



## The Country's Largest and Oldest Modular Trolley Modeling Group!

January 23, 2023

Dear Friend,

The 26<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL TROLLEY MEET sponsored by the East Penn Traction Club of Philadelphia will be held Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The East Penn National Trolley Meets are recognized as the largest event in the country dedicated to trolleys and all forms of electric railways – streetcars, trams, subways, elevated lines, light rail, heavy rail commuter lines & electrified railroads. We invite you to participate in this upcoming event. This event will be back to our traditional spring timeframe. The theme of the meet will be "Cars of the St. Louis Car Company."

The 2023 Meet will utilize the same exhibit space at the **Allentown Fairgrounds Agri-Plex Charles Hall at 17th & Chew Streets, Allentown PA** ([www.allentownfairpa.org](http://www.allentownfairpa.org)) as our 2017, 2019 & 2021 meets. Free parking is on site.

Because of uncertainty about demand in the immediate post-COVID world, we are not reserving a block of rooms in any one hotel. We encourage attendees to make their own arrangements and check availability of such matters as on-site transportation to and from the Meet. We leave it to you to decide what other amenities you want in your lodging: breakfast, pool, bar, etc. and we suggest utilizing facilities to the immediate west of the Fairgrounds in the west end of Allentown.

Listed below are some of the lodging facilities in the area:

In the Dorneyville area there are the Four Points by Sheraton at 3712 Hamilton Blvd, 18103 (610) 437-9100 and the Holiday Inn Express & Suites at 3620 Hamilton Blvd, 18103 (610) 437 9255.

Near Rt. 22 & I-78 are the Holiday In Express & Suites at 5630 Tilghman St, 18104 (610) 530-5545 and Motel 6 at 681 Blue Barn Rd, 18104 (610) 841-3838.

Near Routes 22 & 309 is the ParkView Inn & Conference Center at 1151 Bulldog Dr, 18104 (610) 395-3731.

In the Breinigsville-Fogelsville area there are the Hilton Garden Inn at 230 Sycamore Rd, 18031 (610) 398-6686, the Comfort Inn at 7625 Imperial Way 18106 (610) 391-0344, the Center 100 Hotel at 7736 Adrienne Dr, 18031 (610) 391-1000 and several others.

The Floor Plan for the 2023 26th National Trolley Meet is attached. The layout of tables is nearly identical to the previous meets at this location. Those of you who attended them will be familiar with the layout of the room.

### Floor plan highlights:

- There are planned three foot access breaks in the long line of tables every three tables. These can be moved slightly to accommodate one dealer having more than three adjacent tables.
- There are additional power drops making power available for all tables. The physical layout of the room, or more precisely the roof and overhead of the room, prevent us from having power drops more centrally located in the dealer rows. But there are more than enough outlets in each drop to accommodate all dealers. Just bring a long extension cord. Bottom line: Everyone has AC power access.

### ORDERING TABLES:

#### OPTION 1: PICK YOUR OWN TABLE - \$45 each

Through March 31 or until 33 tables are sold, you can pick your exact table location. This is much like selecting your exact seat on your flight using online reservations. You can coordinate with your usually favorite neighbors to insure that you have adjacent tables and your prime spot. Tables will be assigned based upon first payment received. In case of a tie, a coin toss will determine the order. To use this option, indicate on the enclosed order form in the Option 1 Section your First and (optionally) Second preference for location (e.g. First: A3-A6, Second A8-A11).

## OPTION 2: TRADITIONAL BEST FIT - \$40 each

Option 2 is the usual method we have used to assign dealer tables. You provide your preferences: end table, tables next to so and so, etc. And we will do our best to accommodate your wishes. We do a pretty good job making most folks happy but, like at weddings, you can't always make everyone happy. Whatever option our dealers select, we assure them that we welcome their participation!

## OTHER INFORMATION:

- Thursday May 18th is a setup day until 10 PM. We prefer that layouts setup first so that we do not have vans, pickups and trailers full of modules backing in past dealers with their wares spread out. Dealers are welcome to set up on the 18th starting at 11 AM, but please be aware that the earlier you arrive the more interference might be encountered from layout exhibitors.

