

Pinellas Park
Meet Photos



Thanks to
Guy Ateniese,
Mike Setzer, and
Bill and Rosemary
Trappen for the pics.



Left
(L-R):
Tina and
Ellen,
check-in
table
volunteers



Right:
Bob
and
June
Amos



Left:
Mike
and
Barbara
Mills



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Left (L-R):
new SD
member
Arnett Rogiers
and Chris
Lucibello

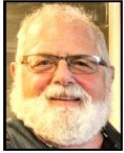
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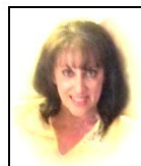
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Reminder: Southern Division membership is open to all TCA members in good standing. If not already a TCA member, you may join TCA when you join the SD.



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Friendly reminder: If you haven't already renewed your 2024 SD membership, please do so at your earliest opportunity. Thank you.

From Augie Staebler:

“This is from Dec. 15, 1943, a Firestone ad for the Lionel paper train during World War II when Lionel wasn't making trains due to war production”

As always, thanks, Augie!

Just Like the Real Ones
Fighter Helmets
98c
They are sturdy and are just what the active boy wants.
Words Disappear Like Magic!
98c
Magic Slate
Write on the sheet . . . lift it up . . . and the writing disappears!

Comes in Sections . . . All Ready to be Put Together
Lionel Cardboard Train Set
98c
Made of die-cut sheets of heavy fiber board printed in full color and easy to assemble. Five cars including 16-inch locomotive and tender. Figures and accessories shown are all included.

Full Supplies for Little Men
DR. and NURS
When toy soldiers are sick or dallas a expert attention from these toy kits. complete make-believe medical supplies

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President's Perspective
by Mike Setzer

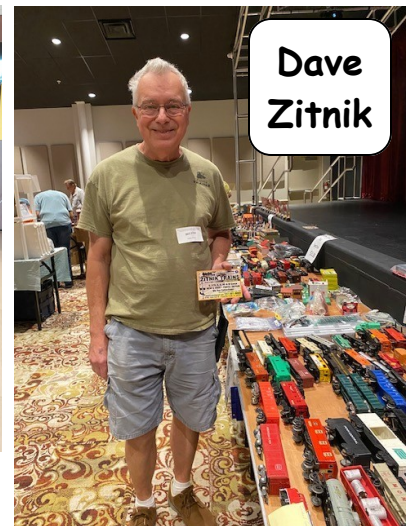
I begin with kudos to Guy Ateniese, Pinellas Park Meet Host, for another successful train show in February. Guy has put in a great amount of time and effort for each meet over the last four years, and the division is most appreciative. Many thanks also go to Dave and Gale Zitnik for again hosting the Friday night open house.

York is right around the corner (April 18-20), and I look forward to seeing you there.

If you haven't already registered, I hope you'll consider attending the 2024 TCA 70th Convention, June 15-23, in Lancaster, PA. TCA President Jay Zschau will pass the torch to Kevin Quinn, current TCA Vice President.

Before we know it, the 2025 convention in Jacksonville will be happening. This is the one that was to be held in 2020 and had to be canceled. Two of the tours being offered are to Clark and Ilene Vegazo's home and also on the same day to the Bushnell Station & Gulf Coast & Central Florida Railroad Museum. I've completed the write-ups for both venues and submitted them to TCA Convention Chairman Bob Keller. Bob continues to request volunteers to help in a variety of capacities, so please let me know if you're able.

Mike



Above: Sean Keen with his 7-1/2" gauge static display



Kurt Schleicher



Mike & Arlene Setzer



Left: Mike Mills (There's Mike Setzer in the white shirt looking for a good buy!)



Right: Nancy and Ron Culm



Left: This guy already has trains in his hand but scopes out more - can't have too many trains, right?!



L-R: new SD member Ray Pietras and Bill Trappen



Above: Joe Schramm



Above two photos: Tom and Jill Kaufman's Valentine themed s-gauge operating layout



Q: Why can't a steam locomotive sit down?
 A: It has a tender behind.



**TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
February 6, 2024, 1:30 PM EST**

Minutes

A Train Collectors Association (TCA) Southern Division (SD) Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting was held February 6, 2024, beginning at 1:33 PM EST. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Setzer. Secretary Dienzel Dennis called roll with the following board members in attendance: President Setzer; Vice President Mike Mills; Secretary Dennis; Treasurer Mike Powell; Communications Officer Bill Trappen, and Past Presidents Steve Johnson and Charlie Anyan. Invited guests participating for limited portions of the meeting were Guy Ateniese, Pinellas Park Meet Host, and Andy Schultz, the experienced promoter of the Schultz Space Coast Train Shows in Melbourne. Also invited was *The Layout* Editor Mary Anyan.

