (1 hour from York). We don't think all of these attractions can be done in one trip (we did these over several trips), so planning is essential. Most of these attractions speak for themselves and are clustered together, however I did want to include Barry's Car Barn in Intercourse, PA (15 minutes from Strasburg) as most train people also like classic cars and motorcycles (Barry's collection is incredible), and there are several vintage train sets on display there as well. As a bonus, if going on Wednesday, we make a point of stopping by the Lower Susquehanna Valley Railroad Club's open house on the way back to York (details in the Daily Schedule of Events section of Clem's Primer).

TCA's National Toy Train Museum
<https://www.tcatrains.org/museum/museum-visit/>
300 Paradise Ln, Ronks, PA 17572

Choo Choo Barn
<https://choochoobarn.com/>
226 Gap Rd, Strasburg, PA 17579

Pittsburgh Independent Hi-Railers' York Week Adventures continued

Strasburg Train Shop
<https://etrainshop.com/>
226 Gap Rd, Strasburg, PA 17579
NOTE: this shop carries almost the entire Artista figure line

Strasburg Railroad
<https://www.strasburgrailroad.com/>
301 Gap Road, Ronks, PA 17572

Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania
<https://www.rrmuseumpa.org/>
300 Gap Rd, Strasburg, PA 17579

Barry's Car Barn (15 minutes from Strasburg) (closed Sundays & Mondays)
<https://www.barryscarbarn.com/>
3504 Old Philadelphia Pike, Intercourse, PA 17534

Lower Susquehanna Valley Railroad Club open house
21 N 2nd St, Columbia, PA, United States, 17512

Gettysburg is another destination that is only about an hour from York. There are two train stores there as well as the Lincoln Train Museum (planning is essential here, as the museum has very short hours) for train fans, and the town itself has a lot of nice shops to explore as well as all the historic sites. Regarding the train stores, Tommy Gilbert's does not have a lot of O gauge, but they do have a lot of modelling supplies, books, and other items of interest, and when it comes to Carver's, don't let the look of the building from the front fool you -- it looks small, but this store is packed with all sorts of trains, vintage to modern (mostly O gauge), accessories, toys, and tons of other stuff of interest to train fans.

Tommy Gilbert's Hobby Shop (closed Tuesdays)

<https://www.gilbertshobbies.net/>

346 E Water St, Gettysburg, PA 17325

Carver's Toy Trains (Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10:30am-5pm)

717-334-6937

305 Buford Ave, Gettysburg, PA 17325

Lincoln Train Museum

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

425 Steinwehr Ave, Gettysburg, PA 17325

Another easy drive (about 1.5 hours) from York is to the B&O Railroad Museum in Baltimore. After the museum, a 40 minute drive can take you to the Toy Exchange in Mt. Airy, MD. This shop has some trains, modern and vintage, but is even more famous for their awesome selection of vintage toys (some of which can be repurposed for layouts). In the same plaza, and a couple of storefronts away from the Toy Exchange, is the Twin Arch Tavern which has excellent food and would be a good dinner destination on this trip

B&O Railroad Museum (10am-4pm)

<https://www.borail.org/>

901 W Pratt St, Baltimore, MD 21223

The Toy Exchange (Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12-5pm)

https://www.frederick.com/the_toy_exchange-sp-5087

1001 Twin Arch Road #12, Mt. Airy, MD 21771

That about sums it up. If we add to this list on future York trips, I will be sure to send you any worthy updates.

Until next York,

Andy Hummell

TCA 08-6230

SERVICES AVAILABLE on the FAIRGROUNDS

KIDS KORNER

Kids Corner is OPEN for October, 2025 in the Orange Hall Lobby!

NATIONAL TCA

- ✦ The [National Business Office \(NBO\) of TCA](#) has tables in the Lobby of **Orange Hall** that are staffed to assist with membership issues, provide information to the public, take membership applications, and **promote TCA**.
- ✦ The [National Toy Train Museum \(NTTM\)](#) tables are in **Orange Hall and have deaccession items**
- ✦ The [National Toy Train Library \(NTTL\)](#) tables are in **Orange Hall and have deaccession items**.

UPS

is available to accept, wrap, and ship your purchases. **Thursday Noon to 5PM ~ Friday 9AM to 5PM ~ Saturday 9AM to 2PM**. Find them in the lobby between **Blue** and Silver Halls

FIRST AID STATION

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

HAVE YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER PREP YOUR MEDS. PUT THEM WHERE YOU CAN FIND THEM. TAKE THEM!

WHEELCHAIRS and SCOOTERS: American Scooter Rentals

No Reservations needed because there will be a scooter available for you. **Scoot over and check us out next to the First Aid Station.**

Wi-Fi on Fairgrounds: Wi-Fi is now available at no charge on Fairgrounds!!!

THIS A PUBLIC NON-SECURED NETWORK.

When accessing the network use the network of the hall you are located. Note the networks are named after the fairgrounds buildings names not the hall colors.

PASSWORD: yec#2025!!

SERVICES AVAILABLE on the FAIRGROUNDS (continued)

FOOD on the FAIRGROUNDS

- **Blue Hall** has a sit-down deli style food service in the back of the hall
- In between **Blue** and **Silver** there is a hot dog counter with seating.
- Outside **Orange Hall** are several food trucks
 - Selling Pizza, Crab Cakes, and Hot Dogs, Funnel Cakes, and Lemonade
- Inside **Orange Hall**
 - Selling hamburgers, hot dogs, fish sandwiches, French fries, nachos, drinks
- In the parking lot outside **Blue** and **Silver** Halls is a food stand:
 - Selling BBQ, Chicken strips, French fries, funnel cakes
- Between **Red Hall** and **White Hall** are food trucks
 - Selling funnel cakes, hamburgers, and lemonade

RESTROOMS

Restrooms (open only during Show hours) are:

- inside the **Blue Hall**, **White Hall**, **Black halls**.
- in the inside lobby between the **Blue Hall** and **Silver Hall**.
- outside of the **Red Hall** on the east of the building next to the EMT (First Aid) building *
- on both sides of the **Orange Hall** promenade area *

Restrooms open 24/7 are on the west side of **Orange Hall** promenade and open **from the outside after hours and include coin-operated showers**.