- Additional dealer setup will be Friday morning from 8 AM until 10:30 AM.

**DEALERS SHOULD PICK UP THEIR CREDENTIALS PRIOR TO THE MEET OPENING AT 11AM FRIDAY.** Dealer registration will be at the rear of the room by the dealer entrance and rollup door all day Thursday and Friday before 10:30 AM. Further dealer setup will be Saturday morning from 6 AM until 8 AM for those dealers unable to arrive Thursday or Friday.

- **ONCE THE MEET IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, SECURITY REQUIRES ALL PERSONNEL IN THE ROOM WEAR A BADGE. YOU WILL BE CHALLENGED.**

- **DEALERS MUST LOAD AND UNLOAD THROUGH THE REAR DOORS. THERE IS NO DEALER LOADING OR UNLOADING ALLOWED THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR. THIS IS AN AGRIPLEX RULE AND IS ENFORCED.**

- Trailers can be parked and left overnight in the parking lot.

- There is overnight security on duty Thursday and Friday nights.

- The Meet closes at 10 PM Saturday night and the hall must be fully vacated at midnight. Dealers are encouraged to refrain from tearing down excessively early so that attendees who arrive in the late afternoon of Saturday have the opportunity to visit all of the dealers.

- There is no formal clinic area for this Meet. Clinics will be held at layout-side for 15 - 30 minutes. Dealers wishing to demonstrate a particular product or procedure can arrange to have their demonstration scheduled and announced as part of the clinics. A flashing blue light, *a la* Kmart, will mark the spot of the clinic or demonstration.

- Please consider an *OPTIONAL* donation to our silent auction.

- We plan to have a Dealer Directory, both as a hand-out and on the eastpenn.org website. Please indicate the name to be used on the Dealer Directory on the Registration and Order Form.

The Pennsylvania sales tax rate is six percent. Clothing sales are exempt from sales tax. We have a sales tax promoter license Account ID: 10023793, which should allow out of state dealers to utilize a Transient Vendor Certificate without providing a security deposit. Additional information on registering for a sales and use tax license is available from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Revenue, Bureau of Business Trust Fund Taxes, PO Box 280901, Harrisburg, PA 17128-9091. The toll free telephone is 1-888-PATAXES and on the World Wide Web, [www.revenue.state.pa.us](http://www.revenue.state.pa.us).

Please plan to be with us in the fall for the hobby's largest gathering. We appreciate your support and involvement in making the East Penn National Trolley Meet a most exciting event. Also enclosed is a one-page flyer that we are asking dealers to include with all correspondence to their customers. If need be we can print the flyers and mail them to you. Contact Charles Long via email: [prtptc17@navpoint.com](mailto:prtptc17@navpoint.com), phone at: 215 247-1951 or at 227 Locust Road, Fort Washington PA 19034. If you help spread the word we will be appreciative. We look forward to your participation!

Sincerely,

Steve Smith, President  
East Penn Traction Club

***26th National Model Trolley Meet***

**COMMERCIAL DISPLAY & DEALER SALES TABLES REGISTRATION & ORDER FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (To be used on Dealer Directory if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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**OPTION 1**

FIRST CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional SECOND CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL # OF TABLES: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$45 each. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_ Persons at \$23 each. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **-all dealer personnel must be registered. Table fee does not include registration. Please list names.**

TOTAL DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**OPTION 2**

TOTAL # OF TABLES: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$40 each. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_ Persons at \$23 each. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **-all dealer personnel must be registered. Table fee does not include registration. Please list names.**

TOTAL DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION PREFERENCES: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Complete and mail with payment to:**

Charles Long - Registrar  
227 Locust Rd  
Ft Washington, PA 19034-1425

**To register and pay on line please send an email with your information to: [treasurer@eastpenn.org](mailto:treasurer@eastpenn.org) and we will send an invoice via the Paypal system.**