

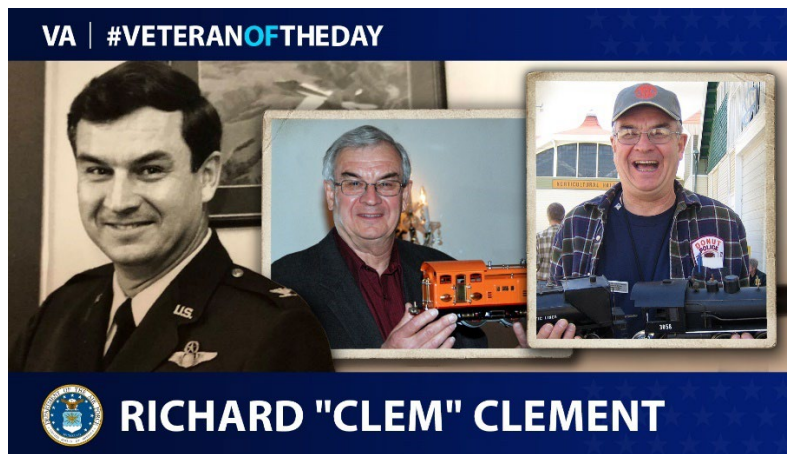


# **Clem's York Primer©**

## **Spring 2026**

### **April 20-25, 2026**

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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, April 20-25, 2026**

### **Preshow**

**Open to Everyone**, No Admission Cost

Located in the Purple Hall (Heritage Hall)

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

**Tuesday, 4/21- 8:30am – 4:00pm**

**Wednesday, 4/22- 8:30am – 1:00pm**

### **TCA Eastern Division York Meet**

#### **Thursday, 4/23**

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

**Blue, Red, Silver, White Halls 12:00pm-5:00pm TCA Members Only**

#### **Friday, 4/24**

**Orange, Purple, and Black Halls 9:00am–6:00pm Public Welcome\***

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

#### **Saturday, 4/25**

**Orange, Purple, and Black Halls 9:00am–3:00pm Public Welcome\***

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

#### **\* Public Registration Available in Orange Hall Lobby**

**Adults \$10 per day; under 18 free with an adult.**

**wristband allows access to Orange, Purple and Black Halls**

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**New for April, 2026**

- ‡ **SHOW DATES: Monday April. 20th, Tuesday April. 21st, Wednesday April. 22nd, Thursday April. 23rd, Friday April. 24<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday April. 25<sup>th</sup>.**
- ‡ **The PRESHOW is inside the Purple Hall Monday to Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 21, 22!**  
QUESTIONS: email [JYOUENS@VERIZON.NET](mailto:JYOUENS@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
  - **Show Hours: Monday 10:00am-4pm, Tuesday 8:30am-4pm, Wednesday 8:30am-1pm**
- ‡ **Tuesday Night Welcome Party: Tuesday Evening, 5:30 PM, New Location in the Verandah Room \$10 admission includes Dinner, Dessert, and Beverages. A Cash Bar is also available, Need Tickets - Call - 585.683.9333** Some Tickets available at door.
- ‡ **Guests and General Public can access the whole show including member halls one time only for \$20! 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 layout will be up and running Thurs. at 9:00am. 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 HALL. Membership to SGMA is free and open to all
- ‡ **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
- ‡ **Imagination Station (Kids Korner) is OPEN for April 2026 in the Orange Hall Southeast Corner Annex!**
- 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 6-day train meet in all the land.

**Eastern Division President's Message: Bob Buehler**

This spring we once again welcome collectors, operators, and families to the York Train Fair—one of the great traditions in the model train hobby. Since 1969, York has been a place where enthusiasts gather to share knowledge, discover rare finds, reconnect with friends, and celebrate the hobby that brings us all together.

As we look toward the future of York, one of our primary goals is continuing to grow the hobby while honoring the legacy that built it. The collectors who have supported York for decades remain the foundation of this event, and we remain committed to preserving the traditions that make the York Train Fair so special. At the same time, we recognize the importance of welcoming new generations of enthusiasts who will carry the hobby forward.

