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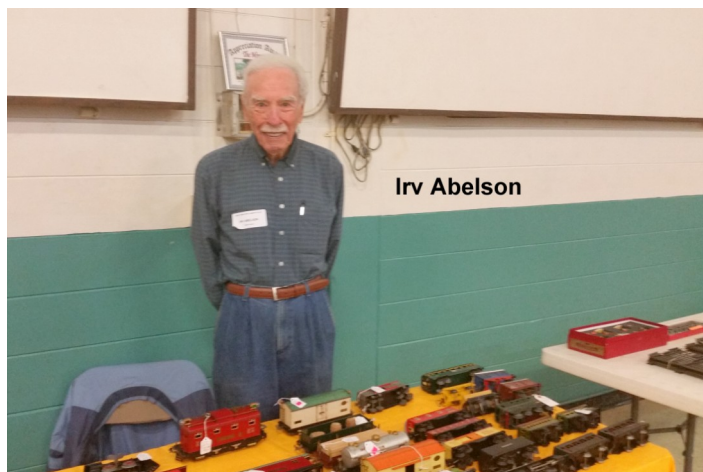
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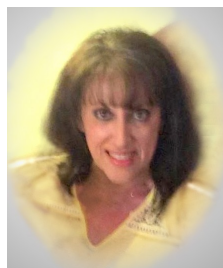
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Members ~

Please consider changing your receipt of *The Layout* from a paper copy to an electronic copy.

It's a good deal for many reasons: 1) the SD will save printing and postage costs; 2) the money saved can be used to partially subsidize future events (this also offsets your annual dues); 3) you'll get to see all of the photos & graphics in color; and 4) the environment will thank you.

Notify Dienzel Dennis.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was pleased to begin my term as SD President in January. It is a pleasure to work with all the SD officers as they are a great group of people. During the last four years as VP I have carefully watched and learned from past presidents Brad Woodward and Charlie Anyan as well as the rest of the Board and will do my best for TCA and the Southern Division.

For those of you who don't know me, here's a quick synopsis: I was born and raised in Wilmington, Delaware, went to college and law school at Emory in Atlanta where I met my wife, Linda. We moved to Miami Shores where we lived for 20 years before moving to Jacksonville in 2008. We have three children and one grandchild. I grew up attending York meets in the late 1960s and 1970s with my dad (a big train collector who joined the TCA around 1964) and joined TCA as an adult in 1986. I'm a semi-retired CPA/tax attorney (so I'm busy from January through April 15th and not so busy the rest of the year). While I do have some Standard Gauge pieces inherited from my dad, I primarily collect post-war Lionel O gauge. My wife and I moved into a new home about 2 years ago, and I'm working on setting up an operating layout in my new train room.

Now, down to business. There's so much going on with your Southern Division. TCA-SD has presented TCA National with a letter of intent to host the TCA National Convention in Jacksonville in June 2020. TCA National Convention chair Bob Keller visited Jacksonville in January and has negotiated a proposal from the Hyatt Regency Downtown to serve as our convention hotel. That proposal will be presented to the TCA National Board of Directors at their meeting this June in Pittsburgh. As a division president, I now serve on that Board so will be in attendance to support our convention bid. We have the beginnings of a strong convention committee but will, of course, need lots of volunteers as we get closer to the actual date. Stay tuned for more updates.

Speaking of volunteers, we have a wonderful group of people that help keep SD running and help with our meets. However, we're always looking for new blood and more help. We especially need someone to take over Meet Host duties for our Venice (September) and Largo (January) meets. If we can't find someone to assume these roles, then we may have to cancel those meets which we would hate to have to do. Accordingly, if you have the time and interest, we'd welcome your involvement. For more about what this could entail, feel free to email or call me. I look forward to meeting as many SD members as I can over the coming months/years.

Happy Collecting!

Steve

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 newly-elected President 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 your submissions directly to Steve: Sjohnson@fljdcpa.com, and he'll get them to Linda to post. Thanks for your help!

TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Business Meeting January 27, 2017, Largo FL

The quarterly business meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Steve Johnson who called roll with the following in attendance: Mr. Johnson; Jay Zschau, Vice President; Mike Powell, Treasurer; Linda Harris, Communications Officer; and Brad Woodward and Charles Anyan, Past Presidents. Secretary Dienzel Dennis was not in attendance due to a prior commitment. Mary Anyan, *The Layout* Editor, took minutes.

Mr. Johnson thanked the board for their support and looks forward to working with everyone.

