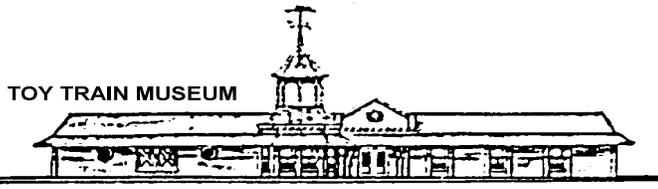


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by

Brad ("**Keep Trackin' Those Trains!**") Woodward

The Southern Division is planning our 50th Anniversary Celebration for November 5, 2016, in Orlando. This will be a fun, fellowship time with several events and surprises planned. There will be a casual, catered picnic on Saturday. (**See the story and details in this issue.**)

The 2016 TCA National Convention is in Houston, June 20 - 25. I will be there representing The Southern Division at the board meetings. If you have any items you want me to bring up, **please let me know**. The National Convention also is a fun, social event with many train layout and tourist-type tours. It includes two days of train show hall trains to buy! There is much camaraderie at the Saturday evening Banquet, and everyone wins a table prize. After dinner, there is a fantastic auction offering rare trains. At the end of the convention, our own Charlie Anyan is to become TCA National President, effective July 1. We are proud that a member of the Southern Division will be at the helm. I hope to see many Southern Division members at the convention.

Southern Division Train Shows: The 2015 Venice and Jacksonville and the 2016 Largo and Palm Beach Gardens shows were successful, with attendance growth each year. I thank all of the meet hosts and helpers. It's a great deal of work, but it's a fun time and everyone pitches in. Please thank the women who cover the front tables - they are there all day as a favor to us. If you missed any shows, *you missed a good time*.

Train Layouts: I have, in the past, talked about our trains (inventory, pictures and insurance). How many of us have a train layout? Please let me know, as we'd like to have pictures of your layout in our newsletter. Is it a 4x8 layout or a large, room layout? Do you use Plasticville© buildings? Do you know the Plasticville History? "The first Plasticville product was a plastic fence, first marketed as a Christmas tree accessory. When Bachmann found out consumers were using its product on train layouts, it also added some other accessories such as trees, bushes, and bridges. By 1950, Bachmann had added houses and stores to the product line, and Plasticville quickly became the most popular brand of train buildings on the U.S. market. Bachmann added several buildings to the product line every year until 1958. Some of these buildings were of Bachmann design, but others came from competing product lines that Bachmann absorbed in the mid-1950s. Although not all pieces were manufactured every year, the Plasticville line has remained commercially available since the 1950s." (source: Wikipedia)

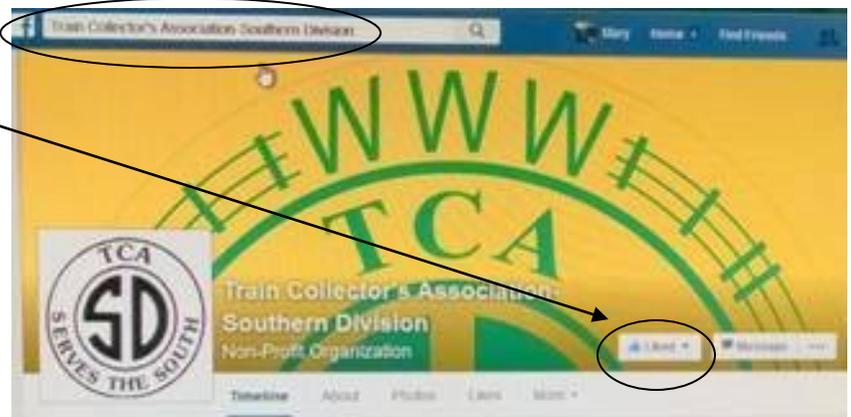
From Jeff Mayer: "Effective with this issue (Volume 50, Number 2) Mary Anyan will take over as Editor of *The Layout*. It's been 11 years since my first issue as Editor of *The Layout* and now it's time for me to step down and pass the position on. This will give me plenty of time to play with my trains and spend time on my own private island where I will hunt my fellow humans for sport. I'll see everyone at the various train shows (I'm sure everyone will recognize me from my photos)."

From Mary Anyan: "Thank you, Jeff, for 11 years of editing. I now fully appreciate what an interesting and challenging job you had, coordinating all of the articles and photographs into an enjoyable and informative newsletter. You'll be a tough act to follow! I'm humbled to be the new Editor and welcome all feedback."