This year we are introducing a new marketing initiative designed to broaden awareness of the York Train Fair and reach more hobbyists, families, and newcomers than ever before. By expanding our outreach and telling the story of York to a wider audience, we hope to ensure that this event—and the hobby itself—continues to thrive for generations to come.

We are also excited to introduce Imagination Station, the newly reimagined version of our longtime Kids Korner. This refreshed space is designed to inspire younger enthusiasts with interactive layouts, hands-on activities, and opportunities for children and families to experience the joy of model trains in a fun and welcoming environment. It reflects our commitment to encouraging the next generation while still celebrating the rich collecting tradition that defines York.

None of this would be possible without the incredible dedication of our volunteers, exhibitors, dealers, and board members who work tirelessly to make each York Train Fair a success. Their passion and commitment are what keep this tradition moving forward.

Thank you for being part of the York tradition.

We look forward to seeing you this April. 🚂

**BOB BUEHLER, Eastern Division President** [buehlster@aol.com](mailto:buehlster@aol.com)

## [York Train Fair Operating Layouts for April 2026](#)



### 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 **White Hall**.



### Kids Creek Railroad / Mod Squad

With support from METCA & LCCA, the Kids Creek Railroad from Gale Ferry, CT will operate a 21 x 32 & 5 x 12 a kid-friendly and interactive modular O Gauge layout, operating in the **Orange Hall Concession Area**.



## 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!

## CHOO CHOO BARN You be the Engineer Layout

The CHOO CHOO BARN will have their portable 3 train you be the engineer layout in Imagination Station (Kids Korner) Make sure to stop by and check this out!



## Stillmeadow Crossing Modular Railroad Group

Local York favorite O modular group Stillmeadow Crossing will have their 16'x24' Layout setup in the White Hall!



## 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.

We will be open at 9 on Thursday for those that want to linger before the doors open. The Friday Show and Tell breakfast will include large numbers of unique, new and custom-built trains and it is never the same twice.

We will have several unique displays, custom-built trains and as usual, free coffee and donuts.

For anyone interested in Standard Gauge, membership is free and gives access to quarterly Zooms, web sites and a Groups.io message account like Toy Train Mailing List. Ask one of our members or officers (Jim Waterman, President, Ken Fischer Secretary, Jim Kelly-Evans, Treasurer, Wayne Strobel or Kirk Lindvig, Trustees and Past Presidents).

Jim Waterman





## 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.

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### **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](#).

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### **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.

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

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

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### **What is the Eastern Division York Meet Official website address?**

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

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### **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.

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### **How many registered to attend the York Meet?**

- Visit our [General Information](#) page for meet numbers.

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### **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 MEET REGISTRATION**

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

1. Online at [www.yorkregistration.org](http://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/](http://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 October, 2026.**

## **Imagination Station (Kids Korner): is OPEN for April 2026** **in the Orange Hall Southeast Corner Annex**

Thursday 12PM - 4PM

Friday 9AM - 4PM

Saturday 9AM - 12PM

## **Volunteers are 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 2025 was the highest it has been since pre-COVID! Let's make Spring 2026 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](mailto: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 maps and maps 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](mailto: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.



# 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](http://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/](http://www.ydr.com/)**

Pennsylvania Official Travel Information website is "511PA". Dial "511" or go to [www.511PA.com](http://www.511PA.com) to obtain the travel information. Traffic at the Carlisle Gate of the York Fairgrounds can be horrendous. Please be careful. I recommend Gate 6 on Highland Ave. - the Northwest end of the fairground (From the **Blue Hall** go 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**

## DEACCESSION TABLES

National Toy Train Museum (NTTM) & National Toy Train Library (NTTL) deaccession tables:

<u>ORANGE HALL</u>	
THURSDAY	Noon – 6:00 PM
FRIDAY	9 AM – 6:00 PM
SATURDAY	9 AM – 3 PM

There are 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.

