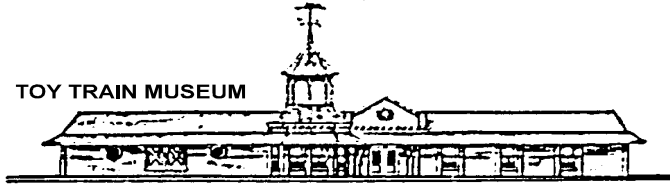


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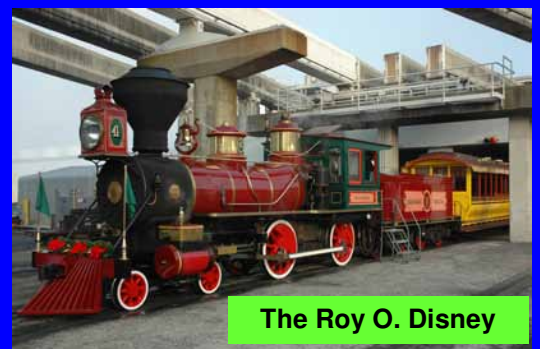
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TCA, S.D. Treasurer's Report, November 1, 2008

Checking Account Balance, Aug. 1 2008:		\$3275.01
Income (Aug.-Oct.)		
Lake Worth Meet, Tables	\$1200.00	
Lake Worth Meet, Door	\$1115.00	
Dues (2009)	\$2325.00	
Total Income	\$4640.00	\$7915.01
Expenses (Aug.-Oct.)		
Lake Worth Door Prizes	\$ 182.29	
Lake Worth Meet Hall	\$1000.00	
Lake Worth Newspaper Ad	\$ 315.17	
500 Postcards (dues notices)	\$ 222.52	
Postage	\$ 115.64	
Verio Web Site	\$ 71.70	
Secretary Expenses	\$ 68.63	
The "Layout" Newsletter	\$1400.00	
New Checks	\$ 14.00	
Bank Fees (\$50 bad cks, \$20 fee)	\$ 70.00	
Restaurant Deposit, Nov. Banquet	\$ 500.00	
Hall Deposit, for 2009 Stuart Show	\$ 200.00	
Total Expenses	\$4159.95	
Checking Account Balance, Nov. 1, 2008		\$3755.06
C.D., First Bank of FL		\$8404.49
Ken Stewart, Treasurer		

**The Deadline for the next issue of *The Layout*
is March 28, 2008**

President's Message



Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.

This is my last President's Message as your Southern Division President. Four years has gone since I was elected to serve the Southern Division. We made big strides to increase membership (to over 400 members) and made many improvements to make the Southern Division one of the best divisions in the TCA. We increased our membership to over 400 plus members, and added a fifth meet in South Florida. Also, we debuted the Southern Division Web Site (www.tcasoutherndivision.com), added a fifth meet in South Florida, and celebrated the division's 40th Anniversary (complete with a terrific 40th anniversary car).

The Layout newsletter is one of the best in the TCA, and you can now receive it in color via email (and save us money too)! Our editors have worked hard to bring this to membership, and I owe John Bailey and Jeff Mayer a big thanks for their work. Our front desk volunteers work hard at each meet and make a lasting impression. They are the first contact the members and public have when they come to our meets. My gratitude goes out to the girls.

I appreciated serving with our board of directors these past four years. Our Treasurer, Ken Stewart, kept a good financial record of our membership funds and was a great asset to this membership. Bill Trappen, Past President, came to the fore front when I needed him, helping with meet notices for publication and membership listings. Dave Weggeland, Vice President, was an important board member, hosting many of our meets with his wife Phyllis. I appreciated the help of Barry Broskowitz, past Communications Officer & Secretary, for his knowledge of the membership records and volunteering at the meets with his DCS layout for the kids and adults can enjoy. Finally, thanks to Dienzel Dennis, acting Secretary, who stepped in to take over a very important position to handle the Southern Division membership records.

We had a successful turn out at the Maitland meet on November 22nd with over 230 attendees. Table holders and spouses were treated to lunch with the complements of the Southern Division. Door prizes of Lionel trains were given out to the ladies, members, and table holders. The mood was very festive and the public was in a buying mood (which made it a great meet).

We held the Southern Division Awards Banquet on Saturday evening at Maison Jardin. The event was a sell out with every table taken. Everyone who attended was treated to a concert by an audio visual show of oldies from the 1950s and 1960s. Guests were shown a vintage Southern Division meet, which everyone enjoyed, and we ran a photo presentation of the Disney World Back shop tour, where Southern Division members were treated to see and ride the Disney trains. Dinner was great and everyone enjoyed the filet minion. The service was superb. All the ladies were given a red Rose to take home. Awards were given out to members who made contributions to the Southern Division. A special award "TINPLATE TYCOON" was given to Dick Guenette.

My thanks go to Jake Jacob and Jeffrey Jacob for the photos, and Mike Mills for the audio equipment and setup.

2009 Nominations

Nominations were taken during the business meeting:

Charlie Anyan – President

Will Wagner – Vice President

Dienzel Dennis – Secretary

Leslie Brooks – Communications Officer

Ken Stewart – Acting Treasurer

A ballot will be enclosed. Please vote.