SD on FACEBOOK

Did you know . . . that the Southern Division has a Facebook page? It was created and is maintained by Linda Johnson, wife of VP Steve Johnson. Search for **Train Collector's Association-Southern Division** (the banner looks like this):

We ask you to "Like" the page and send photos and articles to post. We also post information about upcoming TCA-SD meets and are hoping to reach people not reached with our other advertising. The more "Likes" & "Shares" we get the broader our exposure to others that may not be as familiar with this wonderful hobby! Photos which include children seem to get the most "Likes," but please make sure you have prior, parent/guardian permission. Email submissions directly to Steve: Sjohnson@fjldcpa.com, and he'll get them to Linda to post. Thanks for your help!



Board of Directors Business Meeting
SD-TCA – January 22, 2016, Minnreg Building, Largo, Florida

The quarterly business meeting was called to order at 4:09 pm by President Brad Woodward. Secretary Dennis called the roll with the following in attendance: Brad Woodward; Dienzel Dennis; Vice-President Steve Johnson; Treasurer Mike Powell; Communications Officer Linda Harris; and Past-President Charles Anyan. Past-President Arnie Travitsky could not attend due to health concerns. Bill Trappen also was in attendance representing the 50th Anniversary Committee.

Mr. Dennis reported that the minutes of the last meeting were electronically approved and posted in the latest issue of *The Layout*.

Mr. Trappen spoke first on the progress concerning our 50th Anniversary celebration. The Trolley project is back on line after dealing with the death of our original provider. We will have one celebration party at Bruce Pemberton's in the Central Florida (Orlando) area on Saturday, November 5. It will consist of a Bar-B-Q picnic, live steam train rides, S gauge indoor layout, and other activities. A Friday night event also is in the works, and additional information will be advertised in the near future. Other promotional items currently are being considered. The Board approved the purchase of 100 SD logo mugs. The Board thanked Bill and his committee for their work on this endeavor.

Future meets are scheduled for Palm Beach Gardens on February 13, Venice on September 10, and Jacksonville on November 19. Meet Host Tim Evert gave an update on the Venice show as did Steve Johnson on the Jacksonville show. Mr. Anyan reported on tomorrow's show in Largo. Things are going smoothly with over 100 tables spoken for.

Mr. Powell presented his reports as distributed earlier in the week by email. The 2016 budget was approved as amended. His other reports all were approved and will be presented to the general membership in a future "Layout."

Mr. Johnson asked that anyone with Southern Division activity pictures send them to him so his wife can post them on our Facebook site. Mrs. Harris also reported on the different types of advertising she has done for this and future meets. Mr. Dennis elaborated on his report as distributed to the Board by email. We currently have 378 active members with at least 4 more signing up tomorrow at the meet. As usual, please inform the Secretary of any changes in addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. We can only be as accurate as the information we receive.

At the moment we will not order any more Greenberg Pre-War books as we still have two in stock for sale. The Nominating Committee is desperate for qualified and willing SD members to run for office. Let us know if you are willing or know someone who would offer their services. Mrs. Harris was appointed to work with Mr. Anyan on the Nominating Committee.

New Business: Mr. Woodward reported on his work with our Kid's Club, and it is an ongoing project. Mr. Dennis raised the subject of all train clubs—TCA, SD, LCCA, LOTS, TTOS, etc. There seems to be a movement among the clubs to work together for the good of our hobby. This subject will be approached in more detail at our next business meeting.

There will be an open house tonight at Zitnik Trains, a few blocks away from the Minnreg Bldg. It is owned by long-time Southern Division member Dave Zitnik and his wife, Gale. Plenty of food and drink will be available.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Dienzel Dennis
TCA SD Secretary

Board of Directors Business Meeting
SD TCA – February 12, 2016, St Mark's Church, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:05 p.m. by President Brad Woodward who then called roll with the following in attendance: Brad Woodward; Steve Johnson, Vice President; Mike Powell, Treasurer; Linda Harris, Communications Director; Charles Anyan, Past President; and Al Galli, our meet host, along with Richard Tashjian, the 50th Anniversary Co-Chairman. Dienzel Dennis, Secretary, was unable to attend due to a death in the family. Past President Arnie Travitsky was unable to attend due to personal health issues. We have a quorum.

Sympathies of the Board were extended to Secretary Dennis's family on their loss.

The minutes of the last meeting previously were approved and sent to *The Layout* editor for inclusion in the next issue.

