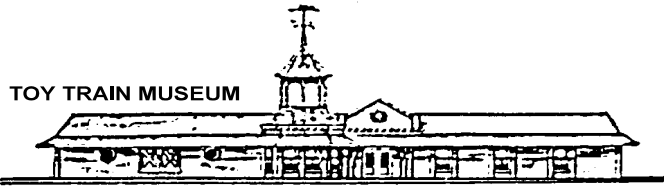


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Photo Above: Southern Division Members Enjoying the Largo Meet

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President's Message — Brad's Train of Thoughts



I am looking forward attending the TCA National Convention in NYC and I hope to see you there for a lot of train fellowship, tours, food and trains. If you have anything you want me to bring up at the National Board of Directors meeting please call me 772-577-3881 or e-mail me at CollectorsShowcase@hotmail.com

I will be in BOD meetings all day on Wednesday and Thursday. There is a lot of business to take care of every year. My wife Louise and I will be doing a lot of tours on the other days and Louise will be going to a Broadway play while I am at the meeting.

Brad Woodward My last column I talked about inventorying your trains and getting insurance on your train collection. I forgot to mention to TAKE PICTURE OF YOUR COLLECTION! A picture is worth a thousand words. Also, make sure you have several family members have copies of these train pictures.

What happens to your train collection after you die? It's a subject that we really do not want to talk about. This is not intended to offend anyone. Instead it is intended to shed light and to make everyone think about what happens to one's train collection. I have been collecting for over 45 years, so I want my collection to be taken care of properly.

I have set up a will and trust for my train collection. I have lots of my trains listed for certain family members in my trust and also some given to friends for special reasons. A large group of my trains are to be sold by my trustee. You should plan ahead to have a will and trust set up with a person or persons (by consent) who will properly distribute your trains as per your instructions. If you plan ahead there should be no problem, especially with loved ones, in figuring out what happens to your train collection.

Editor's note: "I'm taking my trains with me!"

Upcoming 2015 Florida Meets/Train Shows

Upcoming TCA shows—See the Meet Stories in *The Layout* TCA Southern Division - Venice, FL, **Saturday, September 12, 2015**, Venice Community Center (see Meet Story in the next issue of The Layout); Jacksonville, FL, **November 21, 2015** (details to be announced in upcoming issue of The Layout)

Brevard Train Expo, Saturday, **May 16, 2015**, Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32901, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Contact Dave Hastings 321-914-3888, dave_hastings@rocketmail.com

Golden Spike - 13th Tampa Model Show, Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL, **June 6-7, 2015** Contact Charles Miller, www.gserr.com; email charles.miller@gserr.com 703-536-2954; 52nd Florida Rail Fair, **Saturday, July 11, 2015**, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Deland, FL; 53rd Florida Rail Fair, **Saturday, October 3rd, 2015**; 14th Tampa Model Show, **December 19-20, 2015**, Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL

Regal Railways 2015 Shows – for info, contact Joe Schramm at [joe @regalrailways.com](mailto:joe@regalrailways.com); 727-441-2159
April 18, Pinellas Park, FL, K of C 7177 58th St. North, 33781 10-3; **May 2**, Inverness, FL Citrus Auditorium, 3610 Florida Ave 34450 10-3; **May 30**, Brooksville, FL Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St 34601 10-3; **Aug. 29**, Pinellas Park, FL, K of C 7177 58th St. North, 33781 10-3; **Oct. 17**, Englewood, FL Elks Lodge, 401 N Indiana Ave 34223 10-2 p.m.; **Nov. 7**, Inverness, FL Citrus Auditorium, 3610 Florida Ave 34450 9-2 p.m.; **Nov. 21**, Port Rickey, FL 5850 K o f C Drive, 34668 10-3 p.m., **Dec. 5**, Pinellas Park, FL, K of C 7177 58th St. North, 33781, 10-3 p.m.

Schultz Space Coast Trains, Azan Shrine Temple, Melbourne, FL, Schultzspacecoasttrains.com, 321-591-2641, **June 6, 2015; September 5, 2015, December 5, 2015.**

Silver Springs Lions Train Show, **Saturday June 13, 2015**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., National Guard Armory, Ocala, FL 34471

Promotion & Attendance at Train Meets

In order to promote awareness and thus attendance, we will print a schedule of upcoming shows in each quarter's Layout and at our Southern Division website (www.tcasoutherndivision.org). Another way these meets are promoted is by having flyers about upcoming shows available at each show, thus marketing to folks who have already 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 TCA-SD Vice-President Steve Johnson (email: sjohnson@fljdcpa.com or call: 305-335-1752) and let him know. Steve will get flyers to you to take to the meet and leave out for others. If possible, please give Steve at least a week or more notice to ensure he has time to get the appropriate flyers to you. Thanks for your help!!