We will have two up coming meets (see The Meet Story on the following pages):

February 7, 2009, St. Petersburg, Florida, at the National Guard Armory

March 21, 2009, Stuart, Florida, at the Knights of Columbus Hall

I will continue to serve on the Board of Directors as your Past President. If I can help with anything feel free to contact me. We will announce new board at the St. Petersburg meet. I hope to see everyone there for a good turn out.

I enjoyed serving the membership for the last four years. I made a lot of new friends and kept my old friends; this is what this hobby does. I thank everyone for having me as your President. My thanks to all who served the Southern Division TCA.

Enjoy the fun of collecting, educating and operating

Arnie Travitsky – SD-TCA President

St. Petersburg Meet Story
Post of St. Petersburg Armory
3601 38th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL
Saturday, February 7th, 2009

The meet will be held on February 7th at the Post of St. Petersburg Armory, 3601 38th Avenue South, St. Petersburg FL. The Armory is in a main travel area of Saint Petersburg. It is close to many motels and restaurants, and a few miles from beautiful west coast beaches.

Meet Host: Charlie Anyan Ph. 727-945-0288

SET UP: 6:30 AM – 9 AM. Tables cost \$20 each for Southern Division members. Non-Southern Division TCA member tables cost \$30 each.

Open to membership: 9 a.m. –4 p.m

Open to public 11 a.m—4 p.m.

ADMISSION: PUBLIC \$5 SD MEMBERS \$3 TCA MEMBERS \$5

Directions to the St. Petersburg Meet

Coming From the North on I-275

Take exit 19, 22nd Avenue South. Go right (West) one block to Highway 19 (34th St.) Follow instructions for Highway 19, below.

Coming from the South on I-275

Take exit 18, 26th Avenue South. Go right (West) one block to Highway 19 (34th St.) Follow instructions for Highway 19, below

From Highway 19

Highway 19 in Saint Petersburg eventually becomes 34th Street. Follow 34th Street to 38th Avenue. Turn West one block to the Amory. There is a sign outside the Armory that says "Headquarters 53D Support Battalion". The sign on the building says "National Guard Armory". If the Armory parking lot is full, park across the street in the K-Mart parking lot.

St. Petersburg Area Lodging

Bayway Inn* Address: 4400 34th Street South Phone: (727) 866-2471 Rates: \$69.00 for all rooms. Location: Less than one mile south of meet

Crystal Inn Address: 4600 34th St. S. Phone: (727) 866-0706 Rates: \$37 - \$42 Location: Less than one mile south of meet NOTE: very basic motel

Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort Address: 6800 34th Street South Phone: (727) 867-1151 Location: Approximately one mile south of meet.

* recommended Motel, close to meet, clean, nice rooms, in-room refrigerators, microwaves, relatively cheap.

STUART MEET STORY
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
7251 SE GAINES AVE, STUART, FL. 34997
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009

MEET HOST: DAVE WEGGELAND PH: 772-589-6425

SET UP: 6:30 AM – 9 AM

Open to membership: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., open to public 10 a.m—4 p.m.

ADMISSION: PUBLIC \$5 SD MEMBERS \$3 TCA MEMBERS \$5

Tables cost \$20 each for Southern Division members. Non-Southern Division TCA member tables cost \$30 each.

HOTEL: HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, 7900 SW LOST RIVER RD, STUART, FL. 34997

PH: 772-287-2522 RATE: AARP \$ 120.00 Southern Division rate: \$123 PLUS TAX

COMES WITH COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFEAST, CALL FOR RESERVATIONS

TABLES: SD MEMBERS \$20, TCA NON SD MEMBERS \$30

A concession will be provided by Knights of Columbus.
THERE IS NO OPEN HOUSES FOR THIS MEET.

Directions to Stuart Meet, Knights of Columbus Hall :

I-95 NORTH EXIT 101
East on Hwy 76 Kanner Hwy 2nd Light Right on Cove Road. K of C on Left

I-95 SOUTH EXIT
101, East on Hwy 76 Kanner Hwy, 2nd Light Right on Cove Road K of C on Left.

WHO'S WHO – Dick Guenette - SD # 135, TCA # 72-4728
2008 “TINPLATE TYCOON” AWARD WINNER
By Arnie Travitsky

I first met Dick Guenette in 1985 at a Southern Division meet. We struck up an immediate friendship. His wife Mary, a wonderful person, supports Dick in his passion and love of model trains. Dick's story goes back to his upbringing in Brockton, Mass. In 1942, at the age of four, he received his first Marx train set from his father. Dick loved the train and would play for hours.

In 1948 Dick's father showed him a Lionel catalog, where he pointed out a set that he liked. When Christmas came his father brought home a Lionel 2025 steam engine set with box car, tank car, gondola and caboose. His father knew he had an enthusiastic young man who had real love for the trains. Each year, Dick would receive cars for his birthday and Christmas to add to the set. In 1952, for his birthday, his dad brought him his first diesel engine, a Lionel 623 switcher. With these new trains Dick and his father built a layout in his bedroom. In 1954, Dick's dreams of a larger layout came true when they built a setup in the basement. They enjoyed this new layout, and Dick spent many hours running his trains.