## **Seminars For April 2026!**

### **Kids aren't the problem- We are: Fixing Youth Engagement in Model Railroading**

A Seminar by Gary Russell

Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am in the Verandah Room

Gary is a great ambassador to the train hobby! He is the current owner of the Choo Choo Barn in Strasburg after having taken over from the Groff Family. He has also started the Choo Choo Barn Foundation whose mission is to inspire today's youth to explore the fascinating world of model trains while developing valuable life skills that go beyond the tracks. Choo Choo Barn

### **Custom Run Train Car Design Process - Soup to Nuts**

The Illustrious Stu Rankin

Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am in the Verandah Room

Past TCA National President Stu Rankin in the last 20 years has become the custom run king because of his involvement with the Metropolitan Division of the TCA. Come and learn from Stu what it takes to do custom run train cars!

### **What's New at MTH Electric Trains**

With Bradley Deleon

Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm in the Verandah Room

Bradley has agreed to do a presentation on what is new with MTH Electric Trains. As we all know MTH has had some interesting changes take place in the last few years and they all have been positive for the toy train hobby! Come and see what Bradley has to tell us about at MTH!

## (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** It has been reported the meet at the Four Points is not happening this April 2026 due to a scheduling conflict with the Sheraton.

- \* **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](http://chuckstrainroom.com). **Free Admission.**

- \* **Reliance Fire Hall/WEST YORK FIRE HALL MEET:** 1341 West Market St, York, PA Listed at [trains.com](http://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](http://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/](http://stonegablesestate.com/event-calendar/) **Stone Gables Estate Info** [info@stonegablesestate.com](mailto: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/](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

~ POST & PRE-WAR LIONEL  
~ AMERICAN FLYER  
~ MTH  
~ AMERICAN MODELS  
~ S-HELPER, K-LINE  
~ TRAINS & ACCESSORIES  
~ NEW & USED  
~DISCOUNT TRAIN SETS  
~ NO RETAIL PRICES!

## *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 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](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

## Imagination Station(KIDS KORNER)

**Imagination Station(Kids Korner) is OPEN for April 2026 in the Orange Hall Southeast Annex!**

## 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, sell merchandise, 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#2026!!**

## SERVICES AVAILABLE on the FAIRGROUNDS (continued)

### FOOD on the FAIRGROUNDS

- During the Preshow Mon-Wed. There will be a food truck outside of **Purple Hall**
- **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](http://www.yorkpa.org)