Mr. Zschau reported that the Florida Railroad Museum <http://www.frrm.org/> offers many interesting, theme-related rides plus train memorabilia. Thomas & Friends, The Friendship Tour 2017 will be running March 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19. Mr. Zschau suggested that visiting the museum and taking the Thomas tour is a fun way to get children interested in and developing a lifelong love of trains. It was suggested that Jake Jacob, *The Layout* Webmaster, add this link to the SD's website.

Mr. Dennis's report previously was emailed to the BOD and currently identifies 338 active, SD members.

Mr. Powell's financial reports were distributed to the board, and the SD Quarterly Treasurer's Report will be included as insert or attachment to the next newsletter.

Mrs. Harris reported her efforts in advertising for the Largo show which included newspaper ads, traveling to and distributing flyers at area antique and hobby shops.

Mr. Anyan reported on TCA National business: 1) At the upcoming Eastern Division meet in York in April, non-TCA members will be welcomed only in the Orange and Purple (dealer) halls. 2) An executive board meeting conference call was held to discuss several member concerns regarding the state of the national organization. Mr. Anyan was tasked with writing an article dispelling these myths, and this article is scheduled to appear in the next issue of the TCA HQ News. 3) Revenue from member dues is in the black. 4) The Kids Club is welcoming volunteers, and Mr. Woodward offered his time and talent to TCA National in addition to his involvement in the SD Kids Club. 5) The TCA Museum recently was renovated and is more user friendly and interactive.

Mrs. Anyan reported: 1) With the board's prior approval, the Spring issue of *The Layout* will be distributed in late March, as opposed to April 1. 2) TCA National's direction is that only TCA's authorized, trademarked logos are to be used on all newsletters, flyers, etc. *The Layout's* webmaster, Jake Jacob, revised its masthead, and the SD is in compliance. 3) The "parent" company should be listed first (i.e., TCA National and then Southern Division) on documents. 3) Mrs. Anyan suggested a revision to *The Layout* to utilize one half of the back page for the return address, postage and fees paid indicia, and a mailing label. This will save money for the SD by eliminating envelopes and reducing mailing costs. The board unanimously approved.

Mr. Woodward reported on the Kids Club: 1) He is considering a special newsletter just for kids to keep them excited about trains. 2) He enthusiastically will work with the National Kids Club.

Mr. Johnson reported on the 2020 National Convention: 1) A Letter of Intent was submitted to National, and Bob Keller visited Jacksonville. He met with the Jacksonville subcommittee chair persons in place to date. Mr. Keller explained that TCA National oversees and governs all conventions but that the SD is financially responsible for up-front costs, with later reimbursement from National. However, the SD is responsible for hosting and financing the Welcome Party and Social. 2) The Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront was selected as the convention hotel, as approximately 400 are expected to attend. The Hyatt sent a proposal to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Keller. 3) Mr. Johnson shared that all committee chairs will be finalized in the near future. 4) Mr. Woodward mentioned that the SD needs to create a logo to be placed on shirts, bags, magnets, etc. Suggestions will be welcomed.

Mr. Anyan reported that tomorrow's Largo meet is on track. He advised the board that he is interested in resigning as meet host but is interested in continuing to handle the table holder registration forms and their associated fiscal responsibilities. The Board will reach out to SD members for interest, and volunteers will be welcomed. Mr. Anyan reminded the board of tonight's Open House at Zitnik Trains.

Mr. Woodward reported that he and Al Galli (meet host for the March 25 Fort Pierce show) continue to work with the Fenn Center, site of the show. They also are exploring exciting door prize options. Mr. Woodward reminded that board that this show will end at 2 p.m. as opposed to the usual 3 p.m.

The Board discussed the future of the Venice meets, typically held in September. The SD member who has hosted them for many years advised the board that he no longer will be able to do so. The Board is searching for an SD member or members who will be willing to accept this responsibility. Volunteers will be welcomed.

Mr. Johnson reported that the Jacksonville 2017 show is scheduled for November 18 with Chuck Bryner returning as Meet Host. The liaison at the show's location (Morocco Shrine Auditorium) offered the SD the building for two days for the price of one day.

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The board discussed this option and agreed to a two-day show subject to review and acceptance by Mr. Bryner. The board also voted that there will be no additional table costs to table holders, and the Sunday meet could end earlier than the usual 3 p.m.

The Board discussed Florida meets in the Orlando and Miami areas and the need for meet hosts. Volunteers will be welcomed.