Mr. Ateniese provided an informational update for the February 10 Train Show in Pinellas Park. Tables sold thus far equal 75, totaling \$1205. O- and S-gauge operating layouts will be on display. A 7-1/2-gauge riding train will be on static display in the lobby. The SD will purchase pizzas and bottled water for table holders and helpers. On Saturday, Mr. Ateniese will meet with the Pinellas Park venue coordinator to discuss future SD train shows in the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center as the rental price is certain to increase.

Mr. Setzer reported on the latest information he has regarding the 2025 TCA Convention in Jacksonville. As mentioned in the *The Layout*, Winter 2024, he secured a one-day tour to include Clark and Ilene Vegazo's train display as well as a trip to the Bushnell museum. The Vegazos also plan to host a car show on their property during the tour. TCA Convention Chairman Bob Keller needs convention volunteers and asks that anyone who can donate their time please do so. Two volunteers are needed for the Marketplace to check that only authorized folks are permitted to enter.

Mr. Dennis reported that as of this date, the SD Membership Roster contains 335 Active, 532 Inactive, and 107 Deceased names but added that he included all active members from 2023, even those who have not yet paid 2024 dues. Mr. Powell advised that dues payments continue to trickle in and that members often pay their dues at the February shows in Pinellas Park. This will then reflect a more accurate active member count post meet.

Mr. Powell and the board reviewed and discussed two Treasurer's Reports, previously emailed to the board: the SD 4Q 2023 Treasurer's Report and the November 2023 Lake Nona Train Show Expense Report.

Motion: The Southern Division Board of Directors approves the SD 4Q 2023 Treasurer's Report and the November 2023 Lake Nona Train Show Expense Report as written. Motion unanimously was approved.

Mr. Trappen reported on his Communications Officer's activities since the last board meeting. He: 1) prepared and sent the mailing list file for the winter newsletter to the printer for those members who do not receive the newsletter by email; 2) prepared the Southern Division input for the complimentary 1/4-page ad and calendar of meets column for the last few issues of the TCA National HQ News ; 3) posted Pinellas Park meet announcements on the following on-line sites: Railserv.com; OGR Forum; Toy Train Mailing List io group; Lionel Super O Track io group; Model Train Forum; and Tampa Bay Craigslist site; 4) was contacted by a TCA member who winters in Florida asking the date and table rental info for the Pinellas Park meet. He was provided the information and also emailed a table reservation form as well as an SD membership application which he completed and sent to the SD Secretary. He plans to take two tables at the meet; 5) was also contacted by an SD member asking if the SD takes "charge cards" for Pinellas Park meet table rentals. Apparently, he no longer uses checks; 6) was contacted by an SD member who said his local newspaper ran a story about him and his trains which he would like to share with the membership. Mr. Trappen contacted the

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Highland Sun Newspaper and received permission to reprint the story on the SD website and forwarded the information to Bill Porter; 7) collected 2024 SD dues from two SD members at a recent train show, both of whom asked, "Why can't I pay by credit card?" and phoned two other members, both of whom said they would pay; 8) sent an SD membership application to TCA member Andy Schultz who will be joining the SD. Mr. Schultz addressed the board during this meeting and volunteered to reactivate and serve as meet host for SD train shows in the Fort Pierce (FL Southeast Coast) area. The board will send Mr. Schultz information regarding meet host responsibilities. Mr. Trappen provided the Webmaster's Report for Bill Porter: "The website has been functioning well, and there have been no reports of issues. Mary Anyan reminded me to place a Pinellas Park notice on the division Facebook page. Any time the officers or the BOD would like to spread the word on division needs or activities, please let me know so that I can post on our website and on Facebook."

Mrs. Anyan advised the board that items for the spring newsletter are due to her by March 1 and requested many photos from the upcoming train meet.

The board had a lengthy discussion regarding initiating procedures to begin accepting credit card payments for SD annual dues as well as table and events registration fees.

Motion: The Southern Division will begin accepting credit card payments for annual division dues as well as train show table and events registration fees. The motion was defeated, 6 nays and 1 yea.

A discussion was held regarding using Excel and eliminating Filemaker Pro to keep the SD Member Roster. Mr. Powell advised the board of Florida law that emails are considered personal data and are to be protected. The board decided to try the Excel for one year, with Mr. Dennis retaining the roster in Filemaker and Mr. Trappen keeping an SD Roster in Excel.

The board discussed hosting another parking lot train meet in Bushnell. In view of conflicting shows already scheduled in the Bushnell and surrounding areas, there will not be an SD-sponsored parking lot train meet in Bushnell in the spring of 2024. The board will revisit later in 2024 and hopes to have a show in 2025.