### HOW TO GET WHERE YOU WANT TO BE ~ TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

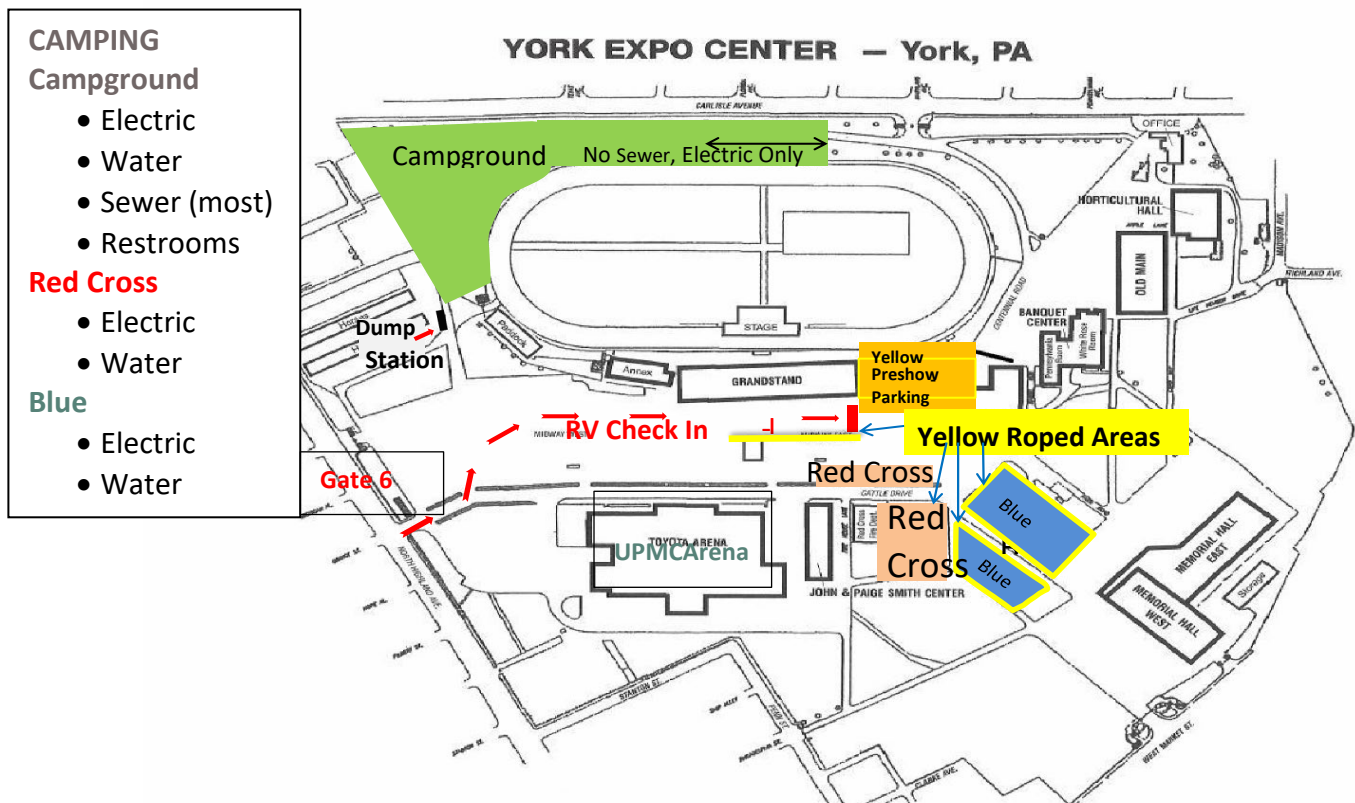
York Expo Center: 334 Carlisle Ave. York, Pa. 17404

- ✚ **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](mailto: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](http://www.indianrockcampground.com)

**Ben Franklin Park** in York, PA is approximately 5 minutes west of the York Fairgrounds. They are a mobile home park that 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](http://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](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/GiffordPinchot/index.htm)

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## 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 “**Identa tag**” 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 OPEN (Strasburg, PA)**

**DAILY SCHEDULE      TUESDAY:**

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

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

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

**5:30 PM:      Tuesday Night Welcome Party in **Verandah Room** Cost \$10**

**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)**

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

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

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

**1PM - 10PM      Lower Susquehanna Valley Modular Railroaders “Run What You Brung” 21 North 2nd St., Columbia, PA 17512**

**6pm – 9pm      RED LION Area Historical Society & Red Lion Train Station Model Railroaders open house 73 N. Main Street, Red Lion, PA 17356**

**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.**

**9:00 AM – Standard Gauge Module Association Layout open and running. Black Hall**

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

**10:00 AM: “OO” Gauge Meeting Orange Hall Meeting Room Larry Olivieri  
[flyerlarry@yahoo.com](mailto: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 – 5 PM NATIONAL TOY TRAIN MUSEUM 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 **Imagination Station (Kids Korner) is OPEN****

**Noon – 3 PM: UPS 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**

**6pm – 9pm RED LION Area Historical Society & Red Lion Train Station Model Railroaders  
open house 73 N. Main Street, Red Lion, PA 17356**

**7:00 PM: Flyer Nut Meeting – Orange Hall Meeting Room Bob Zimmerman  
[rzimmerman@cyberia.com](mailto: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](mailto: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: Kids aren't the Problem - We are – Presentation in the  
Verandah Room**

**9AM - 4PM Imagination Station (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 – 5 PM NATIONAL TOY TRAIN MUSEUM 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. Contact John  
Niehaus for more information [johnln@netins.net](mailto:johnln@netins.net)**

**11 AM: Custom Run Train Car Design Process – Presentation in the  
Verandah Room**

**12:15 PM Ives General Membership Meeting Orange Hall Meeting Room. Contact  
[dorfan@comcast.net](mailto:dorfan@comcast.net)**

**1:30 PM: What's New at MTH Electric Trains - 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 Orange Hall Promenade**

**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: Imagination Station (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 – 5PM NATIONAL TOY TRAIN MUSEUM 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.