"The showers at the Arena have pay boxes, \$0.50 for 4 minutes and \$0.25 for 2 more minutes. I put in two quarters and had hot water until I was finished, well over the 4 minutes." Thank you, Carl, for the review!

Restrooms are also available 24/7 in the First Aid Building.

WATER!!!!

We trainiacs run all over while playing trains at York. **Be sure to hydrate.** Steam engines and humans need plenty of water. Most food vendors sell water or bring bottles with you and **never** pass a water fountain. Every time you hit the restroom. The **Orange Hall** promenade, and the rest rooms between the **Blue Hall** and **Silver Hall** have water fountains.

YORK COUNTY TOURIST INFORMATION

Explore York has travel guides, brochures, and PA state maps in both the Arena and Memorial Hall (**Silver Hall** and **Orange Hall**) during the Show for your convenience. Their helpful staff can be reached at www.yorkpa.org

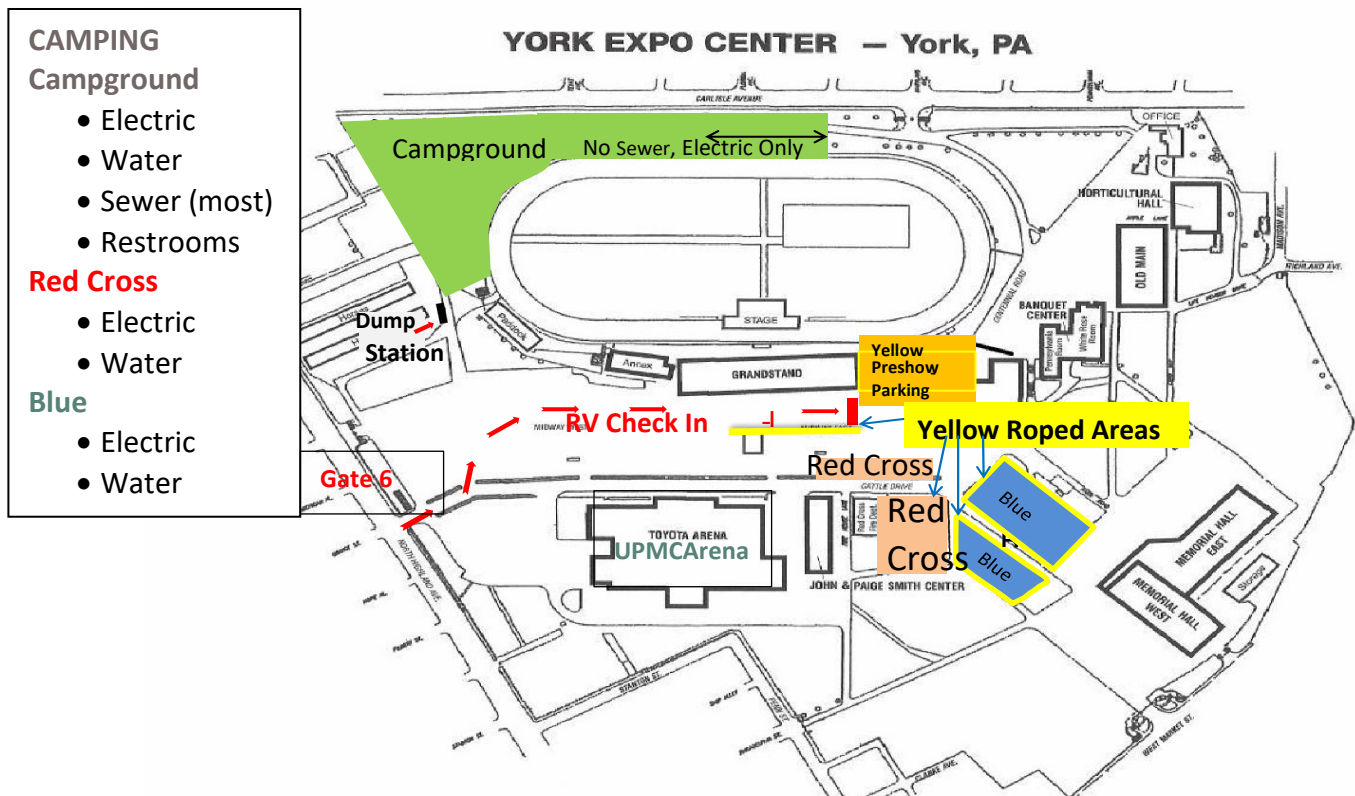
HOW TO GET WHERE YOU WANT TO BE ~ TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

- ✚ **to York Fairgrounds from the South:** travel around the Baltimore beltway (Rt. 695) and go up Rt. 83 North. (You will go past Redman Lake on the right after you enter Pennsylvania!) Take the right-hand exit onto George Street (83 Business) Turn right onto Country Cub Rd (the hospital is on the hill on the right) and go past York College. Street, then right onto S. Richland Ave. Turn left at the red light onto W. Market Street. Turn right into the Fairgrounds. You will enter by the **Blue Hall**.
- ✚ **To York Fairgrounds from the North:** travel down Rt. 83 South. Take the exit to Rt. 30 West. Follow Rt. 30 to Rt. 74 East. Turn right onto N. Highland Ave. Turn left into the Fairgrounds. You will enter by the **Orange Hall**.