Al Galli's report was moved to the top of the agenda so that he could return to the gym to direct/assist with set up. He reported that 84 tables had been sold, with an additional 16 tables provided at no charge for officers and displays. He submitted a list and payments received to the Treasurer. It also was reported that 2 dealers who previously had attended this meet had declined this year in order to attend the railroadians show in Jacksonville this weekend. Mr. Galli is considering moving this show back one weekend next year to avoid conflict with the Golden Spike show in Jacksonville and also Valentine's Day.

President's report: Mr. Woodward reported that he is making plans to attend the TCA National Convention in Houston this summer.

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Board of Directors Business Meeting, SD TCA – February+ 12, 2016, St Mark’s Church, Palm Beach Gardens, FL (cont’d)

Vice-President’s report: Mr. Johnson reported that his wife is still looking for new photos to post on the TCA-SD Facebook page. Pictures that include children seem to do particularly well. He will submit an article to promote the Facebook page among members for publication in the next issue of *The Layout*.

Secretary’s report: In Mr. Dennis’s absence, Mr. Powell reported there currently are 395 active SD members. Hopefully, that will increase tomorrow with collections from several members renewing along with their table payment.

Treasurer’s report: Mr. Powell presented the report of the Largo meet. Attendance was down from the year before, but expenses were also down, so a profit of approximately \$800 was achieved. There was discussion of the impact of the weather (very cold and windy) on attendance. Mr. Powell also reported that we have two copies of the Greenberg Standard Gauge book available for sale to SD members at the discounted price of \$80 (retail \$100).

Communications Officer’s report: Mrs. Harris reported on the advertising for tomorrow’s meet.

TCA National President-Elect’s report: Mr. Anyan reported that the TCA National Budget for next fiscal year has been balanced and finalized. He has been tasked by the current President with finding a volunteer to act as National Convention Coordinator to recruit and assist local divisions/chapters hosting future conventions. Mr. Powell commented that it is taking weeks to months to get TCA numbers for new members out of the National Business Office. Mr. Anyan said he will look into the situation.

The Layout report: Mr. Anyan stated the deadline for submissions to the next issue of *The Layout* is March 1 with a goal of publication by the end of March. Mary Anyan is taking over responsibilities for editing and publishing the newsletter. She will meet with current editor Jeff Mayer next weekend for training.

TCA-SD Meet reports: 1) PBG – Mr. Galli’s report was given at the beginning of the meeting. 2) Venice – It was reported that a contract is in place for the meet to be held at the same location on September 10, 2016. 3) Jacksonville – Mr. Johnson reported that we have confirmed the Jacksonville meet again will be held at the Morocco Shrine Auditorium (with an additional room made available for layouts and displays) on November 19, 2016. He will contact Meet Host Chuck Bryner to secure that contract. 4) Largo – There was general discussion of moving the meet date forward or backward to promote attendance. Constraints on dates that time of year are the Gasparilla festival and Super Bowl. Mr. Anyan will check on the availability of the Minnreg Hall next January to determine if other dates are feasible.

Old Business: 1) 50th Anniversary Celebration – Mr. Tashjian reported that Mr. Trappen expects a final quote for the revised trolley project in the coming week. If that happens, every effort will be made to get a new Trolley flyer into the March issue of *The Layout*. 2) Mr. Tashjian next reported on the commemorative thermal coffee mug project. The design and color were finalized, and he reported that there will be a 50-cent price break at 150 mugs. There was much discussion of how the mugs will be used (memento to those attending the 50th Anniversary Celebration, new member gifts, door prizes, etc.) and how many to order. The Board decided to stick with the original decision to limit the order to 100 mugs. 3) Plans continue for the 50th Anniversary Celebration to be held at Bruce Pemberton’s near Orlando on November 5, 2016. Someone (Charlie?) will contact Clark & Ilene Vegazo to see about coordinating this celebration with their annual open house. Mike Mills is working on quotes for a catered BBQ. Mr. Anyan and Mr. Johnson offered to work with Mr. Trappen to get an article about the celebration into an upcoming issue of *The Layout*.

Awards Committee: Mr. Anyan reported that due to illness, Mr. Travitsky has been unable to assist with awards nominations. After some discussion, Mr. Anyan offered to re-circulate an email he sent some years ago that describes each award along with a list of past award recipients.

Kid’s Club: Mr. Woodward reported that the scavenger hunt forms and kids’ door prizes are ready for tomorrow’s meet. He hopes to get a Kid’s Club newsletter published and distributed prior to our next meet.