### \* \* FUTURE YORK SHOW DATES \* \*

**April 20-25, 2026**  
**October 20-24, 2026**  
**April 20-24, 2027**

## CLEM(and Ryan's) Report: October, 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!!!

Fall 2025 York Week officially began yesterday (10/19) at 1:00pm with moving into the Purple Hall Preshow. I believe over 200 tables were sold for the Preshow with at least 60 different vendors. A lot of nice items are present at the preshow, an MTH Presidents Special, a Green Agglomerated Flyer 4000. some nice boxed standard gauge Ives items of extraordinary merit. We had dinner Sunday night at The Around the Clock Diner, I had a slice of strawberry pie for dessert.

The Maple Donut conundrum has been answered. They still exist and can be bought in the original regular old boxes as well as plastic clamshell packaging!

Lots of different People stopped by the Preshow today 10/20/2025, The crowd was large from opening at 9am until about 1:00pm. We are heading over to Brookside Park to see Pap's Modular Railroad and Still Meadow Crossing Modular Railroad. No word on where we are going for dinner as it appears a lot of restaurants in the York area are closed on Monday nights. Might have to do a chain...

We ended up trying a new restaurant last night in York. As most of the old mainstays on route 74 were closed on Mondays. The new place is a Pizza/Italian restaurant called The Vault Pizza and Grill. The restaurant is very nice. The Vault theme comes from a previous life of the building was a bank...the Vault is still inside and intact... no it is not gimmick! The night deposit drop is still in the wall where the to-go window is located. We had 8 of us in our group and the staff was wonderful at handling all of our requests. The Vault is on route 74 about halfway between the fairgrounds and Brookside Park in Dover Pa.

Today was another good day at the preshow. A modern era Presidents Special changed hands! The Eastern Division Board meeting took place as well! A lot of effort is being made by Eastern Division Social Media Chair Michael Oher. Lots of announcements and advertising have been done on Facebook as well as Local news coverage in the York Area! Tonight was the annual Welcome Party. The spread that was put on was delicious! Ribs, Pulled Pork, Roll, mashed potatoes, macaroni salad, 3 different Cobblers were available for dessert as well as a large selection of beverages to drink. It is always a great time to fellowship with other members over some great food and talking trains! All in all, it's a great time and recommend anyone coming to York to go to the Welcome Party!

Day three of the Preshow started interestingly... I arose at 4:30am all in the name of the Eastern Division and the future of the "York Train Fair". Fox43, the local news in York/Harrisburg, had their morning news reporter Sedona Meadows visit the Fairgrounds during their morning broadcast. They had live reports during the 7,8, and 9am broadcasts.

The 7am live was done in the RV lot at Captain Andy's RV who has an N scale layout in front of it. Michael Oher was interviewed during the 7am live. During the 8am live we took them into the Purple Hall to show off the preshow, as well as a small Flyer S gauge layout I put together for Michael to display some of his rarer items from his father's flyer collection. Russell Youens and I were interviewed during this segment.

At 9 the news crew was taken over to the Orange Hall and filmed the popup layout that was on display from the Choo Choo Barn. EDTCA President Bob Buehler did the interview during the 9am segment it can be seen at the link below.

[https://youtu.be/C\\_jNmd-BsTg?si=3PpeJfRUmqRJYvCU](https://youtu.be/C_jNmd-BsTg?si=3PpeJfRUmqRJYvCU)

All of this with the news was originally scheduled for Monday Am but was rescheduled due to a large fire at Mulch plant here in York County that caught on fire. The winds that have been blowing since Sunday night did not help the crews fighting the fire.