SERVICES AVAILABLE on the FAIRGROUNDS (continued)

RV ACCOMMODATIONS ON THE FAIRGROUNDS

- Fairgrounds RV Accommodations **Open 9:00 AM Wednesday till Saturday 6:00 PM**
 - **Early arrivals can stay Sunday, Monday, and/or Tuesday for \$50 paid in cash for each night.**
 - Enter from the west side of the fairgrounds through Gate 6, off Highland Ave.
 - John will help you park. **RV Chair – John Seresky, eMail to: rv@easterntca.com**
John Seresky 518-234-4108
 - You are not allowed to put stakes through the asphalt.
- ✚ **Anyone who sleeps on fairgrounds must pay the \$50 RV fee (\$51 with online convenience fee.) This is a York Expo Center liability requirement. RV's, campers, self-contained vehicles are permitted on the grounds Monday. See details in the [York Show Notice](#).**



Note: Electric will be available on Wednesday. Water sometimes takes longer

RV ACCOMMODATIONS (Off Fairgrounds)

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

Ben Franklin Park in York, PA is approximately 5 minutes west of the York Fairgrounds. They are a mobile home park that offers 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

Gifford Pinchot State Park is the best place to camp. Located on Rte. 74, about 12 miles from the Fair Grounds. It has campsites on a lake, has great showers/bathrooms and is very quiet. — (Bob Obara)
www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/GiffordPinchot/index.htm

GENERAL SHOW RULES

- * By registering you agree to abide by all the [Rules and Regs of Eastern Division](#) and TCA
- * All members selling **reproduction parts** must have **Certificate of Compliance** displayed
- * **All items on your table are to be priced**
- * If an item has been altered in any way it must have a TCA "Identag" available from the Registration Desk or from a Hall Captain
- * York Train Show Badges must be visible at all times. **Reprints are \$5 each at the Reg. Desk**
- * Anyone who sleeps on fairgrounds must pay the \$50 RV fee (\$51 online convenience fee.) This is a York Expo Center liability requirement. RV's, campers, self-contained vehicles are permitted on the grounds **Monday**. See details in the [York Show Notice](#).
- * *Still Photography is **permitted in the Dealer halls and of the modular exhibits**. No photography in the Blue, Silver, Red or White Halls or of copyrighted materials.* Not sure? Ask!
- * **Cell phones may be used in all the halls. Please step outside to make/answer your calls.**
- * No buying, selling, or trading permitted during setup.
- * No Alcohol allowed on the fairgrounds
- * Single-width strollers are **permitted** in halls
- * No Smoking and No Vehicles are permitted in halls
- * No private golf carts permitted on the Fairgrounds without a certificate of insurance for one million dollars liability coverage on file with the Fairgrounds.
- * Only empty boxes may be removed from the hall during setup.
- * **Licensed, service or medical animals are permitted in the buildings**
- * **Pets are allowed on the fairgrounds. Please be courteous and clean up after your pets.**
- * For safety reasons, no Handcarts/Dollies/Suitcases/Large backpacks permitted in the halls during show hours.
- * Follow the Yellow Arrows on the hall floors. This allows for better traffic flow.
- * Allowing someone else to wear your badge is forbidden.
- * Food can be obtained on the fairgrounds in several locations.

DAILY SCHEDULE: DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
(times & locations subject to change)

DAILY SCHEDULE MONDAY:

7:30 AM – 10:00 AM YORK PRESHOW Vendor Setup

10:00 AM – 4 PM YORK PRESHOW YORK FAIRGROUNDS (PURPLE HALL)

10 AM – 5 PM NATIONAL TOY TRAIN MUSEUM & LIBRARY OPEN (Strasburg, PA)

6 PM – 9 PM Pap's Modular Railroad and Stillmeadow Crossing Modular Railroad @ Brookside Park in Dover PA... Just 15 minutes from the Fairgrounds!!!

DAILY SCHEDULE TUESDAY:

8:30 AM – 4 PM YORK PRESHOW YORK FAIRGROUNDS (PURPLE HALL)

10 AM – 5 PM NATIONAL TOY TRAIN MUSEUM & LIBRARY OPEN (Strasburg, PA)

1:00 PM: Eastern Division BOD Meeting: Orange Hall Meeting Room

5:30 PM: Tuesday Night Welcome Party in ORANGE HALL PROMENADE.

6 PM – 9 PM Pap's Modular Railroad and Stillmeadow Crossing Modular Railroad @ Brookside Park in Dover PA... Just 15 minutes from the Fairgrounds!!!

DAILY SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY:

8:30 AM – 1 PM YORK PRESHOW YORK FAIRGROUNDS (PURPLE HALL)

8AM – 6 PM: DEALER SET UP: Orange /Purple Halls. (Dealer badges required)

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM: York Registration opens in the Silver Hall.

10 AM – 5 PM NATIONAL TOY TRAIN MUSEUM & LIBRARY OPEN (Strasburg, PA)

NOON: York Show Volunteers Lunch & Meeting in the Blue Hall.

5 - 10PM Lower Susquehanna Valley Modular Railroaders "Run What You Brung" 21 North 2nd St., Columbia, PA 17512

6 PM – 9 PM Pap's Modular Railroad and Stillmeadow Crossing Modular Railroad @ Brookside Park in Dover PA... Just 15 minutes from the Fairgrounds!!!

DAILY SCHEDULE THURSDAY:

8 AM - Noon: DEALER SET UP: Orange /Purple Halls. Dealer badges required.

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM: York Registration opens in the Silver Hall.

9:00 AM – 12 Noon: Member Set Up - Blue /Red /Silver /White Halls. Hall badges required.

9:10 AM: TCA Standards Committee Meeting Orange Hall Meeting Room (open to all)

10:00 AM: Wood Toy Train Collectors – Display of Wooden Trains Memorial Hall Lobby

**10:00 AM: “OO” Gauge Meeting Orange Hall Meeting Room Larry Olivieri
flyerlarry@yahoo.com**

WITH THE PLAYING OF OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM - PLEASE STAND TALL AND BE PROUD.

12 NOON: EASTERN DIVISION YORK SHOW OPENS AT NOON ON THE FAIRGROUNDS

12PM – 6:30 PM NATIONAL TOY TRAIN MUSEUM & LIBRARY OPEN (Strasburg, PA)

Noon – 5 PM: Member Halls OPEN – Blue /Red /Silver /White Halls

Noon – 6:00 PM: Dealer Halls OPEN: Orange /Purple Halls

Noon – 4:30 PM: Free Shuttle Bus between all the halls

Noon – 6:30 PM: National Toy Train Museum & National Toy Train Library Deaccession Tables open in Orange Hall. Stop by and get some goodies!