New Business: A variety of ideas/suggestions was introduced and discussed generally, including: 1) the possibility of coordinating with local classic/antique car clubs to hold car shows in the parking lot of our train meets on the day of the meet to promote attendance (where parking size permits). Mr. Johnson will follow up on this idea with avid car collector and TCA-SD member Clark Vegazo. 2) A suggestion was made to have an SD “Meet Coordinator” to act as a liaison between the Board and meet hosts. Mr. Powell pointed out that our By-Laws provide that the Vice President act in that capacity. Mr. Johnson promised to review the By-Laws and report at a future meeting on how he/future VPs could handle that. 3) The high price of hotel rooms in the Palm Beach area was discussed. It was suggested that someone look into alternatives prior to the next PBG meet. 4) To the extent the Board needs to meet or take action before our next regularly scheduled Board meeting (September in Venice), emails will be circulated; and Mr. Anyan offered the use of the TCA conference call service.

Mr. Woodward had to leave the meeting at this point to attend to another commitment.

The remaining officers went through the list of active SD members and discussed who they thought might be willing and able to be recruited for additional volunteer positions and/or as potential officer candidates. Mr. Powell will circulate the resulting list, with each officer then contacting some of those members.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.

Steve Johnson, TCA SD Vice President

In 2016 the Southern Division of the Train Collectors Association is commemorating its Golden, or 50th, Anniversary!



During 2016, we will be celebrating the Golden Anniversary with special souvenir items and a party. First, as already announced, there will be a 50th Anniversary Souvenir Trolley Car. As you know from reading the last two issues of this newsletter, the trolley project appeared to get off to an early start only to be “derailed” by the death of the TCA member with whom we had contracted to decorate the trolley. Because of the delay in finding another decorator for the cars, the orders that were received in late 2015 were cancelled and the payments were refunded to members. Now we are happy to announce that we have found a new decorator and are able to re-offer the trolley although some changes in design had to be made. (See the article on the trolley on the next page, and make sure you mail in the order form (included as an insert in hard copies or separate file by email) by the indicated deadline.) The trolleys will be completed in time for distribution at the Venice meet on September 10th with shipment the following week to members who do not pick up their car at the meet. Also part of the trolley project will be a special, one-of-a-kind, Southern Division Golden Anniversary trolley painted **GOLD** which will be auctioned off during the year.

But the MAIN celebration will take place on Saturday, November 5th, in the Orlando area with a party and a barbeque luncheon at Bruce Pemberton’s property in Fern Park. Many members will remember the fun times we have had there in the past. In addition to riding the trains on Bruce’s “Paradise Park” live steam railroad, members and their guests will be dining on a catered, barbeque cookout luncheon. There will be surprises plus presentation of the annual awards and, of course, a speech or two, including a visit and remarks by the President of the ENTIRE TCA!

We have produced special, Southern Division 50th Anniversary Travel Mugs which will be available to members. As shown in the photo, this very practical and attractive, limited-edition souvenir item displays the Southern Division’s 50th Anniversary logo. A mug will be given out FREE to every current TCA Southern Division member who purchases a ticket and attends the barbeque luncheon on November 5th. The free mug only will be available at the barbeque, and only one (1) free mug per member will be available. Don’t miss this opportunity to receive this special free gift while celebrating our 50th Anniversary at the barbeque!



In addition, on the night before the BBQ, member Clark Vegazo and his wife Ilene will host their annual open house at their home in nearby Deland. (See the special article in this newsletter for information on those two events.)

We will conclude the Anniversary year with additional surprises at the Jacksonville Meet on November 19th. So stay tuned to the newsletter for more details on these events and the special Souvenir items.

And special thanks to Orlando member Vince Coffman for helping to design our 50th Anniversary Logo.

**Your 50th Anniversary Committee:
Bill Trappen, Richard Tashjian, and Mike Mills**



**SOUTHERN DIVISION TCA
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY
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SOUTHERN DIVISION 50th ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR CAR

We are happy to announce that the SD 50th Anniversary Trolley Project is back on the track! We have found a new decorator and are able to re-offer the trolley although some changes in the design had to be made. The new decorator is Harry Hieke who has been highly recommended by many of his satisfied customers which even includes Lionel L.L.C. Harry is a long-time train enthusiast from early childhood having started with his first Lionel Scout train set at age 5. In 1985 he began designing and weathering products for friends and made it into a full-time career in 1998. Here's a link to his website: HarryHieke.com.

Pictured is a computer-generated "conceptual" artwork of the side view of our newly-designed trolley car.

The car is a Lionel 3-rail O Gauge self-propelled Motorized Birney Trolley. The completed car may differ slightly from this artwork (for example, the SD logo will have the same shade of green background as the rest of the car). Both sides of the car will be identical. The front and back of the car also will be attractively decorated with arrows similar to those on the sides plus the wording "SERVING THE SOUTH FOR FIFTY YEARS." The front and the back ends of the car will be identical except that one end will have "FLORIDA AV" in the destination sign while the other end will have "MAIN ST."