Retention of current SD BOD positions – unless a board member specifically makes known to the board, in writing, his firm desire to pass the torch, all board members will retain their current position.

The board unanimously approved a complimentary SD membership for Greg Christian for his and his wife's time and efforts in setting up their display at various SD train shows.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted:
Dienzel Dennis
Secretary



**L-R: Mike Powell
and Mike Setzer**



Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows 2024

For the latest updates, check first with the meet/show hosts by phoning or referring to websites.

Apr. 6: 84th Florida Model Train Show, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (Sat. 9A-4P, Sun. 10A-3:30P, Charles Miller 703-536-2954 rrshows@aol.com, www.gserr.com) (**Golden Spike**)

Apr. 6: Train Show & Open House, Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave., N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (www.suncoastmrrc.com) (**Suncoast Model Railroad Club**)

Apr. 15: 18th Railroad Day Festival and Car Show, 45383 Dixie Ave., 1000 Water St., **Callahan** 32011, 9A-4P (904-879-3406, www.wnhsfl.org) (**West Nassau Historical Society**)

Apr. 27: Train Show, Florida National Guard Armory, 8551 W. Venable St., **Crystal River** 34429 (Vendors and Model Train Layouts, lunch available, Adults \$6.00, children 12 and under free, Hours 9A-2P, EARLY BIRD reservation (8:00-8:45A) \$8.00, www.regalrailways.com) (**Regal Railways**)

May 18: Train Show, Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601 (**Regal**)

Jun. 1: Train Show, Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935 (operating layouts & vendors, 9A-2P, Adults \$5, under 10 free; call 321-805-1963) (**Schultz Space Coast Trains**)

Jun. 15: Train Show, Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (**Regal**)

Jun. 22-23: 33rd Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale, 441 Paul Russell Rd., Tallahassee 32301 (Sat. 9A-5P, Sun. 9A-4P, Andy Zimmerman, GNTrainman@comcast.net) (**Big Bend Model Railroad Assn.**)

Jul. 13: 85th Florida Model Train Show, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (**Golden Spike**)

Aug. 17: Train Show, Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (**Regal**)

Sep. 7: Train Show, Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935 (**Schultz**)

Sep. 14: Train Show, Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601 (**Regal**)

Sep. 21-22: Train Show Expo, Savannah Center, 1545 N. Buena Vista Blvd., **The Villages** 32162 (Sat. 9A-4P, Sun. 10A-3P; \$7 Adults, Children under 12 free; Jim Rutherford, 678-640-0696, jruthco@gmail.com; or Sam Mathis, 352-750-2433, sammathis1118@gmail.com; www.thevillagesmodeltrainclub.com) (**The Villages**)

Important Date - Mark Your Calendars! November 9: Southern Division Train Show, Lake Nona (Orlando area) Note: in the February 2024 issue of the TCA National Headquarters News, the meet address is incorrectly listed. Correct address: Lake Nona Middle School, 13700 Narcoossee Road, Lake Nona 32832

Please send notices of upcoming Florida train meets/shows to Mary Anyan, maryanyan.mia1@gmail.com.

Promotion and Attendance at Southern Division sponsored Train Meets: In order to promote awareness and thus attendance, we list a schedule of upcoming shows on our Southern Division website as well as in each quarter's *The Layout*. We also promote these meets with flyers about upcoming shows available at non-SD sponsored train shows, thus marketing to folks who already have evidenced an interest in trains by attending the show. We are looking for TCA SD members to assist in that distribution. If you plan to attend any train-related meets, shows or other events, please contact Bill Trappen (bill9678@aol.com or phone 407-365-7860). Bill will get flyers to you to take to the meets and leave out for others. If possible, please give Bill at least 10 days' notice to ensure he has time to get the flyers to you. Thanks for your help.

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Wanted: 1 piece each, any condition, curved or straight "00" gauge 2-rail and 3-rail track. Will take them separately or together.
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American Flyer Trains by A. C. Gilbert - Buy, sell, repairs done. Diesel bushing redone. Single motor, \$25; Double motor, \$40 (includes general servicing and parts). Contact Chris Lucibello: 2483 Pinellas Point Dr. S., St. Petersburg 33712, 727-867-3465, email: Karen.lucibello@verizon.net.

Switch List is a **free** service to members in good standing of the TCA and SD. Send your ad (space permitting) for trains for sale/wanted/trade to Mary Anyan via email: maryanyan.mia1@gmail.com.

If you do not have email, contact Bill Trappen: 407-538-9678.

Your ad automatically will renew in each issue of *The Layout*, until you cancel.

Note: per TCA rules and regulations, your full name must be listed and the words "make offer" cannot appear.