Noon – 6:00 PM MODULAR LAYOUTS open in Purple and Black Halls

12PM - 4PM Kids Korner is OPEN

Noon – 3 PM: FedEx Shipping open in Lobby of Memorial Hall between Blue & Silver

Halls

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

5PM: Member Halls close for the day (Blue /Red /Silver /White) (Dealer Halls are still Open)

**5 - 10PM Lower Susquehanna Valley Modular Railroaders “Run What You Brung”
21 North 2nd St., Columbia, PA 17512**

6:00 PM: Dealer Halls Close for the day: Orange /Purple Halls

**7:00 PM: Flyer Nut Meeting – Orange Hall Meeting Room Bob Zimmerman
rzimmerman@cyberia.com**

**7 PM: Marx Show & Tell – Verandah Restaurant Meeting Room. (Set up at 6:30) Ron
LeClaire 708-204-6277/258-9566 rhleclaire@sbcglobal.net**

DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS **FRIDAY:**

7:30 AM: Standard Gauge Module Association meeting. Come and run a SG train! BLACK HALL Coffee and Donuts!!!

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM: York Registration opens in the Silver Hall.

8 AM - 9 AM: Member and Dealer Halls Load-in/unpack (badges required)

9:00 AM: TMCC/LEGACY/ BASE 3 SIGNAL BASICS -- Verandah Room

9AM - 4PM Kids Korner is OPEN

9 AM – 5 PM: Member Halls OPEN - Blue /Red /Silver /White Halls

9 AM – 6:00 PM: National Toy Train Museum & Library Deaccession Tables in Orange Hall.

9 AM – 6:00 PM: Dealer Halls OPEN: Orange /Purple (Public in attendance)

9 AM – 6:30 PM NATIONAL TOY TRAIN MUSEUM & LIBRARY OPEN (Strasburg, PA)

9:30 AM – 4:30 PM: Free Shuttle Bus between all the halls

11 AM: Plasticville Collectors Assoc Meeting. Orange Hall Meeting Room.

12:15 PM Ives General Membership Meeting Orange Hall Meeting Room. Contact dorfan@comcast.net

1:30 PM: MTH Wi-Fi Tiu presentation by Andy Edelman - Verandah Room

5:00 PM: Member halls close (Dealer Halls are open until 6:00 PM)

5 - 10PM Lower Susquehanna Valley Modular Railroaders "Run What You Brung":
21 North 2nd St., Columbia, PA 17512

6:00 PM: Dealer Halls close

6:00 PM: YOU ARE INVITED TO THE EASTERN DIVISION'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL

DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SATURDAY:

7:30 AM: YOU ARE INVITED TO Free Coffee and a Maple Donut in Orange Hall promenade.

8 AM: Eastern Division General Membership Meeting- Orange Hall Meeting room.

8 AM - 9 AM: Member and Dealer Halls Load-in/unpack (badges required)

9 AM – 12 PM: Kids Korner is OPEN

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM: York Registration Desk open in Silver Hall.

9 AM – 2 PM: YORK SHOW OPEN ALL MEMBER HALLS - Blue /Red /Silver /White Halls

9 AM – 3 PM: YORK OPEN ALL DEALER HALLS (Public in attendance) Orange /Purple Halls

9 AM – 3 PM: National Toy Train Museum & Library Deaccession Tables open in Orange Hall.

9 AM – 12:30 PM: Free Shuttle Bus between all the halls

9 AM - 2 PM: UPS Shipping open in Lobby of Memorial Hall between Blue & Silver Halls

9 AM – 3 PM NATIONAL TOY TRAIN MUSEUM & LIBRARY OPEN (Strasburg, PA)

11 AM - 7PM Lower Susquehanna Valley Modular Railroaders “Run What You Brung”: 21 North 2nd St., Columbia, PA 17512

2 PM: Member halls close (3 PM for Dealer Halls.)

3 PM: Dealer halls close. Show closed. See you in the Fall!

TCA STANDARDS

One of the perks of TCA is **enforcement of standards for trains, boxes, and train paper**. Every hall has access to a standards committee member to help with the identification of items. There is a list available at the Registration desk and with each Hall Captain.

* * FUTURE YORK SHOW DATES * *

October 20-25, 2025

April 20-25, 2026

October 19-24, 2026

CLEM(and Ryan's) Report: April, 2025

Hello everyone!

This is Ryan your Primer Editor as well as Purple Hall Captain. As of the completion of April 2024 York, Clem and Sandy have decided to take a break from "Yorking". Not to fear though as Clem and Sandy are still around and if you look close Clem can still be found at local train shows as well as he is still very involved with the Toy Train Mailing List. He also continues to add his commentary and wit to my report outs!!!

April 2025 York was a little different since we came right off the Easter Holiday. Everyone moved into the Purple Hall for the preshow on Monday AM. We had 50 plus vendors set up! The Preshow is growing! My estimate is that the Hall was about 70% percent full. Us Newman boys have 7 total tables and as usual we have Katie and Rupert across the aisle from us. Probably the best neighbors you can have at a train meet!!!

Scott Arbor stopped by and dropped off some flyers for Pap's Modular Railroad which was open in April in Brookside Park in Dover Township. It's only 8 miles from the Fairgrounds on route 74. The Fairgrounds have some new glass doors they have installed on the Black Hall where SGMA will be set up later this week. The fairgrounds are investing in upgrading things around the halls. they remodeled the bathrooms in the black hall 2 Yorks ago!

I had dinner with TCA E-Train Editor Michael Oher (Collector of American Flyer... we can't all be perfect!!! LOL). We dined on some Mexican fare at El Rodeo on route 30. If you like TexMex/ Southwestern cuisine I would highly recommend it. While we were ordering my wonderful hall neighbors came and sat down at the table next to us!

Total tables for the April preshow were 250. This is the 4th Preshow since starting it. As I was ushering the last few shoppers out at closing time one of them stopped and mentioned that he started today at the reliance and then moved on to The Wyndham. He did not have good experience at either of them as the vendors seemed to be bothered by him and others asking questions on their items for sale. It is sad, but he (the shopper) did express his appreciation of the 3 other vendors and me who helped explain the hours of the preshow and how it works as well as he could come back the next day and shop from basically 8:30 until 1:00pm and we would be glad to answer any more questions he had. This is what the York experience is about!