SOUTHERN DIVISION SOUVENIR TRAIN HISTORY - Part 3

By Bill Trappen

This is the third in a series of articles discussing the history of the Southern Division Souvenir train. This article will discuss a very important and very popular item in the Southern Division Souvenir Train consist and so far it was the only item in the consist offered without wheels!

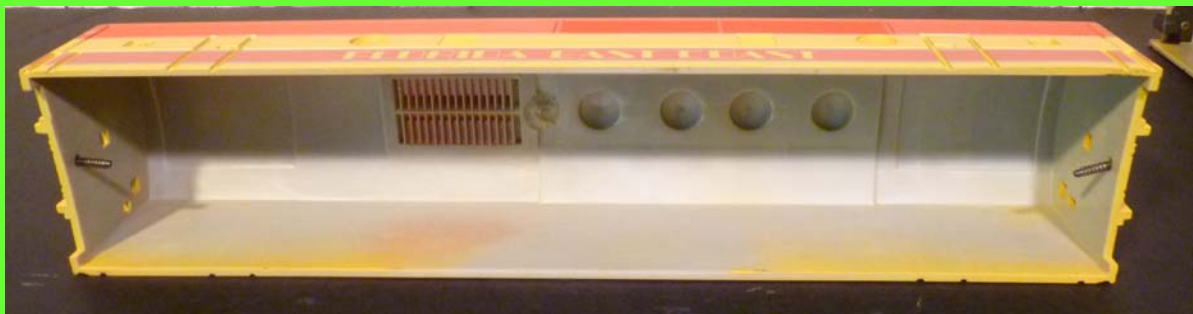
In 1976 the Division was considering offering an engine to members to pull the consist of Division souvenir cars starting with the already produced 1975 Florida East Coast Railway box car (discussed in Part 2 of this series) and the cars planned to be produced in subsequent years. Of course many members did not have layouts or if they did they may not likely actually plan to run the souvenir cars on their layouts but even sitting on a shelf a complete train with an engine at the front end would look much better than just a string of cars with no engine!

What engine would be appropriate to head up the first SD Souvenir train? For obvious reasons the very colorful Red & Yellow Florida East Coast Railway F-3 diesel was extremely popular among rail fans in Florida and elsewhere. This is the engine that pulled the famous FEC named passenger trains from 1939 to 1962. There are many color images of it in railroad publications.



Under General Mills ownership since 1970, Lionel had just started re-making F-3 diesels in 1973 but as of 1976 none had been made in FEC in 3-rail O gauge by Lionel or by anyone else. Marty Brooks was the chairman of this project and Ben Dick was our president at that time. Both are now deceased but lived in South Florida near the FEC mainline, as did many SD members all along the east coast of Florida. I'm sure the SD members in the chapters in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee had other ideas such as a locomotive from the appropriately named SOUTHERN Railway. However Lionel MPC had already issued an F-3 painted for the Southern Railway in 1975 so the fact that many members already had this locomotive may have also influenced the decision, so the FEC F-3 was selected to head the SD Souvenir Train.

But producing a complete F-3 locomotive would be quite a risky project for the Division. The cost of a complete F-3 AA diesel locomotive, especially a limited production unit, would likely be much higher than many members would be willing to spend. Plus Lionel's minimum order quantity would be too high for the Division to take the risk of receiving enough orders to at least break even on the project. And finally, those early MPC F-3's, although very similar in appearance to their post-war 2200 & 2300-series counterparts, had only one motor and traction tires instead of magne-traction, so they were relatively underpowered according to many owners of those diesels. So what did the Division decide to do? A creative compromise was reached which turned out to be a great idea - just offer CABS!



SOUTHERN DIVISION SOUVENIR TRAIN HISTORY - Part 3, continued

By offering cabs only, members would have to supply their own frames and chasses. Members could choose their own chassis to use, either post-war, or MPC. Members who really wanted to run their SD train with the anticipated long consist of annual SD Souvenir cars could use frames with double-motored post-war running gear while members who didn't plan to run them could use either post-war or MPC frames, and if they wanted to, could even use two dummy frames!



Once again Andy Kriswalus of Kris Model Trains in Endicott, NY was selected to produce the cabs. Andy obtained blank cabs from Lionel and sub-contracted the decoration of the cabs to a well-known TCA member in New Jersey who specialized in painting trains. This arrangement was very favorable as the Division was able to offer a set of AA FEC F-3 cabs to members for a very low cost.



Orders for the cabs were taken in the spring of 1976. A total of 177 sets of AA cabs were ordered (354 cabs) and the Division bought an extra 12 cabs

in case of damage, etc. The Division also decided to offer F-3 B-unit cabs as an extra cost option but only to those members who had ordered the AA cabs. Unfortunately the records do not show how many B-unit cabs were made. I would "guesstimate" that about half the members who bought a set of AA cabs also bought B-unit cabs. Due to the usual delays the cabs were not delivered until the spring of 1977.