The Trolley Car Features:

- * **Bumper-controlled forward and reverse**
- * **Operating LED Headlights & Interior Lighting**
- * **Passenger Silhouettes in the Windows**
- * **Maintenance-free Motor with Traction tire**
- * **TWO Adjustable Trolley Poles on the Roof**

Consistent with the 50th Anniversary theme, this will be a very limited run of only **50** cars! You must be a current, paid-up, TCA **and** Southern Division member both when you place your order and when you receive your car, and each member may order only one car.

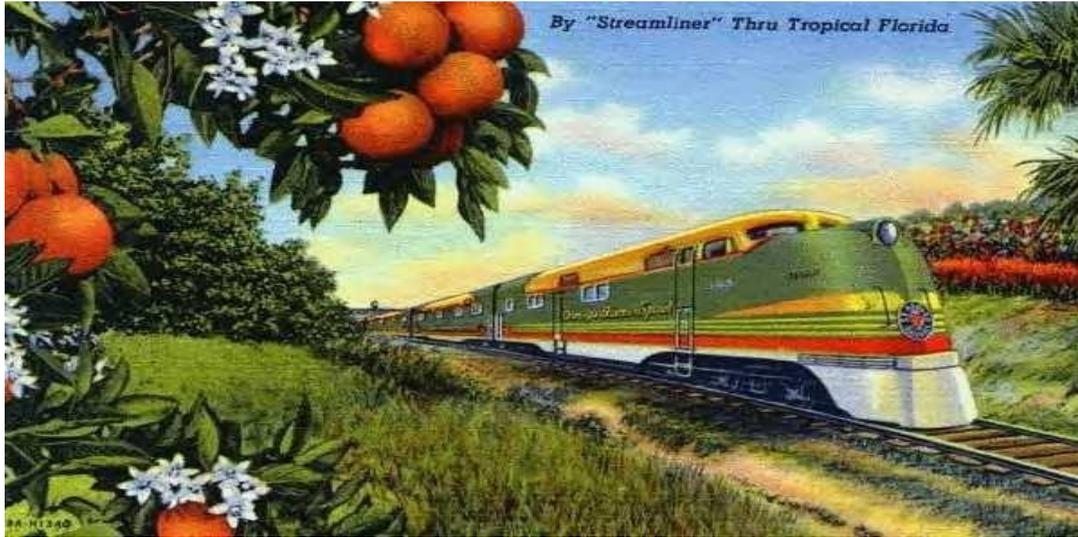
In addition, **NO TWO CARS WILL BE EXACTLY THE SAME** as each car will individually be numbered from "1" to "50." The artwork shows Car #29. Plus, Car #50 will be **EXTRA SPECIAL** as it will be painted **GOLD** instead of green like the car pictured and the other 48 cars. This GOLD car cannot be ordered but will be auctioned off during 2016 with more details to follow. Each car will include a Numbered Certificate of Authenticity signed by SD President Brad Woodward and members of the 50th Anniversary Committee and will be packaged in an Orange Lionel Window Box and also in a Lionel Outer Shipping Box. Both boxes will have special SD TCA 50th Anniversary Labels printed with the car's unique number.

But the best news about the car is that we have received very favorable pricing and can offer it to our members at a substantial discount off the cataloged price of the regular production Lionel trolley. By comparison, the cataloged price of the regular production trolley car shown on page 113 in the 2016 Lionel Ready-to-Run Catalog is \$99.95. The price of our trolley also is less than that of many non-motorized souvenir cars sold by other organizations. Your trolley may be picked up at the Venice Southern Division Train Meet on September 10, 2016. The cars will not be distributed at any other SD TCA meets. If you prefer that the car be sent to your home instead, your price will be increased to cover the shipping cost.

The order form for the cars is included as a separate insert or as a separate file in the electronic newsletter. Be sure to complete the order form right away, and send it with your check or money order so it is postmarked **BEFORE** the deadline of **APRIL 30, 2016**. If we receive more than 49 orders postmarked before the deadline, members who ordered the previously cancelled version of the trolley will have priority over members who didn't order the previous version. If there are still more than 49 orders received, a lottery system will be used to determine which orders to fill. So please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope; and if we cannot fill your order, we will mark your payment "void" and return it to you in the envelope you provide.

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All Aboard the TCA-SD 50th ANNIVERSARY EXPRESS!