The Eastern Division welcome party was held on Tuesday night in the Orange Hall Promenade. With Dinner provided by the Eastern Division, for the small price of just 10 dollars. The meal included barbecue chicken and beef, corn, baked potato, Salad, and fruit cocktail. As well as ice cream for dessert. It was a wonderful evening with great fellowships had by all in attendance!

Wednesday is the valedictory day of the show that precedes the Eastern Division meet. Today was a beautiful day both in the Hall as well as weather wise! There was a very nice flow of people coming through! There was a very nice example of a 4109WS Electronic

set that passed through the hall today! It included all of the cars in their original boxes except the 4457. There was still a pretty good amount of Standard gauge to be had in the hall, 384's, 385's, and 390's! Hope Danielson stopped by and said hi to myself, and my wonderful neighbors as were closing for the day. We have at least 12 vendors who remained in the Purple Hall along with The Eagle Line Railroad and Choo Choo Barn Mobile layout. We decided to go out to one of our favorite restaurants, Graybill's route 30 Diner in Abbottstown.

The Meet opened Thursday as usual at noon and was a great day! Lots of trains are changing hands. I made it over to the Black Hall and saw the SGMA layout. There was a very nice yellow standard gauge train running of the rubber ornithological variety.... I also made it down to the Silver hall and saw the ladies at Registration. There were a lot of nice items available in the hall as well, but I told myself to limit my spending as I had bought a few nicer items earlier in the week!

After the show closed we made our way east on route 30 to Columbia where we saw the Lower Susquehanna Valley Modular Railroad. The boys and girls have a nice layout and are actually working on a new one in their club house. They also had some food, snacks and beverages available for guests. It is a great place to go after a great day at York and fellowship about toy trains!

A Friday tradition starts at York at 7:30am in the Black Hall with The Standard Gauge Module Association(SGMA) and their show and tell with coffee and doughnuts. Dave Carse with Classic Model Trains LLC had a raffle for a nice silver Virginian standard gauge Coal hopper! There were many nice and unusual standard gauge items on display, and a nice old dash lamp was also on display too!

I made it over to the Orange hall for a little and I think there were a couple of times we had just as many people coming through the Purple hall! The Kids Korner was also popular, especially in the afternoon! I think the new track plan for The Mighty Casey was popular with the kiddos! For dinner we headed back towards Abbottstown and ate at The New Era Restaurant. I would highly recommend it! It is a very large facility, with lots of space!

Saturday started at 7:30 am in the Orange Hall with the Eastern Division providing the fare. Immediately preceding that the Eastern Division had their Membership Meeting. The show started just after a rain shower that lasted until about 11:30 am. After that the skies were blue with puffy white clouds and wonderful sunshine! All in all this April York's weather was great! Katie stopped by to say goodbye until October. I made a quick dash through the Blue Hall around 11:45 once the rain stopped. I said hello to Marty V and the Pittsburgh Hi-railers. 3:00pm rolled around and before we knew it President Bob was playing "Happy Trails" and wishing us all a safe trip home! Us Newman boys had our trailer loaded and were ready to pull out of the fairgrounds by 4:45pm. The trailer was definitely lighter, but the trunk of the car wasn't...

It was another great York week, and a great time was had by all! Hope to see everyone in October!!

MODULAR GROUPS, TCA GROUPS, and TCA COMMITTEES TOY TRAIN PAPER & MEMORABILIA



After meeting continuously for 30 years, the Toy Train Paper & Memorabilia Group is on hiatus and will not be gathering at the October 2025 York meet. Any future plans will be announced in the York mailer as well as on their website: <https://jlmtrains.com/tpm>.

STANDARD GAUGE **MODULE ASSOCIATION** (SGMA)



All are welcome to our Friday morning "Show and Tell" and general discussion about standard gauge trains and upcoming activities from 0730-0900 Friday morning in **BLACK HALL**

The SGMA will have a 20'x40' operating layout in **BLACK** Hall all three days.

AMERICAN FLYER "FLYERNUT" MEETING



AMERICAN FLYER "FLYERNUT" MEETING

The "FLYERNUT" meeting will again be held at the York Fairgrounds in the **Orange Hall** meeting room, Thursday, October 23rd, 2025 @ 7PM. Bring **YOUR** rare, unusual American Flyer or A.C. Gilbert items for a "show and tell". Emceed by Jim Pauley.

The Reliance Fire Hall Meet Has NOT changed.

A Robert J. Tufts Tradition

Robert Zimmerman 76-9107

IVES TRAIN SOCIETY

DONALD LEWIS <dorfan@comcast.net>

Ives Trains Society
Meeting Friday October 24, 2025
12:15-1:30 PM
Orange Hall meeting rooms A & B
All are welcome.

“OO” GAUGE MEETING

Thursday October 23rd @ 10:00am Orange Hall Meeting Room
Contact Larry at flyerlarry@yahoo.com

PLASTICVILLE COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

From: John Niehaus

The Plasticville Collectors Association will have a meeting on Friday, October 24th in the Orange Hall meeting room from 11:00-12:00 at the York Train Meet. Bring a prized piece or a new find to share. All are invited.

John L Niehaus, Secretary/Treasurer johnln@netins.net

Plasticville Collectors Association

PCA #01-03

TCA #04-57460

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

TCA GROUPS, MODULAR GROUPS, TCA COMMITTEES

(continued)

MARX SHOW & TELL

We will have the Marx Show and Tell in the Verandah Room as usual Thursday evening October 23rd. Doors open at 6:30 PM for setup, and the program starts at 7:00.

This is the 76th Consecutive Marx Show and Tell

For questions, please contact Ron LeClaire, rhleclaire@sbcglobal.net.

The 76th Consecutive Meeting of



The Original

MARX
Show & Tell
Est. 1988

Doors Open 6:30 PM - Program Starts 7:00 PM
Thursday October 23, 2025
Verandah Room Near Red Hall
On the York PA Fairgrounds

Bring an old Marx train or toy! Bring a friend! Relax & Enjoy!

Open to the public, all are welcome

York Restaurants

Comments: There are more than 364 restaurants in York and the surrounding area. This link ([THE 10 BEST Restaurants in York - Tripadvisor](#)) lists them with reviews and links to their locations and menus. It includes restaurant websites and phone numbers.

