

Clem's York Primer

SPRING 2020

~~April 24 and 25~~

~~At the York Fairgrounds~~

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

We are in unprecedented times. We need to care for ourselves and care for each other. York Fairgrounds has made the decision to close their operations through May 10th.

With that **April York** has been cancelled.

We can, and should, still play trains. They take no food, need a bit of care and coaxing, and can be so much fun. Relax and enjoy. Keep in touch with each other via phone, Facebook, and eMail. Call and talk to each other. It will take the edge off of the day!

Stay safe. Hope to see you in Jacksonville!

York Future Meet Dates

October 23-24, 2020

April 23-24, 2021

October 22-23, 2021

April 29-30, 2022

October 21-22, 2022

April 21-22, 2023

October 20-21, 2023

Mark your calendar for these important dates.

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NEW for APRIL, 2020

- 🌀 **The York Fairgrounds has cancelled all activities through early May, so April York is cancelled.**
- 🌀 Keep your address, email, and phone numbers current with [Eastern Division](#) and the [National Business Office](#). You'll miss important information if you don't!
- 🌀 **April fees paid will be transferred to October.**
- 🌀 October, 2020 may be a 2 (TWO) day show, Friday & Saturday, October 23 and April 24.
- 🌀 **Be sure to cancel April hotel, airline or tour bus reservations, and rental car reservations.**
- 🌀 Check the October information at the [York Meet Notice](#). It will be posted when it's ready.
- 🌀 **Visit www.easterntca.com/read-more.htm for additional information.**
- 🌀 The upcoming convention will be the [66th Convention in Jacksonville!](#)
- 🌀 **Groups online can be reached at <https://groups.io/g/toytrains> (Toy Train Mailing List), <https://groups.io/g/sgma>, (Standard Gauge Module Association), and <https://ogrforum.ogaugerr.com/> (O Gauge Forum),**
- 🌀 Trains can be bought and sold at the [TCA x-change](#).

The Mission Statement of Clem's Primer:

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

The Primer is designed to enrich the **Eastern Division York Week Experience**. The Eastern Division, TCA, **York Meet Notice** is their official **bi-annual newsletter**. The Primer is not sponsored by any organization; business or company, nor does it sell, endorse or promote a particular product.

Eastern Division President's Message: Dan Danielson

I spoke with Dan on Saturday, March 14 and again on Wednesday, March 18. During this unprecedented time Eastern Division is working hard to make the transition from April York to October York as seamless as it can. Consideration is being given to maintaining the color scheme of the badges, thus if you get a badge for April it will be honored at the October meet. Announcements will be made on TTML (the TCA Toy Train Mailing List), the OGR Forum, the Eastern Division Website, and the TCA National eBlast. Go to <https://www.easterntca.com/> for the latest details.

TCA Convention



Join us for a fun filled week of activities at the 66th TCA National Convention in Jacksonville, FL, sponsored by Southern Division. [For more information visit the Train Collectors Convention website.](#)

TCA NATIONAL CONVENTION: June 20-June 28, 2020. Relax and enjoy the adventure!

GENERAL INFORMATION/AVAILABLE SERVICES/ACTIVITIES

YORK SHOW numbers (unOFFICIAL NUMBERS)

Here is the history:

York Stats - Apr `07	Total Registrations 14,325
York Stats - Apr `08	Total Registrations 14,567
York Stats - Apr `09	Total Registrations 14,109
York Stats - Apr `10	Total Registrations 13,769
York Stats - Oct `10	Total Registrations 13,648
York Stats - Apr `11	Total Registrations 13,521
York Stats - Oct `11	Total Registrations 13,608
York Stats - Apr `12	Total Registrations 13,403
York Stats - Oct `12	Total Registrations 13,713
York Stats - Apr `13	Total Registrations 12,703 <i>(First time below 13 K)</i>
York Stats - Oct `13	Total Registrations 13,523 <i>(Nice increase)</i>
York Stats - Apr 14	Total Registrations 12,225 (699 at the door, 80 new members to TCA)
York Stats - Oct. `14	Total 12,355 (8011 members), RVs 157
York Stats - Apr `15:	Total Registrations 10,987
York Stats - Oct`15	Total Registration: Advance 11,066 + at the Door 1007 = 12,073
York Stats - Apr `16:	Total Registrations 11,319

York Stats - Oct. `16	Total Registrations 10,924
York Stats - Apr `17	Total Registrations 10,086 (Public about 600 attendees and families)
York Stats - Oct. `17	Total Registrations 10,187 Public: about 400 attendees and families
York Stats - Apr. `18	Total TCA Registrations: 10,144 Public: 389 Total = 343 public, 10 joined TCA, 6 Jr members, 30 Trial members
York Stats - Oct. `18	Total TCA Registrations: 10,195 Public: 418 Total = 10,613
York Stats - Apr. `19	TCA Registrations = 8,447 Public = 332 Total = 8,779
York Stats - Oct. `19	Total - 9,207
York Stats - April, 20	Total - 0 (Cancelled by York Fairgrounds management)

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

Rasheeda Martin <rasheeda@yorkpa.org>

To: carol.mcginis74@verizon.net

Tue, Mar 17 at 10:15 AM

Hello Carol,

Thank you for reaching out to Christina Smith at our office. I wanted to share with you the economic impact numbers of TCA in April, 2019. The direct impact was 4,683,232 (almost 5 million dollars). In October, 2019 it was close to 9 million dollars.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

Rasheeda Martin, CGSP®

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Economic Impact of Tourism in York County: Visitors spent more than \$1 billion in York County in 2017 and the tourism industry employs 8,010 people.

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TRAIN PEOPLE "NEEDS", we are all Train People! by Clem (edited by Carol)

Fellowship within TCA is strong. In today's world social media helps us with fellowship, **and is more important now than ever before.** We can reach friends instantly rather than wait for a train meet.

Birds of a feather flock together which can include many tech sessions and help discussions. These can be done online, and we can all benefit from these sessions.

Some non-train people don't know they need us. Even some train people don't know they need us! We must reach them. Do grocery stores have for sale bulletin boards? For years I bought and sold trains thru this simple device. We can keep in touch through Facebook, Instagram, and the Internet. We can eMail each other and find out what's going on. We can call and enjoy each other's company while in the safety of our own homes.

TCA promotion is a 24/7 job. Have something new to look forward to at each event and advertise what it is well ahead of the show. Present activities that interest millennials. And what about the "coronials?"

Promote on your Social Media pages. The more folks know the better off they are.

More hands-on activities. Lego pile? Watch the train pile in Kid's Korner @York get a work out in October!

See ya at York in October, Clem Clement and Carol McGinnis

THE NATIONAL TOY TRAIN MUSEUM (NTTM) / NATIONAL TOY TRAIN Library (NTTL)/ and NATIONAL BUSINESS OFFICE (NBO) are at 300 Paradise Lane, Strasburg, PA 17579. **The opening has been postponed. All activity at the office and museum have been closed.**

PAST EDITIONS OF CLEM'S PRIMER

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

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

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

TCA STANDARD MEMBERSHIP

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

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

TCA HERITAGE MEMBERSHIP

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

Go to membership@traincollectors.org.

TCA TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

TCA Junior Membership

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

TCA Kids Club Membership (Ages Birth - age 12)

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

TCA Teens Club Membership (Ages 13 - 18)

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