New Business:

METCA Endowment Fund Challenge: Mr. Johnson reported that METCA (Metropolitan Division Train Collectors Association) issued a challenge to all divisions to donate at least \$1,000 to TCA National, and they (METCA) will donate \$25,000 to national if the other divisions' donations total at least \$25,000. The SD board discussed the challenge, Mr. Powell motioned to table the idea for future discussion, Mr. Anyan seconded, and the board unanimously approved.

Mr. Johnson also reported that a letter was received from the Ft. Pitt Division (63rd Annual Convention hosts) requesting door prize donations from each division for the convention in June. The board discussed donating a 2008 Kids Club car. Mr. Powell motioned, Mr. Woodward seconded, and the board unanimously approved.

Review of SD By-Laws: Mr. Zschau volunteered to review and report to the board.

Review/Revision of Meet Host duties: Mr. Johnson reported that he asked Tim Evert and Chuck Bryner to review and comment on the Meet Host Duties and Checklist currently in use. Once those comments and suggestions are received, Mr. Johnson will review and prepare an updated Duties and Checklist for review by the board. Since he works directly with the Meet Hosts in regard to financial issues, Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Powell to review and comment on the revised document prior to presentation to the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Mary Anyan
The Layout Editor

Largo Meet Photos (additional photos on page 6)



Take the e*Train!

From Carol R. McGinnis, e*Train Editor: "e-Train, the online magazine of the Train Collectors Association, is up and running. Help us continue e*Train's success.

If you have an idea for an article, we'd like to hear from you. We're already thinking about the next edition, and you can be part of it! Go to www.tcaetrain.org.



more Largo Meet Photos

**Barry Laderer
displayed his
American Flyer
Battle of
Gettysburg.**



WOW!



2017 Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows

March 25: The Fenn Center (The Havert L. Fenn Center), 2000 Virginia Ave., **Fort Pierce** 34982, 10A-2P, contact Al Galli, 772-219-7653, or email algalli@embarqmail.com. (**TCA Southern Division**)

March 25: Columbian Club of Osceola, 2000 Neptune Rd., **Kissimmee** 34744 (**Regal Railways:** joe@regalrailways.com; Joe, 727-244-1341), all shows 9A-2P, Adults \$5.00, children 12 and under free; EARLY BIRD \$7.00 **by reservation** 8-9A; Vendors and Model Train Layout; lunch available (www.regalrailways.com)

April 1: Lopez Hall (former K of C) 7177 58th St. North, **Pinellas Park** 33781 (**Regal Railways**, above)

April 8: 59th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724, 9A-4P, (**Golden Spike**, Charles W. Miller, 3106 N. Rochester St., Arlington, VA 22213, 703-536-2954, email: rrshows@aol.com)

May 20: Hernando Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601 (**Regal Railways**, above)

June 3: Azan Shrine Temple, 1591 W Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935 (**Schultz Space Coast Train Show**, Schultzspacecoasttrains.com, 321-805-1963)

June 3-4: 17th Tampa Model Show, Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 US Hwy. 301 North, **Tampa** 33610 (**Golden Spike**, above)

July 8: 60th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (**Golden Spike**, above)

August 19-20: The Villages Model Train Expo, The Savannah Center, 1545 Buena Vista Blvd., **The Villages** 32164 (Sat. 9A– 4P, Sun. 10A-3P), contact Sam Mathis 352-750-2433, email sammathis@bellsouth.net, or Cecil Byrd 352-693-4079, email cbyrd@cfl.rr.com.

August 26: Lopez Hall (former K of C) 7177 58th St. North, **Pinellas Park** 33781 (**Regal Railways**, above)

September 2: Azan Shrine Temple, 1591 W Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935 (**Schultz Space Coast Train Show**, above)

September 30: Hernando Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601; 9A-2P (**Regal Railways**, above)

October 14: Elks Lodge, 401 N. Indian Ave., **Englewood** 34223 (**Regal Railways**, above)

December 2: Lopez Hall (former K of C) 7177 58th St. North, **Pinellas Park** 33781 (**Regal Railways**, above)

December 2: Azan Shrine Temple, 1591 W Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935 (**Schultz Space Coast Train Show**, above)

Please send notices of upcoming Florida train shows to Jeff Mayer, jcjmayer@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 *The Layout* and on 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 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 TCA SD Vice President Jay Zschau (email: jayz@penningtonlaw.com or phone 727-784-8490 and let him know. Jay will get flyers to you to take to the meet and leave out for others. If possible, please give Jay at least a week or more notice to ensure he has time to get the appropriate flyers to you. Thanks for your help!



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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.

The deadline for articles, photos, etc. for the next issue of *The Layout* is July 1, 2017. Thank you.

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