The preshow today had wonderful attendance and was decently packed most of the morning! This evening the three of us went for dinner at the New Era Restaurant in Abbottstown which has become one of our new favorites. Wednesday is taco night at the New Era. I recommend the Mahi tacos!

Thursday, the first day of the meet started at 12 noon as usual. On our way into the fairgrounds, we stopped at Rutters as we normally do for breakfast and to grab some sandwiches to go for lunch in case, we are too busy selling trains or making sure that Mighty Casey keeps on turning. One of the ladies at the Rutters here in Abbottstown had told her husband about us being in town for the train show at the fairgrounds... well he was watching the news yesterday morning and recorded the segments from the fairgrounds. So, the ladies were asking for my autograph!

For a Thursday I thought the attendance today was great! I had great sales as well as the Kids Korner had 7 kids today, for a Thursday!!! I'm hoping this momentum continues on tomorrow and into Saturday. For dinner tonight we Newman boys had some chicken wings for dinner and called it a night early.

Friday started out with SGMA Donuts and coffee. No, the donuts weren't flat!!! Lots of great looking Standard Gauge items were on display including a nice green amalgamated American Flyer 4000 with dual motors! A nice B&O CMT car was raffled off for

**\$10 dollars a chance to help raise money. Afterwards I went over and took on my duty as hall captain of the Purple Hall.**

**After God Bless America was played the halls opened. Katie and I were chitchatting about the day going forward, and I said that Dr Joe should be stopping by today and about 10 minutes later he arrived in the Purple Hall. We discussed the pictures we had seen from the Dr. and others of past Yorks Specifically the one of him with Bob Mintz and others from 2003. Katie and I were wondering if Dr. Joe was the spitting image of George Lucas back then or if it was the other way around... most definitely the other way around!**

**The people were steadily coming through the Hall. We have gotten a lot of Compliments on the amount of inventory and vendors in the Hall. Also, the crowds were large all over the Fairgrounds! There were 250 of the new One Day Guest badges made up beforehand. Apparently the EDTCA sold out in a few hours so some more of the red badges had to be made post haste! I am excited to see the attendance numbers for this show!**

**For tonight I by myself after closing went over to Columbia to the Lower Susquehanna Valley Railroad Club. They have a "Run What You Brung" event every York on Wednesday - Saturday nights during York. They open at 4pm and go to? Basically, until everyone leaves... or 1am comes! They have refreshments and some snacks as well as some food items simmering on the stove. Tonight there was chili and hot dogs. This is all graciously provided by the club members, but donations are always appreciated.**

**Saturday started out with the EDTCA morning Maple Donuts and coffee. I myself had an apple filling filled donut. I'm not complaining but there seemed to be a shortage on sprinkle frosted donuts this year from Maple Donuts no matter where they were served... It's fall and we can have festive Halloween frosted donuts!!!**

**The influx of people we had on Friday did not seem to carry through to Saturday. Although after waiting like 35 minutes after the dealer halls closed talking with Rupert and I had most of my items packed up, Robert and dad came walking into the purple hall.... Kids Korner usually closes at like 1:00pm on a Saturday!!! They could not start closing until like 2:30 due to the number of kiddos there. There were 30 kids in attendance on Saturday at Kids Korner alone!!!!**

**Yes, on Saturday attendance was low, and buying was not prevalent, but isn't having a busy Kids Korner what it's all about???**

## 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 April 2026 York meet. Any future plans will be announced in the York mailer as well as on their website: <https://jlmtrains.com/ttpm>.

## 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, April 23th, 2026 @ 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 April 24, 2026  
12:15-1:30 PM  
Orange Hall meeting rooms A & B  
All are welcome.

## “OO” GAUGE MEETING

Thursday April 23rd @ 10:00am Orange Hall Meeting Room  
Contact Larry at [flyerlarry@yahoo.com](mailto:flyerlarry@yahoo.com)

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## PLASTICVILLE COLLECTORS' ASSOCIATION

From: John Niehaus

The Plasticville Collectors Association will have a meeting on Friday, April 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](mailto:johnln@netins.net)

Plasticville Collectors Association

PCA #01-03

TCA #04-57460

Join the only organization dedicated to study and collecting 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 April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Doors open at 6:30 PM for setup, and the program starts at 7:00.