After graduation from High School in 1957, he attended college for engineering. While in college he met his love, Mary. They were married in 1965, moving to Boston where Dick worked for the Polaroid Corp. In 1967 Dick had a job opportunity at Cape Canaveral KSC working for IBM and the family again moved. By 1971 they were living in Cocoa Beach when Dick decided to set up his trains for the holidays.

When one of Dick's engines needed a part, a coworker said he knew a person who repaired trains. His name was John Cressman, one of the original founding members of the Southern Division. John Cressman invited Dick to attend one of the SD meets in January 1972, held at the Harley Hotel in Orlando. At this meet Dick joined the TCA and Southern Division. Dick was sure as he was hooked for life with model trains. Dick and Mary would attend TCA Conventions. He went to his first York meet in 1985, and was amazed by the number of members and trains in the halls. Often he would travel to York with friend John Schleicher, coming home with plenty of Lionel Trains.



Dick Guenette was presented with the “Tinplate Tycoon” award by Southern Division President Arnie Travitsky.

Dick and his wife Mary became regular members at the Southern Division meets, and loved going to the open houses hosted by the members. Dick would regularly display his trains at the Southern Division meets and loved to talk about toy train history. Last year, Dick he won best Senior Division display, and was quite excited that he was selected to receive this award.

Dick was recommended by other “Tinplate Tycoons” to join their ranks. I had the privilege to present this award to Dick at our recent 2008 banquet. This is the highest award in the Southern Division.

**Southern Division Train Collectors Association
Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting
Maitland Civic Center, Maitland, Florida - November 22, 2008**

Call to Order: President Arnie Travitsky called the meeting to order at 8:40 A. M.

Members participating: President Travitsky, Vice President David Weggeland, Secretary Dienzel Dennis, and Treasurer Ken Stewart. Also present were Past Presidents Bill Trappen, and Steve Harris. John Bailey the Layout editor, Charles Anyan the St. Pete meet host, Richard Guenette the Nominating Chairperson, and Jake Jacobs our photographer and web master were also in attendance.

Presidents Report: We have 47 tables sold for this meet. Ads for this meet were in the Orlando paper at a cost of \$515.00. The ads seem to pay for themselves with the amount of public that show up and pay at the door. Tonight's Banquet is three short of the 45 necessary to secure the room. Two more were signed up right away and now we do not see any problem. We can accommodate a few more if anyone is interested. An announcement will be made at the general membership meeting. Report accepted

Vice-President Report: The first quarter meet for 2009 will be held at St. Pete on Feb. 7 at the new National Guard Armory. Charles Anyan will give a report on this a little later on in the meeting. We will also have a meet in Stuart on March 21 hosted by David Weggeland. We are still looking for future sites and hosts. There will not be a board meeting or business meeting at his March meet. There were no membership complaints to deal with this quarter. We did discuss the problem of dropped members by the National and how best to deal with and try to renew these members. No solution was reached and we will continue to discuss this at our next meeting. Report accepted

Secretaries Report: Dienzel Dennis reported that progress is being made on the update of the membership files on the clubs computer program and by January 1 our records should be very acceptable. As of now it looks like we have 348 active members out of the 488 on the roll. The 2009 dues continue to come in and we hope to be well over 400 members very soon. We need to find ways to inform our membership to always contact our secretary anytime you move to a new address, change phone numbers, change email address, etc. It is very important that we keep an up to date and correct membership list. Report accepted.

Treasurer Report: Ken Stewart distributed a hard copy of our financial status and discussed this with the board. This information will be printed elsewhere in the Layout so it will not be included in these minutes. Ken did mention that the Lake Worth meet was very successful with a profit of over \$800.00. We feel like the local paper advertisement helped out here and more than paid for itself. With the economy the way it is and the status of the banks at this time, we discussed our C. D.'s and what we should consider doing with these. The report was accepted as presented by Mr. Stewart.

Layout Editor: John Bailey reported on the current status of our magazine concerning the number of pages, the cost of printing and postage, and the number of people receiving it by email or accessing it on our web page. Anyone who wish to receive it electronically should notify either the secretary or the editor.

It is reported that our Southern Division web site is still being addressed and improvements being made at this time. More will be said about this at a later date.

Nomination Report: Richard Guenette, the nominating committee chair person distributed a sheet containing the candidates names that he was able to secure for the upcoming 2009 elections. He has still not been able to slate a name for treasurer. We will all work on this and see who we can come up with. The floor will be open for nominations at our general business meeting on the meet floor at 10:00 a. m. this morning. The names presented were, Charles R. Anyan for President, Will Wagner Vice President, Dienzel Dennis Secretary, Treasurer (open), Lesley Brooks Communications Officer and the following for Support Committee: John Bailey, Timothy Evert, Norbert Lindsay, Mike Mills, and Richard Tashjian. We must have the ballot completed by the second week of December so that it can be included in the next "Layout." We also considered where the ballots will be returned and who will do the counting and reporting. Report accepted.