Following are several photos of my cabs mounted on MPC frames plus one photo each of an A-unit cab and a B-unit cab removed from their frames. In addition, thanks to member Bud Hayden, also included is a photo of the original packaging in which members received them as most members picked them up at an SD meet. They were in plastic bags surrounded by plain paper then protected with a layer of bubble wrap.

The cabs are indeed colorful and very attractive. Like all early MPC cabs, the A-units have molded on ladders, roof louvers, no portholes and no vents on the left and right "corners" of the nose. Note the TCA and Southern Division logos on the A-unit cabs and the date "1976" next to the name "Henry M. Flagler" on the side of the A-unit cabs near the front. Henry was the founder of the FEC and one of the FEC's regularly-scheduled Jacksonville to Miami passenger trains was named after him. Note also the colorful FEC Railway logo on the nose of the cabs. As shown in the "loose cab" photos, the A-unit cabs came complete with a mounting bracket attached to the inside of the rear panel and two ornamental silver plastic horns on the roof. On the front in the center is a single vertical Phillips head screw which runs up from the frame into a threaded hole in the nose end of the cab. The B-unit mounts to its frame with one horizontal Phillips head screw running through the door panel at each end.



By the way there were also several sets of matching aluminum passenger cars which Marty Brooks arranged to have made but these were not affiliated with the Division or the TCA and as such do not have the SD and TCA logos.

Part 4 of this series will be in the next issue of The Layout and will discuss and show photos of three cars produced by the SD in the late 1970's including the only one produced without an SD logo. Stay tuned!

Board of Directors Business Meeting, SD TCA-Jan 23, 2015

Minnreg Building – 6340 126th Ave. North – Largo, Florida 33773

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 P. M. by President Brad Woodward. Secretary Dienzel Dennis called the roll with the following officers in attendance: President Woodward, Secretary Dennis, Vice-president Johnson, Treasurer Mike Powell, Communications Director Linda Harris, Past Presidents Charles Anyan & Arnie Travitsky. Bill Trappen and Tim Evert also were present.

The last meeting minutes were approved on line and included in the latest Layout.

Brad Woodward reported on his past health issues and thanked the board for carrying on in his absence. His presidential report will be given during the meeting with each issue involved. Vice President Johnson spoke briefly about the last show at Jacksonville and reported that \$831.00 was raised for the Wounded Warriors project. Flyers for our future SD meets are being distributed all over Florida. Anyone who knows of meets, hobby shops, and other places of importance can inform him and he will get flyers to you for distribution. Secretary Dennis reported on the number of active members and how much our numbers were down from this time last year. He also reiterated how important it is for members to keep him informed of address and email changes so their information can be kept current in our club files.

Treasurer Powell next distributed handouts of our Jacksonville meet and the 4th quarter report. Both were approved and will be reported on by the treasurer in the next Layout. Communications chair Harris passed out a sheet with all the ways, means, and methods of advertising all our meets. Mr. Dennis suggested that Linda write an article for our club magazine concerning this information. She agreed and will present this to our Layout editor for the next issue.

Mr. Anyan spoke on the Strategic planning going on in the National TCA and different ways of growing our club. Emphasis is on the Kids Club and all its projects. He also discussed the dates and deadlines for each issue of our club magazine, The Layout.

All of the above officers reports were approved as presented.

We next discussed the upcoming meets including tomorrow's Largo event. Everything is going smoothly and the tables are sold out. It appears that we will have a very successful event. The 3-14-15 Palm Beach Gardens meet hosted by Al Galli is progressing nicely and we are anticipating another great show there. The board continued to discuss the future shows in Venice (possibly a new venue & date), in Jacksonville on 11-21-15 (Chuck Bryner host), Largo 1-23-16, & Palm Beach Gardens 3-12-16. We are attempting to get all our events scheduled more than a year in advance. We are still looking for someone willing to host a meet in the Central Florida/Orlando area. Any member willing to consider this should contact any board member for further discussion.

Bill Trappen gave a very comprehensive report on the 50th Anniversary Committee. After his presentation, a motion was made and passed that "we will have a Souvenir train car for this special event and other items/products may also be considered. There will be no wine items but the glasses are still a possibility." This motion was passed.

A motion was made and approved that the Nomination Committees proposal be accepted as presented.

The Annual Awards, nominees, a banquet, picnic, the location, etc. be tabled and work will continue on this item.

All officers are to review and study the current By-laws and suggest changes needed at our next business meeting at Palm Beach Gardens. Steve Johnson and Charles Anyan are currently working on the manual for Meet Host Duties and Responsibilities and will report their ideas at the next board meeting.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 P. M.

Dienzel Dennis
Secretary, SD TCA

The Deadline for the next issue of *The Layout* is June 1, 2015

Photos From The Largo Meet



Train Races at the Largo Meet!



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