This is the 77<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Marx Show and Tell

For questions, please contact Ron LeClaire, [rhleclaire@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rhleclaire@sbcglobal.net).



## **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**

## **Family Fun at York – April 2026**

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.

### **YORK COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**

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/>

### **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**

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. The building is open Wednesday and Friday for a few vendors and you will be able to access the brochure racks, but you will not have the same farmer's market experience.

### **Discover Hanover**

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

An on-line guide to what's happening in Hanover

### **HISTORY CENTER MUSEUM**

121 N. Pershing Ave.

York, Pa. 17401

717 848-1587

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

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.

Open Tuesday to Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm, **Sunday Noon till 4:00, Closed Monday**

**LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES**

121 N. Pershing Ave.  
York, Pa. 17401  
717 848-1587

Also housed in the York 1885 Edison Electric Light Company generating plant it's the place to research ancestors, military records, land platting, weddings, obituaries etc. from York County. Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Sundays and Mondays  
Library admission is \$12 a day, \$10 for seniors, students are free.

**Agricultural & Industrial Museum**

217 West Princess St. York, Pa. 17401  
717 848-1587

Housed in a former industrial complex this first-class museum explores 300 years of York County history from a York County built Conestoga wagon to a Pullman automobile to Pfaltzgraff pottery and more

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

The historic 1903 Royal Fire House holds more than 225 years of firefighting equipment from 72 fire companies of York County. Displays include fire trucks from the 1920s to the 1950s, hand-drawn pumpers, uniforms, alarm systems and a third-floor dormitory.

Saturday only 10:00am to 4:00pm

**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 11:00 and 2:00

<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.

## 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](http://www.indiansteps.org)

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

Opens seasonally April 25.

\$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](http://www.museumoftime.org)

717-684-8261

Open Thursday through Saturday 10 am to 4 pm

### **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. Closed Sunday.

717-430-2031

800-358-9675 x 226

Email [jkensinger@yorkbarbell.com](mailto: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

**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 Hilts 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>

**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.

**YORK COUNTY PUBLIC GOLF COURSES****Briarwood Golf Clubs**

4775 West Market St. York, Pa. 17408

[www.briarwoodgolfclubs.com](http://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://golf-grandview.com/>

717-764-2674

**Heritage Hills Golf Resort & Conference Center**

2700 Mount Rose Ave. York, Pa. 17402

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

717-755-0123

**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.jacksonwpyork.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

**Royal Manchester Golf Links**

5700 Board Rd. Mount Wolf, Pa. 17347

[www.royalmanchestergolflinks.com](http://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

**FACTORY TOURS****Bluett Bros. Violins**

122 Hill St, York, PA 17403

Tours are by appointment only.

Call: 717-825-4263

**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 **1 hour to 1 hour & 15 minutes**. 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**.