Be sure to call to make reservations so you won't be disappointed.

FAMILY FUN @ YORK – (updated 3/28/2025)

Family Fun at York – April 2025

As always there is a lot of road and bridge construction going on in and around York County, it's recommended you use the contact information included to check where you're interested in going for the latest information.

[EXPLORE YORK](#)

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

Web Site: <http://www.yorkpa.org/>

Or visit their VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER at:

PA. STATE INFORMATION CENTER

I-83 North Pa. State Welcome Center

I-83 Northbound Just above the PA/MD line

717-265-6076

Open Daily 9 am – 5:30 pm

CENTRAL MARKET YORK

34 West Philadelphia Street, York, PA 17401

It has travel guides and brochure racks with information, currently unstaffed at times, access to is available whenever Central Market is open between 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

HANOVER VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

2 Library Place, Hanover, PA 17331

Inside Guthrie Memorial Library in Hanover, open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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HISTORY CENTER MUSEUM, LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

121 N. Pershing Ave.

York, Pa. 17401

717 848-1587

Housed in the York 1885 Edison Electric Light Company generating plant the Museum was ranked #3 among the best new museums of 2024 in the country by USA Today.

<https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/best-new-museum/>

Open Tuesday to Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm

YORK COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

The Trust has a group of 5 Museums throughout York.

YCHT main website: <http://www.yorkhistorycenter.org/>

Agricultural & Industrial Museum

217 West Princess St. York, Pa. 17401

717 848-1587

Open Friday and Saturday 10:00am to 4:00 pm

Fire Museum of York County

757 West Market St. York, Pa. 17401

717 848-1578

Saturday only 10:00am to 4:00pm

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Colonial Complex

157 West Market St. York, Pa. 17401

Includes the Golden Plough Tavern (c.1741) The General Gates House (c.1751) The Barnett Bobb Log House (c.1830) and a reconstruction of the Colonial Court House where the Continental Congress met when in York between Sept. 1777 and June 1778.

717 848-1587

Open seasonally April till November All tours start at the History Center Museum where you will meet your guide. Tours are typically 60-75 minutes in length.

Tuesday to Saturday 10:00am until 4:00pm. <https://sales.yorkhistorycenter.org/generaladmission.aspx> or call 717 848-1587

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

Individual pass rates are: Adults \$20.00, Students 6- 17 \$8.00, Children 5 and under are Free.

A \$2.00 discount is offered to Senior Citizens, Veterans and Active Military, AAA Members,

Group rates and guided and self-guided tours are available, find out more here:

<http://www.yorkhistorycenter.org/york-pa-museums/museum-hours-rates>

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Other Museums in the York area

HANOVER FIRE MUSEUM

[134 East Hanover Street , Hanover PA 17331](#)

<https://www.hanoverfiremuseum.com>

1-717-637-6674

Open every Wednesday 9-3pm

1st & 3rd Saturdays 9-3pm

Tours also available by appointment

Indian Steps Museum

205 Indian Steps Rd. Airville, PA 17302

www.indiansteps.org

Home to more than 10,000 Indian artifacts which all tell stories of Indian inhabitants.

Opens seasonally **April 26 to October 26, 2025.**

\$6.00 per adult children under 6 free.

(717) 862-3948

Saturday and Sunday: 11am to 4 pm

National Watch & Clock Museum

514 Poplar St, Columbia, PA 17512

www.museumoftime.org

717-684-8261

Open Wednesday, Thursday, - Saturday 10 am to 4 pm

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Weight Lifting Hall of Fame

York Barbell Company

3300 Board Rd, York, PA 17406

<https://yorkbarbell.com/our-location/weightlifting-hall-of-fame>

Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Friday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

717-430-2031

800-358-9675 x 226

Email jkensinger@yorkbarbell.com

STATE PARKS:

Samuel S. Lewis

6000 Mt. Pisgah Rd. York, Pa. 17406

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/SamuelSLewisStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

717 252-1134

Gifford Pinchot

2200 Rosstown Rd. Lewisberry, Pa. 17339

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/GiffordPinchotStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

717 423-5011

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Codorus State Park

2600 Smith Station Rd. Hanover, Pa. 17331

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/CodorusStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

717 637-2816

YORK COUNTY PARKS:

<https://yorkcountypa.gov/568/Parks-Recreation>

All Parks are open from dawn till dusk

Apollo Park

4925 Boyd Road, Brogue PA 17309

<https://yorkcountypa.gov/644/Apollo-Park>

Highpoint Scenic Vista

1199 Hiltz Rd, Wrightsville, PA 17368

<https://yorkcountypa.gov/678/Highpoint-Scenic-Vista-Recreation-Area>

John C. Rudy County Park

Canine Meadows Off-Leash Dog Area (Within John Rudy County Park)

400 Mundis Race Rd, York, PA 17406

<https://yorkcountypa.gov/680/John-C-Rudy-Park>

Native Lands Park

Zimmerman Center for Heritage

1706 Long Level Road, Wrightsville PA 17368

<https://yorkcountypa.gov/687/Native-Lands-Park>

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P. Joseph Raab Park

2600 Hoff Rd, Seven Valleys PA 17360

<https://yorkcountypa.gov/688/P-Joseph-Raab-Park>

Richard M. Nixon County Park

5922 Nixon Dr, York, PA 17403

<https://yorkcountypa.gov/693/Richard-Nixon-Park>

Rocky Ridge County Park

3699 Deininger Rd, York, PA 17406

<https://yorkcountypa.gov/691/Rocky-Ridge-Park>

Spring Valley County Park

9777 Crest Rd, Glen Rock, PA 17327

<https://yorkcountypa.gov/701/Spring-Valley-Park>

William H. Kain County Park

274 Hess Farm Rd, York, PA 17403

<https://yorkcountypa.gov/704/William-Kain-Park>

YORK COUNTY HERITAGE RAIL TRAIL

<https://yorkcountypa.gov/1004/York-County-Heritage-Rail-Trail-Park>

Historic features of the trail, all on the National Register of Historic Places, include Howard Tunnel, four railroad bridges, New Freedom Train Station, and Hanover Junction Train Station where Lincoln stopped on his way to Gettysburg.