New Business: Arnie has visited the new Armory in St. Pete and recommends it for our next meet. Charles Anyan reported that he is currently securing two hotels for our consideration and also concessions for the meet hall. A few tables are available at the Armory but if the attendance is large enough, we may have to go outside to rent a few more tables. We discussed who is to do set up, clean up, etc., especially considering accidents and law suits connected with this. If anyone wishes to consider hosting a meet in their town, we need a place with approximately 10,000 square feet and at least 70 tables. Contact the Vice President if interested.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 9:55 A. M.
Dienzel Dennis, Secretary, Southern Division, TCA

**Southern Division General Membership Business Meeting
Maitland Civic Center--Maitland, Florida -- November 22, 2008**

Call to Order: President Arnie Travitsky called the meeting to order on the floor of the trading hall at 10:00 A. M. He asked everyone who is not a TCA and a SD member to please leave the hall at this time. After the business meeting is completed you may return and continue shopping. The meeting started with a moment of silence for our brave young men and women who are defending our freedom all around the world.

Vice President Weggeland informed the membership of the upcoming meets and asked for volunteers to host some of our meets. We will have a meet on Feb. 7, 2009 in St. Pete, and another meet on March 21, 2009 in Stuart.

Secretary Dienzel Dennis reported that we are just short of 400 active members with about 100 more that have not yet paid their dues for 2009. Please get \$10.00 dues in to our Treasurer as soon as possible so your membership doesn't expire. Also, please inform the Secretary of any change in your address, phone, email, etc. We want to keep our records as current and accurate as possible. Also remember, you must be a current member in good standing with the national TCA before you can be a member of the Southern Division. Anytime you allow your membership to cease in the TCA, you automatically become an ex member in the Southern Division.

Treasurer Ken Stewart gave a financial report to the membership. This can be found in a complete report elsewhere in the Layout. He also reminded the membership that the 2009 dues are now being accepted.

Nominating Committee Chairman Dick Guenette presented the slate of candidates that he has secured, and who have accepted the nomination. The floor was then opened for nominations. There were no nominations so the floor was closed and the meeting continued. The nominees can be found in the **Board of Directors** minutes in this issue of the Layout. Each nominee was recognized, introduced, and all were accepted and approved by vote of the general membership. Their names will be on the ballot that will be mailed out within the next month.

Presidents Remarks: The President reminded us of the annual year end Banquet to be held tonight at the world famous, and number one rated restaurant in Florida, the **Maison & Jardin**. It is not too late to still sign up if you are interested. The awards for the year will be presented at this banquet following the meal. The time of the banquet has been changed from 6:00 to 7:00 P. M. **Barry Broskowitz**, the past secretary, took a couple of minutes to thank the membership for their prayers, notes, emails, and concern during his sickness and recuperation. He also gave a report on the Ronald McDonald House layout that was constructed and presented by the Southern Division. Arnie gave a special thanks to John Bailey and Jeff Mayer for their work on our club magazine, *The Layout*. It was again selected by the National Business Office as the best Division magazine in the entire TCA. And finally, this being his last meeting as president: Mr. Travitsky thanked all the SD members and especially all the officers that have worked so hard with him over the past 4 years that he has served as president. At this time, member Mike Setzer on behalf of all the SD membership praised Arnie for all his tireless work that he has done to bring the club back to where it is and to get us back on our feet again. This was greeted with a very warm round of applause.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37, at which time we had the door prize drawings. Many prizes were awarded to a lot of lucky attendees. At the end of the drawing, the doors were then opened to both the general membership as well as the general public for shopping and buying of those choice pieces found on the many dealers tables.

Dienzel Dennis, Secretary, Southern Division, TCA

Late Review—MTH Traffic Light Set, by Jeffrey Mayer

Every so often I discover an item which didn't seem interesting when it first came out, but later proved to be unique and exciting. Thus is born the "late" review. This is the case with the MTH traffic light set. How can traffic lights be interesting? These really work.

Photo Right: The MTH traffic lights go from green to yellow to red, just like in real life.

When I first saw the MTH traffic lights it wasn't clear that they did anything. I guess I didn't pay much attention to them, thinking they just lit up or simply flashed on and off. It wasn't until

I first saw a set in action that I found out they actually changed in sequence.

For many years, Life-Like made the only O scale traffic light. Standing on a post with a light up "Don't Walk" sign, modelers would run two wires to it and watch the yellow caution light blink endlessly, which really isn't too interesting and by today's standards somewhat cheesy.

Luckily, the folks at MTH came up with actual working traffic lights that change their sequence from green to yellow to red, even going so far as to time them like a real traffic light. Not only that, the set of traffic lights work together, where if one set turns yellow then red the other turns green. Watching the pair makes onlookers say "wow! The lights are actually changing!"

