



## What is the Train Collectors Association?

In 1954, twenty-two men were invited to meet at a barn located in Yardley, PA, to share a love of toy trains. This meeting, along with another that formed the Western Division, led to what is now the largest and most prestigious train-collecting association in the world today. With nearly 25,000 members worldwide, the Association has gradually grown into twenty-one divisions dividing the United States and foreign countries into geographical regions.

## TCA Mission

To develop an appreciation of and to preserve an important segment of history – Tinplate Toy Trains – through research, education, community outreach, fellowship, establishment of collecting standards, and to promote the growth and enjoyment of collecting and operating toy, model and scale trains.

## How Does Membership Work?

Prospective TCA members of the TCA must fill out an application, which is easily located on the back of this brochure as well as online at [www.traincollectors.org](http://www.traincollectors.org). After joining the National organization, you will be eligible to join your regional TCA Division and Chapter. Some Divisions have a small membership fee that is paid in addition to your National TCA dues. You are strongly encouraged to join your local Division where you may participate in local train meets, attend Division meetings, and participate in their social events.

*Your life-long friendships within this organization start at the local level!*



## Trial Membership

Please contact us to learn about our trial membership. Only \$20 for 6 months!

## Jr. Membership

If you are under 18 and wish to become an active member, please contact us to learn about our half-price, limited-benefit Junior Membership. Half priced membership continues until age 24!

## TCA Kids Club / TCA Teens

Free to our younger family members (ages 1-18). This is a great way for kids and teens to learn about the hobby and participate in fun activities! No TCA full membership benefits permissible.

## Highlights of Your Membership in TCA:

### National Toy Train Museum

Free admission for members and immediate family into the public areas of the museum during normal hours of operation.

### National Toy Train Reference Library

for those seeking information on toy trains and manufacturers. Catalogs, films, videos, operating manuals and repair sheets are simply part of the collection! There are some research fees in the library. Please call ahead.

### TCA Train Meets

You may attend and hold tables at any TCA train meet in the country!

### National Convention

Held yearly at locations determined by the Board of Directors, this exciting event is a favorite vacation destination for many members and their families as it includes many tours and side trips.

### Train Collectors Quarterly

Free-to-members magazine, containing articles from a diverse selection of authors addressing the history, manufacturing and collecting of toy trains. Articles submitted by members can be published as well. This magazine has no advertising and is published quarterly.

### National Headquarters News

Published 5 times a year, TCA members can advertise and submit articles. It highlights activities and includes a complete listing of trains and accessories for sale by members. Also free to members!

### TCA X-change

Full access and use of the hobby's online marketplace for *members only*. Trial Members may buy but not sell.

### e\*train

An online electronic magazine with diverse articles pertaining to toy trains.

### Special Commemorative Train Cars

Available to TCA members only.

### collection Insurance

For members only, a special plan to insure your train collection.

The museum and library house what is believed to be the largest publicly exhibited toy, book and model train collection in the United States!

- \* Over 100 different manufacturers are represented from the 1800s to the present
- \* Rare, unusual and specialty trains
- \* Six operating, interactive train layouts in G, Standard, O, S, HO Gauges and our newest LEGO® display!
- \* Seasonal Displays
- \* Continuous video presentations in our theater area on the history, collecting, building and enjoyment of toy trains
- \* Gift shop featuring unique items
- \* Complete research library with a wealth of information on toy trains and manufacturers
- \* Free convenient parking with provisions for buses
- \* Group rates available
- \* Handicap accessible
- \* A scavenger hunt to make it fun for your whole family!
- \* Seasonal special events (check website for details!)
- \* Check for group and regular admission prices on our website

[www.nttmuseum.org](http://www.nttmuseum.org)



One FREE adult admission

With purchase of another adult or child admission



One Coupon per party. Cannot be combined with other offers.

# Application for TCA Membership

Instructions for completion of form:

1. All questions must be answered. Please print legibly!
2. Form must be signed and dated
3. A \$50 payment for annual dues must accompany this application

If you have any questions, please contact the National Business Office  
at 717-687-8623 or email us at [membership@traincollectors.org](mailto:membership@traincollectors.org).  
To join online, please visit [www.traincollectors.org](http://www.traincollectors.org).

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male Female Other

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Have you been a member previously? Yes No

You may be eligible to get your old number back

*I hereby subscribe to the purposes, policies and duties of its members as described in the bylaws of the Train Collectors Association™ (TCA). I also understand and agree to the admission procedures. I agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations of the TCA and its Divisions and Chapters in effect from time to time, specifically including all the rules and regulations of all TCA committees and any actions and rulings of all TCA Committees. I also agree that all items sold by me to any TCA Member or at any TCA-sponsored meet shall be sold on the basis that I represent that all such items are authentic and in the manufacturer's original condition unless I have caused any such item to be appropriately marked as a restoration or reproduction .*

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of application: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card: VISA Mastercard Discover American Express

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Come see our collection of toy trains from the 1800s to the present!

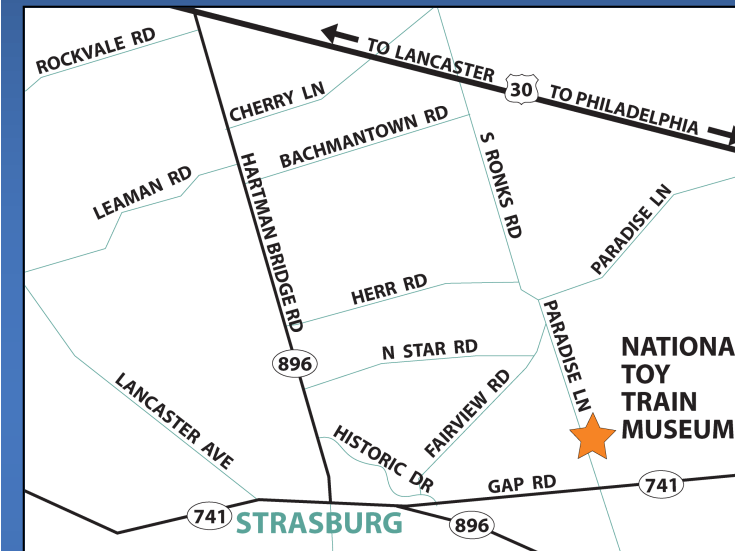


The National Toy Train Museum Strasburg, PA

Visit the Museum and Library (located next to the Red Caboose Motel and just a short distance from the Strasburg Railroad)

PO Box 248  
Strasburg, PA 17579  
Tel: 717-687-8976  
Fax: 717-687-0742

GPS and Mapquest Address:  
300 Paradise Lane  
Ronks, PA 17572



## The Museum is Open:

**HOURS:** 10:00 am to 5:00 pm\*

\*No one admitted one half hour before closing

### APRIL & MAY:

Open Saturday and Sunday only

### MEMORIAL DAY TO LABOR DAY:

Open daily

### SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER:

Open Saturday and Sunday only

### Holiday Hours—We're Open:

\*Friday through Monday on Easter, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day and Thanksgiving

\*December 26 through December 31

For a full calendar including special events, please visit us at

[www.nttmuseum.org](http://www.nttmuseum.org)

The Train Collectors Association™

Invites You To Visit Our

# National Toy Train

# Museum &

# Reference Library

In Historic Strasburg, PA



## Fun for Families and Toy Train Enthusiasts!

Visit our family of websites at:

[www.nttmuseum.org](http://www.nttmuseum.org)

[www.traincollectors.org](http://www.traincollectors.org)

Mobile: [m.nttmuseum.org](http://m.nttmuseum.org)