Part of the York County park system, the Rail Trail presently has over 21 miles of trails extending thru scenic areas of southern York County. Railroad tracks adjoining the trail are active as Steam into History is using them. Expect to see a train at anytime while on the trail.

Also on the Rail Trail:

Northern Central Railway of York

17 N. Front St. New Freedom, Pa. 17349

<https://www.northerncentralrailway.com/>

717- 942-2370

Dover Township

Brookside Park

[4054 Fox Run Rd](#); 8 Miles north of the York Expo Center off Rt. 74.

Is a park with a lot of rail history, founded in 1901 by York Railways Trolley Co. it's York's only surviving "Trolley Park". Its Dance Hall is original to the parks 1900 construction as well as an original stone fire pit where the trolley company cooked soup for their patrons in cast iron caldrons. The original concrete pad where the trolley stopped at the park also survives.

Paps Modular Railroad and Stillmeadow Crossing Modular Railroad will be open during York Week, Monday October 20th thru Wednesday October 22nd: 6:00pm till 9:00pm in the Carousel Building. "Paps" is a conventional modular layout that was designed to promote the hobby to kids of all ages. Bring your newly purchased trains and test run them on their layout.

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YORK COUNTY PUBLIC GOLF COURSES

Briarwood Golf Clubs

4775 West Market St. York, Pa. 17408

www.briarwoodgolfclubs.com

717-792-9776

Cool Creek Golf Club

300 Cool Creek Rd. Wrightsville, Pa.

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

717- 252-3691

Grandview Golf Club

2779 Carlisle Ave. York, Pa. 17408

<https://brewvino.com/grandview-golf-course/>

717-764-2674

Heritage Hills Golf Resort & Conference Center

2700 Mount Rose Ave. York, Pa. 17402

www.heritagehillsresort.com

717-755-0123

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Hickory Heights Golf Course

5158 Lehman Rd. Spring Grove, Pa. 17362

<https://www.golfhickoryheights.com/>

717-225-4247

Honey Run Golf Course & Country Club

3131 South Salem Church Rd. York, Pa. 17408

<http://www.honeyrungolfclub.com>

717-792-9771

Little Creek Golf Course

1657 Route 116 Spring Grove, PA 17369

<http://www.jacksontwpnyork.org/recreation/little-creek-golf-course>

717-916-4900

Pleasant Valley Golf Club

8467 Pleasant Valley Rd. Stewartstown, Pa. 17363

<https://playpleasantvalley.com/>

717-993-2184

Range End Country Club

303 Golf Club Ave. Dillsburg, Pa. 17019

<http://www.rangeendgolfclub.com>

717-432-4114

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Royal Manchester Golf Links

5700 Board Rd. Mount Wolf, Pa. 17347

www.royalmanchestergolflinks.com

717-268-0490

Valley Green Golf Club

1227 Valley Green Rd. Etters, Pa. 17319

<http://valleygreengolfcourse.com>

717-938-4200

PERFORMING ARTS CENTERS

The Appell Center for the Performing Arts

50 North George St. York, Pa. 17401

<https://appellcenter.org>

717 846-1111

Eichelberger Performing Arts Center

195 Stock St. Suite #203 Hanover, Pa 17331

<http://www.theeich.org>

717- 637-7086

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FACTORY TOURS

Bluett Bros. Violins

122 Hill St, York, PA 17403

Tours are by appointment only.

Call: 717-825-4263

www.bluettbros-violins.com

Perrydell Farm Dairy Outlet

90 Indian Rock Dam Road, York

<https://www.perrydellfarm.com/plan-a-visit>

717 741-3485

York County Solid Waste Authority

2651 Blackbridge Rd. York, PA 17406

<https://www.ycswa.com/tours/>

Reservations are required with two weeks advance notice

Tours are free and are available for small to large groups of up to 25 people. For safety reasons, **individuals must be six years of age or older to tour the facility**. The average tour, including orientation, takes approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and flat, **closed-toe shoes**. All participants are required to follow facility safety rules including the use of hard hats and safety glasses which are provided. The facility is handicapped accessible. If you require special accommodations contact the Authority in advance.

Tours of the RRC are available by appointment Monday through Friday. Daytime and evening tours are available. Please call 717-845-1066 or contact us [here](#) to schedule your tour a **minimum of two weeks in advance**.

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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.

Stauffer's Cookie Outlet

375 South Belmont St. York, Pa. 17403

<https://meijiamerica.com/pages/visit-us>

717-848-6630

Utz Quality Foods Factory Store

861 Carlisle Street, Hanover

www.utzsnacks.com

800-367-7629

York Barbell Outlet Store

3300 Board Rd. York, PA 17406

<https://yorkbarbell.com/our-location/outlet-store/>

717-430-2031 Toll Free: 800-358-9675 x 226

Antique Shops

Black Rose Antiques and Collectibles

North Hanover Center 1100 Eichelberger St. Hanover, Pa. 17331

<https://www.blackroseantiques.com/>

717-632-0589

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Burning Bridge Antique Market

304 Walnut St. Columbia, Pa. 17512

<https://burningbridgeantiques.com/>

717-684-7900

Dover Antique mall

5020 Carlisle Rd. Dover, Pa. 17315

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

717-292-2629

Greybeards of Jacobus

51 N Main St. Jacobus, Pa. 17407

717-428-9316

Lewisberry Antique and Crafts Co.