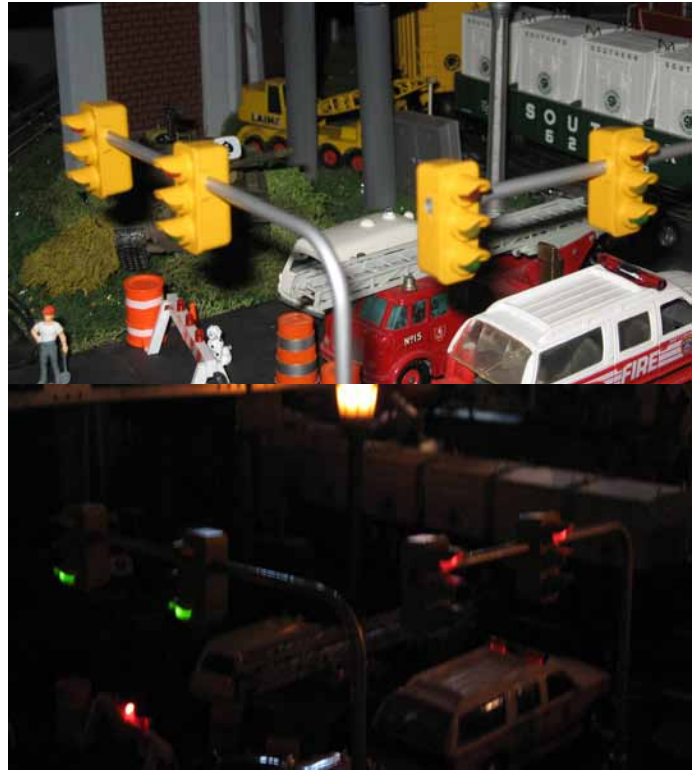


Above: The MTH Traffic Light Electronic Controller

The lights use an electronic control box (see photo) and comes with various color-coded wiring harnesses.

Installation was simple, as the color coded wires mate with the wires on the traffic lights and plug into the electronic control box. Another plug supplies the power and is run to a 12 volt AC power source. The lights mount through two holes in the base. I found them too small for any screws or nails that could reasonably hold the light up without the whole thing eventually coming loose or falling over. I ended up drilling the holes a little larger and using 1/2 #4 screws to mount them (see photo).

All the little details, such as working traffic lights, come together to add excitement to any layout. These traffic lights are sure to grab some attention, turning an ordinary intersection into a focal point on your layout. Some hobbyists haven't realized it yet, but MTH has become the leader in model railroading innovations



Above: The old Life-Like brand traffic lights flash yellow and that's about it.

Right: Mounting the lights securely required some drilling and the use of 1/2 #4 screws



My Last Conversation with Frank C. Hare

By Grandpa Nelson Williams, HR 74-6535, SD 248



**“Grandpa”
Nelson
Williams**

Less than a month before Frank C. Hare died on August 11, 2008, I talked with him for nearly half an hour by telephone. As you may have read in other TCA publications, he was our national president, 1981-82, and editor of the *Train Collectors Quarterly* from 1969-1978.

I knew Frank as the editor of *The Collector*, which he published for nearly 20 years as the founder of the American Flyer Collectors Club (AFCC). His was the first national hobby magazine to publish my articles. While it started out printed sideways like a toy train catalog, it was later turned upright like most magazines. Among its articles by other AFCC/TCA charter members, Frank published one by my good friend “Choo Choo” Charley Burt on how to repair small electric motors.

The best articles in *The Collector* were Frank’s telephone interviews with Louis Hertz, a long-time historian of Ives and other early toy trains. Hertz was one of the last survivors of the old Standard Gauge Association. It was a sad mistake that the Standard Gaugers were not invited to join as founders of the Train Collectors Association in 1954.

In our final chat, Frank told me how he came to be an editor. He took every course in typing at his high school and was the Pennsylvania state-wide champion typist. During his free periods, he attended classes in shorthand and became proficient in that skill also. This was in the era of manual typewriters and Pittman shorthand, which my mother taught in my high school.

While Frank was in basic training for the Army, his sergeant asked for a man able to act as company clerk. Frank volunteered, and when the army learned he could also take shorthand they kept him in Pennsylvania during World War II. He participated in disciplinary hearings and court martials. After his discharge he might have qualified to practice law in his home state, even though he could not become an officer in the Army because he had never been to law school.

My Grandson, Richard H. Nelson Rector of Centreville, VA, has become TCA member 08-62559. He was active in the Kids Club of the Eastern Division for several years despite his autism. Ricky is the only child of my youngest daughter, Roberta.

Many thanks to our member who helped me offload and reload my “Gondolas, Hoppers, and Dump Cars” at Maitland last May and November. Those trains were on exhibit during the 13th annual “Trains at the Holidays” in Ocala, where I proudly showed my SD/TCA Display Senior Division Award for 2008.

None of us could ever give enough credit to our President Arnie Travitsky for all the work he had done the past four years. His efforts as our member of the national Board of Directors have rehabilitated the Southern Division within the Train Collectors Association. You did a great job Arnie!

Instead, he opened a train store in Pittsburgh and later became TCA Life Member 58-286. His special interest was collecting pre-war American Flyer O-Gauge, but contributors to *The Collector* were welcome to write about post-war two rail S-gauge. My brothers in Ohio collect both Flyer gauges. When some readers complained that Frank published too many articles about Flyer standard gauge trains he replied, “I don’t tell people what to write; I’m just the editor.”

Although I wrote a journalism textbook and had been an editor, I could not offer to replace Frank when he had to give up *The Collector* due to a visual impairment. Nor would I accept later offers to edit *The Layout* or *The Lion Roars* after I retired to attend law school. I am content to collect trains and just be a writer myself.

An early president of the Southern Division, Augie Stabler, wrote the first newspaper article about my trains when I joined TCA in 1974. It was a full-page feature story in the Hernando edition of the *St. Petersburg Times*. Since then, other stories have appeared in newspapers as far north as the Tallahassee Democrat.

