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"WORLD'S GREATEST TRAIN MEET" STEAMS INTO YORK COUNTY

Event brings thousands to the Expo Center ahead of the holiday season

YORK, PA – One of York County's favorite events, the "World's Greatest Train Meet" returns to York County this week. Thousands of visitors from across the country will descend on the York Expo Center for this unique three-day event.

Over 10,000 people from outside the county are expected to converge upon the York Expo Center for the second of two annual shows produced by the Eastern Division of the Train Collectors Association. The public is again invited to experience this showcase of model trains that's become one of the most anticipated events of the year for train enthusiasts.

"The Train Collectors Association's fall meet is a huge draw for visitors across the country. We estimate this event will result just under \$9 million in economic benefits to the local economy," said York County Convention & Visitors Bureau Acting President Laura Gurreri. "Not only does the meet draw in thousands of outside visitors, but it is also the perfect place for Central Pennsylvania residents to kick off their holiday seasons and find the perfect model train to complete their holiday displays."

The three-day meet is reserved for members only on Thursday, October 18. The doors open to the public Friday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Public access is reserved to the dealer halls, but visitors may join the TCA on the spot to see the entire event.

One-day public passes good for Friday or Saturday are \$14 or the two-day pass is available for \$20. Children under 18 years old are free with a paying adult.

While serious collectors will find new and vintage trains to peruse throughout the show, kids and the young at heart will marvel at the operating layouts put together by the TCA's talented members For more information about the York Train Meet and the Eastern Division of the TCA, visit <u>www.yorktrainshow.com</u>.

The York County Convention & Visitors Bureau's Mission is to maximize tourism expenditures and their economic impact in York County, PA, through comprehensive tourism sales and marketing programs. The York County CVB's Vision is for a York County where tourism is recognized for the value of its economic impact and its role in raising the profile of York County as a sought-after destination. For more information on the York County Convention & Visitors Bureau, call 1-888-858-9675 or visit www.yorkpa.org.