COME CELEBRATE ALL WEEKEND our 50th Anniversary of The Southern Division of TCA!

Join us -----Friday Evening -----November 4th, 2016,
for an **OPEN HOUSE** at Clark & Ilene Vegazo's in Deland, featuring Clark's & Ilene's toy trains & other collectibles,
plus lots of classic autos owned by Clark & other members of his Classic Car Club.

Join us again -----Saturday Afternoon -----November 5th, 2016,
for an **Outdoor, Family BBQ Luncheon Banquet & Train Rides**
at Bruce Pemberton's Outdoor Paradise Park Railroad in Fern Park.

Full details of these events and a pre-registration form for the BBQ Luncheon will be in the next issue of *The Layout*.
In addition, we will be selling advance, discounted-price tickets for the BBQ luncheon at the Venice Meet.
Look for the SD 50th Anniversary Table at the Meet.



Marx-SAL 20053

by August Staebler (67-1792)

Another one-of-a-kind model, Lionel made the famous Pennsylvania Railroad 6-8-6 turbine with several different road numbers throughout the years although there was only one, real prototype.

For all you Marx fans, here's an interesting note on a one-of-a-kind prototype boxcar that Marx made - the Seaboard 20053. The boxcar, with double doors on the end, was built for hauling lumber.

Marx made the boxcar in the late 1950s, and I heard that Seaboard even paid Marx for the dies for this car. It also carried the Seaboard number on the car. Seaboard was the only railroad that used this car, and only one was made. I changed the trucks on the car and it goes nicely with the 6454 type boxcars.

I shot this slide in November 1973 in the scrap line at Uceta Yard in Tampa.



SOUTHERN DIVISION SOUVENIR TRAIN HISTORY - Part 6

by
Bill Trappen

This is the sixth in a series of articles discussing the history of the Southern Division Souvenir train. This article will discuss the Southern Division Souvenir Trains produced in 1985, 1986 and 1988.

I appreciate the positive feedback I've received from many members on this series, and I apologize for not having this article prepared in time for the last newsletter. Due to the death of Seymour Knight of Pleasant Valley Processing, our initial supplier, my priorities had to be changed to finding another supplier to redecorate the 50th Anniversary trolley. But I'm happy to report that with the help of Richard Tashjian and Mike Mills, my colleagues on the committee, we were able to find another supplier. So before you continue reading this article, make sure you see the announcement elsewhere in this issue about the 50th or Golden Anniversary Souvenir Trolley Car which is now available for ordering. The announcement includes an order form to buy the car. If you receive the newsletter by email the order form will be a separate file. If you receive the hard-copy version of the newsletter in the mail, the order form will be a separate insert. Only 49 cars are available for purchase, so make sure you respond before the deadline.

As mentioned earlier in this series, we had begun the practice of creating SD Souvenir cars by over-stamping a geographically correct, regular cataloged Lionel car. In 1985 Lionel cataloged as #6-9482 a Norfolk Southern box car. I'm sure every U.S. rail fan is familiar with today's Norfolk Southern Railway, one of the large, class I railroads in the United States. Although the Norfolk Southern Corporation was formed in 1984 by the merger of the Norfolk & Western Railroad with our Division's real-life name-sake, the Southern Railway, those two railroads continued to operate under their "old" names until 1990 when the railroad now known as Norfolk Southern Railway was created. Prior to the merger, the Southern Railway served all or parts of every state within the original Southern Division TCA boundaries. So it looks like this Norfolk Southern box car was a very appropriate car to use as a SD souvenir car, or was it?

If you were able to follow that confusing name game mentioned above, you probably are wondering how could Lionel produce a box car in 1985 lettered for the Norfolk Southern when today's Norfolk Southern Railway didn't exist until 1990? The answer is that this Lionel car was a model of a box car from an earlier, much smaller railroad named Norfolk Southern! This earlier Norfolk Southern Railway was a railroad that ran from Norfolk, Virginia, southwest and west to Charlotte, North Carolina. It was created in 1881 under the name Elizabeth City & Norfolk Railroad and was renamed the Norfolk and Southern Railroad in 1883. Here we go again with name changes; so to make a long story short, its history was full of acquisitions and bankruptcies causing it to go into receivership several times and it often changed names in the process. Then in 1942 the company was reorganized for the last time as the Norfolk Southern Railway, which it remained until it was acquired by the Southern Railway in 1974. Therefore, the Lionel model of this car reflects the original Norfolk Southern Railway's paint scheme and logo rather than one of the more familiar paint schemes which have been used by today's NS since the merger in 1990.