THE DISNEY WORLD BACK SHOP TOUR, November 21, 2008

By Arnie Travitsky



It was a cold sunrise at 6 a.m. We met at the Marriott and drove down to the Contemporary Hotel, traveling to the main gate at Disney World where we met our tour guides, Engineer Jim and Conductor Bob. They gave us the introduction for our tour, along with badges and a audio head set so we could hear Engineer Jim speak. As we waited we heard a whistle in the distance belonging to the steamer "Roy Disney".



Above: Southern Division members at the Disney back shop tour

With the whistle sounding, bell clanging, and white smoke billowing from its stack on the cold morning, the Roy Disney pulled into Main Street Station.

We scooted up the station stairway to board our private train. Since the public was not yet in the park our tour group watched the workers getting ready for the busy day. When we were ready to leave I had the privilege of shouting "all aboard" and giving the hand signal for the engineer to pull out. We traveled around the park until we arrived at the "Toon Town" Station where our train needed to back up. Conductor Bill threw a switch and gave the signal to Engineer Jim, and the train backed into a line that leads to the Disney back shop. This is where all Disney Trains are stored, maintained, and cleaned. Every morning each engine is checked over and the boiler is fired up. Water is added into the tender, and the oil (fuel for the fire) is topped off. Finally, the cars are lashed up and the train is ready to go.



Above: coaches prepare to transport the crowds at Walt Disney World.

With white smoke bellowing from the stack in the cool air, another train going in the opposite direction stopped to get ready for a day's work. The engineer did a blow down and checked the braking. As we crossed a grade crossing a banjo signal rang and the crossing arm went down. With our whistle blowing the workers arriving for the morning shift watched our train and waved to us. During the run, engineer Bill told us all about the Disney Railroad and its history. Once we arrived at the back shop Engineer Bill told us that every morning each engine goes through a maintenance program and check out before they fire up for a busy day hauling passengers around the park.

The Disney crew brought out all four of the Disney engines. Each engine has a story of its own. Everyone had a chance to board the engine cab and take photos. The tour of the back shop lasted four hours. At the end of the tour Engineer Jim brought us into the Main Street Waiting room and told us the story on how Walt Disney and his brother Roy Disney got started. Everyone had memorable time.

My thanks to Jeffrey Jacob and Jake Jacobs for the photos.



Left: The Roy O. Disney (engine #4) and the Walter E. Disney (engine #1) pose for a picture.



Right: The Walter E. Disney surrounded by a cloud of steam.



Thanks to Ilene and Clark Vegazo for hosting an open house for members of the Southern Division.



Thanks to Debbie and John Dicrisci for hosting an open house for members of the Southern Division.



Above: Rosemary Trappen surrounded by trains at Clark Vegazo's open house.



Above: Southern Division members enjoy wall after wall of Clark's postwar trains.
Left: Jake and Naomi Jacob



Southern Division Board of Directors Candidate Biographies

Charlie Anyan—Candidate for Southern Division President

TCA #: 69-2511

Southern Div. # = 1928

Charles is originally from St. Louis MO., and has always been a cardinal fan. He graduated from the University of Missouri, Engineering Technology Campus with a BS degree in Physics and minors in Mathematics and Electrical Engineering. He has a Master's Degree in Business.

He worked for McDonnell Aircraft (now Boeing) . He later worked as an aerospace engineer for the US Army aviation Systems Command, then different divisions of the Raytheon Corporation, where he retired in 1999. He now works as a Railroad Engineer, where he is designing and building his own railroad (O Gauge).

He joined the TCA and Ozark Division in 1969. Since most of the members were in the St. Louis area, he was instrumental in founding the St. Louis Gateway Chapter of the Ozark Division. He served as Secretary and later President of the Chapter. In 1992 he moved to St. Petersburg, where he immediately joined the Southern Division. He tries to attend every York & Southern Division meet.

If elected President, he has several goals:

- Get permanent and standard months for all meets, so members and the public know when and where to expect them. This, of course, can be revised.
- Computerize everything as much as possible – mailing lists, member lists, meet notices, dues notices, etc. Some of this is already being done. This will be continued and accelerated.



Charlie Anyan

Will Wagner—Candidate for Southern Division Vice President

I received my first train, a Marx Streamline NYC freight set on Christmas 1945. My second addition, a Marx Heavy Steamer 4-6-2 and tender arrived for Christmas 1952. Now there were two trains around the tree!

I continued operating trains at Christmas through high school, with many accessory additions. Throughout these years an annual trip to Orange Blossom Hobbies on 36th Street in Miami was an annual Christmas treat for me.

From college to the birth of my second child in Atlanta, a daughter, Katherine, in 1968, the trains remained in my parent's attic in Lake Worth, FL. A co-worker with IBM had a collection of trains in his basement and invited our family to view them. He had an extra set of Sears freight cars that was made for Marx. I bought them, retrieved the trains from the attic and set up two complete sets under the tree for Christmas 1969. A toy train collection was born!

Not much changed until 1972. Our family returned to Lake Worth, FL; Gene Dolphi introduced me to the TCA and I became a member. I attended several meetings of a local TCA club with Mr. Charlie Wagner, (No Relation), of Boynton Beach and I purchased several Lionel cars, which I found interesting. I told myself that I still wasn't a "COLLECTOR." Silly Man.