**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://meiji-america.com/pages/visit-us>

717-848-6630

**Utz Quality Foods Factory Store**

861 Carlisle Street, Hanover

Open Monday thru Saturday 9:30 till 5:30, Sunday 11:00 till 5:00

[www.utzsnacks.com](http://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

**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

**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/>

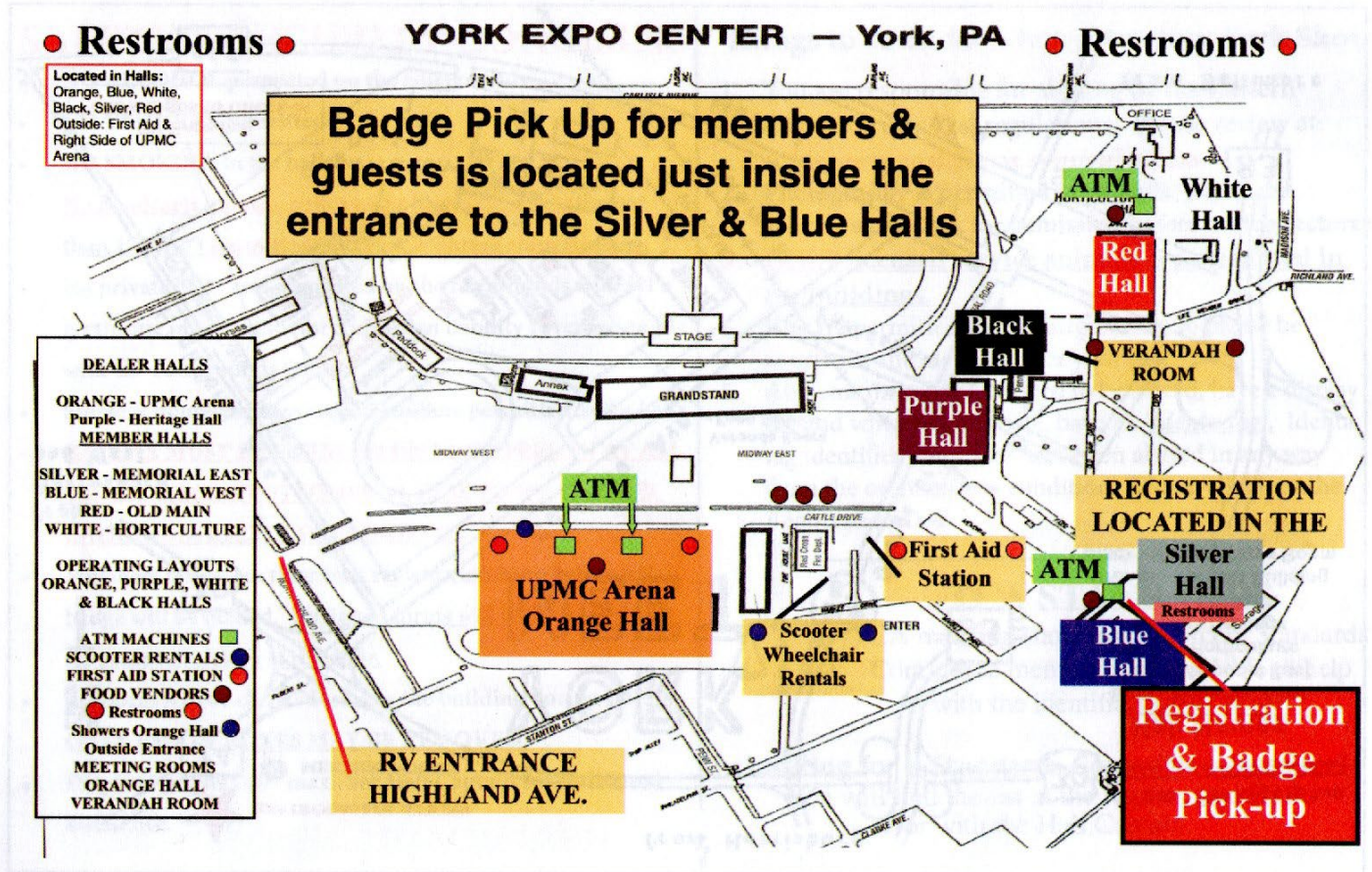
City of York Visitors Information: <http://www.yorkcity.org/visitor/visitor-information/>

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)

<b>Orange Hall</b>	(UPMC Arena)
<b>Purple Hall</b>	(Heritage Hall)
<b>Silver Hall</b>	(Memorial Hall ~ East)
<b>Blue Hall</b>	(Memorial Hall ~ West)
<b>White Hall</b>	(Horticulture Hall)
<b>Red Hall</b>	(Old Main Hall)
<b>Black Hall</b>	(Banquet & Conference Center)
<b>Yellow Hall</b>	(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 qualification established from time to time by the Board of Directors. Trial membership may not be renewed or 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.
- **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.](#)