Like several of the earlier SD souvenir cars, this car was delayed, and it didn't actually get delivered to SD members until the spring of 1986. But this time the delay was due to the uncertain status of Lionel which at that time was having severe financial problems, and its future was in doubt. So finally late in the year the cars were made available by Lionel, and an agreement was made with the large Lionel dealer Charles Ro in Massachusetts to provide cars for us. An order form was sent to SD members with an order deadline of November 9, 1985. Members were allowed to order up to two cars each, and 120 cars were ordered by members at a cost including shipping of \$17.50 each. What a deal as I believe that price was lower than the MSRP of the car from Lionel at that time!

The cars were sent to a company in Atlanta to add our special graphics. As shown in **Figure 1**, the SD logo and "SD 1985" were very professionally added using silk screening in dark red to match the color of the large "N" in the "NS" logo.



(Figure 1)

Now, for the irony: I had to look at a system map of the original Norfolk Southern Railway on the internet to see where that railroad operated, and it shows that it never ran any farther south than South Carolina or any farther west than Charlotte, North Carolina. Therefore, this car was NOT geographically correct for the Southern Division of the TCA!

With the 1985 SD car not being delivered until 1986, we already are well into the year of the 20th anniversary of the Southern Division. The souvenir trains committee decided to commemorate the occasion with a Southern Division Bunk Car which was

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SOUTHERN DIVISION SOUVENIR TRAIN HISTORY - Part 6 (cont'd)

offered to members relatively late in the year. In this case the committee chose to redecorate an existing Lionel #6-5727 U.S. Marines bunk car which had been produced in 1985. The car was redecorated by Newbraugh Brothers Toys (NBT) and Pleasant Valley Processing (PVP) who had been decorating many cars for the TCA and other train collecting organizations. (And yes, PVP is the same company with whom we had contracted to decorate our 50th Anniversary trolleys last year before its owner Seymour Knight passed away in October.) The 1986 car was offered at \$17.50 each and only 120 cars were available for us to purchase and redecorate. But the committee worked fast and all the cars were sold, redecorated, completed and delivered at the November 1986 meet in Orlando.

The original green & white Marine Corps camouflaged bunk car was stripped and repainted yellow with a silver roof. **Figure 2** is a photo of the completed car. There is a decal with the NBT and PVP markings on the underside.

Along came 1987. A Souvenir Car was planned for this year but the plans didn't get far enough to even identify a car because 1987 was a very eventful year for the Southern Division, to put it mildly! During the year, SD members living in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and the panhandle of Florida petitioned the TCA to restructure the Southern Division and add another Division or Divisions, as it turned out. The SD officers had their hands full all year long due to this restructuring activity, so no souvenir car was offered.



(Figure 2)

The restructuring petition ultimately was approved by the TCA, and two new Divisions were created for the members in the above-mentioned areas; but, more importantly, peninsular Florida (the area within the Eastern Time Zone) retained the name Southern Division. These changes became effective January 1, 1988.

On to 1988 and despite a much smaller membership base, the Division again offered a souvenir car. This time it was decided to go with a searchlight car. The car was a regular cataloged 6-16606 green Southern Railway flat car with a lighted searchlight to which a decal containing "1988" and the Southern Division logo were added. In this case, only a limited number of cars were available to purchase from dealers to which to add the decals, so members only were allowed to order one car. All cars were sold and were to be delivered for members to pick up at the Mission Inn Meet in Howey-in-the-Hills on August 5, 1988. However, some members who had ordered cars did not attend the meet. Their cars were being stored at the home of Bob Ford, SD president at the time, for pick up at a future meet. However, on August 16 Bob's home caught fire. Fortunately, Bob and his family were not injured, but most of the home was destroyed including the SD Souvenir cars he was holding for those members who did not pick them up at the Mission Inn meet. Those members were issued refunds. **Figure 3** is a photo of the 1988 car.



(Figure 3)

Part 7 will conclude the series and will be in the next issue of *The Layout*. It will discuss and show photos of the SD Souvenir cars made in the 1990s, including the 30th anniversary car.

Stay tuned - and don't forget to order your 50th Anniversary Souvenir Trolley!

SOUTHERN DIVISION 50th ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR CAR (cont'd from page 7)

As indicated, this Trolley car only will be offered to SD members. You must be a current, paid-up, TCA **and** Southern Division member both when you place your order and when you receive your car. Your membership status will be verified with the SD Secretary when your order is received and again before your car is delivered to you at a meet or shipped to your mailing address. When picking up in person, please remember to bring your valid TCA and SD membership cards and a photo ID to show to receive your car. Also, a member cannot pick up cars for any other members. Thank you for interest and also for your patience.