What I would like to do for the TCA SD would be to continue the great work that the outgoing officers, especially Arnie, have done. I would also like to have a joint TTOS & TCA Train show at the Palm Beach County Fairgrounds. The show would be modeled after the format used when I was participating with the Greenberg Shows. I would like to use the funds from the gate and the table fees to support a memorial scholarship that was established after my youngest son, Derrick Dean Wagner, was killed in a 1990 "Hit and Run" accident. There could be a pro rata share of the proceeds for each of TCA and TTOS. This is something which would have to be approved by the board. I look forward to serving the SD in the coming year and I hope that the membership will benefit from my time on the board.



Will Wagner

Southern Division Board of Directors Candidate Biographies

Dienzel Dennis—Candidate for Southern Division Secretary

I have been a train lover my entire life, starting first with the "One" scale on the L & N that ran close by our house in the hills of Kentucky back in the 1940s. My dad would take me down to watch the trains as he collected the baggage, rode me on the cart, and let me get into the baggage car and steam engine before the quick departure for the next stop. That led to a Marx train that I just loved to play with and then in 1947 at the age of 8, I got the "Lionel" that I had only dreamed about. Santa knew which gift would just take a young boy's breath away. It still runs under the Christmas tree 61 years later.

Years later in 1980, I rediscovered the hobby of model trains and all the things that go with it. I joined the LCCA and became an officer, director, vice-president, etc. for the next 22 years. I still hold the record for being an elected official for 22 straight years before the new bylaws were passed to limit terms. During this same time I became an early member (#382) in the LOTS club where I am still active. I became a member of TCA in 1984 (#84-20485) and shortly thereafter joined the Southern Division (SD #2397). I was in and out of the SD during some of our troubling years, but have now decided to get in with both feet and help us become the premier division in all of the TCA.

After serving the last 6 months as acting Secretary, I am now seeking to become the official Secretary for the next year. With your vote of approval, I will do everything in my power to achieve this goal. Please join with me in making the SD the number one train club.



Dienzel Dennis

Leslie Brooks—Candidate for Southern Division Communications Officer

I've had a love for trains since I was about 5 years old. I remember my dad bought a GG1 freight set around 1956 and we set it up and ran it for quite some time. When I was 13 years old I got into HO trains and built an enormous layout above the garage.

On a trip to San Diego in 1997 that my interest in trains was re-kindled with a vengeance! I was working at a convention and my oldest son, Jeff was then about five years old. He was bored of the show and getting a bit restless. His mom took him to Balboa Park and wandered into the Train Museum. He LOVED it so much that the following Monday, after my convention had ended, we took him back there. I was BOWLED OVER! I just went wild. Later in September I flew to New York and went to an auction and there were 100s of trains. I bought a load and I was off and running! I joined the TCA in 2000 and the Southern Division several years later.

My main interest is paper. I have gathered a respectable collection of both consumer & dealer catalogs including Lionel, Ives, Flyer, Dorfan and most of the other train manufacturers going back as far as 1903. Many of those are in the original mailing envelopes. I also have a great interest in pre-war accessories and early post-war Lionel trains.

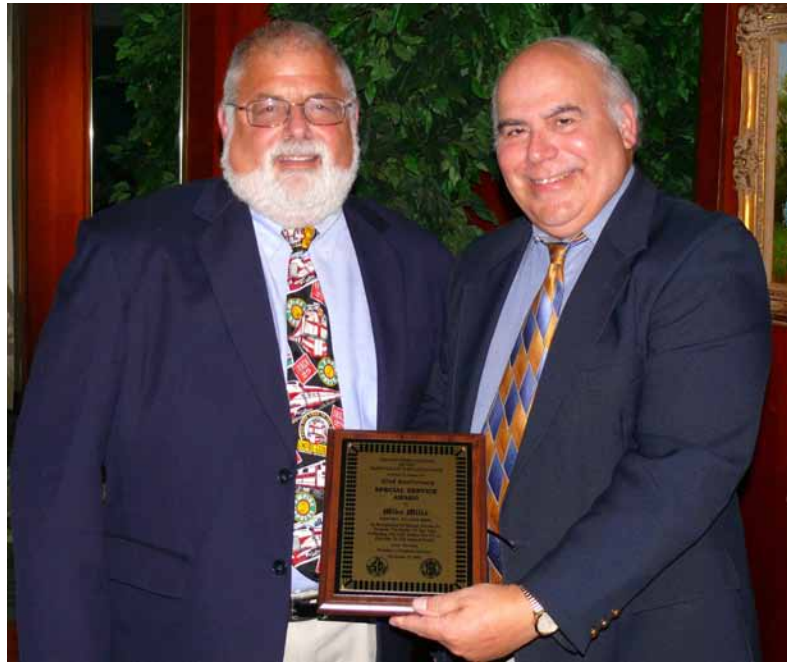
After meeting Arnie and several of the other members of the Southern Division I decided to become a member. I attended several of the shows and while I enjoyed the company of my fellow members immensely, I discovered that the shows themselves were problematic and poorly attended. I spoke with Arnie about this and after several discussions, he asked me if I would be interested in running for the Communications Officer post of the "club".