206 Market Street (Rt. 177), Lewisberry, PA 17339

<https://lewisberryantiques.com/>

717-938-3200

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[Yesteryear Antique Center of Hanover](#)

441 Pine St. Hanover, PA 17331

<https://yyach.com/>

717- 637-1612

For additional information visit the areas on-line travel guides

Explore York: <http://www.yorkpa.org/>

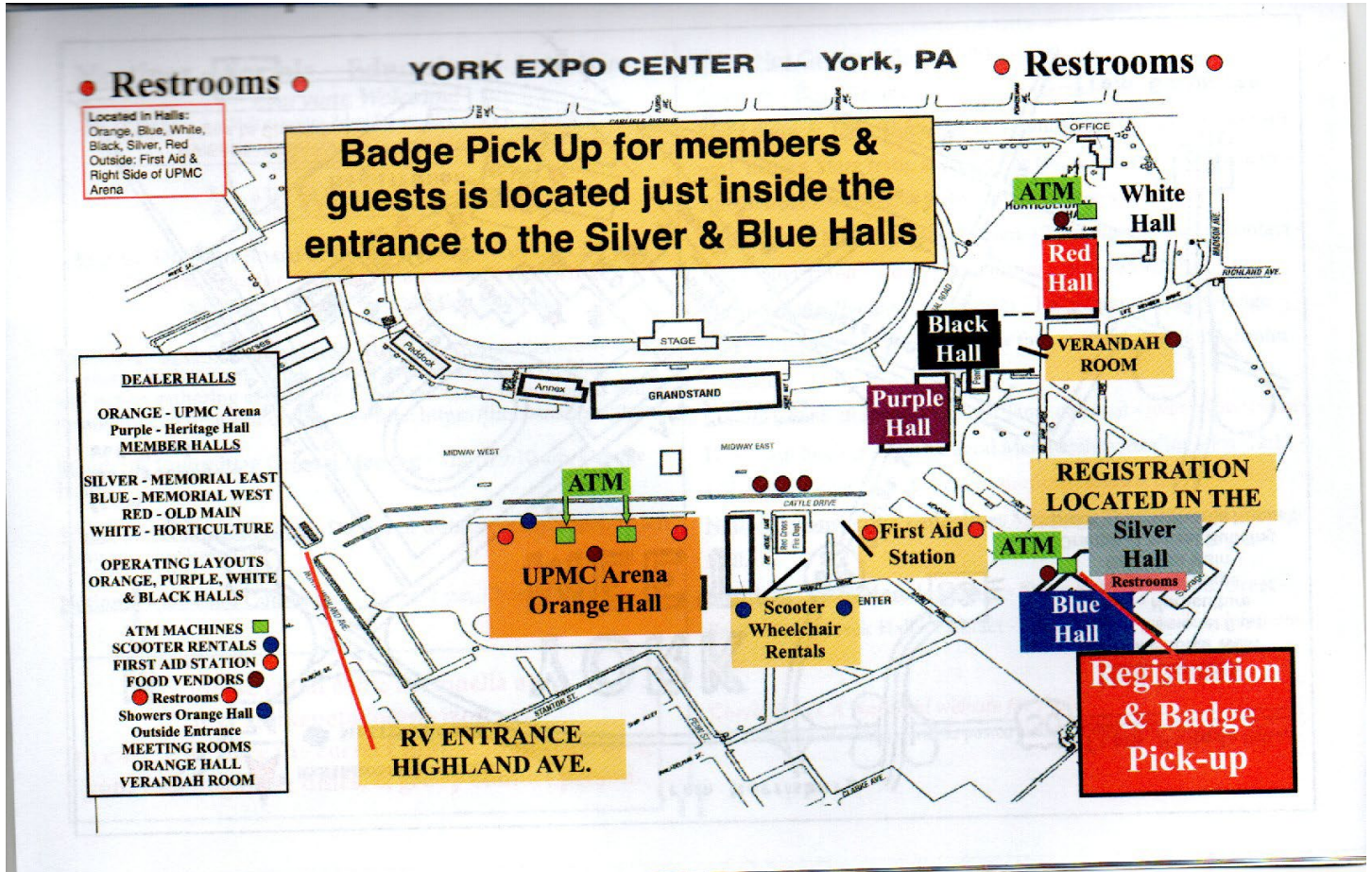
City of York Visitors Information: <http://www.yorkcity.org/visitor/visitor-information/>

Main Street Hanover: <http://mainstreethanover.org/>

A special thanks goes out to Scott Arber for helping with gathering and maintaining all of the Family Fun @ York information!

Map of the York Show:

Here is the map of the York Fairgrounds. Keeping it handy makes getting from hall to hall easy. Extra maps at the Reg Desk in Silver Hall.



York Show Hall Name (York Fairgrounds Hall Name)

Orange Hall	(UPMC Arena)
Purple Hall	(Heritage Hall)
Silver Hall	(Memorial Hall ~ East)
Blue Hall	(Memorial Hall ~ West)
White Hall	(Horticulture Hall)
Red Hall	(Old Main Hall)
Black Hall	(Banquet & Conference Center)
Yellow Hall	(under the Grandstands)

TCA Memberships

Regular Memberships

Dues are currently \$50 for one year of TCA membership. Follow the link to apply as a Regular member. [Apply Online](#)

Trial Memberships

A one-time, six-month trial membership for \$20 includes all TCA publications, the right to attend a TCA Convention, Division, or Chapter Meets and functions. Trial memberships shall not have the right to hold TCA office, vote, have tables, or engage in the selling of toy trains or related items during TCA National, Division, or Chapter Meets, or in the *National Headquarters News* publication. In applying, you must agree to observe the standard TCA rules for Regular members as described above. After completing the trial membership period, that person is eligible to apply for Regular membership per qualifications established from time to time by the Board of Directors. Trial memberships may not be renewed nor repeated. [Start my Trial](#)

Junior Memberships

(Kids Under Age 18)

Dues are currently \$25 for one year. Follow the link to apply as a Junior member.

The following additional rules apply to Junior members:

- Junior members may participate in TCA events and receive publications, but may not vote, hold office, or participate in TCA-sponsored sales or purchasing programs such as sales tables or listing items for sale in the Interchange or the Buysell site.
- **Before your application can be activated, you must submit your parent or guardian's written approval to join.** You may [do this by returning this form](#) to the Membership Coordinator at TCA. Simply complete and [email it back](#) (or print and send it via USPS) to: **Membership, Train Collectors Association, PO Box 248, Strasburg, PA 17579**. You may not hear from us until this form is received!
- Junior members must become Regular members at age 18 or forfeit membership. Junior TCA members who become Regular members will pay annual dues of 50% of the Regular member rate until the year the member attains his/her 24th birthday.

[Apply Online](#)

Would You Rather Apply by Mail? Prospective new TCA members may also file applications and make initial dues payments by US Mail, but this is not recommended and will delay processing. [Print paper application form.](#)