Bill Trappen

PHOTOS



Les Workinger has been an SD member since the late '70s and lives in the Ft. Lauderdale area. He shows us some of his collection. (submitted by Brad Woodward)



Brad and grandson Garrett in Brad's train room



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Above, L-R: Brad Woodward; Henry Thimms, Frank Kirstner, Mary Ann Napolitano



“THE TRAIN: At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel by our side. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant, i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. Others will step down over time and leave a permanent vacuum. Some, however, will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life. I wish you a joyful journey.” Jean Turbeville Sanders (author)

(submitted by Rosemary Trappen)

Upcoming 2016 Florida Meets/Train Shows

TCA Southern Division: September 10, Venice Community Center, Venice; **November 19**, Morocco Shrine Auditorium, Jacksonville (See details in upcoming issues of *The Layout*.)

Golden Spike: 55th Florida Rail Fair, April 9, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Deland, 9 am - 4 pm; 15th Tampa Model Show, Florida State Fairgrounds, **June 4-5**; 56th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Saturday, **July 9**; 57th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, **October 1**; 16th Tampa Model Show, Florida State Fairgrounds, **December 17-18**, contact Charles Miller, 703-536-2954 or 386-736-8185, email rrshows@aol.com; website www.gserr.com

Regal Railways Shows: for info, contact Joe Schramm at joe@regalrailways.com; 727-441-2159. All shows 9 am - 2 pm; **April 2**, Pinellas Park, FL, Lopez Hall (former K of C), 7177 58th St. North, 33781; **May 21**, Brooksville, Hernando Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad Street, 34601; **May 28**, Inverness, Citrus Auditorium, 3610 Florida Ave., 34450; **June 25**, Columbia Club #1, Port Richey, FL 5850 K of C Drive, 34668

Schultz Space Coast Trains: June 4, September 3, and December 3, Azan Shrine Temple, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., Melbourne, 32935. Contact Schultzspacecoasttrains.com, 321-805-1963

Silver Springs Lions Club Train Show: Saturday, **June 11**, National Guard Armory, 900 S.W. 20th Street, Ocala, 34474, 9 am - 4 pm, Contact Bob at 352-694-6381.

Villages Model Railroad Club Model Train & Railroad Show and Sale: Saturday and Sunday, **August 20-21**, Saturday 9 am - 4 pm, Sunday, 10 am - 3 pm, Savannah Regional Recreations Center, 1545 Buena Vista Boulevard, The Villages, 32162, phone 352-205-4322 or 352-751-3034, email amgoldho@reagan.com

Please send notices of upcoming Florida train shows to Jeff Mayer, jcmayer@gmail.com or call 321-297-0501.

Promotion and 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 on our Southern Division website (www.tcasouthernndivision.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!

The deadline for articles/photos, etc. for the next issue of *The Layout* is **June 1, 2016**. Thank you!



SWITCH LIST



Repairs done on American Flyer Trains by A.C. Gilbert. Reasonable prices, honest assessment of parts & labor. Alco & Geep rebushings: Single - \$20.00; Double - \$35.00. Call, write, or email: **Chris Lucibello**, 2483 Pinellas Pt. Dr. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712 727-867-3465, candklucibello@verizon.net.

Old Toys and Toy Train Collections wanted. Call **Dick Wilsen @ 941-374-2288**.

Lionel "O" Gauge Postwar trains for sale: 1/43 AND 1/50 Diecast Auto/Truck/Construction Equipment for sale. Call **Joe Klim @ 352-357-3257** or e-mail: swamp48tk@comcast.net

FOR SALE: Lionel Postwar, Prewar, LTI, MTH, Have MTH RAILRAX track, curves, straights. **Arnie Travitsky**, 873 Cynthianna Circle, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701, arni99@aol.com, 407-260-8599 Include LSASE for list.

FOR SALE: large layout, overall dimensions 22' x 9'3", all track and switches included, most of the layout uses Gargraves track. Engines and rolling stock not included. Various options and pricing available. Contact Dennis Puskaric, Cell: 561- 573-4742, Home: 772-545-3600, Email: dmpcar@bellsouth.net.

The **Switch List** is a free service to Southern Division Members. Send your ads (space permitting) for trains for sale/wanted/trade to Mary Anyan. Ads must be renewed prior to each issue of *The Layout*. You may renew your ad for **one** issue at a time by contacting Mary via email, mia1@tampabay.rr.com, or snail mail, 1800 Follow-Thru Rd. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710-3724.