I really do LOVE the hobby. We are, as a group, aging steadily (something we are all very much aware of). Our club and this great hobby will never survive as we know it if "new blood" is not brought in. I think I can help do that. Further, being in South Florida, where the show opportunities are so limited, I thought that making an effort to expand the reach of the club further south would be a great experiment that could benefit all of us. Of course, I am not ignoring the importance of the northern tier of the club and would work hard to make that better as well. The Southern Division is a GREAT club with the potential of being THE best club. I'd like to help in that effort.



Leslie Brooks, with sons Jeffrey and Adam

The 2008 Southern Division 42nd Annual Awards Banquet



Above Left: Ken Stewart.
Above Right: Mike Mills and Arnie Travitsky
Below Right: Dick Guenette



SOUTHERN DIVISION TCA 42nd ANNIVERSARY AWARDS BANQUET NOV. 22, 2008

BEST OF THE YEAR ACTION DISPLAY 2008
ROBERT KLENNER SD # 1868 TCA # 92-36458

DISPLAY— SENIOR DIVISION 2008
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PRESIDENTS AWARD 2008
TERI TRAVITSKY

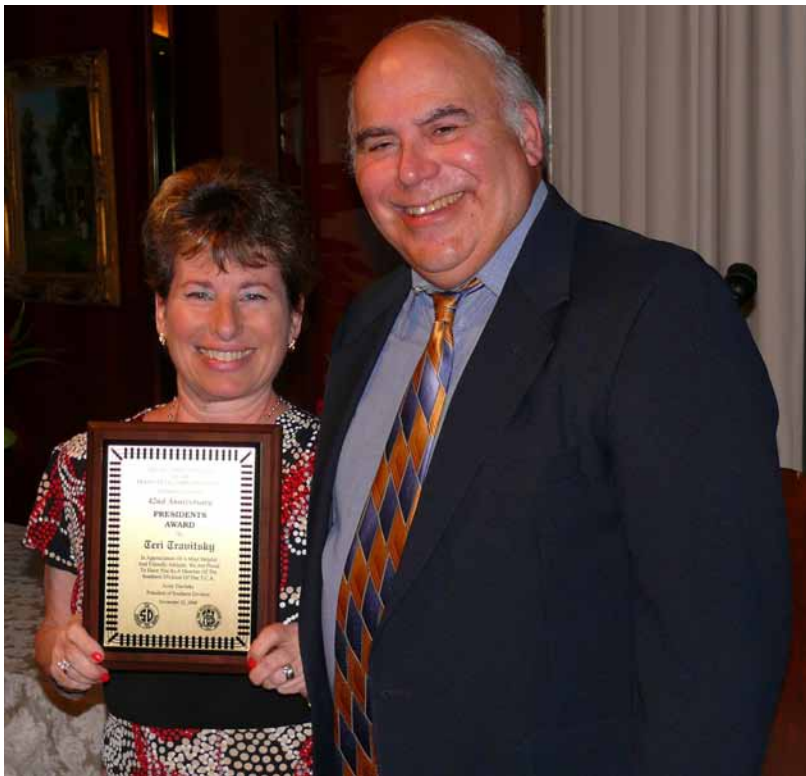
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GEORGE WIZI SD # 2418 TCA # 07-60951

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD 2008
MIKE MILLS SD # 2413 TCA # 01-52634

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD 2008
DIENZEL DENNIS SD # 2397 TCA # 84-20485

TINPLATE TYCOON AWARD 2008
DICK GUENETTE SD # 135 TCA # 72-4728



2008 Award Winners

Above Left: Teri and Arnie Travitsky
Below Right: George Wizi and Arnie Travitsky
Below Right: Arnie Travitsky and Dienzel Dennis

Below: Robert Klenner at the controls of his amazing layout. Robert was awarded the Best of the Year Action Display Award.



Below: Nelson Williams with his display of Standard Gauge trains. Nelson was awarded the Display—Senior Division Award

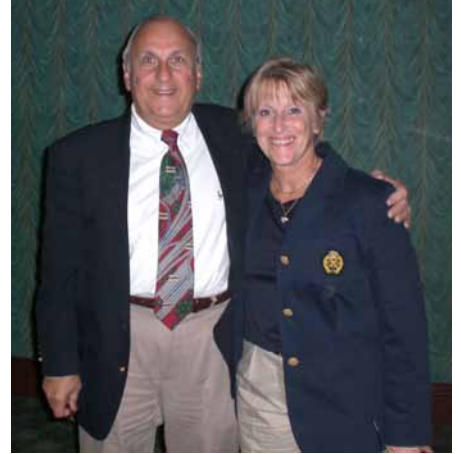


Photos from the Southern Divisions Awards Banquet Held at Maison and Jardin



Above: The infamous “Conway Kid”, AKA John Dicrisci, made an appearance at the 42nd Annual Southern Division Awards Banquet. Here he is with Rosemary Trappen and Teri Travitsky.

Photos from the Southern Divisions Awards Banquet Held at Maison and Jardin



Maitland Meet Photos November 2008



Top: A panoramic view of the meet hall
Above Left: A crowd watches Robert Klenner's fantastic layout
Above Right: Southern Division Kids Club Layout
Below Left: Nelson Williams displayed his Standard gauge trains
Below Right: Kids of all ages watch the layout





Maitland Meet Photos



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